

**State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Funding Certification**

Name of Local Government

City of Orlando

Projected Allocation*

\$1,145,176

**See estimated allocation chart attached to this document. Funds are subject to approval of the Governor and transfer of funds to Florida Housing Finance Corporation.*

Strategies	Does this strategy serve: HO or Rental?	Is this an approved strategy in current LHAP? (Y/N)	Will this strategy be eligible for Special Needs Applicants? (Y/N)	Total \$ Amount to be Expended
Down Payment Assistance	HO	Yes	Yes	\$103,065.84
Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	HO	Yes	Yes	\$515,329.20
Multi-Family Rental Rehabilitation	Rental	Yes	Yes	\$309,197.52
Impact Fee Assistance	HO/Rental	Yes	Yes	\$103,065.84
				\$
Total must equal total allocation for 2014-2015 minus administrative costs				\$1,030,658.40
<p>For strategies targeting the Special Needs requirement, describe any additional information that will be utilized to ensure this goal is met:</p> <p>The City of Orlando will spend at a minimum 20% (\$229,035.20) of its FY14/15 allocation on persons with special needs as define in section 420.0004, Florida Statutes. First priority will be given to persons with developmental disabilities with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and maintain their homeownership. Anyone meeting the developmental disability requirement will be considered and served before non-developmental disability applicants regardless of when applications are received. Second priority will be given to other persons with special needs as defined in section 420.0004, Florida Statutes. The City plans to identify potential eligible recipients through its internal programs and through outreach to organizations serving persons with special needs and persons with developmental disabilities.</p> <p>The City will advertise the notice of funding availability in the Orlando Sentinel and El Sentinel 30 days before the beginning of the application period. Outreach will also be conducted via printed materials, City website, workshops, and housing fairs to provide potential recipients with information on assistance available and to encourage participation in the SHIP program.</p>				

Legislative Proviso Language

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2247, each local government must use a minimum of 20 percent of its allocation to serve persons with special needs as defined in section 420.0004, Florida Statutes. Before this portion of the allocation is released by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC), a local government must certify that it will meet this requirement through existing approved strategies in the local assistance plan or submit a new local housing assistance plan strategy for this purpose to the FHFC for approval to ensure that it meets these specifications. The first priority of these special needs funds must be to serve persons with developmental disabilities as defined in section 393.063, Florida Statutes, with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and maintain their homeownership.

420.0004 (13), F.S. "Person with special needs" means an adult person requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who has a disabling condition; a young adult formerly in foster care who is eligible for services under s. 409.1451(5); a survivor of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28; or a person receiving benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or from veterans' disability benefits.

393.063 (9), F.S. "Developmental disability" means a disorder or syndrome that is attributable to retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, spina bifida, or Prader-Willi syndrome; that manifests before the age of 18; and that constitutes a substantial handicap that can reasonably be expected to continue indefinitely.

Certifications for SHIP Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Funding:

_____ **agrees that:**

Local Government Name

1. The city/county has read and understands the legislative language above.
2. The city/county understands that we are required to meet the goals as described in the language for the allocation of SHIP funds for fiscal year 2014-2015 in addition to meeting all other SHIP program requirements in section 420.9071-9079, Florida Statutes, and chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code.
3. The city/county will use at least 20% of the allocation of SHIP funds for fiscal year 2014-2015 for special needs households as defined in section 420.0004 (13), Florida Statutes, and included below through approved strategies or by incorporating new strategies, prioritizing funding for persons with developmental disabilities as defined in section 393.063 (9), Florida Statutes, and included below with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices.
4. The city/county agrees to tracking each household for special needs and will report such data as part of the annual report or as required by FHFC.

Authorized Signature:

Name

Signature

Date: _____

Please return this completed form as a PDF document to robert.dearduff@floridahousing.org