

Sadowski Coalition

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The Sadowski Coalition – made up of more than 30 diverse statewide organizations, including industry and business groups; advocates for the elderly, veterans, homeless and special needs; and faith-based organizations gathered at a press conference to call on the Florida Legislature to use all state and local housing trust fund monies for housing in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

During the press conference, the Florida Housing Coalition, a Florida statewide nonprofit provider of training and technical assistance, released its Florida “Home Matters Report 2017.” The data contained in the report overwhelmingly supports the full appropriation of housing trust funds for housing. The national “Home Matters” initiative is an effort to educate the public and policymakers about the connection between housing, health, education and the economy. The full report is available under the Publications Tab at flhousing.org



THE CALL UPON THE LEGISLATURE TO USE ALL THE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS FOR HOUSING CAME FROM MORE THAN 30 STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT COMPRISE THE SADOWSKI COALITION.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY GROUPS

- Associated Industries of Florida
- Coalition of Affordable Housing Providers
- Florida Apartment Association
- Florida Bankers Association
- Florida Chamber of Commerce
- Florida Green Building Coalition
- Florida Home Builders Association
- Florida Manufactured Housing Association
- Florida Realtors
- Florida Retail Federation

ADVOCATES FOR THE ELDERLY, VETERANS, HOMELESS, AND SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS

- AARP of Florida
- Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
- Florida Coalition for the Homeless
- Florida Housing Coalition
- Florida Legal Services
- Florida Supportive Housing Coalition
- Florida Veterans Foundation
- Florida Weatherization Network
- LeadingAge Florida
- The Arc of Florida
- United Way of Florida

GOVERNMENT & PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

- American Planning Association, FL Chapter
- Florida Association of Counties
- Florida Association of Local Housing Finance Authorities
- Florida League of Cities
- Florida Redevelopment Association
- Florida Regional Councils Association

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Florida Impact
- Habitat for Humanity of Florida
- Volunteers of America



Thanks to the housing stability provided by SHIP, a 911 Dispatcher makes it to Police Sergeant.

She lost her mother in a traffic crash in 1997. She was the oldest at only 19. She was granted custody of her brothers and sisters. But after their mother's death they had nowhere to live or call home. They moved from place to place.

For Anitra, owning a home was the only solution, a way to stabilize her family. In 2003, her dream of becoming a homeowner became a reality, with a combination of low-interest mortgage money, the SHIP down payment assistance program, and City fee waivers.

"Owning my own home gave me the stability that enabled me to be successful as a mother, as a first-responder in the workforce, and as a member of my community. Since the purchase of my home, I have gone from being a dispatcher to becoming a local law enforcement officer, with the rank of sergeant.

"I was able to finish my college education. I have a healthy and happy family, and all of my siblings are adults now and doing well for themselves. Being able to purchase my own home is one of my greatest accomplishments. It stabilized my life and the life of my siblings.

"It is an honor and pleasure to give back to the City of Tallahassee through my work as a law enforcement officer, role model and a parent. I want others to have those same opportunities; I truly hope the Florida Legislature will use the housing trust funds for housing so others can get the hand-up that they need to be successful too."



"Fully funding affordable housing goes a long way toward enhancing our state's workforce and business climate," said Brewster Bevis, senior vice president of the business-lobbying group Associated Industries of Florida.

"If we can ensure that Florida's employees, at all income levels, can find a safe and reliable affordable home near their job, our state can continue to be one of the best places to do business," he added. AIF's Brewster Bevis highlighted the example of a hospital in Southwest Florida that is having a hard time finding affordable housing for new nurses in the Naples area."

**- Brewster Bevis
Senior Vice President of State and Federal Affairs,
Associated Industries of Florida (AIF)**



"These funds help Floridians of modest means to find rental and homeownership opportunities," said Carrie O'Rourke, vice president of public policy for the Florida Realtors. "Those could be in the form of affordable housing, affordable apartments, down payment assistance to purchase a home, or even money to repair a home."

**- Carrie O'Rourke
Vice President of Public Policy, Florida Realtors®**



SHIP DISTRIBUTION ESTIMATES

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

COUNTY/CDGB CITIES	COUNTY SHARE/ CITY SHARE	COUNTY/CDGB CITIES	COUNTY SHARE/ CITY SHARE	COUNTY/CDGB CITIES	COUNTY SHARE/ CITY SHARE	COUNTY/CDGB CITIES	COUNTY SHARE/ CITY SHARE
ALACHUA	\$1,299,286	DIXIE	\$350,000	MARION	\$2,885,344	ST. LUCIE	\$730,679
Gainesville	\$1,309,722	DUVAL	\$9,237,070	Ocala	\$595,167	Ft. Pierce	\$430,641
BAKER	\$350,000	ESCAMBIA	\$2,594,194	MARTIN	\$1,536,832	Port St. Lucie	\$1,780,219
BAY	\$1,400,905	Pensacola	\$542,300	MIAMI-DADE	\$11,106,790	SANTA ROSA	\$1,657,205
Panama City	\$365,238	FLAGLER	\$220,468	Hialeah	\$1,506,994	SARASOTA	\$3,462,372
BRADFORD	\$350,000	Palm Coast	\$817,516	Miami	\$2,842,349	Sarasota	\$539,908
BREVARD	\$3,168,474	FRANKLIN	\$350,000	Miami Beach	\$593,872	SEMINOLE	\$4,524,049
Cocoa	\$186,549	GADSDEN	\$493,294	Miami Gardens	\$710,587	SUMTER	\$1,181,329
Melbourne	\$810,859	GILCHRIST	\$350,000	North Miami	\$403,353	SUWANNEE	\$458,887
Palm Bay	\$1,094,689	GLADES	\$350,000	MONROE	\$751,294	TAYLOR	\$350,000
Titusville	\$461,795	GULF	\$350,000	NASSAU	\$797,187	UNION	\$350,000
BROWARD	\$3,987,729	HAMILTON	\$350,000	OKALOOSA	\$1,747,731	VOLUSIA	\$3,669,828
Coconut Creek	\$578,202	HARDEE	\$350,000	Ft. Walton Bch	\$213,367	Daytona Beach	\$648,904
Coral Springs	\$1,268,314	HENDRY	\$390,074	OKEECHOBEE	\$407,277	Deltona	\$893,351
Davie	\$988,539	HERNANDO	\$1,800,549	ORANGE	\$10,082,975	WAKULLA	\$350,000
Deerfield Beach	\$783,370	HIGHLANDS	\$1,037,984	Orlando	\$2,680,284	WALTON	\$630,921
Ft. Lauderdale	\$1,786,831	HILLSBOROUGH	\$9,853,069	OSCEOLA	\$2,472,498	WASHINGTON	\$350,000
Hollywood	\$1,479,078	Tampa	\$3,649,835	Kissimmee	\$681,199	TOTAL	\$204,880,000*
Lauderhill	\$710,629	HOLMES	\$350,000	PALM BEACH	\$10,703,605	*Appropriation total of \$204,880,000 includes \$5,512,200 of SHIP compliance monitoring & disaster relief and \$4,000,000 of homeless funding.	
Margate	\$570,741	INDIAN RIVER	\$1,462,250	Boca Raton	\$896,659		
Miramar	\$1,348,516	JACKSON	\$510,497	Boynton Beach	\$743,228		
Pembroke Pines	\$1,632,022	JEFFERSON	\$350,000	Delray Beach	\$644,694		
Plantation	\$893,415	LAFAYETTE	\$350,000	West Palm Beach	\$1,088,097		
Pompano Beach	\$1,083,662	LAKE	\$3,239,714	PASCO	\$4,965,518		
Sunrise	\$904,606	LEE	\$4,352,995	PINELLAS	\$5,065,835		
Tamarac	\$636,022	Cape Coral	\$1,697,885	Clearwater	\$1,127,989		
CALHOUN	\$350,000	Ft. Myers	\$737,945	Largo	\$822,632		
CHARLOTTE	\$1,523,080	LEON	\$987,765	St. Petersburg	\$2,616,241		
Punta Gorda	\$180,017	Tallahassee	\$1,925,136	POLK	\$5,027,539		
CITRUS	\$1,439,329	LEVY	\$412,995	Lakeland	\$1,034,664		
CLAY	\$2,064,318	LIBERTY	\$350,000	Winter Haven	\$388,322		
COLLIER	\$3,309,877	MADISON	\$350,000	PUTNAM	\$745,577		
Naples	\$199,323	MANATEE	\$3,025,222	ST. JOHNS	\$2,173,256		
COLUMBIA	\$699,684	Bradenton	\$535,538				
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Based on revenue estimate of \$292.37 million in the state and local housing trust funds for Fiscal Year 2017-18, \$204.88 million* is available to be distributed to local SHIP jurisdictions.