



STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP)

COVERING THE YEARS

2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

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I. Program Details:

A. LG(s)

Name of Local Government	City of Kissimmee
Does this LHAP contain an interlocal agreement?	No
If yes, name of other local government(s)	N/A

B. Purpose of the program:

- To meet the housing needs of the very low, low and moderate-income households;
- To expand production of and preserve affordable housing; and
- To further the housing element of the local government comprehensive plan specific to affordable housing.

C. Fiscal years covered by the Plan: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

D. Governance: The SHIP Program is established in accordance with Section 420.907-9079, Florida Statutes and Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code. Cities and Counties must be in compliance with these applicable statutes, rules and any additional requirements as established through the Legislative process.

E. Local Housing Partnership: The SHIP Program encourages building active partnerships between government, lending institutions, builders and developers, not-for-profit and community-based housing providers and service organizations, providers of professional services related to affordable housing, advocates for low-income persons, real estate professionals, persons or entities that can provide housing or support services and lead agencies of the local continuums of care.

F. Leveraging: The Plan is intended to increase the availability of affordable residential units by combining local resources and cost saving measures into a local housing partnership and using public and private funds to reduce the cost of housing. SHIP funds may be leveraged with or used to supplement other Florida Housing Finance Corporation programs and to provide local match to obtain federal housing grants or programs.

G. Public Input: Public input was solicited through the local newspaper and the city’s website in the advertising of the Local Housing Assistance Plan.

H. Advertising and Outreach: SHIP funding availability will be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation and periodicals serving ethnic and diverse neighborhoods, at least 30 days before the beginning of the application period. If no funding is available due to a waiting list, no notice of funding availability is required.

I. Waiting List/Priorities: A waiting list has been established when there are eligible applicants for strategies that no longer have funding available. Those households on the waiting list are notified of their status at least on an annual basis. Applicants will be maintained in an order that is consistent with the time completed applications were submitted as well as any established funding priorities as described in this plan.

The following priorities for funding (very low income, Special Needs, etc.) described/listed here apply to all strategies unless otherwise stated in an individual strategy in Section II:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very low with Special Needs 2. Very Low Income |
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- J. Discrimination:** In accordance with the provisions of ss.760.20-760.37, it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status in the award application process for eligible housing.
- K. Support Services and Counseling:** Support services are available from various sources. Available support services may include, but are not limited to: Homeownership Counseling (Pre and Post), Credit Counseling, Tenant Counseling, and Foreclosure Counseling.
- L. Purchase Price Limits:** The sales price or value of new or existing eligible housing may not exceed 90% of the average area purchase price in the statistical area in which the eligible housing is located. Such average area purchase price may be that calculated for any 12-month period beginning not earlier than the fourth calendar year prior to the year in which the award occurs. The sales price of new and existing units, which can be lower but may not exceed 90% of the average area purchase price established by the U.S. Treasury Department or as described above.

The methodology used is:

U.S. Treasury Department	X
Local HFA Numbers	

- M. Income Limits, Rent Limits and Affordability:** The Income and Rent Limits used in the SHIP Program are updated annually by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and posted at www.floridahousing.org.

“Affordable” means that monthly rents or mortgage payments including taxes and insurance do not exceed 30 percent of that amount which represents the percentage of the median annual gross income for the households as indicated in Sections 420.9071, F.S. However, it is not the intent to limit an individual household’s ability to devote more than 30% of its income for housing, and housing for which a household devotes more than 30% of its income shall be deemed Affordable if the first institutional mortgage lender is satisfied that the household can afford mortgage payments in excess of the 30% benchmark and in the case of rental housing does not exceed those rental limits adjusted for bedroom size.

- N. Welfare Transition Program:** Should an eligible sponsor be used, a qualification system and selection criteria for applications for Awards to eligible sponsors shall be developed, which includes a description that demonstrates how eligible sponsors that employ personnel from the Welfare Transition Program will be given preference in the selection process.
- O. Monitoring and First Right of Refusal:** In the case of rental housing, the staff and any entity that has administrative authority for implementing the local housing assistance plan assisting rental developments shall annually monitor and determine tenant eligibility or, to the extent another governmental entity provides periodic monitoring and determination, a municipality, county or local housing financing authority may rely on such monitoring and determination of tenant eligibility. However, any loan or grant in the original amount of \$10,000 or less shall not be subject to these annual monitoring and determination of tenant eligibility requirements. Tenant eligibility will be monitored annually for no less than 15 years or the term of assistance whichever is longer unless as specified above. Eligible sponsors that offer rental housing for sale before 15

years or that have remaining mortgages funded under this program must give a first right of refusal to eligible nonprofit organizations for purchase at the current market value for continued occupancy by eligible persons.

P. Administrative Budget: A line-item budget is attached as Exhibit A. The city/county finds that the moneys deposited in the local housing assistance trust fund are necessary to administer and implement the local housing assistance plan.

Section 420.9075 Florida Statute and Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, states: "A county or an eligible municipality may not exceed the 5 percent limitation on administrative costs, unless its governing body finds, by resolution, that 5 percent of the local housing distribution plus 5 percent of program income is insufficient to adequately pay the necessary costs of administering the local housing assistance plan."

Section 420.9075 Florida Statute and Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, further states: "The cost of administering the program may not exceed 10 percent of the local housing distribution plus 5 percent of program income deposited into the trust fund, except that small counties, as defined in s. 120.52(19), and eligible municipalities receiving a local housing distribution of up to \$350,000 may use up to 10 percent of program income for administrative costs." The applicable local jurisdiction has adopted the above findings in the resolution attached as Exhibit E.

Q. Program Administration: Administration of the local housing assistance plan will be performed by:

Entity	Duties	Admin. Fee Percentage
Local Government	Administration of the local housing assistance plan will be wholly performed and maintained by the City of Kissimmee.	10%

R. First-time Homebuyer Definition: For any strategies designed for first-time homebuyers, the following definition will apply: *An individual who has had no ownership in a principal residence during the 3-year period ending on the date of purchase of the property. This includes a spouse (if either meets the above test, they are considered first-time homebuyers). A single parent who has only owned a home with a former spouse while married. An individual who is a displaced homemaker and has only owned with a spouse. An individual who has only owned a principal residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with applicable regulations. An individual who has only owned a property that was not in compliance with state, local or model building codes and which cannot be brought into compliance for less than the cost of constructing a permanent structure.*

S. Project Delivery Costs: Must state the specific strategies and the specific activities that will be charged as a PDC. *State the percentage and/or maximum dollar amount.*

1. Owner Occupied Rehabilitation
 - a. Inspections and write ups – Maximum \$1,200
 - b. Recording and closing fees – Maximum \$1,500
2. Demolition and Reconstruction
 - a. Inspections and write ups – Maximum \$1,200
 - b. Recording and closing fees – Maximum \$1,500

T. Essential Service Personnel Definition (ESP): **ESP includes** teachers and educators, other school district,

community college, and university employees, police and fire personnel, health care personnel, and skilled building trades personnel.

U. Describe efforts to incorporate Green Building and Energy Saving products and processes: The City of Kissimmee will encourage green building requirements in the building specifications for all new construction and rehabilitation projects to include, but not limited to, the following: Energy Star rated windows, appliances, hot water heater and ceiling fans. Low flow plumbing fixtures, insulated exterior doors, increased insulations for walls and ceiling, higher efficiency HVAC units and programmable thermostats.

In building design for redevelopment activities, green building principles will be considered in addition to energy efficiency features. The City will encourage green design features such as native plant landscaping to conserve water; pervious parking surfaces (where permitted); use of gas where available; orientation of buildings to reduce energy demand; and bicycle, pedestrian, and bus amenities to encourage alternatives to automobile transportation. The City will also encourage housing developers to reduce on site impact on natural resources.

V. Describe efforts to meet the 20% Special Needs set-aside:) The City of Kissimmee gives preference to persons applying for the different programs who meet the special needs definition listed in Florida State Statutes 420.0004(13). Depending on availability of funding, the City may provide funding notification to local organizations informing them of opportunities available to provide services to its special needs clients.

W. Describe efforts to reduce homelessness: The City of Kissimmee does not receive direct funding from the McKinney Vento Act program funds; however, the City is an active participant of the Central Florida Continuum of Care. Amongst the efforts to reduce homelessness, the City of Kissimmee provides direct rent assistance and emergency rental assistance (homeless prevention) through the SHIP program. In addition, the City uses CDBG funds to pay for the cost to administer a number of local homeless prevention initiatives. The City Commission has identified as one of their goals for the upcoming years, the design and construction of a non-congregate homeless shelter.

Section II. LHAP Strategies :

A. Purchase Assistance	Code 1,2
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a. Summary: This strategy helps homebuyers with funds to reduce the amount needed to purchase a home.

- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low, low and moderate
- d. Maximum award: \$15,000 for purchase without rehab and \$25,000 for purchase with rehab
- e. Terms:
 - 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Deferred loan secured by a note and mortgage
 - 2. Interest Rate: 0 %
 - 3. Years in loan term: 10
 - 4. Forgiveness: Forgiven at 10% per year

5. Repayment: No repayment required as long as the loan is in good standing
 6. Default: Loan is due and payable if:
 - a. Sale or transfer of property
 - b. Loss of homestead exemption status
 - c. Conversion to rental property
 - d. Failure to occupy the home as primary residence
 - e. Foreclosure
 - f. Death of all parties on the mortgage
 - g. Refinance of first mortgage, in cases where cash out occurs
- f. Recipient Selection Criteria:
1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after submitting an application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.
 2. Participants must be first time homebuyers.
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information:
1. Funds may be used for down payment and closing cost assistance, prepaid items, mortgage principal reduction. When using this strategy, minor rehabilitation items, at a total cost of no more than \$10,000, are also eligible.
 2. New construction or existing single family and attached homes are eligible for assistance.
 3. Applicants must secure first mortgage by a City approved lender or by a not-for-profit organization such as Habitat for Humanity.
 4. The first mortgage must be fixed rate, with no pre-payment penalty, negative amortization, balloon loan, or owner financing.
 5. The assistance from this program can be combined with other DPA programs available through the state or locally.
 6. Counseling from a HUD approved agency trained in foreclosure counseling is mandatory. Proof of program completion is required before assistance can be provided.
 7. The applicant must provide a minimum of \$1,000 towards the purchase of the property.
 8. Taxes and insurance shall be included in an escrow account established and administered by the first mortgage holder or its agent.
 9. Homes must be a single family detached home, townhouse, condominium unit owned fee-simple or manufactured home owned fee simple. Only post 1994 manufactured homes that bear the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Insignia Seal and that are installed according to state guidelines will be eligible for assistance.
 10. If additional funds are provided for needed repairs, these repairs must be done by an eligible license contractor/subcontractor. Proof of eligibility and completion of the work must be provided prior to the City disbursing the moneys to the contractor/subcontractor.
 11. If the home is foreclosed on by a superior mortgage holder, the City will try to recapture funds through the legal process if it is determined that adequate funds may be available to justify pursuing a repayment.
 12. This program is subject to funding availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

B. Owner Occupied Rehabilitation

Code 3, 6

- a. Summary: This strategy is designed to assist eligible homeowners to make the repairs or improvements needed for safe and sanitary habitation, and/or correction of substantial building code noncompliance of single family detached houses, townhouses, and manufacturing homes when the owner owns the land. The Roof Replacement Program falls under this strategy.
- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low
- d. Maximum award: Roof Replacement: \$30,000; Owner Occupied Rehabilitation: \$70,000~~120,000~~
- e. Terms:
1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Deferred loan secured by a note and mortgage
 2. Interest Rate: 0 %
 3. Years in loan term: 5 for Roof Replacement only and 10 for regular Owner Occupied Rehabilitation
 4. Forgiveness: Roof Replacement
 - a. Forgiven at 20% per yearForgiveness: Owner Occupied Rehabilitation
 - a. The loan balance will not decrease during first five years. However, beginning with year 6th to the end of the term, the balance will be forgiven at 20% per year.
 5. Repayment: No repayment required as long as the loan is in good standing
 6. Default: Loan is due and payable if:
 - a. Sale or transfer of property
 - b. Loss of homestead exemption status
 - c. Conversion to rental property
 - d. Failure to occupy the home as primary residence
 - e. Foreclosure
 - f. Death of all parties on the mortgage
 - g. Refinance of first mortgage, in cases where cash out or bill consolidation occurs
- f. Recipient Selection Criteria:
1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after submitting a completed application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information:
1. ~~Not more than e~~Every three (3) years, the City ~~shall seeks out a~~one or more non-profit sub-recipient(s) ~~to that will~~ manage the construction for each rehab job. The agency ~~(ies)~~ is/will be selected through a Request for Application Qualification (RFQ) process. The duties and responsibilities are detailed in the contract between the agency and the City. A third party provides the City with an inspection report and a scope of work. The non-profit agency, after doing its own inspection, provides the City with the final cost for the job. After all parties have accepted, the City, the non-profit agency/contractor, and the homeowner(s) enter into an agreement for the rehabilitation of the

- home.
2. The actual cost of rehabilitating the home and related soft costs (such as closing costs, inspections/testing, and rehabilitation/construction management) are eligible.
 3. Homes requiring emergency repairs shall be given priority in the waiting list and receive rehabilitation assistance first. Emergency repairs may include but are not limited to: structural damage, unsafe electrical, plumbing, water damage, mold remediation and issues with lateral water/sewer connections. In certain situations a damaged roof may be consider an emergency (for example, if the roof is leaking profusely or part of the roof or ceiling in the living area of the house comes in). Households with persons with special needs shall also be given priority over all others.
 4. All homes eligible for rehabilitation must be owner occupied and owned with fee simple title.
 5. All mortgages, taxes, and special assessments must be current.
 6. The applicant must maintain sufficient hazard insurance for the term of the SHIP lien. If the homeowner does not have hazard insurance, SHIP funds may be used to purchase hazard insurance for a period not to exceed one year. Insurance must be in place at the completion of the construction project.
 7. The property assisted must be free of liens and judgements. Homes with reverse mortgage loans may only participate in the program if the request for rehabilitation is deemed an emergency by the City's inspector, the City Manager or designee may approve on a case-by-case basis.
 8. From time to time, the City may receive requests from local social service organizations to assist their clients with emergency repairs. If the client, is either very low income with special needs or very low income they will be considered for emergency repairs assistance; even though, they were not on the waiting list.
 9. The loan is not assumable.
 10. If the home is foreclosed by a superior mortgage holder, the City will try to recapture funds through the legal process if it is determined that adequate funds may be available to justify pursuing a repayment.
 11. This program is subject to funding availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

C. Demolition and Reconstruction	Code 4
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a. Summary: This strategy is designed to provide funding when the home being considered under the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program is damaged to the extent that is not feasible to repair as determined by an inspection and/or the estimated cost exceeds \$70,000.
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- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low
- d. Maximum award: \$~~165,000~~250,000
- e. Terms:
 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Deferred loan secured by a note and mortgage
 2. Interest Rate: 0 %
 3. Years in loan term: Up to 30; depending on amount of assistance provided:

Amount of Assistance	Years
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\$70,001– \$95,000 <u>\$120,001-152,500</u>	15 years
\$95,001– \$120,000 <u>\$152,501- 185,000</u>	20 years
\$120,001– \$145,000 <u>\$185,001- \$217,500</u>	25 years
\$145,001– \$165,000 <u>217,501-250,000</u>	30 years

4. Forgiveness: The loan balance will not decrease during first five years. However, beginning with year 6th to the end of the term, the balance will be prorated accordingly based on the remaining years of the loan.
5. Repayment: No repayment required as long as the loan is in good standing
6. Default: Loan is due and payable if:
 - a. Sale or transfer of property
 - b. Loss of homestead exemption status
 - c. Conversion to rental property
 - d. Failure to occupy the home as primary residence
 - e. Foreclosure
 - f. Death of all parties on the mortgage
 - g. Refinance of first mortgage, in cases where cash out or bill consolidation occurs

f. Recipient Selection Criteria:

1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after submitting a completed application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.

g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A

h. Additional Information:

1. ~~Not more than e~~Every three (3) years, the City shall seeks out ~~one or more~~ non-profit sub-recipient(s) ~~to~~ that will manage the construction for each rehab job. The agency is selected through a Request for ~~Application~~ Qualification (RFQ) process. The duties and responsibilities are detailed in the contract between the agency and the City. A third party provides the City with an inspection report and a scope of work. The non-profit agency, after doing its own inspection, provides the City with the final cost for the job. After all parties have accepted, the City, the non-profit agency/contractor, and the homeowner(s) enter into an agreement for the rehabilitation of the home.
2. The actual cost of rehabilitating the home and related soft costs (such as closing costs, inspections/testing, rehabilitation/construction management and temporary lodging) are eligible.
3. Homes requiring emergency repairs shall be given priority and receive rehabilitation assistance first. Emergency repairs may include but are not limited to: structural damage, unsafe electrical, plumbing, water damage, mold remediation and issues with lateral water/sewer connections. In certain situations a damaged roof may be consider an emergency (for example, if the roof is leaking profusely

or part of the roof or ceiling in the living area of the house comes in). Households with persons with special needs shall also be given priority over all others.

4. All homes eligible for rehabilitation must be owner occupied and owned with fee simple title.
5. All mortgages, taxes, and special assessments must be current.
6. The applicant must maintain sufficient hazard insurance for the term of the SHIP lien. If the homeowner does not have hazard insurance, SHIP funds may be used to purchase hazard insurance for a period not to exceed one year. Insurance must be in place at the completion of the construction project.
7. The property assisted must be free of liens and judgements.
8. If there is an outstanding first mortgage on the property, the mortgage holder must agree to the demolition and reconstruction.
9. Homes with reverse mortgage loans may only participate in the program if the request for rehabilitation is deemed an emergency by the City's designated inspector, the City Manager or designee may approve on a case-by-case basis.
10. The loan is not assumable.
11. If the home is foreclosed by a superior mortgage holder, the City will try to recapture funds through the legal process if it is determined that adequate funds may be available to justify pursuing a repayment.
12. This program is subject to funding availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

D. Disaster Assistance – Owner-Occupied Housing	Code 5
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a. Summary: This strategy provides assistance to households following a disaster as declared by the President of the United States or Governor of the State of Florida.

b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low

d. Maximum award: \$20,000

e. Terms:

1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Grant (Purchase of emergency grants, interim repairs, deductible assistance, temporary housing, utility assistance)
2. Interest Rate: N/A
3. Years in loan term: N/A
4. Forgiveness: N/A
5. Repayment: N/A
6. Default: N/A

f. Recipient Selection Criteria:

1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first ready, first qualified basis after submitting a completed application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.

g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A

h. Additional Information:

1. Funds will be used for:
 - a. Purchase of emergency supplies for eligible households to weatherproof damages homes (maximum assistance is \$500, grant);
 - b. Interim repairs to avoid further damage such as tree and debris removal required to make the individual housing unit habitable (maximum assistance is \$15,000, grant);
 - c. Deductible assistance (maximum assistance is \$20,000, single family only, grant);
 - d. Temporary housing (hotel/motel stays) (maximum assistance is \$150 (per night), up to a maximum of \$750, grant)
 - e. Utility Assistance (up to \$400, grant)
 - f. Other activities as proposed by the City of Kissimmee and approved by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
2. This program will only be implemented in the event of a disaster using any funds that have not yet been encumbered or additional disaster funds issued by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
3. This program is subject to funding availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

E. Foreclosure Prevention	Code 7
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a. Summary: Assistance under this strategy is to help existing homeowners within the City of Kissimmee to maintain ownership of their homes.
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- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low
- d. Maximum award: \$16,000
 1. Foreclosure Prevention - \$10,000;
 2. Taxes and Insurance - \$5,000; and,
 3. Utility Protection - \$1,000
- e. Terms:
 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Grant
 2. Interest Rate: N/A
 3. Years in loan term: N/A
 4. Forgiveness: N/A
 5. Repayment: N/A
 6. Default: N/A
- f. Recipient Selection Criteria:
 1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after submitting a completed application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information:
 1. Funds may be used to:
 - a. Provide assistance to homeowners under threat of foreclosure from mortgage holders because of circumstances beyond their control;
 - b. Pay delinquent property taxes and homeowners insurance in eligible households; and

- c. Provide assistance to homeowners who are delinquent in their utility bills and threatened with shut off utilities.
2. The loan must be at least 2 months in arrears. Assistance cannot be provided if foreclosure proceedings against the property have started, before the mortgagor files a Lis Pendens.
 3. The payment of attorney fees is not eligible.
 4. Property shall have no other liens other than the first mortgage or previous SHIP, CDBG, or NSP lien.
 5. Applicant must provide proof of arrearage in the form of notification from the mortgage holder and provide evidence of a hardship that caused the arrearage (health issue, loss of employment/income, death of household member, divorce).
 6. The applicant must provide evidence of their ability to resume making payments after the assistance is used.
 7. Counseling from a HUD approved agency is mandatory. Proof of counseling is required before assistance can be provided. SHIP funds may be used to pay for the counseling session.
 8. Payments to homeowners associations and attorney fees are not eligible.
 9. Assistance under this program is restricted to one occurrence within a three (3) year period.
 10. This program is subject to fund availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

F. New Construction – Infill Housing	Code 10
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a. Summary: This program is designed to increase the stock of affordable housing. The City of Kissimmee will award funds to developers for the construction of single family housing for eligible home buyers.

- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low
- d. Maximum award: \$25,000 per unit
- e. Terms: Developer:
 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Funds will be awarded as a deferred loan secured by a note and mortgage until conveyed to the buyer.
 2. Interest Rate: 0 %
 3. Years in loan term: 2
 4. Forgiveness: The loan will be forgiven upon the sale of the unit to an income eligible homebuyer.
 5. Repayment: No repayment required as long as the developer transfers the property to an eligible buyer.
 6. Default: Failure to receive a certificate of occupancy and transfer ownership to an eligible homebuyer at the agreed sales price within 2 years of receiving the award.

- Terms: Homebuyer:
1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Funds will be awarded as a deferred loan secured by a note and mortgage.
 2. Interest Rate: 0 %
 3. Years in loan term: 10
 2. Repayment: No repayment required as long as loan is in good standing.

3. Default: Loan is due and payable if:
 - a. Sale or transfer of property
 - b. Loss of homestead exemption status
 - c. Conversion to rental property
 - d. Failure to occupy the home as primary residence
 - e. Foreclosure
 - f. Death of all parties on the mortgage
 - g. Refinance of first mortgage, in cases where cash out or bill consolidation occurs

h. Recipient Selection Criteria (Homebuyer):

1. Assistance shall only be provided to first time homebuyers.
2. Eligible homebuyers will be selected by the Developer/Owner on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after submitting a completed application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.

g. Sponsor Selection Criteria:

1. Developers will be scored and selected based on their experience, their financial capacity and the merits of the project.
2. Preference will be given to non-profit and for-profit organizations that hire personnel from Welfare transition, Workforce Development initiatives and other employment assistance programs and to projects located near transportation, employment centers, and/or mixed used development will be given preference during the selection process.
3. Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee made up of City staff and AHAC members.

h. Additional Information:

1. The awarded funds may be used to leverage expenses such as:
 - a. Land acquisition
 - b. Pre-development costs (i.e. mobility fees and parks and recreation impact fees), and,
 - c. Vertical construction.
2. Project applications will be available throughout the year.
3. The buyer(s) must qualify and obtain a first mortgage by a lender or by a not-for-profit organization such as Habitat for Humanity.
4. Anyone who is listed on the mortgage must complete at least eight (8) hours of homebuyer’s education through a HUD approved housing counseling agency. Proof of program completion is required before assistance can be provided.
5. If the home is foreclosed by a superior mortgage holder, the City will try to recapture funds through the legal process if it is determined that adequate funds may be available to justify pursuing a repayment.
6. This program is subject to fund availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

G. New Construction – Rental	Code 21
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a. Summary: This program will be used to leverage other available funding to develop rental housing. The City of Kissimmee will award funds to developers for the construction of multifamily housing for eligible renters. This funding will be used as a local government match for developers participating in the different Florida Housing Finance Corporation programs.

- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low
- d. Maximum award: \$50,000 per project and \$5,000 per unit
- e. Terms:
 - 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Deferred loan secured by a note and mortgage
 - 2. Interest Rate: 0%
 - 3. Years in loan term: 20
 - 4. Forgiveness: Forgiven at the end of the term
 - 5. Repayment: None required as long as loan is in good standing
 - 6. Default:
 - a. Sale, transfer of property
 - b. Refinance of first mortgage
 - c. Foreclosure
- f. Recipient Selection Criteria (Tenant):
 - 1. Eligible tenants will be selected by the Developer/Owner based on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after submitting a completed application and providing all requested written documentation.
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria:
 - 1. Project applications will be available throughout the year.
 - 2. Developers will be scored and selected based on their experience, their financial capacity and the merits of the project.
 - 4. Preference will be given to non-profit and for-profit organizations that hire personnel from Welfare transition, Workforce Development initiatives and other employment assistance programs and to projects located near transportation, employment centers, and/or mixed used development will be given preference during the selection process.
 - 5. In the event that the Florida Housing Finance Corporation approves more than one project and local funding is not available, preference will be given to the project that provides the highest percentage of units for very low and low income households as defined by the area median income limits as published by HUD and distributed by Florida Housing Finance Corporation on an annual basis.
 - 6. Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee made up of City staff and AHAC members.
- h. Additional Information:
 - 1. Projects awarded these funds must be located in the City of Kissimmee and must have been approved by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to receive funding.
 - 2. Projects will be monitored annually for 20 years regardless of the units involved. When pairing it with other programs, the monitoring of those other programs may be used to satisfy the SHIP compliance requirement.
 - 3. This program is subject to fund availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

H. Security and/or Utility Deposits	Code 23
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a. Summary: This program helps renter households to pay for the security and/or utility deposits on their new lease agreements.

- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low
- d. Maximum award: \$5,000
- e. Terms:
 - 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Grant
 - 2. Interest Rate: N/A
 - 3. Years in loan term: N/A
 - 4. Forgiveness: N/A
 - 5. Repayment: N/A
 - 6. Default: N/A
- f. Recipient Selection Criteria:
 - 1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after submitting a completed application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information:
 - 1. All rental units assisted must meet SHIP affordability requirements.
 - 2. Applicant must be able to show proof of Osceola County residency for the prior year. The issuance date of the driver’s license or ID shall be used to document residency. Residency requirements will not apply to households seeking assistance as a result of relocating to Osceola County due to a natural disaster.
 - 3. Assistance under this program is restricted to one occurrence within a three (3) year period.
 - 4. If at all possible, the City shall enter into an agreement with the management company or the utility company to be reimbursed for the deposit or any remaining portion of it after the tenant moves out of the rental property.
 - 5. This program is subject to fund availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

I. Rental Assistance (Tenant)	Code 13
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a. Summary: Also known as the Eviction Prevention program. This program helps renter households because they are delinquent on their rent due to a crisis and/or hardship with up to three months assistance.

- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low
- d. Maximum award: \$5,000
- e. Terms:
 - 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Grant

2. Interest Rate: N/A
3. Years in loan term: N/A
4. Forgiveness: N/A
5. Repayment: N/A
6. Default: N/A

f. Recipient Selection Criteria:

1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after submitting a completed application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.

g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A

h. Additional Information:

1. Applicant must provide proof of arrearage in the form of notification from the landlord and provide evidence of a hardship that caused the arrearage (health issue, loss of employment/income, death of household member, divorce).
2. There must be a signed lease between the landlord and tenant, with a length of no less than one (1) year.
3. The rental unit must meet SHIP affordability requirements.
4. Applicant must provide evidence of their ability to maintain making their own monthly rental payments after the assistance is used.
5. Assistance under this program is restricted to one occurrence within a three (3) year period.
6. This program is subject to fund availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

J. Disaster Assistance – Rental Housing	Code 16
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a. Summary: This strategy provides assistance to renters following a disaster as declared by the President of the United States or Governor of the State of Florida.

b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low

d. Maximum award: \$5,000 per unit

e. Terms:

1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Grant (Purchase of emergency grants, interim repairs, deductible assistance, roof repairs, temporary housing, utility assistance); Loan (insurance deductible)
2. Interest Rate: 0
3. Years in loan term: 15 years
4. Forgiveness: Forgiven at the end of the term
5. Repayment: None required as long as loan is in good standing
6. Default:
 - a. Sale, transfer of property
 - b. Refinance of first mortgage
 - c. Foreclosure

- f. Recipient Selection Criteria:
 1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first ready, first qualified basis after submitting a completed application to the City of Kissimmee and providing all requested written documentation.
 2. The City of Kissimmee may also work directly with apartment complexes that have been impacted by the disaster.
- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A
- h. Additional Information:
 1. Funds will be used for:
 - a. Purchase of emergency supplies for eligible households to weatherproof damages homes (maximum assistance is \$500; grant);
 - b. Interim repairs to avoid further damage such as tree and debris removal required to make the individual housing unit habitable (maximum assistance is \$5,000; grant);
 - c. Deductible assistance (maximum assistance per unit is \$5,000; maximum assistance per project is \$50,000; loan)
 - d. Roof Repairs (maximum assistance is \$20,000; single family structures only; loan)
 - e. Rental Assistance; and/or temporary housing (hotel/motel stays) (maximum amount is \$150 per night, not to exceed \$750; grant)
 - f. Other activities as proposed by the City of Kissimmee and approved by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
 2. This program will only be implemented in the event of a disaster using any funds that have not yet been encumbered or additional disaster funds issued by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
 3. This program is subject to funding availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

K. Rapid Rehousing	Code 26
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a. Summary: Rapid Re-Housing is an intervention program using a housing first approach for homeless, as defined in s. 420.621, when the person initially qualified for a rent subsidy. This program involves three Core program components that make up a tailored package of assistance including housing identification, rent and move in assistance, and rapid rehousing case management and services (the last one is not paid by SHIP dollars).

- b. Fiscal Years Covered: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025
- c. Income Categories to be served: Very low and low
- d. Maximum award: \$15,000
- e. Terms:
 1. Repayment loan/deferred loan/grant: Grant
 2. Interest Rate: N/A
 3. Years in loan term: N/A
 4. Forgiveness: N/A
 5. Repayment: N/A
 6. Default: N/A

- f. Recipient Selection Criteria:
 1. Participants will be selected for assistance based on a first qualified, first served basis with priorities described in Section I.I after providing all requested information.
 2. Applicants who are homeless must be referred by a social service agency that serves homeless populations, preferably through the local Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry system and tracked through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 3. Self-referrals are not allowed.

- g. Sponsor Selection Criteria: N/A

- h. Additional Information:
 1. Funds may be used to:
 - a. Provide assistance for security and utility deposit assistance ;
 - b. Pay for rent subsidies for up to 12 months;
 - c. Pay sub-recipient a reasonable service delivery fee, if fee is related to administering the program, and it does not pay for case management.
 2. The City of Kissimmee intends to partner with Osceola County or with a non-profit agency that has past experience working with the target population and/or with similar programs and the capacity to implement this program. The agency is selected through a Request for Application process.
 3. All rental units assisted must meet SHIP affordability requirements.
 4. Applicant must be able to show proof of Osceola County residency for the prior year. The issuance date of the driver’s license or ID shall be used to document residency. Residency requirements will not apply to households seeking assistance as a result of relocating to Osceola County after a major hurricane.
 5. Case management is an integral part of this program so the program participants are required to meet with their appointed case managers and follow a case management plan.
 6. Assistance is individualized, based on need.
 7. The period of assistance may not exceed 12 months for an eligible household.
 8. The City of Kissimmee and Osceola County have an Interlocal Agreement to allow the use of the City’s SHIP funds for Rapid Re-Housing across jurisdictional lines within the unincorporated area of the county.
 9. This program is subject to fund availability and may not be available every fiscal year.

III. LHAP Incentive Strategies

In addition to the **required Incentive Strategy A and Strategy B**, include all adopted incentives with the policies and procedures used for implementation as provided in Section 420.9076, F.S.:

- A. Name of the Strategy: **Expedited Permitting**
 Permits as defined in s. 163.3177 (6) (f) (3) for affordable housing projects are expedited to a greater degree than other projects.

Provide a description of the procedures used to implement this strategy:

The current process used to expedite permits is as follow:

1. A developer must provide documentation to the City’s Housing Program staff their project has

received funding in whole or in part from federal, state, or local agencies and that a portion of the units are to benefit low and moderate income persons as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. The Housing and Community Development staff will review the documentation submitted by the developer to determine if the project meets the requirements to be considered “affordable housing”.
3. The Housing and Community Development staff will then provide the developer with a Notification form (on bright color paper) which details the particulars regarding the project and signed by the Housing and Community Development staff.
4. The Notification form is then submitted by the developer or their contractor with applicable applications for building permits or development permits, which indicate that the project is a publicly funded affordable housing project and that the review process should be expedited to the greatest extent possible.
5. Review staff shall indicate on the forms the date of submission and approval and return the form to the Housing and Community Development staff so that they can track and report the city’s efforts to implement the expedited permitting requirement.

This process has been adopted as a policy.

B. Name of the Strategy: **Ongoing Review Process**

An ongoing process for review of local policies, ordinances, regulations and plan provisions that increase the cost of housing prior to their adoption.

Provide a description of the procedures used to implement this strategy:

The City of Kissimmee has established a process by which the local government considers before adopting policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan revisions if it increases the cost of housing. Land Development Code (LDC) amendments and Comprehensive Plan amendments are reviewed by the Planning Division, the Planning Advisory Board, and the City Commission. Final review and approval is by City Commission. Those responsible for reviewing proposed ordinance and policy amendments consider a variety of issues including the reason(s) why the amendment is being proposed and whether the regulations and policies within the LDC and the Comprehensive Plan support the proposed amendment.

One of the recommendations included in the 2021 Annual AHAC Report is for staff from the initiating department/ division shall meet with the Housing staff to discuss the impact of the policy on the cost of affordable housing. During the review of the proposed policy or regulation, the housing staff shall perform research on the impacts of that policy or regulation on housing cost and provide the results in the form of an impact analysis (Housing Impact Statement) to the AHAC at an upcoming meeting. It is expected that staff is going to develop the Housing Impact Statement template for AHAC review in 2022.

C. Other Incentive Strategies Adopted: After the review of the incentives conducted in 2021, the following recommendations were made:

Modification of Impact Fees

- a. Existing Strategy: In lieu of an impact fee reduction or reimbursement, the City of Kissimmee includes in its Local Housing Assistance Plan a strategy that gives developers a financial incentive

in the amount of \$20,000 as a contribution to affordable housing projects if they are participating in the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's funding process. In years when SHIP funding was not available the City Commission has waived building permit fees in the amount of \$20,000 as a local government contribution for the construction of affordable housing. However, this is not a standing policy.

- b. Proposed Recommendation: Develop a policy to offer reimbursement of mobility fees and park and recreation impact fees for affordable housing developments based on a sliding scale related to the level of affordability and subject to availability of funding.

Flexible Densities

- a. Existing Strategy: The Kissimmee City Code allows for a density bonus of 5% if the development sets aside at least 10% of its units as affordable housing. These units must remain affordable for up to 30 years.
- b. Proposed Recommendation: In order for developments to be eligible for a density bonus of 5%, the development must set aside at least 20% of its units as affordable housing. These units must remain affordable for up to 15 years.

Affordable Accessory Residential Units

- a. Existing Strategy: Accessory dwelling units are permitted in most zoning districts provided they meet the requirements of the Land Development Code.
- b. Proposed Recommendation: City should not include attached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in the density calculations for any of the zoning districts; however, the attached ADU should be included in the calculation for infrastructure for the purpose of calculating mobility fees, impact fees and connection fees. In addition, the City should remove the requirement that the principal structure be owner occupied.

Public Land Inventory

- a. Existing Strategy: The current list, which was reviewed and adopted in 2019, includes all of the parcels of land owned by the City, not just those that are appropriate for the development of affordable housing.
- b. Proposed Recommendation: Housing staff shall prepare the inventory list of surplus land including only those parcels that are appropriate for affordable housing and to draft guidelines for a Surplus Land for Affordable Housing Program. The program shall include guidelines on parcel identification, oversight, disposition procedures, affordability requirements, etc.

Support of Development Near Transportation Hubs

- a. Existing Strategy: There is not a strategy to provide financial support of development near transportation hubs at this time.
- b. Proposed Recommendation: The City shall encourage housing developments that meet the

definition of either affordable housing or workforce housing and are located near transportation, employment centers, and/or mixed used development through available funding sources and/or regulatory incentives.

Other:

Community Land Trust

- a. Existing Strategy: There is not a strategy to support community land trusts at this time.
- b. Proposed Recommendation: The Community Land Trust model shall be evaluated as a potential program for affordable housing in the City of Kissimmee.

Definition of Affordable and Workforce Housing Developments

- a. Existing Strategy: There is not a strategy that defines affordable and workforce housing at this time.
- b. Proposed Recommendation: Affordable Housing Developments– Developments in which at least 20% of the units are set aside and meet the definition of affordable housing as defined in Chapter 420 of the Florida Statutes. Workforce Housing – No separate definition was recommended since housing units set aside for persons earning between 80% to 120% are already included in the above definition.

Most of the recommendations listed above are expected to be adopted in 2022.

IV. EXHIBITS:

Required

- A. Administrative Budget for each fiscal year covered in the Plan.
- B. Timeline for Estimated Encumbrance and Expenditure.
- C. Housing Delivery Goals Chart (HDGC) For Each Fiscal Year Covered in the plan.
- D. Signed LHAP Certification.
- E. Signed, dated, witnessed or attested adopting resolution.

Optional

- F. Ordinance: (If changed from the original creating ordinance).
- G. Interlocal Agreement (Required if applicable).
- H. Other Documents Incorporated by Reference.