

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF CLEARWATER, FL
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM FOR
FY 2025-2026**

The City of Clearwater anticipates receiving \$907,085 for fiscal year 2025-2026 funding distributed by Florida Housing Finance Corporation through and operated under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. Eligible strategies are: purchase assistance for newly constructed and existing homes, owner occupied rehabilitation, multi-family housing, disaster mitigation and other activities included in its Local Housing Assistance Plan. A copy of the Local Housing Assistance Plan is available from the contact person identified below or via the City's website www.myclearwater.com/affordablehousing.

These funds will primarily be used to assist eligible homebuyers in the purchase of homes within the city limits of Clearwater. For current homeowners, rehabilitation assistance may be provided to assist with code deficiencies within their dwellings. For disabled households, financial assistance may be provided for modifications to remove barriers and make housing accessible. Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction, loans will be made available to eligible sponsors for the acquisition, demolition, site improvement, rehabilitation or new construction of affordable homeownership housing for income-eligible homebuyers. Rental housing, loans will be made available to eligible sponsors for the acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of affordable rental housing units for income-eligible households.

Applications for funded strategies will be made available between July, 2025 and June 30, 2026. Preference will be given to persons with special needs as defined in Florida Statute 420.0004(13).

Assistance is available to households whose maximum income is at or below 120% of Area Median Income. Priority will be given to households at 80% or below Area Median Income.

For further information, contact Ms. Terry Malcolm-Smith at 727-444-4176 or via email at terry.malcolm-smith@myclearwater.com; or in person at the City of Clearwater Economic Development & Housing Department located at 509 S. East Avenue, Suite 227, Clearwater, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

