

**LEON COUNTY  
STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP  
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

The State of Florida has allocated Leon County \$698,493 in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. SHIP funds will be available via deferred payment, forgivable, noninterest-bearing loans for the following programs.

- Emergency Housing Repair & Housing Resilience assists eligible homeowners in need of rehabilitation or repair of their home related to a dire situation that needs to be mitigated immediately.
- The Home Rehabilitation program assists eligible homeowners whose homes need repairs to ensure the home is decent, safe, insurable, code compliant, accessible and to prepare for future disasters.
- The Home Replacement Program assists eligible homeowners with the demolition of the existing home and reconstruction of a new home if the cost of rehabilitation is expected to surpass 50% of the value of the home (30% for homes 50 years or older).
- The Rental Development Program provides financing to developers to build or rehabilitate affordable rental units (single-family detached or multifamily).
- Homeownership Development awards for-profit and not-for-profit organizations funding for the construction of housing units to pay-down development costs and reduce the price to income eligible First-Time Homebuyers.
- Down Payment Assistance provides eligible homebuyers assistance with making a down payment, including closing costs.

SHIP funds will be made available to individual homeowner applicants through the Emergency Housing Repair & Housing Resilience program. Applications for the Emergency Housing Repair & Housing Resilience program will be accepted starting Wednesday, December 3, 2025, and will continue to be accepted until sufficient applications have been received to expend funds allocated for each program through at least Monday, January 5, 2026.

SHIP funds will be made available to individual homeowner applicants via deferred payment, forgivable, noninterest-bearing loans through the comprehensive Home Rehabilitation & Home Replacement programs. To meet eligibility requirements, applicants for the Home Rehabilitation and Home Replacement Programs must first attend a workshop that will provide information and education on the programs as well as home maintenance best practices. Applications for the comprehensive Home Rehabilitation & Home Replacement programs will be accepted starting **ONLY** from applicants that have attended a workshop. Applications will continue to be accepted until sufficient applications have been received to expend funds allocated for each program through at least Monday, January 5, 2026.

Workshop dates are as follows and will be held in-person at 615 E. Paul Russell Road:

Wednesday, November 5, 2025	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 8, 2025	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 19, 2025	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

To register for one of the workshops, please visit <http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/housing>, or contact the Housing Services Division at (850) 606-1900.

SHIP funds will be made available to applicant organizations via deferred payment, forgivable, noninterest-bearing loans to provide financing through other programs to build or rehabilitate affordable rental units (single-family detached or multifamily). The funding opportunity for the Rental Development Program is expected to be offered beginning November 5, 2025. Applications for funding can be accessed via the website for the Housing Finance Authority of Leon County at <https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Community/Citizen->

[Committees/Housing-Finance-Authority.](#)

SHIP funds will be made available via deferred payment, forgivable, noninterest-bearing loans to applicant organizations that have experience performing affordable housing activities and constructing new units for homeownership. The funding opportunity for the Homeownership Development Program will to be offered beginning on November 5, 2025, via the Leon County Division of Housing Services website at <http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/housing>.

SHIP funds will also be made available to individual homebuyer applicants via deferred payment, forgivable, noninterest-bearing loans to provide eligible homebuyers assistance with making a down payment, including closing costs. The funding opportunity for the Down Payment Assistance is expected to be offered in Spring 2026 through an established partnership with the Tallahassee Lenders' Consortium.

Interested individuals and organizations can visit the Division of Housing Services' website to view Leon County's housing assistance plan, eligibility requirements, income limits, selection criteria, register for a comprehensive Home Rehabilitation & Home Replacement workshop as well as apply to participate at <http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/housing>.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing a special accommodation to participate, or any non-English speaking person wishing to participate, should contact staff at [HSCP-HousingServices@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:HSCP-HousingServices@leoncountyfl.gov), or call 1-800-955-8771 (TTY), 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 711 via Florida Relay Service. La información y los materiales del programa están disponibles en español a pedido.

The local contact person for the SHIP program is:

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