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ABOUT THE COALITION

The Florida Housing Coalition, Inc., is a Florida nonprofit and 501(c)(3), statewide membership organization whose mission is to act as a catalyst to bring together housing advocates and resources so that all Floridians have a quality affordable home and suitable living environment.

The Coalition provides professional consultation services through training and technical assistance on affordable housing and related issues to nonprofit organizations, local governments, and their private sector partners.

We support community-based partnerships in leveraging resources; and advocate for policies, programs and use of funding resources that maximize the availability and improve the quality of affordable housing in Florida.

The Coalition carries out this mission recognizing that decent and affordable housing is a human necessity and an integral part of community revitalization and economic development.

IF IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CALL THE FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION. IF WE CAN'T HELP YOU, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHO CAN. 850-878-4219.

OUR VISION

Every Florida community, large and small, practices a community ethic reflecting a belief that access to housing that is decent, safe, affordable and of a person's own choosing, is a fundamental right and that at least one active, viable community-based organization plays an important role in delivering affordable housing and related services in each community.

OUR TEAM

The administrative office for the Florida Housing Coalition is housed in Tallahassee, with seven professional technical advisor offices throughout Florida. Our technical assistance team consists of a highly skilled and geographically dispersed network of full-time professional staff providing technical assistance in all areas of affordable housing planning, finance, and development.

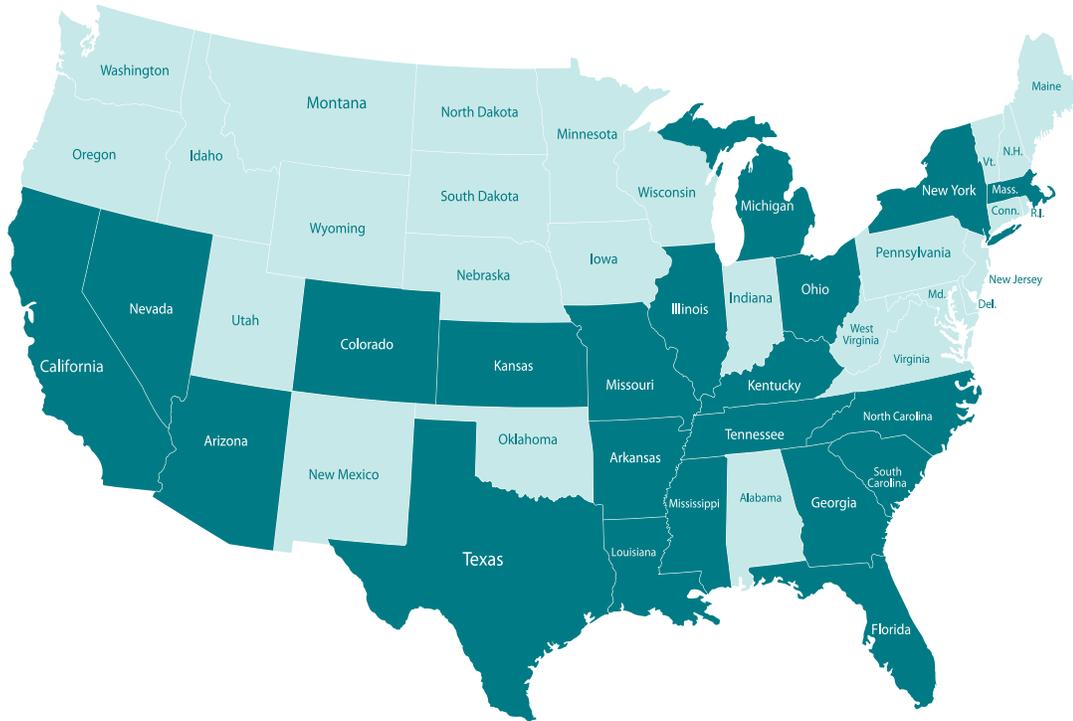
Our professional technical assistance team also includes the expertise of our 25 member Board of Directors. The FHC Technical Assistance Team can help with every aspect of locally-administered housing programs, from internal controls to capacity building for nonprofit partners. We can work with you one-on-one at your office or arrange larger workshops to assist you with implementation of your housing programs.





SOMETIMES A NATIONAL EXPERT

THE FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION IS RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY AS AN EXPERT IN THE AREAS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNING, FINANCING, DEVELOPMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION.



- THE FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION HAS ASSISTED:**
- Arizona
 - Arkansas
 - California
 - Colorado
 - Florida
 - Georgia
 - Illinois
 - Kansas
 - Kentucky
 - Louisiana
 - Massachusetts
 - Michigan
 - Mississippi
 - Missouri
 - Nevada
 - New York
 - North Carolina
 - Ohio
 - South Carolina
 - Tennessee
 - Texas

ARE YOU AN ACCIDENTAL LANDLORD? Do you have some properties that you purchased with NSP that you thought you'd be able to sell but are now realizing that you have to rent? Are you interested in developing a property management business line? In many communities around the country, nonprofits are finding themselves in a position where they need to rent properties they thought they would be able to sell. Stan Fitterman has been working with nonprofits to evaluate and develop a property management business line for scattered site and small scale rental developments. This work has ranged from helping owners make sure that their portfolio cash flow, to understanding the steps in establishing a property management business line to writing property management policies and procedures.

NSP EXPENDITURE DEADLINES HAVE COME AND GONE, BUT THE JOB ISN'T DONE. As grantees approach NSP closeout, many still have program income, line of credit funds, and vacant lots awaiting disposition. Gladys Schneider was part of a national team that authored the NSP closeout guidelines, and now she helps grantees across Florida and the nation prepare for closeout. Gladys walks NSP grantees through the process, and helps them reconcile their program files with DRGR, develop land bank plans for vacant lots, and resolve any other issues that might delay closeout. If you're an NSP grantee with closeout questions, call or e-mail the Florida Housing Coalition at any time and ask for Gladys.

IS LIVING RIGHT NEXT DOOR

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CHANGES UNDER THE HOME RULE TOOK EFFECT ON AUGUST 23, 2013?

There were many changes that require immediate action by local governments to ensure compliance. If you're unsure whether your current program complies or what actions you need to take to bring your program into compliance, Aida Andujar and Lisa Hoffmeyer are here to help. They can assist you with a variety of tasks, including development of underwriting standards, property standards, and policies and procedures for CHDO selection and sub-grantee inspections. In addition, Aida and Lisa conduct workshops for current and prospective CHDOs, provide guidance on HOME procurement policies, and much more.

WHAT DO SHIP ADMINISTRATORS AND HUD-CERTIFIED FORECLOSURE COUNSELORS HAVE IN COMMON?

Both of these housing professionals need clear and effective systems for verifying applicant incomes and maintaining client files. Michael Chaney is the go-to technical advisor for SHIP administrators and for housing counselors participating in Florida's Hardest Hit Fund program. Michael is an expert on the income verification guidelines in HUD Handbook 4350.3 Chapter 5, used by SHIP administrators across the state. He also helps Hardest Hit Fund advisors determine applicant eligibility correctly, and assists both foreclosure counselors and SHIP administrators in ensuring that client files contain all the required documentation.

GOOD HOUSING POLICY COMES FROM GOOD HOUSING DATA.

If you're trying to make the case for affordable housing in your community to elected officials, Rose Phillips can help you compile and interpret the numbers you need. Our newest Technical Advisor, Rose co-authored Home Matters for Florida 2014, a report with statewide data on housing costs and cost burden, wages, and the economic impact of Sadowski funds. With Rose's help, you can identify the populations most in need of affordable housing in your community, and identify local impediments or opportunities for meeting those needs.

IS YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTED IN THE "HOW TO" FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSING POLICIES THAT SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE AND PRESERVE PUBLIC INVESTMENT, SAVING TAX DOLLARS WHILE PRODUCING A PERMANENT STOCK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

There are a number of housing policies that can help you meet the housing needs of residents from the extremely low income to moderate income. Jaimie Ross, Florida Housing Coalition board president, is an expert in using smart growth tools for affordable housing. Three of those tools are Inclusionary housing policies, community land trusts, and accessory dwelling units.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSULTING SERVICES



The Florida Housing Coalition Helps Local Governments, Nonprofits, and their Developer and Financial Partners.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

We Can Assist Local Government With:

- Affordable Housing Program Design and Implementation
- Preparation of Policies and Procedures Manuals
- Project Development
- Developing Underwriting Practices for Rental and Homeownership Projects
- Long-Term Affordability Mechanisms
- Energy Efficiency Housing
- Predevelopment, Development, and Rehabilitation Process for Rental and Homeownership Programs
- Meeting Low-Income Set-Asides for Extremely Low Income and Special Needs Housing
- Income Compliance and Eligibility Determination
- Compliance with Regulations and Administration
- Implementation of systems to maintain records, tracking, reporting, and monitoring of programs
- Rehabilitation Policies and Strategies
- Design of RFPs and RFQs

NON-PROFITS

We Can Assist Nonprofits With:

- How to form a CHDO or a CDC
- How to write grants and proposals
- Board and Staff Training/ Organizational Capacity Building
- Strategic and Business Plans
- Best Practices for Operating Manuals
- Project-Level Assistance in Financing, Development, and Asset Management
- Strengthening Partnerships and Joint Ventures
- Community Land Trusts
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Energy Efficient Housing
- Strategies for Changing Markets
- NIMBY issues

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Everything from Needs Analysis to Document Preparation:

- Shared Equity Models
- Lease Purchase Programs
- Housing Element Strategies and Implementation
- Regulatory Reform Markets
- Inclusionary Housing Policies
- Education/presentations to Advisory Groups and Elected Bodies
- Facilitation of Community Meetings
- Community Land Trusts



CONTACT

Contact the Florida Housing Coalition. Phone: 850-878-4219, Email: info@flhousing.org, Online: www.FLHousing.org



DISCUSS

Discuss what services would be most helpful for your local government, nonprofit, or developer and financial partners.



PROPOSAL

In return, we will quickly tailor a proposal that meets your needs within your budget.