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**Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) is a public corporation of the state of Florida and is the state's housing finance agency. As a financial institution, Florida Housing administers state and federal resources to provide affordable homeownership and rental housing options for the citizens of Florida.**

### **RENTAL PROGRAMS**

#### **State Apartment Incentive Loan Program (SAIL)**

The SAIL Program provides low-interest loans on a competitive basis as gap financing to leverage mortgage revenue bonds and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) resources. This allows developers to obtain the full financing needed to construct or rehabilitate affordable rental units.

#### **Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds (MMRB)**

The MMRB Program uses both taxable and tax-exempt bonds to provide below market rate loans to nonprofit and for-profit developers who set aside a certain percentage of their apartment units for low-income families. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are used to construct or acquire and rehabilitate multifamily rental properties.

#### **HOME Investment Partnerships Program**

HOME Investment Partnerships Program is paired with MMRB as gap funding or is designed as primary financing for smaller developments, particularly those located in more rural areas of the state. It provides non-amortizing, low-interest rate loans to developers of affordable housing who acquire, rehabilitate or construct housing for low-income families.

#### **Low Income Housing Tax Credits (Housing Credits)**

The competitive (9%) and non-competitive (4%) Housing Credit Program provides nonprofit and for-profit organizations with financing based on a dollar-for-dollar reduction in federal tax liability for investors in exchange for equity to finance the acquisition, rehabilitation and/or new construction of affordable rental housing.

#### **Link to Permanent Housing Initiative (Link)**

Since 2009, Florida Housing has implemented the Link Initiative to enhance the ability of extremely low-income (ELI) households with special needs to access and retain affordable rental housing in their communities. Florida Housing requires developers to set aside a portion of a property's units for these households. Households eligible for Link receive community based supportive services and are referred by a recognized supportive services lead agency in the community where the property is located.

#### **Elderly Housing Community Loan (EHCL)**

The EHCL program offers up to \$750,000 in loans to make substantial life, safety or security related improvements to existing affordable rental housing for the elderly.

#### **Grants for Persons with Developmental Disabilities**

The Florida Legislature has appropriated funding for a competitive grant program for housing developments designed and constructed to serve persons with developmental disabilities, as defined in section 393.063, Florida Statutes. These grants are made available to private nonprofit organizations whose primary mission includes serving persons with developmental disabilities.

#### **National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)**

The National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) is a federal program that provides funding for affordable housing for Extremely Low Income (ELI) households with incomes at or below 22% of Area Median Income.

#### **Community Development Block Grant — Disaster Recovery Programs (CDBG-DR)**

Through its Rebuild Florida program, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) provided CDBG-DR funding to Florida Housing to administer through a competitive process for the financing of the construction of new affordable workforce housing to assist in long term housing recovery from hurricane damage.

## **HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS**

### **Homebuyer Loan Programs (HLP)**

The HLP Program offers 30-year, fixed-rate first mortgage loans originated by trained and approved lenders throughout the state of Florida. The program is offered to borrowers who meet income, purchase price and other program criteria; can qualify for a loan; and successfully complete a homebuyer education course. Borrowers who qualify for this first mortgage program may access one of Florida Housing's downpayment assistance programs.

### **Downpayment Assistance Program (DPA)**

DPA is an effective way to assist low- to moderate-income individuals to achieve homeownership. Florida Housing's DPA is offered in conjunction with the HLP as a 0-percent interest or low fixed-rate interest second mortgage or as a grant. For more information on available DPA programs, visit Florida Housing's website and click on Homebuyer Programs Wizard.

### **Homeownership Pool Program (HOP)**

The HOP Program is designed to be a non-competitive program, with developers reserving funds for eligible homebuyers to provide downpayment assistance on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds are available to homebuyers purchasing newly-constructed homes from HOP member builders.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

### **State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)**

The SHIP Program provides funds to local governments on a population-based formula as an incentive to produce and preserve affordable housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families. When SHIP funds are appropriated, they are distributed on an entitlement basis to all 67 counties and 53 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement cities in Florida. SHIP funds may be used to pay for emergency repairs, rehabilitation, downpayment and closing cost assistance, impact fees, construction and gap financing, mortgage buydowns, acquisition of property for affordable housing, matching dollars for federal housing grants and programs, and homeownership counseling.

### **Predevelopment Loan Program (PLP)**

The PLP assists nonprofit and community-based organizations, local governments, and public housing authorities with planning, financing and developing affordable housing. Eligible organizations may apply for a loan of up to \$500,000 or up to \$750,000 with site acquisition. The funding may be used for predevelopment activities, such as rezoning, title searches, legal fees, administrative costs, soil tests, engineering fees, appraisals, feasibility analyses, audit fees, earnest money deposits, insurance fees, commitment fees, administrative costs, marketing expenses, and acquisition expenses. In addition, technical assistance is provided at no charge.

### **Affordable Housing Catalyst Program (Catalyst)**

Targeted to nonprofits and government entities, the Catalyst Program provides on-site/telephone technical assistance and training on the SHIP Program, the HOME Program, and other affordable housing programs.

### ***FloridaHousingSearch.org***

*FloridaHousingSearch.org* is Florida Housing's free online affordable rental housing locator for Florida. It serves as a clearinghouse for affordable rental properties for people who earn up to 120% of area median income (AMI) for their area of the state. Florida Housing financed properties are required to register their units, but the locator is open to other landlords as well. The website allows users to search for and find available rental units by using several different search criteria, such as rent amount, city, county, state, amenities, and proximity to transportation, schools and employment. *FloridaHousingSearch.org* is available in English and Spanish and can be translated into 30-plus additional languages. Further, a call center is available to assist users with their search.

**For more information on Florida Housing and/or any of our programs, please visit the website at [www.floridahousing.org](http://www.floridahousing.org).**