

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2021-771

**Sponsor:** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** October 12, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R

**Date of Analysis:** October 12, 2021

**Type of Action:** Approval of Local Housing Assistance Plan

**Bill Summary:** This bill gives approval to the Local Housing Assistance Plan which is required by the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Act, for FY 21-22, FY 22-23, and FY 23-24.

**Background Information:** The State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Act, Sections 420.907 – 420.9079, Florida Statutes (the “SHIP Act”), and Rule Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, requires local governments to develop a one- to three-year Local Housing Assistance Plan outlining how funds will be used. The SHIP Act requires local governments to establish the maximum SHIP funds allowable for each strategy. The SHIP Act further requires local governments to establish an average area purchase price of new and existing housing benefitting from awards made pursuant to the SHIP Act, with the methodology and purchase prices used defined in the Local Housing Assistance Plan. The Housing and Community Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department has prepared a three-year Local Housing Assistance Plan (the “Plan”) for submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

As required by Section 420.9075, Florida Statutes, it is found that 5% of the local housing distribution plus 5% of program income is insufficient to adequately pay the necessary costs of administering the Local Housing Assistance Plan; the cost of administering the program may not exceed 10% of the local housing distribution plus 5% of program income deposited into the trust fund, except that small counties as defined in Section 120.52(17), Florida Statutes, and ineligible municipalities receiving a local housing distribution of up to \$350,000.00 may use up to 10% of program income for administrative costs.

**Policy Impact Area:** Approval of housing plan

**Fiscal Impact:** To be determined

**Analyst:** Distel