

**State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Funding Certification**

Name of Local Government

City of Orlando

Projected Allocation*

\$1,228,168

****See allocation chart attached to this document.***

Strategies	Will 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
Purchase Assistance	HO	Yes	Yes	\$134,995
Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	HO	Yes	Yes	\$525,002
Impact Fee	HO	Yes	Yes	\$64,071
New Construction	HO	Yes	Yes	\$75,000
Multi-Family Rehabilitation	Rental	Yes	Yes	\$50,000
Impact Fee -- Rental	Rental	Yes	Yes	\$256,284
Total must equal total allocation for 2015-2016 minus administrative costs				\$1,105,352

For strategies targeting the Special Needs requirement, describe any additional information that will be utilized to ensure this goal is met:

The City of Orlando will spend at a minimum 20% (\$245,634) of its FY15/16 allocation on persons with special needs as defined 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.

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.

Legislative Proviso Language

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2241, 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.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2241, local governments may create regional partnerships across jurisdictional boundaries through the pooling of appropriated funds to address homeless housing needs identified in local housing assistance plans.

Statutory Revision (new subsection added to 420.9072)

420.9072 (10) Notwithstanding ss. 420.9071(26) and 420.9075(5) and subsection (7), for the 2015-2016 fiscal year:

- (a) The term “rent subsidies” means ongoing monthly rental assistance.
- (b) Up to 25 percent of the funds made available in each county and each eligible municipality from the local housing distribution may be used for rental assistance and rent subsidies as provided in paragraph (c).
- (c) A county or an eligible municipality may expend its portion of the local housing distribution to provide the following types of rental assistance and rent subsidies:
 - 1. Security and utility deposit assistance.
 - 2. Eviction prevention subsidies not to exceed 6 months’ rent.
 - 3. Rent subsidies for very-low-income households with at least one adult who is a person with special needs as defined in s. 420.0004 or a person who is homeless as defined in s. 420.621 when the person initially qualified for a rent subsidy. The period of rental subsidy may not exceed 12 months for any eligible household or person.
- (d) This subsection expires July 1, 2016.

References

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 2015-2016 Funding:

The City of Orlando agrees that:

Local Government Name

1. The city/county has read and understands the proviso and statutory 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 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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.
5. The city/county understands that use of SHIP funds for the activities described in the proviso and statutory language in this certification must be completed through a strategy approved by FHFC.

Authorized Signature:

Name

Signature

Date: _____

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