

NOTICE

St. Johns County is estimated to receive \$962,615 through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program during Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018). 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 2017-2018. The County may have waiting lists for certain strategies. The County will accept applications for the current strategies funded until the funds allocated for that strategy have been expended. All applicants are processed on a first-come first-ready basis.

Funds are available for four 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-** Provides assistance to households following a disaster as declared by Executive Order by the President of the United States or Governor of the State of Florida.
- **UTILITY TAP & CONNECTION FEES-** Replaces septic systems and wells for connections to central water and wastewater for homeownership units.
- **RENTAL HOUSING-** Directly fund or leverage funds for rental developments agreeing to reserve a certain percentage of units as affordable housing.

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.