

**Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
Wakulla County Housing Authority
Announces the Availability of
State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funds
for the State Fiscal Years 2014/2015**

The Wakulla County Housing Authority announces approximately \$315,000 in funding covering new funds for 2014/2014 (which excludes administration costs) available through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program to be used for the following Local Housing Assistance Plan strategies: Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Purchase Assistance. Please note that funding for rehabilitation will only be used to support existing housing. The strategies are as follows:

- **Homebuyer Purchase Assistance Strategy**

The purpose of this strategy is to provide down payment assistance and principle reduction to first-time homebuyers that are eligible under the SHIP guidelines. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$15,000. Potential homebuyers will be required to qualify for a mortgage through a financial institution. Up to \$15,000 may be applied towards securing the home. Homebuyers may not have claimed homestead exemption in the last three years. Funds will be awarded on a first come, first ready-to-close basis. Funding for this category is very limited.

- **Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation/Replacement Strategy**

The purpose of this strategy is to provide repairs or improvements needed for safe and sanitary rehabilitation or replacement and/or correction of code violations. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$35,000 for Rehabilitation or \$75,000 for Replacement. The decision on whether or not the house is to be considered for replacement or rehabilitation will be made by Wakulla County. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be occupied by the owner in order to be considered for rehabilitation or replacement. Applicants are limited to assistance once every (10) years. Applications will be considered as directed by the Local Housing Assistance Plan.

All interested persons will need to initially apply or re-apply. SHIP Applications will be available beginning Monday, November 3, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, EST, Monday thru Friday by **calling Government Services Group, Inc. at (850) 325-6288** or via online at www.mywakulla.com. Applications will **NOT** be accepted prior to Thursday, December 4, 2014. Applications are due no later than Thursday, December 4 between 12:00 Noon, EST and 4:00 PM. No applications will be accepted after the designated time. Applications submitted via mail **WILL NOT** be accepted. All applications must be **hand-delivered** to the following address on **Thursday, December 4 between 12:00 Noon, EST and 4:00 PM.**

**Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners
3093 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, Florida 32327**

Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations shall contact purchasing at the phone number listed above at least 5 business days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1.800.955.8771 (TDD). Questions regarding the SHIP program and application process should be directed to Government Services Group, Inc., at (850) 325-6288.

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