



## HUMAN SERVICES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

**DATE:** June 7, 2020

**TO:** Chairman Marnie George and the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County

**FROM:** Shington Lamy, Director of Human Services and Community Partnerships  
Matthew G. Wyman, Housing Services Manager

**SUBJECT:** County Staff Report for June 11, 2020

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This County staff report is provided by the Leon County Division of Housing Services to the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County (HFA) for the June 11, 2020 HFA meeting. The report presents Housing Services' formal budget request for FY 2021, an update on current

### Fiscal Year 2021 Funding Requests

In accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the County and HFA, the HFA will adopt an estimated budget for County-adopted programs and/or HFA-adopted programs by June 15 prior to the start of each fiscal year. **County staff is requesting that the HFA maintain level funding in the amount of \$53,000 for Fiscal Year 2021 to the Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair Program, the Leon County Home Expo, and the Leon County 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service.**

Table 1 provides a breakdown of the FY2021 level funding request with comparison to the funding allocated for FY 2020.

<b>Table 1. County Funding Request, FY2020 vs. FY2021</b>			
<u>Program</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>Diff%</u>
Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair Program	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%
Leon County Home Expo	\$1,500	\$1,500	0%
9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service	\$1,500	\$1,500	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>	0%

### *Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair Program*

The HFA provides funding to the Division of Housing Services to assist low-income residents with emergency home repairs. There continues to be high demand for the Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair Program in the community. Housing Services expects to expend all of the \$50,000 allocated to the program for FY 2020 as over \$35,000 has been committed to eligible households as reported in the May 31, 2020 Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair (Attachment #1). Therefore, it is recommended that the HFA maintain level funding for this program.

*Leon County Home Expo*

Historically, the HFA has been a financial sponsor of the Annual Home Expo which offers potential and existing homeowners information on down payment assistance, minor home repair and home maintenance tips through live presentations, panel discussions and a host of local vendors marketing their services. Last year, video recordings of all the major presentations were posted on multiple County internet sites. The last Home Expo was held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 and saw a record number of participants.

In preparation for the FY 2020 event, County staff received the \$2,500 from HFA to support promotional and advertising activities. Unfortunately, in these unusual times of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Home Expo has been delayed. County staff is considering the production of a 2020 Virtual Home Expo prior to the end of the Fiscal Year that would be similar to an in-person event complete with a live raffle, multiple informational presentations and live interaction between attendees and presenters but would be occur online.

County staff is requesting level funding for FY 2021 and hopes to put on an in-person event in FY 2021.

*9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service*

The County's 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service event is usually held annually to help revitalize a neighborhood in an unincorporated area of the County. County staff, community partners and volunteers provide minor home rehabilitation and landscape projects to residents in commemoration of the spirit of community displayed following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Each year, the 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service is held on the third Thursday in the month of August.

Unfortunately, in these unusual times of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County is considering alternative options for conducting this event. Further details will be provided at the next HFA meeting. However, the County anticipates that a traditional 9/11 Day of Service event to occur in next year to coincide with the 20-year anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

County staff is requesting level funding for FY2021.

Affordable Housing Workshop

On May 12, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners requested that County staff schedule an affordable housing workshop that would include discussion on inclusionary housing and housing accessibility for low-income residents, a comprehensive overview of affordable housing initiatives and programs administered by the Leon County Division of Housing Services, which include: Down Payment Assistance, Emergency Home Repair, Home Rehabilitation & Replacement, Rental Development and Homeownership Development as well as the Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair Program funded by the HFA

Additionally, the workshop will highlight the County efforts to increase the stock of affordable housing for low-income residents through initiatives such as the establishment of the Community

Land Trust and redevelopment of the Orange Avenue Apartments as well as through partnerships with the HFA and other local organizations.

Later this month the County Commission will consider scheduling the affordable housing workshop for Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

**Options:**

1. Approve the \$53,000 Fiscal Year 2021 budget request for the Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair Program, the Leon County Home Expo, and the Leon County 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service.
2. Do not approve the \$53,000 Fiscal Year 2021 budget request for the Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair Program, the Leon County Home Expo, and the Leon County 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service.
3. Board direction.

**Attachment(s):**

1. Emergency Short-Term Housing Repair FY 20 Report as of May 31

Applicant First Name	Applicant Last Name	Income Category	Address1	Address2	City	Zip	State	Type Of Structure	Case_SubPrograms	Case Status	Repair Type	Repair Type - Other	Accomplishment Date	Total Encumbered	Total Disbursed	Final Disbursement Date
Melva	Degg	0-30% (ELI)	3589 Whippoorwill Way		Tallahassee	32310	FL	Mobile Home	Emergency Repair	Construction Complete	RepairsNeeded_RepairCentralAir	Energy audit items	12/11/2019	\$ 5,790.00	\$ 5,790.00	12/13/2019
Winnie	Leong	0-30% (ELI)	2066 Little River Ln		Tallahassee	32311	FL	SF Home	Emergency Repair	Construction Complete		Replace ext rear double door	01/27/2020	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	1/29/2020
Carolyn	Fryson	51-80% (LI)	6632 Proctor Rd		Tallahassee	32309	FL	SF Home	Emergency Repair	Construction Complete	RepairsNeeded_RepairElectrical	Water well- underground electrical power supply line repair or replacement	12/06/2019	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 1,225.00	12/13/2019
Josephine	Irvin	0-30% (ELI)	13056 Driftwood Court		Tallahassee	32317	FL	Mobile Home	Emergency Repair	WWU & Quotes	RepairsNeeded_RepairCentralAir	Front door unit needs to be replaced	05/04/2020	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,750.00	
Maenard	Cannon	0-30% (ELI)	1304 Silver Saddle Dr		Tallahassee	32310	FL	Mobile Home	Housing Rehabilitation	WWU & Quotes	RepairsNeeded_RepairRoof RepairsNeeded_RepairBathroom RepairsNeeded_EnergyEfficiency RepairsNeeded_RepairPlumbing RepairsNeeded_RepairCentralAir RepairsNeeded_RepairBedroom RepairsNeeded_RepairSmokeDetector	ceiling fallen in bedroom, vinyl siding on rear, change 1 window (for egress)		\$ 7,500.00		
Kimberley	Skula	31-50% (VLI)	2781 Ole Ben Circle		Tallahassee	32305	FL	Mobile Home	Emergency Repair	Construction Complete		Mobile home roof coating	04/02/2020	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 1,596.00	4/10/2020
Sherrie	Fletcher	0-30% (ELI)	1508 Daniel Lee Rd		Tallahassee	32305	FL	SF Home	Emergency Repair	Construction Complete	RepairsNeeded_RoofTarp	Added to state septic grant list (in PFA)	02/26/2020	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	3/13/2020
Roger	Brock	0-30% (ELI)	6308 Sue Page Drive		Tallahassee	32310	FL	SF Home	Emergency Repair	Construction	RepairsNeeded_RepairPlumbing RepairsNeeded_SepticPumpOut		05/29/2020	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 250.00	
Sharon	GARDNER	31-50% (VLI)	8432 PIN OAK ROAD		TALLAHASSEE	32305	FL	Mobile Home	Emergency Repair, Housing Rehabilitation	Closing	RepairsNeeded_RepairRoof RepairsNeeded_EmergencyTarp			\$ 6,600.00	\$ 600.00	
Jennifer	Hair	51-80% (LI)	8618 Wakulla Springs Rd.		Tallahassee	32305	FL	Mobile Home	Emergency Repair	Closing	RepairsNeeded_StormDisasterPreparednessResilience	Tree Mitigation		\$ 1,650.00		

\$17,411.00

*Alex Bove*  
Report Certified By: Alex Bove, Financial Compliance Administrator

6/2/20  
Date

*Matthew Wynn*  
Report Certified By: Matthew Wynn, Housing Services Manager

6/2/20  
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Total Encumbered	\$ 35,436.00
HFA Total Allocation (Disbursed 10/3/19)	\$ 50,000.00
Available Balance	\$ 14,564.00