

# SHIP Awards at 2021 Conference

## Coronavirus Relief Fund Awards

When Florida was awarded funding from the CARES Act, some of the funds were distributed by Florida Housing Finance to be administered by SHIP jurisdictions for foreclosure and eviction prevention. Local governments had until December 30, 2020, to expend funds. All SHIP jurisdictions stepped up and spent close to \$134,000,000 and served over 30,000 households. SHIP awards were provided to the top three performers who had the highest expenditure of CRF funds and served the largest number of units.

## HHRP Award

Franklin County was recognized with an award for its work with the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program. Among recipients of this funding, Franklin County has most quickly processed its funds. The county has expended a majority of its first HHRP allocation of \$1.2 million and has already fully committed its second HHRP allocation of \$380,000.



## Florida Housing Coalition Partners with NLIHC on Rental Assistance Program

The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) is leading a national effort to assist local governments to deploy hundreds of millions of dollars provided through the U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to help tenants, especially the most marginalized populations, facing evictions due to COVID. The Florida Housing Coalition is thrilled to have been chosen as a NLIHC state partner to carry out this work in Florida through the NLIHC's Ending Rental Arrears to Stop Evictions (ERASE) project. With this grant, the Coalition will facilitate information-sharing and best practices workshops and provide technical assistance to the 32 local governments in Florida that administer ERAP funds.

Local Government Winners	UNITS SERVED			Total Expended
	Rental Assistance	Emergency Repairs	Total Served	
LEON	3,712	19	3,731	\$11,432,255
ORANGE	2,710		2,710	\$9,296,207
MIAMI-DADE	2,682		2,682	\$9,216,000

## Florida's SHIP Offices Prove Successful



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- Governor DeSantis and the FHFC designated Florida's SHIP offices to deploy \$120 million in CRF funds
- The SHIP Administrators had fewer than five months to deploy these funds
- Florida's SHIP Administrators went beyond the call - deploying \$10 million in additional CRF from FHFC - for a total of \$130 million
- Each of the 67 county and 52 city SHIP offices established a

new disaster housing assistance program, reached out to those in need and processed a large volume of applicants.

- SHIP offices hired temps and engaged staff from other government departments to get the work done.
- Many set up an entire application process while offering an in person alternative for those needing help in applying.
- In the end, SHIP offices expended over \$130 million to help 30,000 households experiencing COVID hardships.