



**Notice of Funding Availability**  
**Alachua County Department of Community Support Services**  
**State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)**  
**Program State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2019 Funding Cycle:**

The Alachua County Department of Community Support Services will make available \$227,866.00 in SHIP SFY 2017-2018, an additional \$388,860.40 funding, totaling \$616,726.40 for the Home Repair and Special Needs Programs. Program payments are made on a reimbursement basis.

**Down Payment Assistance**

Applications are available through a SHIP certified Lender beginning October 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, or earlier, until funds are exhausted. The certified lenders list is available on-line and at the Alachua County Community Support Services Department. Down Payment Assistance funding will be available to eligible first time homebuyers. Available amount of award will be tiered as reflected.

**Up to 50% of the area median income, up to \$15,000.**

**Up to 80% of the area median income, up to \$10,000.**

**Up to 120% of the area median income, up to \$5,000.**

**Home Repair Program**

Funding of \$185,000.00 is available to affordable housing providers to provide not-for-profit agencies or quasi-governmental agencies home repairs to very low and low-income households in Alachua County.

Twenty percent of funding must be use for Special needs as defined in 420.0004(13), F.S.

Applications for funding are available beginning May 1, 2019 and are due by 1:00 p.m. on May 30, 2019 at 218 SE 24th St., Gainesville, FL. 32641. All funds must be expended by May 31, 2020.

**Rental Assistance Program**

\$120,000.00 will be provided to the local Rental Assistance Program which provides funding to pay rental security and utility deposits as well as ongoing monthly rent subsidies on behalf of eligible very-low and extremely-low income persons and/or households<sup>1</sup> within Alachua County. Eligible utility deposits include only provider-mandated deposits for water, sewer, electricity, and gas. Eligible rent subsidies are not to exceed 12 months' rent for households with at least one adult who is a person with special needs as defined by Florida Statutes 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. Rental Assistance funds may also be used to pay reasonable project delivery costs associated with strategy implementation such as inspection fees to ensure the unit meets Section 8 Housing Quality Standards or HUD Habitability Standards." The maximum grant award is \$6,000.00 per household.

For additional information, please call the Alachua County Social Services office at 352-264-6750.

**Rental Development**

\$100,000.00 will be provided to developers of affordable rental units that are awarded construction financing through other state or federal housing programs to construct or rehabilitate affordable units in Alachua County. In cases where a developer is proposing over 50 units the maximum award if \$50,000. If less than 50 units and includes Special Needs unites the maximum award if \$100,000.00

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If accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at (352) 374-5275 (voice) or (352) 374-5284 (TDD) or 711 Relay Friendly.

For general information, visit our website at <http://www.alachuacounty.us/depts/css/house/pages/housing.aspx> or contact James Shaw at the Alachua County Community Support Services Department at 352 337-6284.

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<sup>1</sup> Income limits published by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation SHIP Program