



**Goal Statement**

To promote safe, sanitary and affordable housing through homeowner education, counseling, and home rehabilitation & replacement in the unincorporated areas of Leon County.

**Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights**

**Economy**

- Provide administration and marketing for the Leon County Housing Finance Authority First Mortgage and Down Payment Assistance Program. 42 first-time home buyers purchased their own home in Leon County. The program supplied more than \$5.1 million dollars in first mortgage financing and close to \$312,000 million in down payment assistance was provided.
- Ten Leon County residents were assisted with severe housing repair needs through a new Emergency Housing Repair Program, funded through the Leon County Housing Finance Authority. \$16,653 in total funding was allocated to roof, HVAC, septic, and well repairs.
- Leon County replaced five low-income homes and rehabilitated nine homes.
- Supported the Joint County-City Affordable Housing Work Group's efforts to develop a holistic plan for the redevelopment of a multi-family affordable housing project and identification of additional transitional housing opportunities through community partnerships.

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HOUSING ASSISTANCE, COUNSELING & SOLUTIONS



Spring Home Expo

- Housing Services ensures that extremely low, very low, low and moderate income level of Leon County residents are provided with safe and sanitary housing, and works to preserve the supply of affordable housing in the County. The division accomplishes these goals through programs that include down payment assistance to first-time home buyers, foreclosure prevention assistance, principal reduction, home rehabilitation, and home replacement.
- Leon County continues its work as an Advisory Agency for the federally funded, Florida Hardest Hit Foreclosure Prevention Program. Leon County homeowners who are unemployed, underemployed, or have reduced income may be eligible for assistance through the Unemployment Mortgage Assistance Program or the Mortgage Loan Reinstatement Program.
- Leon County residents can receive up to \$42,000, providing homeowners the time to find new or sufficient employment, so they may avoid foreclosure, and separately receive up to \$50,000 to lower their overall mortgage debt. These efforts also help mitigate property value loss for all of Leon County.
- Leon County continuously identifies opportunities to participate in federal and state programs beneficial to the community with respect to housing.
  - » Leon County was awarded \$302,517 in disaster funding from State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) following Hurricane Hermine.
  - » Debt counseling and other housing counseling is now available to County citizens via funding received from SHIP.
  - » More than 90 Leon County homeowners and prospective homebuyers were educated on how to maintain a home and how to prevent foreclosure during the County's Spring Home Expo. During the Home Expo event, attendees also participated in hands-on demonstrations, learning how to paint, pressure wash and perform minor roof repairs.
  - » 42 first-time home buyers purchased a home in Leon County through the Leon County Housing Finance Authority's Down Payment Assistance Program, funded in conjunction with Escambia Housing Finance Authority.