

## **UPDATED REGIONS**

### **Regional Approach to Allocate FHFC Financing for Homeless Developments**

**May 2019**

Florida Housing implements a 4-region approach in offering 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits to finance permanent supportive housing for homeless people. The original approach was adopted in 2013 based on generally similar regional homeless population counts from all Homeless Assistance Network Continuums of Care (CoCs) and the Department of Education, rolled up into the North FL, Central FL, Tampa Bay and South FL regions. Each year since then, Florida Housing has rotated priorities for funding between the four, with two regions prioritized each year. This has been helpful in geographically dispersing funding to finance housing to serve homeless persons.

In the recently released 2019 Rental Market Study, Florida Housing obtained updated homeless count information and decided to assess the four regions for general parity. As a result of the new data, Florida Housing is proposing a few changes to the regions from the original groupings. Note that CoCs with multiple counties are still kept together even if they are moved into a new region. These changes are merely to keep the total homeless counts for each region generally similar. Changes are as follows:

- Volusia/Flagler has been moved from the Central Florida region to the North Florida region;
- Marion County has been moved from the Central Florida region to the North Florida region;
- Treasure Coast has been moved from the South Florida region to the Central Florida region;
- Lee County has been moved from the South Florida region to the Tampa Bay region; and
- Charlotte County has been moved from the South Florida region to the Tampa Bay region.

Please click on the link below to see the full set of Coalitions, CoCs and counties, with homeless population counts, as incorporated into the updated regions.

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