

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
TAYLOR COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE ANTICIPATED AVAILABILITY OF
STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) FUNDS

The Taylor County Housing Department announces a possible award of \$315,000 in State Fiscal Year 2023-2024 funding available through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program to be used for the following Local Housing Assistance Plan strategies:

Homebuyer Purchase Assistance

The purpose of this strategy is to provide down payment, closing cost, and principal reduction to qualified first-time homebuyers. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$10,000 for very-low income, \$10,000 for low-income, and \$7,000 for moderate income households. Homebuyers may not have claimed homestead exemption in the last three years (this excludes mobile homes). **Mobile homes and rental properties are not eligible for homebuyer purchase assistance.**

Rehabilitation Program

The purpose of this strategy is to bring existing home back into compliance with minimum HUD Housing Quality Standard by repairs of improvements needed for safe and sanitary living conditions. Rehabilitation will include items necessary to correct code violations and/or substantially rehabilitate the home. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$35,000. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be occupied to be considered for rehabilitation. **Mobile homes and rental properties are not eligible for owner-occupied rehabilitation assistance. APPLICANTS ARE LIMITED TO ASSISTANCE ONE TIME. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED SHIP ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

Demolition/Reconstruction Program

The purpose of this strategy is to provide total replacement of existing homes that are more than 51% structurally unsound as determined by a certified Housing Rehabilitation Specialist or Building Inspector. Deteriorated structures are demolished and replaced with a new site-built home. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be occupied to qualify. **Mobile homes and rental properties are not eligible for demolition/reconstruction assistance. APPLICANTS ARE LIMITED TO ASSISTANCE ONE TIME. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED SHIP ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

All interested persons will need to initially apply or re-apply. **SHIP Applications will be available beginning Monday, November 13, 2023 through Friday, December 15, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, EST, Monday thru Friday by contacting:**

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All applications will be considered on a **first come, first qualified** basis using the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) priorities regarding funding strategy goals and limitations. **Funding priority for all categories will be persons with special needs as defined by 420.0004 Florida Statutes.** Awards for all strategies is subject to availability of funds. Questions regarding the SHIP program and application process should be directed to the contact named above.

