

Keys housing

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Re Jan. 2 article “Keys legislator asks for millions toward hurricane housing.” It seems that State Rep. Holly Raschein wants the state Legislature to allocate funds toward purchasing property for affordable housing.

Someone should remind her that there’s already a trust that funds affordable housing, the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund.

Unfortunately for all Floridians, especially those who are lower income and working class, for the past 10 years Republicans, who control the state House, Senate and governor’s mansion, have regularly appropriated funds from the trust — more than \$1.3 billion!

In 2017, it was estimated that the trust could have provided up to \$314 million for affordable housing and yet Gov. Rick Scott and the Legislature only allocated \$162 million.

If Raschein wants more money for hurricane housing in Monroe County, she should lobby the members of her own party to fully fund the Sadowski Trust Fund.

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