



# LAUDERTRAC

## HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE



Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2021

September 2021

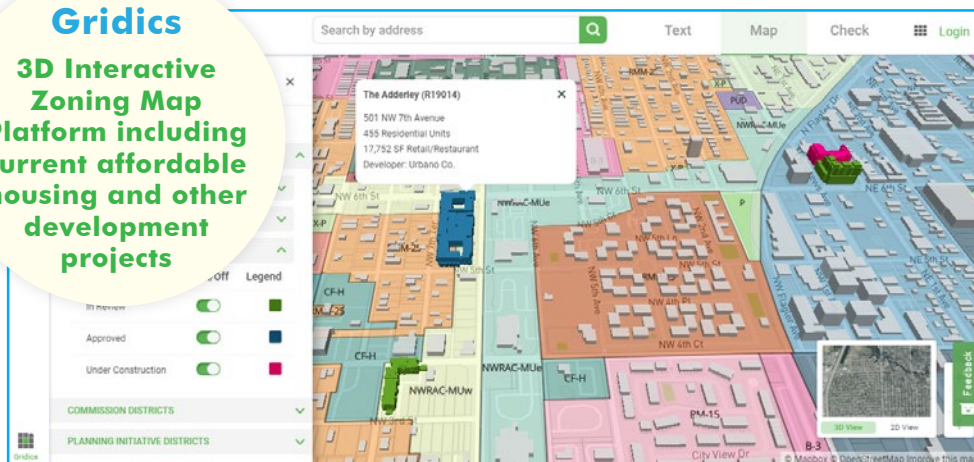
### BUILDING A BRIDGE THROUGH HELP, HOUSING, AND HOPE

#### Affordable Housing Transparency Via Tech

The City of Fort Lauderdale continues the mission of increasing transparency and delivering forward-looking services to our neighbors.

The City recently launched Gridics, an online application that provides transparency on current affordable housing and other development projects (accessible online at [ftlcity.info/gridics](http://ftlcity.info/gridics)). This platform provides the City's Code of Ordinances and Unified Land Development Regulations, an interactive

**Gridics**  
3D Interactive Zoning Map Platform including current affordable housing and other development projects



3D zoning map, and parcel-specific tools to look up zoning and property record data. City staff and neighbors are now able to keep up on proposed and existing development projects as well as understand common zoning issues by:

- ▶ Unifying 3D interactive zoning maps and code text in one easy-to-use interface.
- ▶ Providing online citizen self-help tools to reduce front counter zoning inquiries.
- ▶ Allowing municipal staff to quickly view citywide development potential and visualize 3D scenarios.

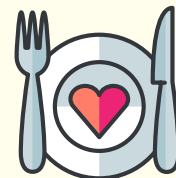
Neighbors are able to create a list and map of affordable housing developments citywide. To view, users need to select the "Projects" tab and navigate to the "Affordable Development" drop down tab to view affordable housing developments that are in review, under construction, and approved. We encourage you to visit the online system and explore affordable housing opportunities.

#### Non-Congregate Shelter Program

The City of Fort Lauderdale, with support from the Florida Department of Health and Broward County, established a temporary hotel housing program in April 2021. This program is funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and a Broward County Subaward Agreement. The purpose of this program is to assist members of our unsheltered homeless population to comply with COVID-19 social distancing requirements and recommendations from the Emergency Orders and the Center for Disease Control. Participants also receive case management services, referrals to housing/transitional programs (subject to eligibility), regular COVID-19 testing, health checks, vaccines, and other rehabilitative support services.



**20**  
Individuals being helped



**31,529**  
Meals to date

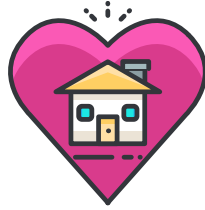
\*As of September 17, 2021



## Hero Highlight

Meet Andrea Webster. She is the Assistant Program Manager for the City's Homeless Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS). Andrea previously worked for Broward County's Homeless Initiative Partnership. She has been able to apply her years of experience and knowledge to support the NCS program; ensure compliance, quality assurance, service delivery, and equality. Her engagement has facilitated program clients obtain permanent housing after experiencing homelessness. Andrea also successfully coordinated the vaccine administration event for the program participants with CDR Maguire Emergency Management. Her service and commitment are remarkable and we consider her to be a valuable hero in our City.

## Thank You Officer Sandi!



Officer Sandi Downs-Keesling has been a key community builder amongst those who have or are experiencing homelessness. She represented the Police Department while partnering with the Neighbor Support Division to implement the City's Community Court in 2019. This program offers an alternative solution to county jail for homeless individuals when a misdemeanor crime and municipal ordinance occurs. Instead a Notice to Appear is issued to those that can benefit from the therapeutic and voluntary program. Additionally, Officer Downs-Keesling is instrumental in the success of participants by offering transportation before each court session and ensuring individuals needing essential services, such as substance abuse treatment, attended their appointments following court. Her tenure supported those experiencing homelessness off the streets and assisted them in acquiring services needed for rehabilitation. After 31 years of serving our community, the City wishes Officer Downs-Keesling the best on her retirement from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.



Officer Sandi Downs-Keesling honored at the City Commission Meeting on September 9, 2021

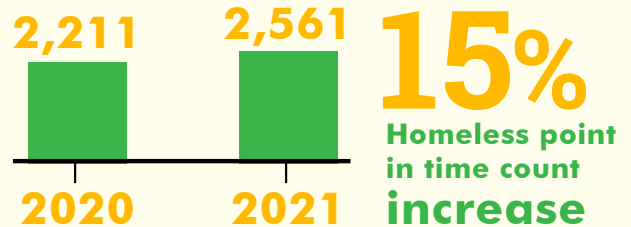


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