



## 2022 Legislative Advocacy Highlights

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a record \$109.9 billion budget for FY 22-23 beginning July 1, 2022. Here is the summary of FCEH legislative priorities:

**Priority 1:** Increase Homeless Recurring Staffing Grant

Homeless Staffing Grant was funded at its current rate of \$3 Million in recurring General Revenue (GR) for FY 2022-2023.

**Priority 2:** Maintain Current Recurring Challenge Grant Funding

Challenge Grant was funded at its recurring amount of \$3.1 M.

**Priority 3:** Affordable Housing Trust Fund

The final budget included \$362,725,000 for affordable housing, which is the largest housing total since FY 2007-2008.

A full synopsis is available by clicking the link below.

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## 2023 Legislative Advocacy

The Advocacy Committee is currently working on finalizing suggestions for CoC Member Agencies and they will vote to approve the 2023 FCEH Legislative Priorities.

FCEH has already started the Legislative Budget Request (LBR) process for the 2023 Legislative Session requesting that DCF include an LBR issue to increase homeless funding by \$7,354,984. Of this, \$2,104,984 would go towards increasing the Staffing Grant. Based on the CoCs staff turnover and inadequate staffing, the increase is necessary to maintain a fully operational CoC system in the State of Florida. The remaining \$5,250,000 would go to support at least seven permanent housing projects for individuals experiencing homelessness per year. This would allow CoCs to determine the construction or rehab project to serve their hardest to house clients seeking housing. Agency LBRs shall be submitted no later than October 15th.

## 2023 Conference Save The Date Oct 4-6, 2023

Mark your calendars! Planning for the 2023 Florida Coalition to End Homelessness Conference has begun. We're looking forward to once again bringing together peers and industry leaders in homelessness, housing, and healthcare to present, network, and share success stories on combatting homeless.

## FCEH Annual Meeting

The FCEH Annual Meeting agenda, ballot and suggested legislative priorities are available now. The meeting will be held virtually on June 29, 2022 at 10 am. For more information, please visit:

[\*\*FCEH Annual Meeting Information\*\*](#)

## Welcome New Members

We have a great group of CoCs, Organizations and Individuals committed to ending homelessness in the State. Thank you all for joining our collective voice to advocate and educate on best practices. For a full list of members or to join FCEH, please visit:

[\*\*FCEH MEMBERS\*\*](#)

## FCEH Annual Conference

The 2022 Annual FCEH Annual Conference was a huge success thanks to our members, attendees, speakers, and sponsors. Without your support, this training event would not be possible. Please visit the link below to view a full list of sponsors and review the workshop presentations.

A special thank you to Desmond Meade, Joe Savage, Dr. Christopher Cogle, and Dr. Karen Barber for sharing their experiences in the field and for highlighting the importance of collaboration. When everyone works together we can end homelessness in the State of Florida.



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## HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP)

CoCs are encouraged to get ahead of HOME-ARP allocations to combat homelessness in their communities. HOME-ARP resources can be used for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Supportive Services, and acquiring, rehabilitating, or constructing affordable rental housing. Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) that receive HOME-ARP funds should be encouraged to work with their CoC and establish homeless preferences for populations such as chronically homeless individuals and families or elderly persons with disabilities experiencing homelessness. Referrals can come through the CoC's Coordinated Entry process. Read HUD's latest policy brief and notice on HOME-ARP.

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## Active 2022 Hurricane Season Expected

Hurricane Season has begun and 2022 is expected to be a very active season. Make sure your CoC has emergency plans in place to support contracted providers before, during, and after a hurricane. Take a proactive approach to ensuring vulnerable populations experiencing homelessness are not left behind. Hurricane season runs through November 30th, but activity peaks in late August through September, so it's not too late to get emergency plans in place.

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## Join FCEH Efforts

All members are invited to join any FCEH Committee. Currently, FCEH is seeking volunteers for the Conference Content Committee and the Partnership Committee. Please contact Leeanne at **321-258-1849** to volunteer.

## Join the Conversation

Members are invited to join monthly FCEH Advocacy calls to discuss legislative priorities. CoCs with full membership can join bi-weekly CoC Coordination calls to share best practices, tackle challenges and share with peers. For more information, contact us today **321-258-1849**

## Celebrate Your Success

Spotlight your CoC's success story in our next newsletter. [Contact us today](#) to share your stories and information about your success. If you share your success stories on social media, please use #EndFLHomelessness and follow us on Twitter or like us on Facebook.

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