

FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION PARTNERS WITH FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION GRANTEES

TO BRING FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO FLORIDA NONPROFITS ENGAGED IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Services are provided throughout Florida through three offices (see contact info in sidebar) or you can contact the Florida Housing Coalition and we will connect you to the office that will assist you.

Lawyers can help you with corporate issues, transactions, land use, and even litigation. Here's an example of what's available to nonprofits in Florida:

- Form a nonprofit and attain 501(c)(3) status; this could also be a community land trust
- Train members of Boards of Directors about their legal rights and responsibilities
- Handle loan and real estate contracts for nonprofit developers from contracts to purchase through closing
- Bring lawsuits to quiet title to allow use of lots donated or purchased by tax deed to build affordable housing
- Assist with land use issues
- Prepare applications to FHFC or HUD for financing
- Negotiation and finalization of partnership agreements and loan documents
- Assist nonprofits involved in affordable housing projects where they aren't being paid as promised or otherwise have disputes
- Training and legal advice to neighborhood groups and community development corporations working to revitalize their communities
- Assist groups to help save mobile home parks for affordable housing

Come to the workshop on Free Legal Services for Nonprofits at the statewide conference on September 12 to meet these lawyers and get assistance! This workshop will feature a panel of lawyers from varying parts of the state to answer questions from the audience- and provide answers that all nonprofits need. This is not just a time for Q&A, feel free to bring your story about what you might need legal assistance with and there's a good chance you'll leave with a lawyer who will provide you with free legal assistance. In addition to the legal services attorneys on this panel, you will also learn about the Community Justice Project. [HNN](#)

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