



**Marion County
Board of County Commissioners**

Community Services

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**Marion County
Notice of SHIP Funds Available
For Housing Assistance**

STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP

Marion County has been allocated \$1,359,612 in 2015/2016 State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP) funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The County does not have any waiting lists and will continue accepting applications for these programs until the funds have been expended. All applicants are processed on a first come first ready basis.

Funds are available for four strategies:

PURCHASE ASSISTANCE: Down payment/ closing cost assistance to homebuyers able to qualify for a mortgage loan from a participating SHIP lender

HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION: To correct substandard conditions for owner-occupied housing units.

FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION: Loan assistance to eligible homeowners with mortgages to prevent foreclosure.

RENTAL / TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: Assists non-profit housing providers with funding to construct or rehabilitate affordable rental or transitional housing for very low and low income households, particularly special needs households as defined by Florida Statute.

Additional information and applications may be found on the Marion County website at <http://www.marioncountyfl.org/departments-agencies/departments-a-n/community-services>, or by calling (352) 671-8770, or in person at Marion County Community Services, 2631 SE Third Street, Ocala, FL 34471. Marion County's local SHIP Administrator is Jody Cone, Program Coordinator. Reports are available for inspection on the web site listed above. Strategies are subject to State approval and funding.



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