

NOTICE

St. Johns County received \$100,000 through the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP) during Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023). These funds are allocated to assist residents affected by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole and will utilize the Disaster Strategy as outlined in the 2020-2023 St. Johns County Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP).

St. Johns County is also estimated to receive \$3,413,194 through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024). The 2023-2026 St Johns County's LHAP includes assistance strategies designed to increase homeownership opportunities and preserve the housing stock. The strategies outlined below can be funded through the SHIP Program for FY 2023-2024.

Funds are available for four strategies:

- 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 Orders by the President of the United States or the 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.
- IMPACT FEES-Provides assistance to non-profit developers with connection to central water and waste water for homeownership units.

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.

Additional information and reports are available at (904) 827-6890, kvankirk@sjcfl.us, or http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/Housing. The SHIP contact person for St. Johns County is Kelsey Vankirk. 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.

