

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-325

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 25, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation; approval of employee positions

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$4,126,133 in annual grant funds from Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. It authorizes the continuation of 4 grant-funded positions in the Neighborhoods Department's Housing and Community Development Division.

Background Information: The Florida Housing Finance Corporation provides funds to local governments as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing. The program is designed to serve very low, low, and moderate income families. SHIP dollars may be used to fund emergency repairs, new construction, rehabilitation, downpayment and closing assistance, acquisition of property for affordable housing purposes, matching dollars for federal housing grants and programs, and homeownership counseling. The funds being appropriated by this ordinance will be used for the City's Headstart to Homeownership program, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program, matching funds for the City's federal CDBG Disaster Recovery grant and the costs associated with the administration and delivery of the programs.

The 4 positions funded by this grant are an Affordable Housing Assistant Administrator, a Housing Services Manager, a Housing Loan Analyst and a Human Services Planner 1.

Policy Impact Area: Affordable housing

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$4,126,133 in state grant funds with no local match required. The City uses a portion of the funding to meet the match requirements of the federal HOME Investment Partnerships program and the federal CDBG-DR disaster recovery grant.

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