A Mixed-Income, Partnership-Driven Approach to Workforce Housing

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Housing that is affordable to families whose incomes are within 60% and 140% of Area Median Income

AMI Level	Salary	Sample Professions
80%	\$42,280	Teachers; Security Guards; Health Technicians
100%	\$52,850	Executive Secretaries; Guidance Counselors; Correctional Officers
120%	\$63,420	Firefighters; Police Officers; Librarians
140%	\$73,990	Registered Nurses; Accountants; Business Operations



	Salary by Household Size				
AMI Level	1	2	3	4	
	\$42 <i>,</i> 280				
	\$52 <i>,</i> 850				
	\$63 <i>,</i> 420				
140%	\$73 <i>,</i> 990	\$84,560	\$95,130	\$105,700	



Supply and Demand

Urban Workforce faced with poor choices

- Long commutes
- Expensive housing near centers of employment
- Substandard affordable housing

An Economic Development problem

- Employee retention / turnover
- Business expansion / relocation
- Productivity loss

Workforce Housing is difficult to build in Miami

- Lack of dedicated funding sources
- Scarce (and expensive) land
- High and rising construction costs
- Parking requirements
- Lender expectations

→ Budgets are tight!



Mixed-Income, Public-Private Partnerships

• Federal: 80/20 tax credit structure with local subsidy

80% workforce / 20% low-income

- **County:** Public land under long-term ground lease with cash flow sharing
- Local: Zoning Incentives
 - Density boost for provision of ELI units
 - Reduced parking requirements
 - Architectural relaxations (e.g. required setbacks)

Transit Partnerships

- **Goal:** Allow Developer to reduce costs by providing fewer parking spaces while offering residents unique transportation solutions
 - Uber / Lyft: Discounted rides to and from nearest public transit hub (First Mile / Last Mile)
 - County / Municipal: Discounted monthly transit passes / expanded trolley routes
 - Dedicated spaces for ZipCar or other car sharing services onsite

Employer Partnerships

- **Goal:** Facilitate lease-up for developer while helping employers attract and retain diverse workforce
 - Employers promote workforce developments to their employee base and Developer offers tenant concessions
 - Provide employee shuttle service
 - Ongoing partnership to enhance resident / employee experience and provide integrated services
- Potential partner organizations: Jackson Health Services; City of Miami; MDCPS; Beacon Council; Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Addressing the need for workforce housing requires a collaborative, cross-sector effort

I'm looking for connections to entities that could be willing to explore partnerships

THANKS!