

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Disaster Recovery: Local Housing Action Plan

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development **DIVISION:** Community Resources

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Agenda Date <u>9/28/04</u> Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to initiate the Local Housing Assistance Plan Disaster Strategy to eligible homeowners on a countywide basis providing grants of up to \$10,000 to assist eligible homeowners with hurricane insurance deductibles and hurricane related mitigation/recovery repairs.

BACKGROUND:

In conjunction with the SHIP program, the Local Housing Assistance Plan provides for assistance to eligible homeowners with disaster recovery. Implementation phases include:

- **Phase one:** Initial drive by windshield survey of hurricane impacts to target areas. Immediate disaster mitigation to include supply and installation of weather proofing materials to target areas and eligible residents.
- **Phase two:** Eligible activities include emergency repairs, roofing repairs, health and safety hazards. Funds are also eligible to assist with hurricane related deductibles for qualified applicants that have filed with FEMA, their insurance company and are working with a contractor. Funds would be paid directly to the contractor to cover the deductible and repairs associated with either storm up to \$10,000.
- **Phase three:** Demolition and reconstruction of unsafe uninhabitable homes, (as required).

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Co Atty: _____
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File No. <u>rpdc01</u>

Eligibility: Up to a \$10,000 grant per single family home for homeowners who are income-eligible, (see attached chart), and whose home assessed value as determined by the County Appraiser Office is \$106,899 or below. Funds will be dispersed to eligible applicants on a first completed application basis. As part of the State SHIP program, applications have been streamlined in order to provide a quick response.

STATUS

Phase One: Phase one has been completed within the County designated target areas with 800+ homes surveyed door to door, weather proofing materials installed in 75 homes and an estimated 100 homes in need of repairs as a result of the storms. An estimated 157 eligible homeowner's countywide received weather proofing materials during hurricane Frances at a centralized distribution center located at Harvest Time International.

Phase Two: Staff has initiated phase two applications for storm damaged home repairs within County target areas as part of ongoing home repair activities. Staff is requesting the Board authorize initiation of disaster recovery assistance to homeowners who qualify on a countywide basis for home repairs and insurance related deductibles.

Phase Three: No homes have been identified to date that require and qualify for demolition / reconstruction as a result of hurricane damage

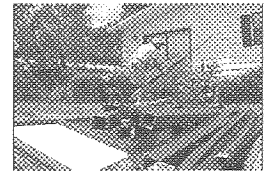
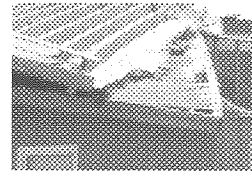
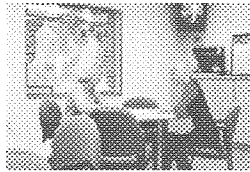
Staff Recommendation / Board Request: Recommend the Board authorize staff to initiate the Local Housing Assistance Plan Disaster Strategy to eligible homeowners on a countywide basis providing grants of up to \$10,000 to assist eligible homeowners with hurricane insurance deductibles and hurricane related mitigation/recovery repairs.

Funding: A maximum grant award would not exceed \$10,000 per eligible household and distributed on a first completed application basis. Staff anticipates that adequate funding is available from unencumbered SHIP funds including unexpended administration dollars and recommends a \$2 million set aside for the disaster recovery project.

Attachment: Income Eligibility Guidelines



SEMINOLE COUNTY



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Creating and sustaining a healthy environment through housing and community improvements.

We Offer: _____



Hurricane Damage Repair Assistance

- ▶ Emergency repair for homeowners with hurricane related damages.
- ▶ Up to a \$10,000 grant per single family home for homeowners who are income eligible.
- ▶ Assessed value of home can not exceed \$106,899.

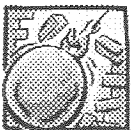


S.H.I.P Homeowner Assistance Program

- ▶ Downpayment and closing cost assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers in Seminole County.
- ▶ Up to \$25,000 in low interest and deferred paid loans for income eligible households for the purchase of an existing home or new construction.
- ▶ Sales price restrictions apply.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES		
Family Size	Very Low Income	Low Income
1	\$19,150	\$30,650
2	\$21,900	\$35,000
3	\$24,600	\$39,400
4	\$27,350	\$43,750
5	\$29,550	\$47,250
6	\$31,750	\$50,750
7	\$33,900	\$54,250
8*	\$36,100	\$57,750

*Call our office if your family size is over 8 persons.



Demolition/Clearance Activity

In order to protect the public safety and the health and welfare of the residents of Seminole County, it is the intent of this program to clear and demolish vacant and dilapidated residential buildings within recognized "Target Areas."

For more information contact:

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