

H. ~~Renter Eviction Prevention:~~

Rental Assistance

1. Summary

~~The Renter Eviction Program provides a SHIP grant to qualified renters in order to prevent eviction. All households receiving SHIP assistance must be the primary, year round residence of the recipient and cannot be used as seasonal occupancy. To be qualified, renters must have lost their job or suffered a minimum 10 percent reduction in income or other significant demonstration of hardship within the past six months due to changing economic conditions. To be eligible, applicant must provide proof of loss of income or income reduction. Pending eviction. To demonstrate this, the applicant must provide a letter of separation or notice of salary level change, a layoff notice, or other written proof of job loss. To qualify for consideration applicants must present an eviction notice from the recorded landlord.~~

Summary: Funds will be awarded to renter households that are in need of assistance for:

- (1) Security and utility deposit assistance;**
- (2) Eviction prevention not to exceed 6 months' rent; and/or**
- (3) Rent subsidies for up to 12 months.**

To be eligible for rent subsidies, the household receiving assistance must include at least one adult who is a person with special needs as defined in S. 420.0004 or homeless as defined in S. 420.621.

- (4) The lease must be at least twelve months in duration.**

2. State Fiscal Years Covered

2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017

3. Income Category Served

Very low and low-income homeowners will be served by this strategy.

4. Maximum award

The maximum award and level of funding for each fiscal year is specified on the Housing Delivery Goals Charts attached, which are herein adopted as a part of the Plan.

5. Terms, Recapture and Default Provision

~~SHIP assistance will be provided in the form of a grant up to \$53,000. As a grant no recapture is required.~~

- a. Loan/grant: Funds will be awarded as a grant.**
- b. Interest Rate: N/A**
- c. Term: N/A**
- d. Forgiveness/Repayment: N/A**
- e. Default/Recapture: N/A**

6. Recipient Selection Criteria

~~Selection will be on a first come, and first qualified basis, following receipt of an application, income qualification and completion of a work plan with a certified credit counselor.~~

~~Participation in a credit counseling program may be required. Recipients must be able to provide proof that they lost their job or experienced a minimum 10 percent reduction in income or rental support through no fault of their own. They must also provide a signed 12-month lease for their rental unit that will not expire within the period of assistance.~~

Recipient Selection Criteria: Applicants who are homeless or at risk of homelessness (i.e., seeking eviction prevention) could be referred by the local Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry system, and be assisted on a first-qualified, first-served basis. Applicants with one or more special needs household members may apply directly or may be referred by a special needs service provider. This does not preclude self-referrals as well as referrals from other entities working with this population.

7. Sponsor selection criteria, if applicable

~~Qualified non-profit organizations must be established under the laws of the State of Florida, and in receipt of a letter from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that the organization is recognized as tax exempt, pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization must be established for the purpose of providing housing services, and it must have been operating in Charlotte County for a reasonable time with paid staff and demonstrate professional capability and proficiency. Organizations must have internet capabilities at the time the selection by the Board of County Commissioners.~~

Sub-Recipient Selection Criteria: Sub-Recipient nonprofit organization(s) may be selected to administer the Rental Assistance program. Criteria for selection of Sub-Recipient organization will include: (1) past experience working with the target population; (2) past experience administering similar rental assistance programs; (3) financial and human resource capacity to administer the program; (4) participation in the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry system; and (5) such other criteria as may be determined appropriate.

8. Additional Information

None