

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-342

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE TERMS, PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA AND JACKSONVILLE AREA LEGAL AID, INC. IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAIR HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida is nearing the population threshold of 200,000 required for direct housing program funding from Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, HUD requires jurisdictions receiving direct funding or seeking HOME consortium formation to have an approved Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan as required by HUD has a Fair Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. has agreed to assist St. Johns County, Florida in the development of the Fair Housing Element of the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County desires to enter into an agreement with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. for the purpose of obtaining guidance and professional expertise in the collaborative development of the Fair Housing Element of the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (attached hereto, and incorporated herein), which sets forth the terms, conditions, provisions and requirements associated with this collaborative effort; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. has reviewed the terms, conditions, provisions and requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding and have determined that the provisions of said services, set forth by the Memorandum of Understanding is a proper public purpose and is in the best overall interests of the citizens of St. Johns County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

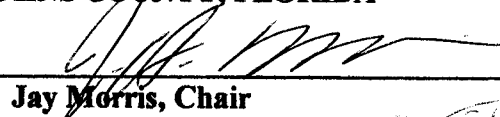
Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the terms, provisions, conditions, and requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding between St. Johns County, Florida and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. for the purpose of participating in the collaborative

development of the Fair Housing component of the Consolidated Plan as required by HUD for future federal and state funding opportunities.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the County.

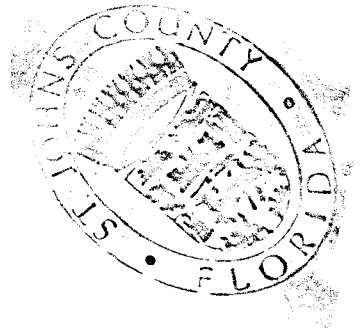
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of December 2012.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Jay Morris, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk



RENDITION DATE 12/6/12

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between

St. Johns County, FL

and

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA)

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING –herein referred to as (MOU) is being entered into between the Housing and Community Development Division of St. Johns County, Florida located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida 32084 and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid-herein referred to as (JALA), located at 126 W. Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

Purpose:

The purpose of this MOU is to specify the cooperation, collaboration, provision of professional expertise and guidance between JALA Fair Housing Unit and St. Johns County Housing and Community Development Division staff in the development of the Fair Housing Element of the Consolidated Plan required by HUD for the formation of HOME consortiums and/or transition to federally funded participating jurisdictions.

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid will:

JALA will assist St. Johns County Housing and Community Development staff to the best of its ability in the development of the Fair Housing component of the Consolidated Plan required certifying to HUD's satisfaction that St. Johns County, as a HUD or State-funded grant recipient, has met the requirements of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Requirements in developing the Fair Housing component of the Consolidated Plan may include, but are not limited to:

- Certification of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing;
- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)
 - o An extensive review of State or Entitlement jurisdiction's laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures and practices;
 - o An assessment of how those laws affect the location, availability, and accessibility of housing;
 - o An evaluation of conditions, both public and private, affecting fair housing choice for all protected classes; and
 - o An assessment of the availability of affordable, accessible housing in a range of unit sizes.

JALA, in good faith as a service of benefit to the public, offers its assistance to St. Johns County Housing & Community Development staff in the above referenced activities and has done so with the full understanding that no payment, monetary or otherwise, will be rendered to JALA by St. Johns County for these services. JALA will provide said services as long as its staff and resources allow for such assistance.

St. Johns County will:

St. Johns County Housing & Community Development staff understands and appreciates the opportunity and benefit JALA's topical knowledge, professional acumen and staff involvement will provide in developing the Fair Housing element of its Consolidated Plan. St. Johns County Housing & Community Development staff will work with JALA to provide:

- Information, input, documents
- Collaboration, cooperation via teleconference, meeting attendance, e-mail, etc.
- Outreach, research, testing
- Administrative assistance

St. Johns County and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, in mutual understanding and without any expectation of payment, monetary or otherwise, by either party;

In witness thereof, the parties listed below both agree to this MOU to be executed as stated above.

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid-JALA

St. Johns County, Florida

By: _____

BY: _____

David Cronin

Title: Lead Attorney, JALA-Fair Housing Unit

Title: County Administrator, or his designee