RESOLUTION 2001-77

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (HAP) COVERING STATE FISCAL 2001/02, 2002/03, AND 2003/04, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida, has been eligible to receive funding under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program since inception in 1992;

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for continued SHIP funding by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC), St. Johns County must adopt a Local Housing Assistance Plan that provides a concise description of its Housing Program Strategies and Local Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County finds that five percent of the local housing distribution and five percent of program income are insufficient to adequately pay the administrative costs of the Local Housing Assistance Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that the SHIP HAP covering FY 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04 is adopted as follows.

SECTION 1: The HAP contains provisions for eight Program Strategies: Purchase Assistance--New Construction; Purchase Assistance--Existing House with Rehabilitation; Rehabilitation (owner-occupied); Disaster Recovery and Mitigation; Non-Profit Developers; Utility Tap/Connect Fees; Rental: Apartment Complex; Rental: Special Needs Housing.

SECTION 2: Ten percent of St. Johns County SHIP allocation plus five percent of program income shall be used for the administration of the program.

SECTION 3: All SHIP funds allocated, awarded, and amended by the State of Florida in the years covered by the HAP are hereby accepted.

SECTION 4: The County Administrator is hereby authorized to reflect any subsequent budgetary changes of the FHFC Housing Delivery Goals Charts related to this HAP.

SECTION 5: This Resolution becomes effective on the date it is passed and adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Mary F. Kohnke, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

CERTIFICATION TO FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

- (1) The local government will advertise the availability of SHIP funds pursuant to Florida Statutes.
- (2) All SHIP funds will be expended in a manner which will insure that there will be no discrimination on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, age, sex, familial or marital status, handicap, or national origin.
- (3) A process for selection of recipients for funds has been developed.
- (4) The eligible municipality or county has developed a qualification system for applications for awards.
- (5) Recipients of funds will be required to contractually commit to program guidelines.
- (6) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation will be notified promptly if the local government (or interlocal entity) will be unable to comply with the provisions the plan.
- (7) The Local Housing Assistance Plan shall provide for the expenditure of SHIP funds within 24 months following the end of the State fiscal year in which they are received.
- (8) The plan conforms to the Local Government Comprehensive Plan, or that an amendment to the Local Government Comprehensive Plan will be initiated at the next available opportunity to insure conformance with the Local Housing Assistance Plan.
- (9) Amendments to the approved Local Housing Assistance Plan shall be provided to the Corporation with in 21 days after adoption.
- (10) The trust fund shall be established with a qualified depository for all SHIP funds as well as moneys generated from activities such as interest earned on loans.
- (11) Amounts on deposit in the local housing assistance trust fund shall be invested as permitted by law.
- (12) The local housing assistance trust fund shall be separately stated as a special revenue fund in the local governments audited financial statements, copies of the audits will be forwarded to the Corporation as soon as available.
- (13) An interlocal entity shall have its local housing assistance trust fund separately audited for each state fiscal year, and the audit forwarded to the Corporation as soon as possible.

- (14) SHIP funds will not be pledged for debt service on bonds or as rent subsidies.
- Operation (15) Developers receiving assistance from both SHIP and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program shall comply with the income, affordability and other LIHTC requirements, Similarly, any units receiving assistance from other federal programs shall comply with all Federal and SHIP program requirements.
- (16) Loans shall be provided for periods not exceeding 30 years, except for deferred payment loans or loans that extend beyond 30 years which continue to service eligible persons.
- (17) Rental Units constructed or rehabilitated with SHIP funds shall be monitored at least annually for 15 years for compliance with tenant income requirements and affordability requirements.

Witness	Chief Elected Official
Witness	Mary F. Kohnke, Chair, St. John Board of County Commissioner
4-17-01 Date	
OR	
Cheryl Strickland, Clerk	
Attest: (Seal) Patricia De France	