

NOTICE

St. Johns County is estimated to receive \$2,732,821.00 through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program during Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023). The County's Local Housing Assistance Plan includes assistance strategies designed to increase homeownership opportunities and preserve the housing stock. The programs outlined below can be funded through the SHIP Program for FY 2022-2023. The County may have waiting lists for certain strategies but will continue accepting applications for strategies funded until the funds have been expended. All applicants are processed on a first-come first-ready basis.

Funds are available for six strategies:

- PURCHASE ASSISTANCE-EXISTING HOME- Designed to assist first time homebuyers become homeowners by providing loans as a second mortgage or a subordinate loan.
- HOUSING REHABILITATION- Assists low and very-low income eligible owner-occupants in St. Johns County with rehabilitation.
- DISASTER STRATEGY- Helps households following a disaster as declared by Executive Order by the President of the United States or Governor of the State of Florida.
- LAND ACQUISITION-RENTAL- Directly fund or leverage funds for rental developments agreeing to reserve a certain percentage of units as affordable housing.
- RENTAL ASSISTANCE- Provides rental assistance to families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- IMPACT FEES-Provides assistance with connection to central water and waste water for homeownership units.

Additional information and reports are available at (904) 827-6890, or at <http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Housing>. The SHIP contact person for St. Johns County is **Michelle Lawlor**. For information concerning **Housing Rehabilitation**, please contact the St. Johns Housing Partnership at (904) 824-0902. St. Johns County reserves the right to utilize funding based on information and needs identified within the community.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in the SHIP program or in public meetings should contact the ADA Coordinator at 904-209-0650. Deaf and/or hard-of hearing individuals may use Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 904-209-0650, or the Florida Relay Service: 800-955-8770. SHIP information is provided in English; the Board of County Commissioners meeting will also be conducted in English. If you require a translator, please call 904-209-0650. To request services, please notify the County at least five business days prior to need for services.

