



## Raiding the Housing Trust Fund



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As lawmakers gear up for the legislative session, they get one simple request: use the state's housing trust fund to actually pay for housing.

Carrie O'Rourke with Florida Realtors says the Sunshine State already has a great program for affordable housing.

"These funds help Floridians of modest means find rental and home ownership opportunities," she said. "Those could be in the form of affordable housing ... affordable apartments, down-payment assistance to purchase a home, or even money to repair a home."

There will be almost \$300 million in the affordable housing trust fund in the next budget, but the governor wants to use most of that money for other projects.

State lawmakers also have a history of raiding the trust fund when money is tight.