

# NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

## JEFFERSON COUNTY ANNOUNCES THE ANTICIPATED AVAILABILITY OF STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) FUNDS

The Jefferson County Housing Department announces the award of \$350,000 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 and closing costs to qualified first-time homebuyers. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$15,000 for very-low income, \$15,000 for low-income, and \$10,000 for moderate income households. Homebuyers may not have claimed homestead exemption in the last three years. **Mobile homes are not eligible for homebuyer purchase assistance. APPLICANTS ARE LIMITED TO ASSISTANCE ONE TIME. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED SHIP ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

### **Owner Occupied Rehabilitation**

The purpose of this strategy is to award households in need of repairs to correct code violations, health and safety issues, electrical, plumbing, roofing, windows, and other structural items. Other items eligible for rehabilitation will be inspected and approved by a Housing Rehabilitation Specialist. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$70,000. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be owner occupied to be considered for rehabilitation. **Mobile homes 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 assist households whose homes 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 maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$150,000. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be occupied to qualify. **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, May 5, 2025, through Monday, July 7, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, EST, Monday thru Friday by contacting:

Accenture  
Tara Reynolds, Cameron Farris, or Llewellyn Esteban  
(850) 681-3717  
JeffersonSHIP@accenture.com

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.

