

New SHIP Staff Orientation







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Training Overview

- A Year in the Life of a SHIP Administrator
- Local Housing Assistance Plan
- SHIP Tracking and Reporting
- Meeting Income Set-Asides for Very Low Income and Special Needs Housing
- Income Compliance and Eligibility Determination



A Year in the Life of a SHIP Administrator

Deadlines & Responsibilities







More Resources at: www.floridahousing.org

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- # ABOUT US
- BUSINESS & LEGAL
- CALENDARS & NOTICES
- **⊞** DEVELOPERS
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- **⊞** FOR INVESTORS
- **★ FORECLOSURE PREVENTION**
- **⊞ HOMEBUYERS & RENTERS**
- HOUSING PARTNERS

Affordable Housing Study Commission Elected Officials

- ⊥ Lenders
- Local Governments (SHIP)

Housing Partn

Florida Housing c mission of provid affordable housin maintaining partr state and <u>federal</u> <u>housing develope</u> organizations and the common goal partnerships, fand the elderly, farmulincome Floridians

Overview of Resources

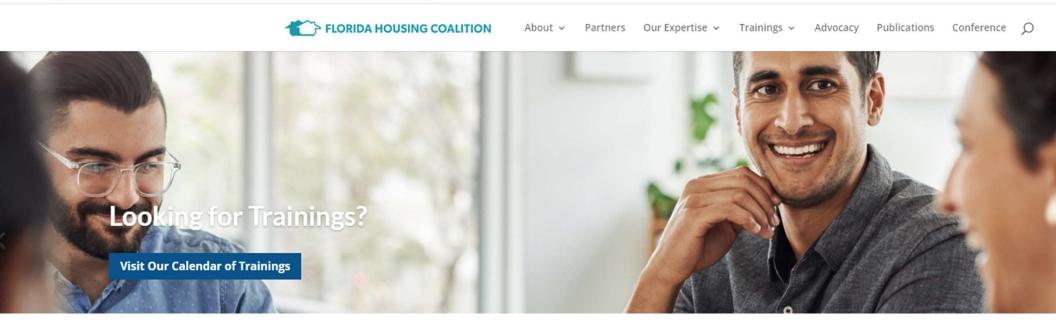
- SHIP Statute and Rule
- Income Limits Chart
- Code of Fed Regulation: 24 CFR Part 5
- HUD Handbook 4350.3: Chapters 3 and 5
- LHAP and Tracking
- List of pre-qualified contractors.



Resources from Florida Housing Coalition

www.flhousing.org

- Training Calendar and registration
- Past Webinar recordings
- Publications like quarterly journal
- Resources: Housing Data, Development, etc.



Resources from Florida Housing Coalition



https://flhousing1.org/ SHIP_Admin_Guide





Your SHIP Mates

- Florida Housing Finance Corporation
 - * Rob Dearduff, State SHIP Administrator
 - ❖ FHFC Compliance Staff = SHIP Monitors
 - FL Housing Coalition = TA Contractor



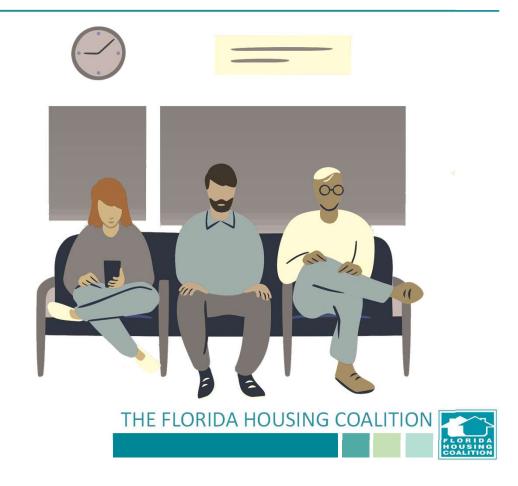
• Local Partners: Contractors, Sponsors and Sub Recipients





Steps in SHIP Assistance Process

Application
Income Qualification
Certification and Award
Record SHIP Mortgage
Provide SHIP Assistance
File Close Out



SHIP Activities – Spring and Summer

- May 2, 2023 30 SHIP Jurisdictions update Local Housing Assistance Plans (LHAPs)
- <u>Later in 2023</u> Another 60 SHIP offices start their LHAP (and AHAC) updates to meet May 2023 deadline
- June 30, 2023 Statutory Requirement: Expenditure deadline 19/20 funds, Encumbrance deadline 20/21 funds
- Around July 2023 Statutory Requirement: Advertise available SHIP Funds 30 days before taking applications.





Notice of Funding Availability

- Advertise in a newspaper of general circulation and periodicals serving ethnic and diverse neighborhoods
- At least 30 days before beginning application period.
- If funding unavailable due to a waiting list, no NOFA required.



According to SHIP Rule 67-37.005 (6), Advertisement Must Include

- Projected Amount of the Distribution
- Beginning and end date of application period
- Local contact person. Where to apply

In addition, consider adding Details per Strategy:

- Estimated amount per strategy
- Income categories assisted
- Selection criteria
- Maximum housing value



SHIP Annual Report Season



- August 1, 2023 Begin annual report
- <u>September 1, 2023</u> Annual Report Public review. Certification signed by chief elected official
- September 15, 2023 20/21 Close Out Annual Report, including info on 21/22 Interim Year



More SHIP Activities

- December 31, 2023 AHAC Report Deadline
- March 29, 2024 90 days after AHAC report, updated LHAP approved by Commission
- March 2024 (or any time) Semi-annual mtg with finance dept: confirm SHIP tracking spreadsheet reconciles with general ledger.
- April 2024 (or any time) Annual monitoring visit for SHIP sub recipients.
- May 2024 (or any time) Annual review of SHIP rental development (construction or repair).



Get Ready for the SHIP Monitor

Review Handout "FHFC Monitoring Checklists and Questionnaire"



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Loca	Government:	SHIP Fiscal Year:			
Rent	al Developments	Yes	No	N/A	
1a.	Are assisted rental developments monitored p	er program requirements?			I
1b.	Are tenant income and affordability requirement	ents being met?			
Inter	rnal Tracking System	HI 2	Yes	No	N/A
2a.	Is an internal tracking system utilized to track	expenditures and program income?			
Prog	ram Income		Yes	No	N/A
3a.	Is a system in place to determine when Progra	m Income is received?			
Adm	inistrative Expenditures	Yes	No	N/A	
4a.	Are Admin Expenditures compliant with 67-37	.007(5)?			
	ce of Funding Availability (NOFA)		Yes	No	N/A
5a.	Were examples of advertising provided?				
5b.	Advertised at least 30 days prior to the beginn				2
5c.	Identified the amount of funds projected to be				
5d.	Listed the beginning and ending dates of the a				
5e.		erson and location where applicants may apply?			
	ce of the Availability of the Annual Report (AR)		Yes	No	N/A
6a.		the proposed AR for public review and comment?			
6b.	Were examples of the notice provided?				
6c.	Does the notice state the public place where a				
6d.	Does each public comment identify the author				
	ce of LG Affordable Housing Advisory Committe		Yes	No	N/A
7a.		d place of public meetings of the Committee?			
7b.	Was the advertising for the public hearing to a	Andrew and the contract of the			8
7c.		uation and recommendations to be considered?			<u> </u>
7d.	Does the notice state where a copy of the eva				8
7e.	<u> </u>	ecommendations submitted to the Corporation?			
	Recipients		Yes	No	N/A
8a.	Does the AR include information about the Su				
8b.	Is the LG monitoring the work of the Sub-Reci				6
8c.	If a contract/agreement exists, does it detail t				ļ
8d.	If a contract/agreement exists, does it contain	the standard Florida Single Audit Act language?)		

Avoid Common Administrative Mistakes

Administrative Procedures

- Exceeding maximum award
- Exceeding maximum income limits
- Lack of clear policies and procedures

Income Calculations

- Exceeding 120-day clock
- Inaccurate or Incomplete Verifications
- Missing or incomplete Income Certification



File Tips



- Keep a Log of Action
- Update a File Checklist
- Date stamp all verifications
- All documents: signed, dated

Review Old Files

- Missing info: do additional research
- Notes on top of file



Use folders with dividers Separate the file into sections



Label the tabs, but also label the important information in each section to facilitate review.

Example: Income Eligibility Section: Income, assets, RIC, Award letter,

Example: Bids Section: Invitation to bid, sign in sheet, bid award, etc.



File Checklist

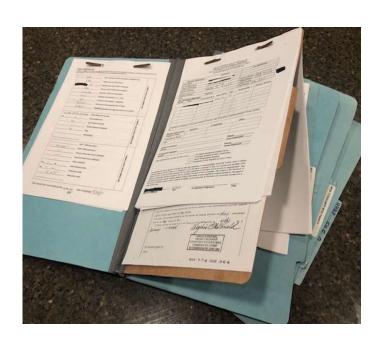
- 1. Application
- 2. Release of Information
- 3. Public Records statement in accordance with Chapter 119, FS
- 4. Social Security Records Disclosure statement
- 5. Value limits
- 6. Eligible property
- 7. Third party verifications
- 8. Resident Income Certification
- 9.Award letter



Stamp verification documents received



More Application Documents



- File Notes
- Proof of ownership and homestead (for rehab)
- Property eligibility (type and value limits)
- Income group, special needs documented
- Resident income certification signed by all adult household member 18 years of age or older and SHIP administrator





SHIP Record Retention Policy

Keep SHIP files for 5 years after loan has been released or satisfied

After audits released for the SHIP distribution that funded assistance

Example:

- Applicant assisted with 13/14 funds in August 2013
- Audited in 2016
- SHIP assistance loan forgiven after 10 years, 2023
- Retain the file until 2028



More on SHIP Record Retention Policy

- Keep applications that do not receive SHIP assistance
- For how long?
 - Determine the SHIP distribution that would have funded the application
 - Keep application for 4 years after the end of the 3-year period when closed out

Example

- Application received 13/14
- Distribution will be closed out on June 30, 2016
- Retain file until June 30, 2020

Also retain advertisements, waiting lists until the SHIP fiscal year has been monitored and the grant closed out



Local Housing Assistance Plan

Elements of the LHAP

- General information about the Local Government
- Detail of Strategies (uses of funds)
- Exhibits: Housing Delivery Goals Chart, Admin budget, Certification, Resolution, etc.
- Detail of Incentive Strategies



Options for Submitting LHAP

- Courtesy reviews no longer available.
- Formal Review: provide all documents including executed certifications and resolutions
- Conditional Review: provide all but certification and resolution

Strategy Guidance

- LHAP is a public document that should consist of plain language.
- Include only strategies likely to be funded.
 - Exception: Disaster Recovery
- LHAP Template and more at <u>www.floridahousing.org</u>

Anatomy of a Strategy

- Strategy Summary
- Applicant:
 - 1. Income Categories, and
 - 2. Selection Process
- Maximum Award and Loan Terms
- The sponsor/developer selection criteria



Most Common Strategies

- Purchase Assistance
- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
- Disaster Recovery
- Special Needs

Less Common Strategies

- Rental Deposit
- Assisting Veterans
- Foreclosure Prevention
- Homeless Prevention



Exhibits

- Administrative Budget
- Resolution

- Housing Delivery Goals Chart
- Timeline

	FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION HOUSING DELIVERY COALS CHART										
	2019-2020										
	Name of Local Government:										
	Estimated Funds (Anticipated allocation on	\$ -									
Code	Strategies	Qualifies for 75% set-aside	VIIIUnits	Max. SHIP Award	LI Units	Max. SHIP Award	Mod Units	Max. SHIP Award	New Construction	Without Construction	
	Homeownership										
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Special Needs Set-Aside Requirement

SHIP Statute updated in 2016 to include the Special Needs set-aside requirement:

Use 20 percent of allocation to serve households that include one or more household members with special needs, defined in S.420.0004

Applies to all funds since the 13/14 allocation



Types of Special Needs defined in S.420.0004

- Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Receives SSD/SSI or other Disability Benefits
- Youth Aging Out of Foster Care
- Survivor of Domestic Violence
- Person with Disabling Condition requiring independent living services





Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)



Recommend Local Government Regulatory Reform:

- <u>Recommend</u> modification or repeal of <u>existing</u> policies, procedures, regulations
- <u>Recommend</u> the <u>creation of exceptions</u> applicable to affordable housing
- <u>Recommend</u> adoption of <u>new</u> policies or amendments to local <u>comprehensive plan</u>



AHAC Tasks



An AHAC is required when receiving more than \$350,000 of SHIP. The AHAC recommends regulatory reform housing incentives: Florida Statute 420.9076

Report due December 31, 2021

- "Review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan...
- and recommend initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value."



AHAC To Do

- Assemble 8-11 specific types of members
- Staff AHAC from departments administering planning and housing programs
- AHAC must have public meetings
- Consider affordable housing incentives in 11 areas outlined in FL Statutes
- Present report to City/County Commission
- Learn more from August 2021 AHAC Webinar recording at: https://vimeo.com/583548142





Tracking and Reporting

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19/20 |____|___|
July 1, 2020 June 30, 2023
20/21 |____|_|
21/22 |___|_|
22/23 |___|_|
23/24 |___|
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Key Reporting Principles

- 3 years to spend SHIP, so you often have money from multiple FY allocations.
- Generally, "First received, First expended"
- Strive to pay recipient's total assistance from only one SHIP allocation
- FY 20/21 (Close-out) all funds must be expended
- FY 21/22 (Interim 1) funds must be expended or encumbered
- FY 22/23 funds may be expended, encumbered or unencumbered



Track Set-Aside Compliance

Homeownership Set-aside

65% of Allocation + Recaptured Funds

Housing Counseling expenditures do not count

Construction/Rehab Set-aside

75% of Allocation + Recaptured Funds

Income Set-aside

- a) At least 30% of all Revenue for Very Low
- b) At least 60% for VLI and Low combined



Program Income need not comply with the Homeownership Set-Aside

Pay for activities including:

- Constructing Rental Units
- Repairing Transitional Housing
- Providing Rental Deposits





Assisting VLI to Comply with Set-Asides

- Owner Occupied Rehabilitation
- Demolition and Reconstruction
- Rental Rehabilitation
- Rental New Construction
 - 25% of SHIP allocation may be used for Rental Rehab or New Construction
- How do you assist ELI and VLI?





The difference between Encumbered and Expended

"Encumbered"

Deposits made to the local housing trust fund have been committed by contract, purchase order, or letter of commitment.

"Expended" or "Spent"

- 1. Activities are complete. Certificate of Occupancy or Completion
- 2. The unit is occupied by an Eligible Household
- 3. SHIP Funds have paid for the activity



Navigating through Two Different Fiscal Years

- Local fiscal year: October-September State fiscal year: July-June
- Be specific about dates when communicating with Finance Department
 - Example "What was the interest on the local housing trust fund from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022?"



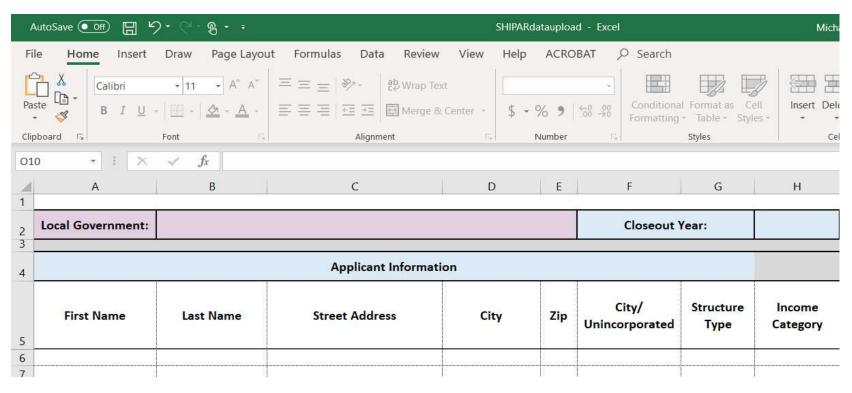
Use the SHIPDATA Spreadsheet

Available on the SHIP Annual Report website

Annual Report Files and Links					
Document/Website	ment/Website Download Link				
Document/Website	Download Link	^			
SHIP Webpage at Florida Housing Finance Corporation:	Florida Housing SHIP Page				
Certification Document Click here for guidance on the certification	Certification Document				
SHIP AR Data Upload Excel workbook (for use in SHIP Closeout reports)	Version 17-18.2 (for use in 2017/2018) Version 18-19.1 (for use in 2018/2019) Version 19-20.1 (for use in 2019/2020) Version 20-21.1 (for use in 2020/2021)				
Instructions for completing and uploading the SHIP AR Data Upload Excel workbook	SHIP Annual Report and SHIPDATA Instructions.pdf				



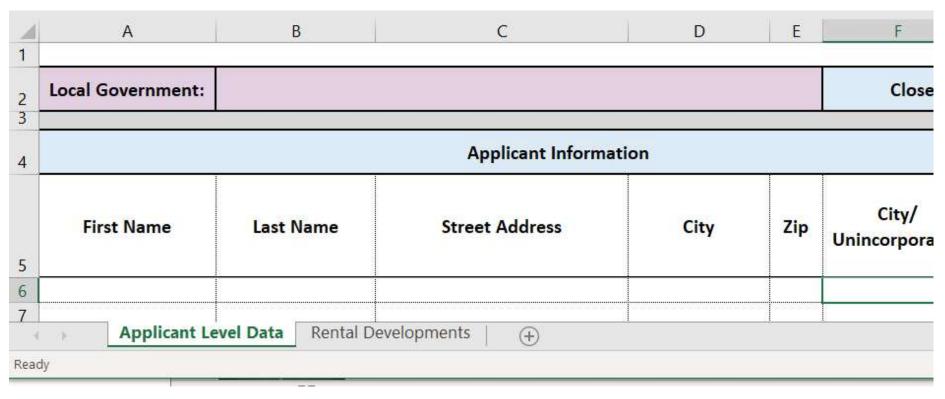
SHIP Data Spreadsheet



- Add data for Close Out allocation (20/21), as well as interim year 1 (21/22)
- Include activity through June 30, 2023



Applicant Level Data TAB



- Primary tab: Enter expenditure/encumbrance data and related assistance details
- One row per household assisted



Guidance on 20/21 SHIP Revenue

There was no 20/21 Allocation, but other sources of 20/21 revenue include:

- Bank interest
- Monthly SHIP Loan Repayment
- SHIP Lien Triggers Repayment
- Reimbursements from CRF are 20/21 Program Income
- Recaptured funds





20/21 Scenarios



- •Scenario 1: A community with only a small amount of program income Carry forward to 21/22
- •Scenario 2: A community with enough program income revenue to assist only one household Set-asides still apply, so assist a VLI household
- •Scenario 3: A community receives over \$100,000 of program income Staff has 3 years to fully expend this



SHIP Annual Reports must reconcile with the General Ledger

Required by Florida's Single Audit Act

 State financial assistance provided to non-state entities is subject to audit that parallels federal requirements





Compare SHIP Tracking to General Ledger

Sum of Unencumbered plus Unspent Encumbered money on Tracking Spreadsheet

Compared With

Current balance of the SHIP Local Housing Trust Fund





Administrative Costs

- Advertising
- Outreach and Pre-screening
- Applications and Eligibility Determination
- Office Space, Utilities, Copier, Computers
- Tracking and Reporting
- LHAP Work
- Prep for the Monitor



Paying for Program Administration

- Administration Budget 10% of allocation
- General Revenue subsidy
- A portion of Program Income
- Don't pay Program Costs with Admin Dollars





Admin from Program Income

5% of Program Income for: Counties that are not a 'small county' with an unincarcerated population of 75,000 or less.

10% of Program Income for: Small counties and eligible municipalities receiving up to \$350,000, according to section 67-37.007 (5)(f) of the SHIP Rule.



Program Costs

Costs for specific activities that do not count toward the administrative cap.

Rehabilitation:

- Initial Inspection
- Work Write Up/Cost Estimate
- Construction inspections/oversight

Outsource to 3rd Party:

Service Delivery Fee

Purchase Assistance:

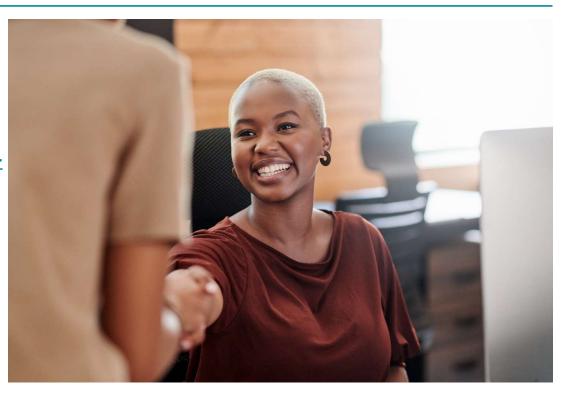
- Housing Counseling
- Inspection





Income Qualification

Review recording of February 2021 Income Compliance webinar: https://vimeo.com/508348264







Income Qualification Resources

- Code of Fed Regulation: 24 CFR Part 5
- Income inclusions and exclusions
- HUD Handbook 4350.3: Chapter 5, Appendices 3 and 6C
- Income and rent limit chart



Count Foster Children

HUD Handbook 4350.3 Chapter 3:

"The owner must also count all anticipated children. Anticipated children include the following:

- Foster children who will reside in the unit;"
- ALSO: "g. The owner must count foster adults living in the unit."

HUD Handbook 4350.3 Chapter 5:

 "Payments received by the family for the care of foster children or foster adults are not counted."



Go Fund Me



Go fund me ONLY converts to an asset if it is deposited into a checking or savings account.

FHFC Guidance: Monitor the amount in a GoFundMe account

If GoFundMe account plus household's other assets total \$5000 or greater, require the GoFundMe balance be deposited into a bank account so imputed income from assets may be properly calculated.



Counting a Social Security Debit Card as an Asset

First, a related topic: count the monthly social security benefit as household income

HUD Hot Topics, April 2015:

Handle a Direct Express Debit Card as a savings account

• Current balance is the cash value of the asset



More about Social Security Debit Card

- Applicant provides an account balance no more than 120 days old from an ATM, through the online account service, or a paper statement.
- Verification document must identify the account and the account holder
- There is no actual income from this asset. If household assets exceed \$5,000, calculate imputed income

Source: HUD Archives Multifamily Housing 2013 website





Income Verification Process



Verify:

- Employment including overtime and tips
- Social Security
- Child Support/Alimony
- Regular Cash Contributions
- Unemployment Compensation



Income Certification Quiz: When to Use Which Income Limits

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RESIDENT INCOME CERTIFICATION - HOME OWNER State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program

Effective Date:			e:		Allo	ocat	tion Year:			
A.	A. Recipient Information (select one)									
	a.		Current homeowner							
	b.		Home buyer		Existing Dwelling	ng	Newly Constructed Dwelling			
В.	B. Subsidy Use (check all that apply)									
		Down Payment Assistance				Principal Buy Down				
		Clo	osing Costs				Rehabilitation			



QUIZ: When to Use Which Income Limits

March 6, 2019 - 2019 Income Limits Posted

Jan 27, 2020 - Completed application

Feb 18, 2020 - All verifications received

March 26, 2020 - Income calculations completed

March 28, 2020 - 2020 Income Limits Posted

April 8, 2020 - Administrator Signed Cert

April 9, 2020 - Adult HH members Signed Cert

April 9, 2020 - Award Letter mailed

Effective Date on the Certification Form? Use 2019 or 2020 Income Limits? Any activity completed "Out of Order?"

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