

Details about SHIP and SPECIAL NEEDS Assistance

SHIP 13/14 Allocation: \$40 Million

SHIP 14/15 Allocation: \$100 Million

Legislative and Statutory Language

SB 1852 Section 10. (3)

(3) Of the funding provided in this section, each local government must use a minimum of 20 percent of its allocation to serve persons with special needs as defined in s. 420.0004, Florida Statutes. Before this portion of the allocation is released by FHFC, a local government must certify that it will meet this requirement through existing approved strategies in the local assistance plan or submit a new local housing assistance plan strategy for this purpose to the FHFC for approval to ensure that it meets these specifications. The first priority of these special needs funds must be to use them for persons with developmental disabilities as defined in s. 393.063, Florida Statutes, with an emphasis on home modifications, including technological enhancements and devices, which will allow homeowners to remain independent in their own homes and maintain their homeownership.

Developmental Disabilities defined in s.393.063 Florida Statutes

A disorder or syndrome that is attributable to retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, spina bifida, or Prader-Willi syndrome; that manifests before the age of 18; and that constitutes a substantial handicap that can reasonably be expected to continue indefinitely.

Persons with Special Needs defined in s.420.0004, Florida Statutes

An adult person requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who has a disabling condition 420.0004(7) FL Statutes

A young adult formerly in foster care who is eligible for services under s. 409.1451(5);

A survivor of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28; or

A person receiving benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or from veterans' disability benefits.

Disabling Condition defined in s.420.0004(7), Florida Statutes

Disabling condition means a diagnosable substance abuse disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, or the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions, and a determination that the condition is:

(a)Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration; and

(b)Not expected to impair the ability of the person with special needs to live independently with appropriate supports.