

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason E. Brown; County Administrator

THROUGH: Phillip J. Matson, AICP
Community Development Director

FROM: John Stoll
Chief, Long Range Planning

DATE: April 25, 2022

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Supplemental Housing Assistance Rehab and Purchase (SHARP) Program funding formula adjustment.

It is requested that the following information be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at its regular meeting of May 3, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

On March 15, 2022 the BCC approved the SHARP program application, and directed staff to begin implementation of the program. The SHARP program combines State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) funding with American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to increase the amount of assistance available to Very Low Income (VLI), Low Income (LI), and Moderate Income (MI) applicants for the purpose of home purchase assistance, rehab assistance, or both. The SHARP application contains an exact funding formula for each SHIP program strategy that ARP funding can be combined with. For example, an applicant could potentially receive up to \$35,000 in a SHIP loan, and then could receive up to a \$35,000 ARP grant for a total SHARP award of up to \$70,000 for a VLI or LI applicant.

PROPOSED REVISION:

The SHARP program has been initially well received, but as Staff has begun implementation of the program we have identified a minor deficiency. Due to the increased cost of construction materials it has become apparent that there are cases where the full SHIP allotment, combined with ARP funding, would be necessary to successfully rehabilitate an applicant's home.

1. Rehabilitation Assistance Program: As previously explained in the Background section of this report, a VLI or LI SHARP applicant currently may receive up to \$35,000 from SHIP and \$35,000 as an ARP grant for a total of a \$70,000 SHARP award. Currently the maximum award available from SHIP for a VLI or LI applicant is \$60,000. This means that with the current funding formula for rehabilitation assistance, an applicant may only obtain \$10,000 more from the SHARP program than was available from the stand-alone SHIP program.

Staff is requesting that the full SHIP allotment of up to \$60,000 be made available to combine with up to \$30,000 in ARP grant funding for a total of up to \$90,000 in SHARP award funding.

2. Emergency Repair Loans: No line item was previously provided on the approved SHARP application for Emergency Repair Loans. Currently the SHIP program provides up to \$25,000 for Emergency Repair Loans. Staff recommends that a line item be provided for Emergency Repair Loans that would provide up to \$25,000 from the SHIP program, and up to \$12,500 in ARP grant funding for a total of up to \$37,500 in SHARP awards for emergency repairs.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed SHARP funding formula adjustment.

Attachment

1. Approved SHARP Program Summary Sheet.
2. Proposed revision to the approved SHARP Program Summary Sheet.