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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Robin Miller, Housing Program Manager

FROM: William K. DeBaal, Deputy County Attorney

DATE: July 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of Transfer of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher and Accompanying Resolution

Indian River County participates in various US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs. According to HUD guidelines, the County's Housing and Rental Assistance Department meets the definition of a Public Housing Agency (PHA) which makes the County eligible for federal housing funds. While federal regulations govern the program, our participation satisfies the Housing Element contained in the County's Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 7.

The County's Rental Assistance Program participates in the federal Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. One part of the federal HCV program is the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Voucher Program. The VASH program allows low income veterans who qualify to obtain low cost housing through Housing Choice Vouchers. Qualifying veterans receive a list of rental properties with the HVC participating landlords and the veteran chooses the housing that best fits their needs.

Recently, a VASH voucher could not be used by another participating Public Housing Agency (Fort Myers) and the VASH was offered to Indian River County Rental Assistance. The County has a waiting list of income qualified veterans and Rental Assistance is confident the VASH voucher will be used in Indian River County. In order to complete the transfer of the VASH voucher, a resolution approving the transfer must be passed by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners. The accompanying resolution accomplishes the transfer.

Funding: There is no funding associated with this matter.

Recommendation. Staff recommends the Board approve the resolution transferring the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher and authorize the Chairman to execute the resolution behalf of the Board.

Attachments: Resolution

Copies to: Phil Matson, Community Development Director
Robin Miller, Housing Program Manager