



# FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP: HOMELESS PROGRAMS & FUNDING

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# Agenda

- How Homeless Programs Get Funded in the Florida Legislature
- Homeless Funding Appropriations for 2017-2018
- Homeless Related Legislative Action Other than Funding
- Advocacy Going Forward

# How Homeless Programs Get Funded in the Florida Legislature

# Florida's Primary Sources of State Funding for Homeless Programs

- **Sadowski State & Local Affordable Housing Trust Fund**
  - Challenge Grants – current level \$5,000,000
  - Homeless Training and Technical Assistance – current level \$200,000
  - Provides over \$100million annually to create and preserve affordable housing
- **State General Revenue**
  - CoC Staffing Grants – current level \$3,000,000
  - Member Projects – varies by project
- **Federal Pass-Through**
  - Emergency Solutions Grant
  - TANF Homeless Prevention
- **Special Focus Grants**
  - Some projects have been funded through DEO SEED
  - Others through funding streams for education, healthcare, workforce, SAMH, etc.

# Homeless Funding Appropriations 2017-2018

# 2017-2018 Homeless Funding\*

Item	Amount & Use	Source
Challenge Grants (Funded from Housing Trust Fund)	\$5,200,000 Of which \$5,000,000 is for CoC Challenge Grant Projects And \$200,000 for Training and Technical Assistance	Grants & Donations TF—comes from SHIP
Federal Grants (ESG and TANF)	\$6,203,876	Federal Grants TF & Welfare Transition TF
Homeless Housing Assistance Grants	\$3,840,800 Of which \$3,000,000 is Recurring CoC Staffing Grant And \$840,800 for Member Projects (see below)	GR
Homeless Housing Assistance Grants Proviso	\$100,000 for Love & Action in Hope (LAHIA) Homeless Shelter Kitchen Repair Martin County (HB 2177)	
Homeless Housing Assistance Grants Proviso	\$100,000 for The Transition House—Residential Recovery for Homeless Veterans Funds for services to clients Osceola County	
Homeless Housing Assistance Grants Proviso	\$140,800 for Citrus Health Network Safe Haven\ for Homeless Youth Funds for services to Clients Miami-Dade County	
Homeless Housing Assistance Grants Proviso	\$500,000 for Comprehensive Emergency Services Center— (CESC) Homeless Services & Residential Support Funds for Admin & Client Services Leon County	

\* Does not include member projects funded from sources other than those listed here.

# 2017-2018 Housing Appropriations

	GOVERNOR	SENATE	HOUSE	FINAL BUDGET
State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Program	\$10,000,000	In Proviso		In Proviso
Florida Housing Finance Corp (FHFC)		\$ 27,500,000		\$37,000,000 \$28 million from SHTF & \$9 million from LGHTF
State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP)	\$34,000,000	\$120,900,000	\$30,000,000	\$100,000,000 (net available for SHIP is \$94.225 million)
<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>\$44,000,000</b>	<b>\$162,400,000</b>	<b>\$44,000,000</b>	<b>\$137,000,000</b>
<b>SHTF SWEEP</b>	<b>\$ 64,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 67,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 59,270,000</b>
<b>LGHTF SWEEP</b>	<b>\$160,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 80,000,000</b>	<b>\$157,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,130,000</b>
<b>TOTAL SWEEP</b>	<b>\$224,000,000</b>	<b>\$130,000,000</b>	<b>\$224,000,000</b>	<b>\$154,400,000</b>
Unallocated SHTF	\$ 14,540,000	\$ 1,040,000	\$11,540,000	\$1,270,000
Unallocated LGHTF	\$ 13,360,000	\$ 2,460,000	\$16,360,000	\$3,230,000

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# Homeless Related Legislative Action Other than Funding



# Passed: Statute Revision of FS 743.067 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

- See handout for new statutory language
- Establishes process for “certifying” an unaccompanied homeless youth so they can access certain services and benefits
- Entities that may certify unaccompanied homeless youth include CoC Lead Agency and its designees, homeless children school liaisons, HUD-funded shelters, and RHYA-funded runaway/homeless youth shelters
- Stay tuned for implementation

# Died: HMIS Public Records Exemption

- SB1024 – a proposal for an explicit public records exemption for HMIS data did not pass
- Similar bills in the last few years have all died

# Passed: Affordable Housing Workgroup

- Legislature established Workgroup on Affordable Housing
- Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) administers
- Convene no later than September 2017
- Expect four meetings, probably:
  - two in Tallahassee,
  - **one in conjunction with Florida Housing Coalition's annual conference,**
  - one in South Florida
- Recommendations must be presented to and approved by the Board of Directors of FHFC
- Recommendations go into a Report to Governor, Senate President and Speaker of House by January 1, 2018 (Workgroup terminates upon delivery of Report)

# Affordable Housing Workgroup Members

- Executive Director (ED) of FHFC to serve as Chair
- ED of DEO or designee
- Five appointees by Governor, including:
  - **one advocate for homeless persons**
  - one advocate disabled and special needs persons
  - one rep from building/development community
  - one Realtor
  - one unspecified
- Two appointed by President of Senate
- Two appointed by Speaker of House
- ED of Florida League of Cities or designee
- ED of Florida Ass'n of Counties or designee
- Chair of Florida Building Commission or designee as advisory member

# What Happens Next

# Advocacy @ Home



- Start meeting with your legislators at home now!
- 2018 Legislative Session starts January 9, 2018
- Meet with your legislator prior to January 2018
  - Set an appointment for a meeting in his or her District Office
  - Thank them, let them know what your program does, and describe the impact of the funding
  - Invite them for a field trip or special occasion
  - Don't discount the influence of aides

# Join the advocacy team!



Many Voices. One Message.

To join (it's FREE!)  
Email Johnitta Wells at:  
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September 10-13, 2017



## 30th Annual Statewide Affordable Housing Conference

Info here: <http://flhousingconference.org/>

To request a complimentary conference registration (act now – limited availability) email Pam Davis at [davis@flhousing.org](mailto:davis@flhousing.org)



# Upcoming Webinars & Workshops

- Webinars
  - 3-part series (each):
    - Coordinated Entry
    - Rapid Rehousing
    - Supportive Housing
  - 7-part case management curriculum series
  - And more
- Day-long workshops
  - Coordinated Entry Systems (2 locations)
  - Managing Entities and CoC collaboration (1)
  - CoC Lead Agency (1)
  - Local Government and CoC collaboration (2)

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- Scheduling a state-sponsored (free to you!) site visit or training in your area
- Funding
- Advocacy
- Our annual conference
- Our consulting services

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