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Mr. Brantley Henderson
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**RE: RFA 2018-107 – FINANCING FOR HURRICANE RECOVERY IN MONROE
COUNTY
CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Mr. Henderson and Ms. Button:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, Florida Housing reached out to Wendover to determine the extent of damage, if any, to Banyan Grove and Flagler Village – two communities located in Key West that we built and currently manage. Both communities are **wood frame construction**, which adheres to the building code to withstand hurricane force winds. Neither property sustained hurricane damage notwithstanding the fact both were in the epicenter of the storm and experienced substantial wind speeds.

Monroe County has its unique impediments to construction, not the least of which is lack of labor and construction materials, which makes it costly to build in the county which has been exacerbated by the hurricane.

RFA 2018-107 as currently drafted requires all new construction to be 100 percent poured concrete/masonry. This requirement adds unnecessary cost and time to build in Monroe County.

We suggest that this requirement be removed from the RFA.

Sincerely,



Ryan Von Weller

Cc: Mr. Kevin Tatreau
Mr. Trey Price