

Housing & Community Development Division Special Needs Housing Program

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The Special Needs Housing Program is an eligible activity and is under the Rental Construction Program. Through an interlocal agreement, the City of Gainesville and Alachua County will jointly sponsor a fund targeted to the construction and rehabilitation of housing for persons with special needs. Funds may be available for **qualified sponsors** who serve income eligible households of persons with special housing needs which include, but are not limited to: persons with developmental disabilities; persons with mental illnesses or chemical dependency; persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (“AIDS”) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (“HIV”) disease, runaway and abandoned youth; the elderly; and disabled adults. New construction and rehabilitation are eligible activities.

Who is eligible?

Eligible **sponsor/developer (person or organization with special needs housing for rehabilitation or special needs new construction project)** may submit an application at any time for assistance. Applications for assistance under this program will be reviewed and approved on a first-come, first-ready-to-close basis based on **funding availability**. The Sponsor’s housing units must meet SHIP Program criteria.

A mortgage is recorded on the property. Funds are provided to sponsors/developers at a 0% interest rate, 15 year due on sale loan. The housing must remain affordable and occupied by income eligible beneficiaries for a period of 15 years. All SHIP assisted rental properties constructed, rehabilitated or otherwise assisted from the local housing assistance trust fund must be monitored at least annually for 15 years or the term of assistance, whichever is longer, for compliance with tenant income and affordability requirements.

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