

AHAC SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Calling interested Affordable Housing Advisory Committees!

Overview of the Opportunity

The Florida Housing Coalition (Coalition) invites **Affordable Housing Advisory Committees (AHACs)** to apply for an opportunity to receive free in-depth support on local affordable housing initiatives through the state's **Affordable Housing Catalyst Program**. Each local government that receives more than \$350,000 in SHIP funding must have an AHAC that produces an annual report on local affordable housing strategies.

Through this initiative, **four AHACs** will receive targeted support as they review local housing strategies and recommend specific actions to their City or County Commissions to help build and preserve affordable homes. The opportunity is designed to support the work of local AHACs and transform ideas into clear, achievable plans.

This support initiative will include:

- ❖ In-depth analysis of the jurisdiction's land development regulations, housing policies, and current incentive strategies
- ❖ Audits of prior year AHAC reports
- ❖ Written recommendations on areas for improvement, best practices, and what to include in the AHAC's annual report
- ❖ Virtual meeting with the AHAC to address questions, comments, and ideas

The Florida Housing Coalition will work closely with the SHIP Administrators of the selected AHACs on timeline, scope, and opportunities for this initiative.

Applicants will be asked to demonstrate need, motivation and commitment to drive and make progress, and readiness to act. Details are provided in the Selection Criteria section below.

What Does the AHAC Support Initiative Include?

Each AHAC will receive targeted support as they review local housing strategies and recommend specific actions to their City or County Commissions to help build and preserve affordable homes. The supportive initiative will include:

- **Policy analysis** – This phase examines the plans, policies, and regulations that shape local housing outcomes. Core documents include the comprehensive plan and land development code, along with other plans as applicable, such as the LHAP and Consolidated Plan. The Coalition will review the AHAC's prior reports to identify successes, gaps, and areas for improvement. Collaboration with local government staff is essential to this process—they provide institutional knowledge and technical expertise. The goal is to identify policy barriers and opportunities, and to evaluate how current regulations play out in the built environment.

- **Written recommendations** – The Coalition will produce a written report for the AHAC on areas for improvement, best practices, and what to include in the AHAC’s annual report on the eleven required incentives in state law plus additional strategies that can help build and preserve affordable housing.
- **Final virtual meeting** – After giving the AHAC time to review the written report, the Coalition will meet virtually with the AHAC to address questions, comments, and brainstorm ideas to improve public policy.

Selection Criteria

All Affordable Housing Advisory Committees convened through the SHIP program are welcome to apply.

Four applicants will be selected for this opportunity, depending on selection criteria and information provided in the application.

The Coalition will prioritize proposals that demonstrate clear community need, readiness for implementation, and a financial commitment to participate in the planning process.

- **Need:** Communities that have a recent, comprehensive housing analysis or action plan, but have yet to fully implement it, will receive priority consideration. Local governments with few housing staff dedicated to the AHAC will be strongly encouraged to apply.
- **Motivation and Commitment:** Applications should show strong potential for the AHAC Support to mobilize local governments, partners, and resources from ideas to implementation. Preference will be given to applicants demonstrating active local government involvement, cross-sector collaboration, and evidence of recent initiatives and commitments that reflect readiness for action.
- **Readiness to Act:** Applicants must demonstrate the ability to be able to take action with the assistance. Local governments with a strong commitment to cross-departmental coordination will receive priority consideration as will applicants that can show that this support will build on existing affordable housing initiatives of the local government.

Application Process and Timeline

November 17, 2025	Application opens
December 19, 2025 - 11:59 PM EST	Application deadline

January 2026	Applications review and selection Initial meeting with SHIP Administrator
February – April 2026	Audits of prior year AHAC reports and relevant documents Written recommendations to AHAC
May – June 2026	Virtual meeting with each AHAC to address questions, comments, and ideas

How to Apply

Submit your completed application by December 19, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8FMSD6T>

If you have any questions, please contact Kody Glazer at glazer@flhousing.org.