



PEOPLE FOCUSED

The Division of Housing Services helps to provide and maintain safe, sanitary, and affordable homes for low-income citizens of Leon County through the provision of funds for rehabilitation, home buyer counseling, down-payment assistance, and home owner foreclosure prevention.

The services provided by the division require the coordination and support of community partners. Each year Housing Services works with contractors, financial institutions, and not-for-profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, comprised of local citizens, assists with developing the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan.

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HOUSING ASSISTANCE, COUNSELING & SOLUTIONS

- The County continuously identifies opportunities to participate in federal and state programs beneficial to the community:
 - » The County administered approximately \$1.1 million in funding awarded through the Department of Community Affairs Community Development Block Grant Program and the United States Department of Agriculture Housing Preservation Program. The funding was utilized to provide financial assistance to local residents with unmet needs as a result of the 2008 Tropical Storm; to provide financial assistance to local residents with unmet needs associated with housing rehabilitation for the storm events occurring in March & April 2009; and, to provide financial assistance for housing preservation activities to residents within the rural areas of Leon County as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture.
 - » Leon County was accepted as a local participant of the Florida Hardest Hit Program. This program is administered by the State of Florida Housing Finance Corporation. The purpose of the Program is to provide up to 18 months of financial assistance to program eligible homeowners as a foreclosure prevention strategy.
 - » Leon County recognizes that the current economic conditions continue to significantly impact the community. The Housing Division continued partnership with FannieMae resulted in producing and hosting the "first" regional Foreclosure Counseling Workshop with outreach to surrounding communities.



Did You Know

Leon County provided down payment assistance for more than 30 eligible families who purchased homes in the unincorporated area of Leon County.

- Public awareness is critical to the success of any County program or services. This past year, Housing Services implemented and produced a once-a-month home maintenance workshop. The workshop included subjects such as Obtaining a Bank Loan, Budgeting, and Credit Repair. Live demonstrations and activities were provided, including gardening, landscaping, drywall repair, painting, laying floor tile, small electrical repairs, and more. On-going workshops are conducted at several community partner locations such as Home Depot and Superior Bank.

