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Guarding manufactured/mobile home owner rights

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Local Housing Initiatives for Repair, Replacement, and Relocation for Manufactured Homes Following Hurricanes

As you know, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development does not consider manufactured homes within their definition of affordable housing. In Florida, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIPP) must develop and implement a local housing assistance plan created to make affordable residential units available to persons of very low income, low income, or moderate income and to persons who have special housing needs.

In 2009, FMO was able to insert language into the statute that permits up to 20% of the funds from the local housing distribution through SHIPP to be used for manufactured housing. This is decided and managed through eligible counties and municipalities through their housing assistance offices. (s. 420.9075 (5) (e), Florida Statutes)

During the Special Session in December, the Legislature passed a bill relating to disaster relief and hurricane recovery. Here is a link to that bill:

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022A/4A/BillText/er/HTML>

Section 9 of SB 4A (page 15) appropriates \$150 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC). Of these funds:

- \$60 million must be used to fund the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program for eligible counties and municipalities based on FEMA damage assessment data from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. The funds must be used for hurricane recovery purposes including, but not limited to, repair and replacement of housing; repair, replacement, and relocation assistance for manufactured homes; acquisition of building materials for home repair and construction; and housing reentry assistance. Up to \$25 million of this amount may be used to provide assistance to homeowners to pay insurance deductibles.
- These funds will be administered at the local level through the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program, (SHIPP), using the required criteria noted above. Please reach out to your county and municipality housing office to learn more and how it may apply to you!

If you have questions, please contact your [Section Director or District President](#).



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