



Takeaways from Tallahassee

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Senate budget praised for affordable housing

The Florida Senate wants to fully fund the Sadowski Trust — the state and local affordable housing pool — and that's reflected in the \$90.3 billion spending plan the chamber published this week.

The Sadowski Coalition, a group of statewide organizations, including business groups, heaped cheers on the budget writers and Senate President for keeping the money in the Sadowski Trust, which is typically swept to fund other parts of the budget.

“The State of Florida has an enormous need for workforce housing and for addressing the needs of Florida’s most vulnerable population,” said **Jaimie Ross**, the who leads the Sadowski Coalition.

“The Senate’s recommendation for full funding shows that they recognize the importance of using the affordable housing trust fund monies for their intended purposes.”

The House, meanwhile, is just shy of \$210 million short when compared to the Senate’s appropriation for affordable housing.

Added Ross: “We have confidence that the Senate will prevail in its negotiations with the House, as full funding for affordable housing is the best thing to do for Florida’s hardworking families and Florida’s economy overall.”