

2.18.1 - Affordable Housing - Affordable Housing Construction in Immokalee

The EAR will evaluate housing construction implementation activities and programs in the Immokalee urban area to determine whether housing production objectives in the plan have been achieved.

Comments: The combination of SHIP, CDBG and other state funding (Urban Infill Grant & State HOME) has assisted in the creation of affordable owner-occupied housing units and affordable rental units.

Table 2.18.1-1 Affordable Housing program activity in Immokalee for 2001 through 1st quarter 2003

	2001	2002	First Quarter 2003	Total
Down Payment Assistance	26 units/ \$65,000 12% of program	43 units/ \$188,000 20% of program	21 units/ \$83,000 35% of program	90 units/ \$336,000 18% of program
Impact Fee Relief	10 units/ \$49,000 9% of program	73 units/ \$436,000 43% of program	52 units/ \$323,000 90% of program	135 units/ \$808,000 40% of program
Residential Rehabilitation	16 units/ \$250,000 67% of program	39 units/ \$525,000 87% of program	9 units/ \$90,000 90% of program	64 units/ \$865,000 80% of program
Farm Worker Rental Loan	46 units/ \$138,000 100% of program	---	---	46 units/ \$138,000 100% of program
Totals	98 units/ \$502,000 24% of program	155 units/ \$1,149,000 36% of program	82 units/ \$496,000 64% of program	335 units/ \$2,147,000 35% of program

Source: Collier County Financial Administration and Housing Department, 2003.

Total housing assistance for Immokalee from 2001 to 30 April 2003:

Units: 335

Dollars: \$2,147,000

Ave. per Unit: \$6,409

SHIP, CDBG, state and other funds have targeted Immokalee in an effort to promote and promulgate affordable housing.

Thirty-five percent of Collier County's SHIP Funds over the past 2.25 years have gone to Immokalee. Furthermore, 64% of all SHIP activity has been concentrated in Immokalee – 1st quarter 2003. The percentage increase over time helps illustrate the county's dedication to the revitalization of the Immokalee community.

The Immokalee region continues to be among the leading areas of the County concerning the availability of affordable housing for residents earning 80% or less of the area median income.