**Housing Assistance:**

1. Florida CS?HB 1235 “Housing Assistance”
   1. Summary of the Bill:

This Bill would establish the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program, which would provide loans for very low-income tenants, including those who are homeless, elderly, or living with special needs. In addition, the State Office on Homelessness will coordinate and work to inventory service programs throughout state, local, and private agencies. Included in these programs are those under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as well as others providing services to people who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. The office will also establish a task force to design and implement a statewide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), as well as a coordinated assessment system. The Bill requires the Office on Homelessness to accept and administer grants to support local homeless Continuum of Care (C o C) agencies. Performance measures will also be established to evaluate the effectiveness of these agencies.[[1]](#footnote-1)

* 1. How it will impact people experiencing homelessness:
     1. Incentives public and private entities to build new and fix old affordable, transitional and permanent housing to very low income individuals and families
     2. By creating more affordable housing will end homelessness in this country
  2. Limitations:
     1. This grant program will only offer two grants in each C of C

1. Site Map. (2016). Retrieved August 02, 2016, from http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName=\_h1235c2.docx&DocumentType=Bill&BillNumber=1235&Session=2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)