

**TO ELIGIBLE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ONLY
NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AND SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE
LEE COUNTY STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM
FY 2016/2017 (SUPPLEMENTAL), FY 2018/2019 (SUPPLEMENTAL) AND FY 2019/2020**



Lee County is pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. Lee County encourages and supports affirmative advertising and marketing programs in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

(SHIP) PROGRAM FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Lee County announces the availability of funding for the SHIP Program. The SHIP is subject to the rules of Florida Administrative Code 67-37, and the 2014–2017 and 2017–2020 Lee County Local Housing Assistance Plans. The total funding available for FY 2016/2017 (supplemental) is \$145,000, FY 2018/2019 (supplemental) is \$228,681 and the projected total distribution for FY 2019/2020 is \$663,318 with \$596,986 available.

Application: Applications are available online at www.leegov.com/dcd/planning/ah. For questions or additional information, please contact: Angela Dietrich at (239) 533-8389, or adietrich@leegov.com.

SHIP Application Deadline is 4:30 p.m. on September 6, 2019:

The application period is from August 15, 2019 to September 6, 2019. No application will be accepted prior to August 15, 2019 or after September 6, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered. Faxed or E-mailed applications will not be accepted. Applications that are post marked or stamped received after the deadline will be disqualified. The mailing address is Lee County DCD Planning Section – SHIP Program, P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902-0398. The physical address is 1500 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

Required Pre-application Meeting: A pre-application meeting with staff is required before submitting an application. Pre-application meetings will be scheduled between August 1, 2019 through August 23, 2019. To request a pre-application meeting, please contact Angela Dietrich at (239) 533-8389, or adietrich@leegov.com.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be IRS recognized non-profit organizations or government agencies and must specialize in housing, community development, or supportive housing for people with special needs. For rental strategies, the applicant must specialize in rental housing.

Maximum Housing Value Limitation: The maximum allowable purchase price for a single family house is \$283,348 and the average median income for a household with four persons is \$67,100. All beneficiaries of the program must meet income requirements for Extremely-Low (30% of median), Very Low (50% of median), Low (80% of median), or Moderate (120% of median) income households. At least 30% of the SHIP funds must be used for Very Low-income and 30% for Low-income households. The maximum award per income category is as follows:

- Extremely Low and Very Low-Income Household: maximum \$45,000 per household unit
- Low-Income Household: maximum \$40,000 per household unit
- Moderate-Income Household: maximum \$25,000 per household unit

Lee County will use at least 20% of the allocation of SHIP funds for fiscal year 2019-2020 for special needs households as defined in 420.0004 (13) F.S. The first priority of these special needs funds is to serve persons with developmental disabilities as defined in 393.063 (12), F.S., with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and maintain their homeownership.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF SHIP LOCAL HOUSING DISTRIBUTION PER STRATEGY

Homeownership Strategy: New Construction, Purchase Assistance without Rehabilitation (new only), Purchase Assistance with Rehabilitation, Foreclosure Prevention, Rehabilitation and Disaster Repair/Mitigation

Funds Available:

\$100,000 (FY 2018/2019) – Funds must be expended by June 30, 2020

\$384,322 (FY 2019/2020) – Funds must be expended by December 30, 2021

Eligible Activities: Site preparation, infrastructure, construction, engineering, permitting fees, down payment assistance, and other construction related costs. Purchase assistance with rehabilitation can include acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of existing homes. Funds may be used for acquisition, infrastructure, permitting fees, rehabilitation, and other construction related costs.

Homeownership Strategy (Set-Aside): DPA, Purchase Assistance with Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation and Disaster Repair/Mitigation

Funds Available:

\$80,000 (FY 2019/2020) - Funds are set aside for administration by the Lee County Department of Human & Veteran Services and must be expended by December 30, 2021

Eligible Activities: Site preparation, infrastructure, construction, engineering, permitting fees, down payment assistance, rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied homes, and other construction related costs. Purchase assistance with rehabilitation can include acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of existing homes. Funds may be used for acquisition, infrastructure, permitting fees, rehabilitation, and other construction related costs.

Homeownership Strategy: Rehabilitation and Disaster Repair/Mitigation

Funds Available:

\$145,000 (FY 2016/2017) – Funds must be expended by June 30, 2020

Eligible Activities: Rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied homes. Funds may be used for permitting fees, construction and construction related costs.

Rental Strategy: Rehabilitation for General and/or Special Needs Rental and Disaster Repair / Mitigation

Funds Available:

\$128,681 (FY 2018/2019) – Funds must be expended by June 30, 2020

\$132,663 (FY 2019/2020) – Funds must be expended by December 30, 2021

Rental projects for Special Needs, as defined in 420.0004(13) F. S., will have priority over general rental projects. If the amount of funds awarded to rental projects is less than the funding available, funding may be awarded and expended on homeownership strategies instead.

Eligible Activities: Activities related to construction and rehabilitation of rental housing.