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RE: Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless Persons and Families:

Dear Ms. Muller,

Boley Centers is very pleased and excited to see Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) provide financing for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness. We have reviewed the preliminary Request for Applications (RFA) and offer the following comments.

Boley Centers currently owns a properly zoned site that will support an additional 10 units – this would be the final phase of this supportive housing development. There is staff space, group community space, laundry, and other amenities currently on the site. We feel this is an appropriate use of these funds and urge FHFC to consider this type of development.

In our judgment, extensive experience with housing development, and experience operating and management of supportive housing for homeless households should be a weighted scoring item. This should not be based solely on number of units managed.

Giving preference (tie breaker) to applicants using the lowest amount of grant funds per unit is a disincentive to increasing the total number of units for extremely low income (ELI) individuals or families.

Points should be given for increased ELI units and the RFA should make it clear that a minimum of 30% of the units must be set aside for individuals who are ELI.

The ability to proceed should also be given significant weight. It is our recommendation that this should go beyond simply having a contract for site control at the time of application.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. We look forward to the final RFA and will be preparing our submission in the interim.

Sincerely,


Jack D. Humburg
Director of Housing Development &
Americans with Disabilities Act Services.



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