

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS 2022-208**

**SAIL AND HOUSING CREDIT FINANCING FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING IN MONROE  
COUNTY**

**Issued By:**

**FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**

**Issued: February 25, 2022**

**Due: March 22, 2022**

## SECTION ONE INTRODUCTION

This Request for Applications (RFA) is open to Applicants proposing the construction of Workforce Housing.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation (the Corporation) expects to have up to \$5,520,000 in State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) Program funding to serve primarily moderate-income persons (i.e., households with incomes that do not exceed 120 percent of the AMI as defined in Section 420.0004, F.S.) in Monroe County. The Corporation also expects to have up to an estimated \$1,500,000 of Competitive Housing Credits available for award to proposed Developments serving low-income households at or below 60 percent of the AMI.

The Corporation is soliciting applications from qualified Applicants that commit to provide Workforce Housing in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFA, inclusive of all Exhibits, applicable laws, rules and regulations, and the Corporation's generally applicable construction and financial standards.

## SECTION TWO DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms within this RFA shall have the meaning as set forth in this RFA, in Exhibit B, Rule Chapters 67-48, F.A.C. (effective May 18, 2021) and 67-60, F.A.C., (effective July 8, 2018) or in applicable federal regulations.

## SECTION THREE PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS

*Unless otherwise stated within the RFA, the Application package, forms and other information related to this RFA may be found on the RFA Webpage at <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/2022/2022-208> (also available by clicking [here](#)).*

### A. Submission Requirements

#### 1. Application Deadline

The Application Deadline is **3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on March 22, 2022.**

#### 2. Completing the Application Package

##### a. Downloading and completing the documents provided by the Corporation

Download and complete the following documents found on the RFA Webpage:

- (1) The Application (Exhibit A of the RFA);
- (2) The Development Cost Pro Forma; and

- (3) The Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) (“Principals Disclosure Form”). A Principals Disclosure Form that was approved during the Advance Review Process, which is described in Section Four A.3.c. of the RFA, may be used to satisfy this requirement.

The download process may take several minutes. Applicants should save these documents with a file name that is unique to the specific Application.

b. Creating the All Attachments Document

In addition to the documents described in a. above, the Application Package also includes one copy consisting of all of the applicable completed Attachments described in the RFA (“All Attachments Document”).

Compile all of the attachments described in the RFA into one pdf file separated by pages labeling each Attachment to create the All Attachments Document. This may be accomplished by merging the documents using a computer program such as Adobe Acrobat Pro or by scanning all of the attachments together.

As described in Section Four, B.2., to be awarded 5 points, bookmark the pdf of the All Attachments Document before uploading. It is not necessary to bookmark the Exhibit A document, the Development Cost Pro Forma, or the Principal Disclosure Form. Acrobat Standard DC or Acrobat Pro DC are the programs required to create bookmarks.

Note: The Corporation has provided instructions on how to bookmark the Attachments as well as sample pages that may be used to separate the attachments on the RFA Webpage. If any of the attachments are not applicable, the Applicant should insert a page stating “Not Applicable” behind the separation page.

3. Uploading the Application Package

The Application Package consists of Exhibit A, the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Principal Disclosure Form, and the All Attachments Document. To upload the Application Package:

- a. Go to the RFA Webpage.
- b. Click the link to login and upload the Application Package. Note: A username and password must be entered. If the Applicant has not previously created a username and password, the Applicant will need to create one prior to the upload process.
- c. After successfully logging in, click “Upload Application Package.” Enter the Development Name and click “Browse” to locate the following completed documents saved on the Applicant’s computer:

- (1) The Application (Exhibit A) in Excel format;
- (2) The Development Cost Pro Forma in Excel format;
- (3) The Principals Disclosure form in Excel format. (If the Applicant received an approved Principals Disclosure Form through the Advance Review Process, the approved form is what should be uploaded);
- (4) The All Attachments Document in a pdf format.

The average file size is 1.0 MB and may take a few minutes to upload. Larger files may take longer to upload. There is a file size limit of 15 MB, but this may be able to be reduced without reducing the number of pages submitted. Examples of factors that affect file size include the resolution of the scanner or scanning the documents in color or as a graphic/picture.

- d. After the documents are displayed in the Upload webpage, click “Upload Selected Files” to electronically submit the documents to the Corporation by the Application Deadline. Then the Uploaded Application (consisting of all four documents comprising the Application Package), and its assigned Response Number will be visible in the first column.

Note: If the Applicant clicks “Delete” prior to the Application Deadline, the Application will no longer be considered a Submitted Application and the Applicant will be required to upload the Application Package again in order for these documents to be considered an Uploaded Application. This will generate a new Response Number.

#### 4. Submission to the Corporation

##### a. Application Fee

By the Application Deadline, provide to the Corporation the required non-refundable \$3,000 Application fee, payable to Florida Housing Finance Corporation via check, money order, ACH, or wire transfer.

To ensure that the Application Fee is processed for the correct online Application, the following is ***strongly recommended***: (i) provide the Application Fee at least 48 hours prior to the Application Deadline; (ii) whether paying by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer, include the Development Name, RFA number with the payment; and (iii) if paying by wire, include the Federal Reference Number, or if paying by ACH, include the Trace Number at question B.1 of Exhibit A.

Note: In the event that the online submission is not received, the payment will be refunded.

##### **ACH Instructions:**

**BANK NAME:** Wells Fargo  
One Independent Drive, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

**ABA #:** 121000248

**ACCOUNT NAME:** FHFC

**ACCOUNT #:** 4967822909

**Wire Transfer Instructions:**

**BANK NAME:** WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
420 MONTGOMERY STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO 94104  
United States of America (US)

**ABA #:** 121000248

**ACCOUNT NAME:** FHFC

**ACCOUNT #:** 4967822909

**Check or Money Order Instructions:**

**Payable to:** Florida Housing Finance Corporation

**Mailing Address:** Attn: Marisa Button  
Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

For scoring purposes, the Corporation will not consider any documentation beyond the Application Package that is uploaded as described above.

b. Assigning Lottery Numbers

After 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the Application Deadline, each Application for which an electronically submitted copy and the Application Fee are received by the Application Deadline will be assigned an Application number. In addition, these Applications will be assigned a lottery number by having the Corporation's internal auditors run the total number of Applications received through a random number generator program.

c. Withdrawing an Application

Pursuant to subsection 67-60.004(2), F.A.C., any Applicant may request withdrawal of its Application from a competitive solicitation by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Corporation Clerk. For purposes of the funding selection process, the Corporation shall not accept any Application withdrawal

request that is submitted between 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the last business day before the date the Review Committee meets to make its recommendations until after the Board has taken action on the Review Committee's recommendations, and such Application shall be included in the funding selection process as if no withdrawal request had been submitted. Any funding or allocation that becomes available after such withdrawal is accepted shall be treated as Returned Funding and disposed of according to Section Five B. of the RFA.

- B. This RFA does not commit the Corporation to award any funding to any Applicant or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation or delivery of an Application.
- C. The Corporation reserves the right to:
1. Waive Minor Irregularities; and
  2. Accept or reject any or all Applications received as a result of this RFA.
- D. Any interested party may submit any inquiry regarding this RFA in writing via e-mail at RFA\_2022-208\_Questions@floridahousing.org (also accessible by clicking [here](#)) with "Questions regarding RFA 2022-208" as the subject of the email. All inquiries are due by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022. Phone calls or written inquiries other than at the above e-mail address will not be accepted. The Corporation expects to respond to all inquiries by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on April 2, \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, and will post a copy of all inquiries received, and their answers, on the RFA Webpage. The Corporation will also send a copy of those inquiries and answers in writing to any interested party that requests a copy. The Corporation will determine the method of sending its answers, which may include regular United States mail, overnight delivery, fax, e-mail, or any combination of the above. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as an official response or statement from the Corporation.
- E. Any person who wishes to protest the specifications of this RFA must file a protest in compliance with Section 120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule Chapter 28-110, F.A.C. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Fla. Stat., shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Fla. Stat.
- F. By submitting this Application, including all applicable attachments thereto, each Applicant agrees to the terms and conditions outlined in the RFA and certifies that:
1. **Public Records.** Any material submitted in response to this RFA is a public record. Section 119.071(1)(b)2, Fla. Stat. authorizes the Corporation to exempt this material from disclosure requirements; however, the Corporation intends to post the Applications to the RFA Webpage sooner than 30 days after the Application Deadline.
  2. **Noninterference.** At no time during the review and evaluation process, commencing with the Application Deadline and continuing until the Board renders a final decision on the RFA, may Applicants or their representatives contact Board members or Corporation staff, except Corporation legal staff, concerning their own or any other Applicant's Application. If an Applicant or its representative does contact a Board or staff member

in violation of this section, the Board shall, upon a determination that such contact was made in an attempt to influence the selection process, disqualify the Application.

3. Requirements. Proposed Developments funded under this RFA will be subject to the requirements of the RFA, inclusive of all Exhibits, and all provisions of Rule Chapters 67-48, F.A.C., 67-60, F.A.C., and the Compliance requirements of Rule Chapter 67-53, F.A.C.
  4. Modifications. Any modifications that occur to the Request for Application will be posted on the web site and may result in an extension of the deadline. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to check the website for any modifications prior to the Application Deadline.
- G. The Corporation expects to select one or more Applications to award the funding contemplated by this RFA. Any such Applications will be selected through the Corporation's review of each Application, considering the factors identified in this RFA.

#### **SECTION FOUR INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED IN APPLICATION**

Provided below are the instructions to be used in completing Exhibit A of this RFA. Unless stated otherwise, all information requested in the RFA pertains to the Development proposed in this Application upon completion of the construction work.

#### **A. Exhibit A Items**

##### **1. Review of Attachments**

The Corporation will not review the substance of the documentation that is submitted as Attachments to this RFA during the Review Committee scoring process unless there is a reason to believe that any of the documents have been improperly executed. During Review Committee scoring, the Corporation will rely on the answers submitted by the Applicant in Exhibit A, the Development Cost Pro Forma, and the Principal Disclosure Form to determine whether an Applicant has met the requirements of this RFA. Additionally, the Corporation has no authority to, and will not, evaluate the validity or enforceability of any eligible site control documentation. If it is determined that the Attachments do not meet the RFA requirements, the Application may be deemed ineligible, and/or the Corporation may rescind the award, and all Principals of the Application may be subject to material misrepresentation, even if the Application was not selected for funding, was deemed ineligible, or was withdrawn.

##### **2. Demographic Commitment**

The Demographic Commitment must be Workforce households serving general occupancy at the Area Median Income (AMI) described in 6.d below. No properties funded under this RFA may be age restricted.

##### **3. Applicant/Developer/Management Company/Contact Person**

Per subsection 67-48.002(94), F.A.C., the Applicant, Developer(s) and all Principals of the Applicant and Developers that are not a natural person must be a legally formed entity as of the Application deadline.

a. Applicant Information

- (1) State the name of the Applicant.
- (2) The Applicant must be a legally formed entity [i.e., limited partnership, limited liability company, etc.] qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline. Include, as **Attachment 1** to Exhibit A, evidence from the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, that the Applicant satisfies the foregoing requirements. Such evidence may be in the form of a certificate of status or other reasonably reliable information or documentation issued, published or made available by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

The Corporation is aware of the May 1st deadline for filing the annual report with the Division of Corporations and will accept a Certificate of Good Standing for the Applicant that reflects an expiration date of December 31 of either the current year or previous year.

(3) Non-Profit Applicant Qualifications

Indicate whether the Applicant is applying as a Non-Profit and provide the following information for the Non-Profit entity that meets the definition stated in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. as **Attachment 2**:

- (a) The IRS determination letter;
- (b) A description/explanation of how the Non-Profit entity is substantially and materially participating in the management and operation of the Development (i.e., the role of the Non-Profit);
- (c) The names and addresses of the members of the governing board of the Non-Profit entity; and
- (d) The articles of incorporation demonstrating that one of the purposes of the Non-Profit entity is to foster low-income housing.

If the Applicant applies as a Non-Profit entity and meets the requirements outlined above to be considered a Non-Profit for purposes of this RFA, it must remain a Non-Profit entity and the Non-Profit entity must (i) receive at least 25 percent of the Developer's fee; and (ii) contractually ensure that it substantially and materially participates in the management and operation of the Development throughout the Compliance Period.



The Applicant's Non-Profit status will be verified during credit underwriting. If this cannot be verified, the Applicant will no longer be considered a Non-Profit Applicant and funding awarded under this RFA may be rescinded.

b. Developer Information

- (1) State the name of each Developer, including all co-Developers.
- (2) Each Developer entity identified (that is not a natural person, Local Government, or Public Housing Authority) must be a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline. For each stated Developer entity that is not a natural person, Local Government, or Public Housing Authority, provide, as **Attachment 3** to Exhibit A, evidence from the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, that the Developer satisfies the foregoing requirements. Such evidence may be in the form of a certificate of status or other reasonably reliable information or documentation issued, published or made available by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

The Corporation is aware of the May 1st deadline for filing the annual report with the Division of Corporations and will accept a Certificate of Good Standing for the Developer(s) that reflects an expiration date of December 31 of either the current year or previous year.

(3) Developer Experience

(a) Required Developer Experience

A natural person Principal of at least one experienced Developer entity, which must be disclosed on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) outlined below, must have, since January 1, 2002 completed at least three affordable rental housing developments, at least one of which was financed utilizing low-income housing tax credits pursuant to Section 42, IRC, and completed since January 1, 2012. At least one of the three completed developments must consist of a total number of units no less than 50 percent of the total number of units in the proposed Development.

The individual meeting the Developer Experience requirements must be disclosed on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) and must remain with the Development until the release of the operating deficit guarantee set forth in subsection 67-48.0072(18), F.A.C.

For purposes of this provision, completed development means (i) that the temporary or final certificate of occupancy has been issued for at least one unit in one of the residential apartment buildings within the development, or (ii) that at least one IRS Form 8609 has been issued for one of the residential apartment buildings within the development. As

used in this section, a Housing Credit development that contains multiple buildings is a single development regardless of the number of buildings within the development for which an IRS Form 8609 has been issued.

If the experience of a natural person Principal for a Developer entity listed in this Application was acquired from a previous affordable housing Developer entity, the natural person Principal must have also been a Principal of that previous Developer entity as the term Principal was defined by the Corporation at that time.

#### Required Developer Prior Experience

Complete the prior experience chart for each natural person Principal intending to meet the required Developer experience reflecting the information for the three completed affordable rental housing developments, one of which must be a Housing Credit development.

(b) **Developer Experience Withdrawal Disincentive (5 points)**

(i) To be awarded five points in this RFA

Applications will be awarded five points if no Principal named in this RFA is also listed as a Developer, co-Developer or Principal of the Developer named on the Principals Disclosure Form included in RFA 2020-103, 2020-106, 2020-201, 2020-202, 2020-203, and 2020-204, 2020-208, 2020-211, 2021-103, 2021-106, 2021-201, 2021-202, 2021-203, 2021-204, 2021-208, or 2021-211 where an Application has been withdrawn any time subsequent to the applicable RFA's Application Deadline, but on or before the execution of the Carryover Allocation Agreement(s) and payment of the Administrative Fee(s) for such Application(s).

For purposes of scoring this RFA, the Committee shall consider all such withdrawals that are made available to the Committee prior to the date that the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board.

(ii) **The Withdrawal Disincentive as a Point Item in Future RFAs**

In an effort to encourage the submission of quality Applications, the Corporation will award points for Developer experience in certain future RFAs. Applicants and Developers are on notice that any Application submitted in this RFA that is withdrawn any time subsequent to the Application Deadline but on or before the execution of the Carryover Allocation Agreement and payment of the Administrative fee will (if the future RFA so provides) result in a point reduction in the scoring of Developer

experience in future Applications in which the Developer, Co-Developer or any Principal of the Developer(s) named in the Developer section of the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form of the withdrawn Application is named for purposes of satisfying the Developer experience requirement in the future Application.

Note: As used herein, an Application withdrawal includes a withdrawal of an Application (or the funding under such Application) initiated or made by the Applicant or by the Corporation itself where such withdrawal by the Corporation is the result of the Applicant's failure to act in accordance with the terms of the RFA or to pay fees in a timely manner as required by the RFA. If an Applicant rejects or declines an invitation to enter credit underwriting within the deadline set forth in this RFA, this will be considered a withdrawal for the purposes of the withdrawal disincentive.

(c) Prior Development Experience a Point Item in Future RFAs

The Corporation will award points for Development Experience in certain RFAs beginning with the 2022/2023 RFA Cycle. Notice is given that any Principal of an Applicant and/or Developer(s) of any non-HUD financed Development\* or any non-RD financed Development\*\* funded in this RFA that also receives Board approval for any of (i) - (iii) below will be deemed ineligible for Development Experience points for exactly 2 years, commencing on the date of the Board's approval:

- (i) More than one exchange of credits, as outlined in the Qualified Allocation Plan, for the same non-HUD financed Development\* or any non-RD financed Development\*\* awarded since the Application Deadline of this RFA;
- (ii) At least one exchange of credits requiring Board approval, as outlined in the Qualified Allocation Plan, for two or more non-HUD financed Developments\* or any non-RD financed Development\*\* funded in RFAs 2020-103, 2020-106, 2020-201, 2020-202, 2020-203, and 2020-204, 2020-208, 2020-211, 2021-103, 2021-106, 2021-201, 2021-202, 2021-203, 2021-204, 2021-208, or 2021-211; or
- (iii) A waiver to Rule 67-48, F.A.C., extending the firm commitment deadline of a non-HUD financed Development\* or any non-RD financed Development\*\* awarded since the Application Deadline of this RFA.

\*A HUD financed Development is a Development that has received construction and/or permanent loan financing from HUD. All Developments without construction and/or permanent loan financing from HUD, which may include

those with HUD subsidy funding such as PBRA, are considered non-HUD financed Developments.

\*\* An RD financed Development means a Development that has received construction and/or permanent loan financing from Rural Development (RD) within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). All Developments without construction and/or permanent loan financing from RD, which may include those with RD subsidy funding such as PBRA, are considered non-RD financed Developments.

c. **Principals Disclosure for the Applicant and for each Developer (5 points)**

(1) **Eligibility Requirements**

To meet the submission requirements, upload the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) (“Principals Disclosure Form”) as outlined in Section Three above. Prior versions of the Principal Disclosure Form will not be accepted.

To meet eligibility requirements, the Principals Disclosure Form must identify, pursuant to subsections 67-48.002(94), 67-48.0075(8) and 67-48.0075(9), F.A.C., the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) as of the Application Deadline. A Principals Disclosure Form should not include, for any organizational structure, any type of entity that is not specifically included in the Rule definition of Principals. Per subsection 67-48.002(94), F.A.C., any Principal other than a natural person must be a legally formed entity as of the Application deadline.

For Housing Credits, the investor limited partner of an Applicant limited partnership or the investor member of an Applicant limited liability company (or a placeholder for the investor) must be identified on the Principal Disclosure Form.

(2) **Approval during Advance Review Process (5 Points)**

Applicants will receive 5 points if the uploaded Principal Disclosure Form is either (a) stamped “Approved” at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline; or (b) stamped “Received” by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped “Approved” prior to the Application Deadline.

To document these dates, the Corporation will stamp the Principal Disclosure Form on the date it is received and the date it is approved. If a Principal Disclosure Form has been approved, but the Applicant must change the form for any reason, the form may be edited and resubmitted for approval, but the form will receive a new stamp reflecting the date the Corporation received the revised form. Likewise, if a form is returned to the Applicant for correction, the Applicant may make corrections and resubmit the form, but the date of the resubmission will be reflected as the date received. If a Principal Disclosure

Form is submitted for an RFA with a “Received” date that is within 14 Calendar Days of the Application Deadline, the Applicant will not be eligible for the 5 Advance Review points.

The Advance Review Process for Disclosure of Applicant and Developer Principals is available on the RFA Webpage and also includes samples which may assist the Applicant in completing the required Principals Disclosure Form.

Note: It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to review the Advance Review Process procedures and to submit any Principals Disclosure Form for review in a timely manner in order to meet the Application Deadline.

- (3) Material and non-material changes to the Applicant entity or Developer entity
- (a) For purposes of the following, a material change shall mean 33.3 percent or more of the Applicant, a general partner of the Applicant, or a non-investor member of the Applicant, and a non-material change shall mean less than 33.3 percent of the Applicant, a general partner of the Applicant, or a non-investor member of the Applicant.
  - (b) The name of the Applicant entity or Developer entity stated in the Application may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Corporation after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting.
  - (c) The Applicant entity shall be the recipient of the Housing Credits, and the borrowing entity for the SAIL loan(s) and cannot be changed in any way (materially or non-materially) until after the closing of the loan(s). After loan closing, (a) any material change will require review and approval of the Credit Underwriter, as well as approval of the Board prior to the change, and (b) any non-material change will require review and approval of the Corporation, as well as approval of the Board prior to the change. Changes to the Applicant entity (material or non-material) prior to the loan closing or without Board approval after the loan closing may result in disqualification from receiving funding and may be deemed a material misrepresentation. The Applicant must comply with Principal disclosure requirements outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. for the duration of the Compliance Period. Changes to the investor limited partner of an Applicant limited partnership or the investor-member of an Applicant limited liability company owning the syndicating interest therein will not result in disqualification; however, the Corporation must be notified of the change. Changes to the officers or directors of a Public Housing Authority or a non-profit entity will not result in disqualification; however, the change must be approved by the Corporation.
  - (d) The Principals of each Developer identified in the Application, including all co-Developers, may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Board after the

Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting. In addition, any allowable replacement of an experienced Principal of a Developer entity must meet the experience requirements that were met by the original Principal.

d. General Management Company Information

Identify the Management Company and complete the prior experience chart for the Management Company or a principal of Management Company demonstrating experience in the management of at least two affordable rental housing properties (i.e., properties funded through an affordable housing program such as Housing Credits, Tax-Exempt Bonds, HOME, SAIL, etc.), at least one of which consists of a total number of units no less than 50 percent of the total number of units in the proposed Development, for at least two years each. Note: The Management Company contact person identified in Exhibit A is not required to be the Principal of the Management Company identified in the Prior General Management Experience Chart.

e. Contact Person

- (1) Enter the information for the required Authorized Principal Representative. The Authorized Principal Representative (a) must be a natural person Principal of the Applicant listed on the Principal Disclosure Form; (b) must have signature authority to bind the Applicant entity; (c) must sign the Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement section of Exhibit A; and (d) if funded, will be the recipient of all future documentation that requires a signature.
- (2) A separate Operational Contact Person may be included, if desired. If provided, the Operational Contact Person will be the recipient of any general correspondence associated with the Development activities that does not require a signature. If an Operational Contact Person is not provided, the Authorized Principal Representative will be the recipient of any such documentation.

**4. General Proposed Development Information**

a. State the name of the proposed Development.

b. Development Category

The proposed Development must consist entirely of new construction. Rehabilitation of existing units is not allowed.

c. Development Type

Select the Development Type for the proposed Development. For mixed-type Developments, indicate the type that will comprise the majority of the units in the Development.

- Garden Apartments (a building comprised of 1, 2 or 3 stories, with or without an elevator)
- Townhouses
- Duplexes
- Quadraplexes
- Mid-Rise, 4-stories (a building comprised of 4 stories and each residential building must have at least one elevator)
- Mid-Rise, 5 to 6-stories (a building comprised of 5 or 6 stories and each residential building must have at least one elevator)
- High-Rise (a building comprised of 7 or more stories and each residential building must have at least one elevator)

For purposes of determining the number of stories, each floor in the building(s) should be counted regardless of whether it will consist of retail, commercial, parking, utility, or residential.

d. Enhanced Structural Systems (“ESS”) Construction Qualifications

To qualify as “Enhanced Structural Systems Construction” or “ESS Construction” for purposes of the Total Development Cost Limitation calculation and the Leveraging calculation, the proposed Development must meet at least one of the specifications listed below.

- (1) For all new construction buildings, all of the following structural elements must consist of 100 percent poured concrete/masonry, 100 percent steel, or a combination adding up to 100 percent of concrete/masonry and steel, as verified during credit underwriting: all exterior walls and other external load-bearing elements, as well as the floor of the lowest story of the building that contains residential, commercial or storage space (other than parking), and any under-floor/under-ground supports for that lowest story’s floor.
- (2) Any new construction buildings with the Development Type of Mid-Rise (4, 5 or 6 story) that utilize a ESS Podium Structure shall qualify as “ESS Construction.” New construction buildings of other Development Types that utilize a ESS Podium Structure must meet the requirements in (1) above in order to qualify as “ESS Construction.” In this event, the top surface of the podium itself shall be considered to be the floor of the lowest story of the building that contains residential, commercial or storage space (other than parking).

For the purposes of determining “ESS Construction,” there is no requirement regarding the materials to be used in the roof of the building.

The term “ESS Podium Structure” shall mean a non-residential support structure underneath the rental units constructed solely of concrete/masonry, steel, or some combination of concrete/masonry and steel together, and where said structure under the rental units must utilize at least 85 percent of the square footage for parking or non-commercial utility/ancillary building uses only. Up to

15 percent of the square footage can be used for other non-residential purposes.

These qualifying criteria specifically exclude face brick or brick veneer from qualifying as ESS Construction for purposes of this RFA unless the proposed Development otherwise meets the requirements in (1) or (2) above.

For purposes of this RFA, the Corporation will consider an Application to be ESS Construction if the answer to question 4.d. of Exhibit A is "Yes." This will be verified during the credit underwriting process. If this cannot be verified the Development will no longer be considered ESS Construction, and funding awarded under this RFA may be rescinded.

- e. Breakdown of number of units

Complete the chart in Exhibit A of the RFA reflecting the appropriate breakdown reflecting the number of units within each of the Development Categories, Development Types, or ESS/non-ESS Construction.

## 5. Location of Proposed Development

- a. Indicate the county where the proposed Development will be located. This RFA is only open to proposed Developments located in Monroe County.
- b. Provide the Address of the Development site

Indicate (1) the address number, street name, and name of city, and/or (2) the street name, closest designated intersection, and either name of city or unincorporated area of county. If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, this information must be provided for each of the Scattered Sites.

- (2) Market Study

The Developments must be located in submarkets where the average market rental rates are equal to or greater than 90% AMI\*. Within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, the Corporation will require successful Applicants to provide the market study prepared by a licensed appraiser that was completed before Application Deadline that demonstrates (i) the average physical occupancy rate of 92% or greater; and (ii) an average market rental rate, based on unit mix and annualized rent concessions, equal to 90 percent Area Median Income rental rate\*.

The Florida Housing Rental Programs - MTSP Income and Rent Limits is available on the Corporation Webpage <https://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/compliance/rent-limits> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

\*90 percent Area Median income rental rate is calculated as 112.5 percent of the 80 percent Area Median Income rental rate.



The underwriter will order a new market study to confirm that these requirements are met and also the requirements as set forth in Rule 67-48.0072(10), F.A.C.

c. State whether the Development consists of Scattered Sites.

If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, the following conditions must be met:

- (1) A part of the boundary of each Scattered Site must be located within 20 miles of a part of the boundary of the Scattered Site with the most units;
- (2) Site control and Ability to Proceed must be demonstrated in the Application for all Scattered Sites; and
- (3) All Scattered Sites must be located within the same county.

d. Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

- (1) Provide a Development Location Point stated in decimal degrees, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place. If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, as of Application Deadline the Development Location Point must affirmatively be established on the site with the most units, as outlined in subsection 67-48.002(34), F.A.C., and latitude and longitude coordinates for each Scattered Site must also be provided.
- (2) If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, for each Scattered Site that is in addition to the Development Location Point information provided in (1) above, provide the latitude and longitude coordinates of one point located anywhere on the Scattered Site. The coordinates must be stated in decimal degrees and rounded to at least the sixth decimal place.

Note: 30.443900, -84.283960 is an example of decimal degrees format, represented to six decimal places.

## 6. Units and Buildings

- a. State the total number of units that will be in the proposed Development upon completion. The total units include all Set-Aside Units and Manager Units as described in Rule Chapter 67-53, F.A.C.

Proposed Developments must consist of a minimum of 20 total units.

Note: The total number of units stated in the Application may be increased, up to any applicable allowable limit, after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting, subject to written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Corporation.

- b. The proposed Development must consist entirely of new construction. Rehabilitation of existing units is not allowed.
- c. If there are existing occupied units and if the Development is funded, a plan for relocation of existing tenants will be required to be provided to the Credit Underwriter, as outlined in Exhibit D.
- d. Set-Aside Commitments

(1) Minimum Set-Aside Commitments per Section 42 of the IRC

Per Section 42 of the IRC, elect one of the following minimum set-aside commitments:

- 20% of the units at 50% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI)
- 40% of the units at 60% or less of the AMI
- Average Income Test

Note: Choosing the 20 percent at 50 percent AMI or less minimum set-aside will restrict ALL Set-Aside Units at 50 percent or less of the AMI. Applicants may select the 40 percent at 60 percent AMI or less minimum set-aside without committing to set aside any of the units at the 60 percent AMI level. For example, an Applicant may commit to set aside 40 percent at 50 percent AMI and this would also be considered 40 percent at 60 percent AMI or less.

The Average Income Test requires that (a) forty percent or more of the residential units in the Development be both rent-restricted and occupied by individuals whose income does not exceed the imputed income limitation designated by the Applicant with respect to the respective unit, subject to the special rules relating to income limitation which (b) require the Applicant to designate the imputed income limitation of each unit taken into account under (a) above, such that the average of the imputed income limitations of all units designated by the Applicant shall not exceed 60 percent of the area median income. The designated imputed income limitation of any such unit shall be in 10-percent increments as follows: 20 percent, 30 percent, 40 percent, 50 percent, 60 percent, 70 percent, or 80 percent of the area median income.

(2) Set-Aside Commitments per Corporation Requirements

The Corporation has additional minimum set-aside requirements beyond those required by Section 42 of the IRC which must be reflected on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart, as outlined below:

(a) Total Income Set-Aside Commitment

All of the units must be set aside at 120 percent AMI or less.

(b) Extremely Low Income (ELI) Set-Aside Requirements

The proposed Development must set aside a required percentage of total units for ELI Households. For purposes of this provision, the requirement to set aside units for ELI Households refers to the ELI Area Median Income (AMI) level for Monroe County which is 25 percent.

If the Average Income Test is not selected, the proposed Development must set aside 10 percent of total units for ELI Households and the ELI AMI level will be 25 percent. If the Average Income Test is selected, the proposed Development must set aside 15 percent of total units for ELI Households and the ELI AMI level will be 30 percent.

If the Set-Aside Breakdown Chart reflects more than the applicable required percentage of the total units at 25% AMI, during the credit underwriting process the Credit Underwriter will determine whether the Applicant's ELI Set-Aside unit commitment will need to be reduced by increasing the set aside units at AMI level(s) above 25%. Any such reduction in the ELI Set-Aside units would be no lower than the applicable required ELI Set-Aside percentage.

(c) Link Units for Persons with Special Needs

With the exception of Developments financed with HUD Section 811, a United States Department of Agriculture RD program, all Developments must commit to set-aside 50 percent of the ELI Set-Aside units as Link Units for Persons with Special Needs.

At least one member of each Link unit's household shall be referred by a Special Needs Household Referral Agency (Referral Agency) with which the owner executes a Link Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved by the Corporation. The current list of designated Special Needs Household Referral Agencies for each county is published on the Corporation's Website under the Quick Links section at <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/special-needs-housing-overview/serving-special-needs> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)). The owner must execute a Link Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with at least one of the Special Needs Household Referral Agencies serving the Development's county. The deadline for the Corporation's approval of the fully executed Link MOU is outlined in Exhibit D.

Additional requirements for the Link Units for Persons with Special Needs are described in Exhibit E of the RFA.

(d) Tenant Selection Plan

Unless the Development meets an exception outlined in (i) below, a Tenant Selection Plan must be submitted to the Corporation for approval within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting. The Tenant Selection Plan must be approved by

the Corporation and, if required, HUD prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

(i) Exceptions to Tenant Selection Plan requirements

- Developments financed with HUD Section 811;
- Developments financed with a United States Department of Agriculture RD program.

All other Applications must achieve Corporation approval and, if required, HUD approval prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

(ii) Achieving Corporation approval

To achieve approval by the Corporation, the Tenant Selection Plan must be submitted by the owner to the Corporation for approval within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting.

The Tenant Selection Plan Guidelines and Tenant Selection Plan Checklist can be found on the webpage <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive> (also available by clicking [here](#)). Exhibit G of the RFA also describes requirements for tenant selection policies.

(iii) Achieving HUD approval, if required

In addition to the Corporation's approval, if HUD approval is required because a Development has a Housing Assistance Payment and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD, HUD approval of the Tenant Selection Plan must be demonstrated to the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

HUD's approval process may take several months. Owner's should send the Corporation-approved Tenant Selection Plan to HUD for approval as soon as possible to meet this requirement.

(3) Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart

- (a) Complete the applicable Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart provided in question 6.c.(2) of Exhibit A.

- (i) If the minimum Housing Credit set-aside commitment of 20% at 50% AMI is selected, the total set-aside commitments will be as outlined below:
- At least 25 percent of the total units but not more than 30 percent of the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit, must be set aside at or below 50 percent of the AMI and entered in the rows labeled “Housing Credit Units” on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart. This is the Applicant’s minimum IRC Housing Credit Set-Aside. This must include the ELI Set-Aside Unit requirement that 10 percent of the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit, be set aside at the 25% AMI level.
  - The remaining units will be considered the proposed Development’s Workforce Housing Units and must be entered on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart in the row labeled “Workforce Housing Units”. These units must be set aside at an AMI that is greater than 60 percent but no higher than 120 percent.
- (ii) If the minimum Housing Credit set-aside commitment of 40% at 60% AMI is selected, the total set-aside commitments will be as outlined below:
- At least 45 percent of the total units but not more than 50 percent of the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit, must be set aside at or below 60 percent of the AMI and entered in the rows labeled “Housing Credit Units” on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart. This is the Applicant’s minimum IRC Housing Credit Set-Aside. This must include the ELI Set-Aside Unit requirement that 10 percent of the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit, be set aside at the 25% ELI AMI level.
  - The remaining units will be considered the proposed Development’s Workforce Housing Units and must be entered on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart in the row labeled “Workforce Housing Units”. These units must be set aside at an AMI that is greater than 60 percent but no higher than 120 percent.
- (b) Completing the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart if committing to the Average Income Test
- At least 45 percent of the total units but not more than 50 percent of the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit\*, must be set aside at or below 60 percent of the AMI and entered in the rows labeled “Housing Credit Units” on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown

Chart. This is the Applicant's minimum IRC Housing Credit Set-Aside. This must include the ELI Set-Aside Unit requirement that 15 percent of the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit, be set aside at or below 30 percent AMI level.

\*Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Units are not included in this calculation.

- The remaining units must be entered on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart in the row labeled as either "Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Units" or "Workforce Housing Units".

*Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Units*

Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Units are included in the Average Income Test calculation.

*Workforce Housing Units*

Workforce Housing Units must be set aside at an AMI that is greater than 60 percent but no higher than 120 percent.

Note: Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the Set-Aside Worksheet and the Average Income Test worksheet included on the Development Cost Pro Forma to assist Applicants in this calculation. The Set-Aside Worksheet and the Development Cost Pro Forma are available on the RFA Website.

Example: A proposed Development consists of 125 total units and selects the Average Income Test.

- To meet the ELI Set-Aside Unit requirement, the Applicant sets aside 15 percent of the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit, (19 units) at 30 percent AMI.
- To meet the requirement that between 45 and 50 percent of the total units are Housing Credit Units at 60 percent AMI and below, the Applicant may choose to commit 5 units at 50 percent AMI and 39 units at 60 percent AMI, in addition to the 19 ELI Set-Aside Units.
- To meet the requirement that the average AMI of all of the Housing Credit Units plus Joint Housing Credit Units/Workforce Housing Units does not exceed 60 percent, the Applicant may choose to 31 Joint Housing Credit Units/Workforce Housing Units at 80 percent AMI in addition to the 63 Housing Credit Units.
- The remaining units (31) must be set-aside as Workforce Housing Units.

Note: If Average Income Test is selected, credit underwriting and final cost certification activities as required by Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., as applicable, shall also include a minimum first mortgage amount when

sizing the Applicant's Workforce SAIL Request Amount. The minimum first mortgage test will follow the same procedure as outlined for competitive housing credit allocations in Rule Chapter 67-48.0072(28)(g) except "Housing Credit Allocation" will be substituted with "Workforce SAIL Loan Amount" and the proposed amount of the net syndication/investor proceeds will assume to be an established known funding amount.

(4) Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart

The Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart must reflect all income set-aside commitments (required set-asides and additional set-asides, including all required ELI Set-Asides) and the required total set-aside percentage (as further outlined below).

- (a) Completing the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart if committing to the Housing Credit minimum set-aside requirement of 20 percent of the total units at or below 50 percent AMI or 40 percent of the total units at or below 60 percent AMI.

Indicate on the chart at 6.c.(2)(a) of Exhibit A the percentage of residential units, stated in whole numbers, to be set aside at each selected AMI level. If the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart reflects that either the Total Set-Aside Percentage or the ELI commitment does not meet the Set-Aside requirements, this Application will not be eligible for funding.

To calculate the Housing Credit Set-Aside Units and Workforce Housing units:

- (i) First, calculate of the number of Set-Aside Units for the lowest AMI level commitment.

The percentage associated with the lowest AMI level that the Applicant commits to will be multiplied by the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit. The result will be the number of Set-Aside Units at the lowest AMI level commitment.

- (ii) Then, calculate the number of Set-Aside Units for the second lowest AMI level.

The percentage associated with the second lowest AMI level that the Applicant commits to will be first added to the percentage associated with the lowest AMI level commitment. These percentages, added together, will be multiplied by the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit.

The number of units calculated in (i) above will be subtracted from the result to calculate the number of Set-Aside Units at the second lowest AMI level commitment.

- (iii) Then, calculate the number of Set-Aside Units for each remaining AMI level, if applicable.

Starting with the third lowest AMI level remaining, the number of Set-Aside Units for each of the remaining AMI levels will be calculated using the same methodology described in (ii) above.

- (iv) Finally, calculate Workforce Housing Units

To calculate the number of Workforce Housing Units, the total number of Set-Aside Units will be subtracted from the total number of units.

- (b) Completing the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart if committing to the Average Income Test

If committing to the Average Income Test, Applicants must indicate on the chart at 6.c.(2)(b) of Exhibit A the number of Set-Aside Units, stated in whole numbers, to be set aside at each selected AMI level.

The Corporation will verify that the number of units set aside at the ELI level meets the ELI minimum requirements by dividing the number of units that are set-aside at 30 percent AMI, or less, by the total number of units. The Corporation will also verify the overall Set-Aside Commitment of all units by adding all Set-Aside Units and then dividing this sum by the total number of units. Exhibit A provides a calculation of the Average AMI of the Qualifying Housing Credit Units using the methodology below.

Note: After entering the number of units into Exhibit A, the percentage of total units is calculated, which may reflect numbers represented with decimal places instead of whole numbers. This is acceptable for the Average Income Test calculation.

If the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart reflects that the Average AMI of the Qualifying Housing Credit Units exceeds 60 percent, and/or if the number of Set-Aside Units set aside at 30 percent AMI, or less, is not equal to or greater than the required ELI commitment, and/or the overall Set-Aside Commitment requirement is not met, this Application will not be eligible for funding.

Calculation of the Average AMI of the Qualifying Housing Credit Units for the Average Income Test



- (i) First, state the total number of Set-Aside Units at each AMI commitment.
- (ii) Then, at each AMI commitment, multiply the number of Set-Aside Units by the AMI percentage (e.g., a commitment of 13 Set-Aside Units at 30 percent AMI would be calculated as follows:  $13 \times 0.30 = 3.9$ ).
- (iii) Repeat this calculation at each AMI level. Then add the results together.
- (iv) Divide the number calculated in (iii) by the total number of Set-Aside Units stated in (i).
- (v) This number must be equal to or less than 60 percent to meet the eligibility requirement. If the Average AMI of the Qualifying Housing Credit Units exceeds 60 percent, this Application will not be eligible for funding.

Where reasonably possible, keep the unit mix consistent across each committed AMI level.

The above ELI and all other set-aside commitments must be taken into account during any pre-leasing and leasing activities.

d. Unit Mix

Completing the Unit Mix Chart

Complete the Unit Mix Chart listing the total number of bedrooms per unit, the total number of bathrooms per unit (including half-baths, if applicable), the total number of units per bedroom type, and the number of units that are ELI Set-Aside units. All units in the proposed Development must be listed, including all manager/employee units, if applicable. Units may have no more than four bedrooms.

No more than 25 percent of the total units may be comprised of Zero Bedroom units.

If additional space is required, enter the information in the Addenda. Note: During credit underwriting, the credit underwriter will verify that the ELI Set-Aside units are distributed across the unit mix on a pro-rata basis.

e. Number of Buildings

State the anticipated number of residential buildings.

The number of residential buildings stated in the Application may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting.

f. Compliance Period

All Applicants are required to set aside the units for 50 years.

In submitting its Application, the Applicant knowingly, voluntarily and irrevocably commits to waive, and does hereby waive, for the duration of the 50-year set aside period the option to convert to market, including any option or right to submit a request for a qualified contract, after year 14, and any other option, right or process available to the Applicant to terminate (or that would result in the termination of) the 50-year set aside period at any time prior to the expiration of its full term.

Note: The Compliance Period committed to in this section includes the units set aside for the Demographic Commitments made in this RFA, which includes the commitments for Link Units and ELI Households. Although the percentage of units committed to must remain in effect for the entire Compliance Period, the particular units designated for the Demographic Commitment and AMI commitment must not be limited to the same units throughout the Compliance Period. Doing so may cause the Development to be in noncompliance.

## 7. Readiness to Proceed

### a. Site Control

Demonstrate site control by providing, as **Attachment 6** to Exhibit A, the documentation required in Items (1), (2), and/or (3), as indicated below, demonstrating that it is a party to an eligible contract or lease, or is the owner of the subject property. Such documentation must include all relevant intermediate contracts, agreements, assignments, options, conveyances, intermediate leases, and subleases. If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, site control must be demonstrated for all of the Scattered Sites.

- (1) An eligible contract must meet all of the following conditions:
  - (a) It must have a term that does not expire before September 30, 2022 or that contains extension options exercisable by the purchaser and conditioned solely upon payment of additional monies which, if exercised, would extend the term to a date that is not earlier than September 30, 2022;
  - (b) It must specifically state that the buyer's remedy for default on the part of the seller includes or is specific performance;
  - (c) The Applicant must be the buyer unless there is an assignment of the eligible contract, signed by the assignor and the assignee, which assigns all of the buyer's rights, title and interests in the eligible contract to the Applicant; and
  - (d) The owner of the subject property must be the seller, or is a party to one or more intermediate contracts, agreements, assignments, options, or conveyances between or among the owner, the Applicant, or other

parties, that have the effect of assigning the owner’s right to sell the property to the seller. Any intermediate contract must meet the criteria for an eligible contract in (a) and (b) above.

- (2) Proof of Ownership through a recorded document such as a Deed or Certificate of Title – The documentation must be recorded in the county in which the property is located and show the Applicant as the sole Grantee.
- (3) Lease - The lease must have an unexpired term of at least 50 years after the Application Deadline and the lessee must be the Applicant. The owner of the subject property must be a party to the lease, or a party to one or more intermediate leases, subleases, agreements, or assignments, between or among the owner, the Applicant, or other parties, that have the effect of assigning the owner’s right to lease the property for at least 50 years to the lessee.

b. Ability to Proceed

Demonstrate the following Ability to Proceed elements as of Application Deadline, for the entire proposed Development site, including all Scattered Sites, if applicable, as outlined below. The Florida Housing Ability to Proceed Verification forms are provided on the RFA Webpage. Note: The Applicant may include the Florida Housing Ability to Proceed Verification forms that were included in a previous RFA submission for the same proposed Development, provided (i) the form(s) used for this RFA are labeled Form Rev. 06-2020, (ii) the forms are dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline, (iii) none of the information entered on the form and certified to by the signatory has changed in any way, and (iv) the requirements outlined in this RFA are met. If the Applicant provides any prior version of the Florida Housing Ability to Proceed Verification form(s), the form(s) will not be considered.

- (1) Appropriate Zoning. Demonstrate that as of the Application Deadline the entire proposed Development site is appropriately zoned and consistent with local land use regulations regarding density and intended use or that the proposed Development site is legally non-conforming by providing, as **Attachment 7** to Exhibit A, the applicable properly completed and executed verification form:
  - (a) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government Verification that Development is Consistent with Zoning and Land Use Regulations form (Form Rev. 06-20); or
  - (b) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government Verification that Permits are Not Required for this Development form (Form Rev. 06-20).

Note: With regard to the terms “Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO)” and “Building Permit Allocation System (BPAS),” as used by different jurisdictions within the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern, for purposes of the verification forms outlined in (a) and (b) above, all references on these forms to “Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO)” shall

be considered by the Corporation to have the same meaning as “Building Permit Allocation System (BPAS).”

- (2) Availability of Water. Demonstrate that as of the Application Deadline water is available to the entire proposed Development site by providing as **Attachment 8** to Exhibit A:
  - (a) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure – Water form (Form Rev. 06-20); or
  - (b) Documentation from the water service provider that contains the Development location and the number of units and is dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline. The documentation may not be signed by the Applicant, by any related parties of the Applicant, by any Principals or Financial Beneficiaries of the Applicant, or by any local elected officials.
- (3) Availability of Sewer. Demonstrate that as of the Application Deadline sewer capacity, package treatment or septic tank service is available to the entire proposed Development site by providing as **Attachment 9** to Exhibit A:
  - (a) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure – Sewer Capacity, Package Treatment, or Septic Tank form (Form Rev. 06-20); or
  - (b) Documentation from the waste treatment service provider that contains the Development location, the number of units, and is dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline. The documentation may not be signed by the Applicant, by any related parties of the Applicant, by any Principals or Financial Beneficiaries of the Applicant, or by any local elected officials.

## 8. Construction Features

All units are expected to meet all requirements as outlined below. The quality of the construction features committed to by the Applicant is subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

All features and amenities committed to and proposed by the Applicant that are not unit-specific shall be located on each of the Scattered Sites, or no more than 1/16 mile from the Scattered Site with the most units, or a combination of both.

### a. Federal Requirements and State Building Code Requirements for all Developments

All proposed Developments must meet all federal requirements and state building code requirements, including the following, incorporating the most recent amendments, regulations and rules:

- Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction as adopted pursuant to Section 553.503, Florida Statutes;
- The Fair Housing Act as implemented by 24 CFR 100;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973\*; and
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as implemented by 28 CFR 35.

The above documents are available on the RFA Webpage.

\*All Developments must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as implemented by 24 CFR Part 8 (“Section 504 and its related regulations”). All Developments must meet accessibility standards of Section 504. Section 504 accessibility standards require a minimum of 5 percent of the total dwelling units, but not fewer than one unit, to be accessible for individuals with mobility impairments. An additional 2 percent of the total units, but not fewer than one unit, must be accessible for persons with hearing or vision impairments. All of the accessible units must be equally distributed among different unit sizes and Development types and must be dispersed on all accessible routes throughout the Development.

To the extent that a Development is not otherwise subject to Section 504 and its related regulations, the Development shall nevertheless comply with Section 504 and its related regulations as requirements of the Corporation funding program to the same extent as if the Development were subject to Section 504 and its related regulations in all respects. To that end, all Corporation funding shall be deemed “Federal financial assistance” within the meaning of that term as used in Section 504 and its related regulations for all Developments.

b. General Features

(1) The following General Features must be provided for all proposed Developments:

- Termite prevention;
- Pest control;
- Window covering for each window and glass door inside each unit;
- Cable or satellite TV hook-up in each unit and, if the Development offers cable or satellite TV service to the residents, the price cannot exceed the market rate for service of similar quality available to the Development’s residents from a primary provider of cable or satellite TV;
- Washer and dryer hook ups in each of the Development’s units or an on-site laundry facility for resident use. If the proposed Development will have an on-site laundry facility, the following requirements must be met:
  - There must be a minimum of one Energy Star certified washer and one Energy Star certified or commercial grade dryer per every 15 units. To determine the required number of washers and dryers for the on-site laundry facility; divide the total number of the Development’s units by 15, and then round the equation’s total up to the nearest whole number;
  - At least one washing machine and one dryer shall be front loading that meets the accessibility standards of Section 504;
  - If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, the laundry facility shall be located on each of the Scattered Sites, or no more than

1/16 mile from the Scattered Site with the most units, or a combination of both;

- At least two full bathrooms in all 3 bedroom or larger new construction units; and
- Bathtub with shower in at least one bathroom in at least 90 percent of the new construction units.

(2) All Developments must provide a full-size range and oven in all units.

c. Required Accessibility Features, regardless of the age of the Development

Federal and state law and building code regulations requires that programs, activities, and facilities be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. Florida Housing requires that the design, construction, or alteration of its financed Developments be in compliance with federal and state accessibility requirements. When more than one law and accessibility standard applies, the Applicant shall comply with the standard (2010 ADA Standards, Section 504, Fair Housing Act, or Florida Building Code, Accessibility) which affords the greater level of accessibility for the residents and visitors. Areas required to be made accessible to mobility-impaired residents and their visitors, including those in wheelchairs, shall include, but not be limited to, accessible routes and entrances, paths of travel, primary function areas, parking, trash bins, mail and package receiving areas for residents, pool and other amenities, including paths of travel to amenities and laundry rooms, including washers and dryers.

(1) Required Accessibility Features in all Units

- Primary entrance doors on an accessible route shall have a threshold with no more than a ½-inch rise;
- All door handles on primary entrance door and interior doors must have lever handles;
- Lever handles on all bathroom faucets and kitchen sink faucets;
- Mid-point on light switches and thermostats shall not be more than 48 inches above finished floor level; and
- Cabinet drawer handles and cabinet door handles in bathroom and kitchen shall be lever or D-pull type that operate easily using a single closed fist.

(2) In addition to the 5 percent mobility requirement outlined above, all Developments must provide reinforced walls for future installation of horizontal grab bars in place around each tub/shower and toilet, or a Corporation-approved alternative approach for grab bar installation. The installation of the grab bars must meet or exceed the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

At the request of and at no charge to a resident household, the Development shall purchase and install grab bars around each tub/shower unit and toilet in the dwelling unit. The product specifications and installation must meet or

exceed 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The Development shall inform a prospective resident that the Development, upon a resident household's request and at no charge to the household, will install grab bars around a dwelling unit's tub/shower unit and toilet, pursuant to the 2010 ADA Standards. At a minimum, the Development shall inform each prospective lessee by including language in the Development's written materials listing and describing the unit's features, as well as including the language in each household's lease.

d. Required Green Building Features in all Developments

(1) All new construction units and, as applicable, all common areas must have the features listed below:

- Low or No-VOC paint for all interior walls (Low-VOC means 50 grams per liter or less for flat; 150 grams per liter or less for non-flat paint);
- Low-flow water fixtures in bathrooms—WaterSense labeled products or the following specifications:
  - Toilets: 1.28 gallons/flush or less,
  - Urinals: 0.5 gallons/flush,
  - Lavatory Faucets: 1.5 gallons/minute or less at 60 psi flow rate,
  - Showerheads: 2.0 gallons/minute or less at 80 psi flow rate;
- Energy Star certified refrigerator;
- Energy Star certified dishwasher;
- Energy Star certified ventilation fan in all bathrooms;
- Water heater minimum efficiency specifications:
  - Residential Electric:
    - Up to 55 gallons = 0.95 EF or 0.92 UEF; or
    - More than 55 gallons = Energy Star certified; or
    - Tankless = 0.97 EF and Max GPM of  $\geq 2.5$  over a 77° rise or 0.87 UEF and GPM of  $\geq 2.9$  over a 67° rise;
  - Residential Gas (storage or tankless/instantaneous): Energy Star certified,
  - Commercial Gas Water Heater: Energy Star certified;
- Energy Star certified ceiling fans with lighting fixtures in bedrooms;
- Air Conditioning (in-unit or commercial):
  - Air-Source Heat Pumps – Energy Star certified:
    - $\geq 8.5$  HSPF/  $\geq 15$  SEER/  $\geq 12.5$  EER for split systems
    - $\geq 8.2$  HSPF  $\geq 15$  SEER/  $\geq 12$  EER for single package equipment including gas/electric package units
  - Central Air Conditioners – Energy Star certified:
    - $\geq 15$  SEER/  $\geq 12.5$  EER\* for split systems
    - $\geq 15$  SEER/  $\geq 12$  EER\* for single package equipment including gas/electric package units.

NOTE: Window air conditioners and portable air conditioners are not allowed. Package Terminal Air Conditioners (PTACs) / Package

Terminal Heat Pumps (PTHPs) are allowed in studio and one-bedroom units.

- (2) In addition to the required Green Building features outlined in (1) above, proposed Developments with the Development Category of New Construction or Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition, must select one of the following Green Building Certification programs: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC); Enterprise Green Communities; or ICC 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS).

## 9. Resident Programs

The quality of the Resident Programs committed to by the Applicant is subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The availability of the Resident Programs must be publicized on an ongoing basis such as through community newsletters, bulletin board posts, or flyers.

Provide at least three of the resident programs outlined below. The eligible resident programs which may be selected are as follows:

a. After School Program for Children

This program requires the Applicant or its Management Company to provide supervised, structured, age-appropriate activities for children during after school hours, Monday through Friday. Activities must be on-site.

b. Adult Literacy

The Applicant or its Management Company must make available, at no cost to the resident, literacy tutor(s) who will provide weekly literacy lessons to residents in private space on-site. Various literacy programming can be offered that strengthens participants' reading, writing skills, and comprehension, but at a minimum, these must include English proficiency and basic reading education.

Training must be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and electronic media, if used, must be used in conjunction with live instruction. If the Development consists of Scattered Sites, this resident program must be provided on the Scattered Site with the most units.

c. Employment Assistance Program

The Applicant or its Management Company must provide, at no cost to the resident, a minimum of quarterly scheduled Employment Assistance Program workshops/meetings offering employment counseling by a knowledgeable employment counselor. Such a program includes employability skills workshops providing instruction in the basic skills necessary for getting, keeping, and doing well in a job. The instruction must be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Evaluation of current job skills;



- Assistance in setting job goals;
- Assistance in development of and regular review/update of an individualized plan for each participating resident;
- Resume assistance;
- Interview preparation; and
- Placement and follow-up services.

If the training is not provided on-site, transportation at no cost to the resident must be provided. Electronic media, if used, must be used in conjunction with live instruction.

d. Family Support Coordinator

A Family Support Coordinator must be provided at no cost to the resident. The Family Support Coordinator shall assist residents in assessing needs and obtaining services, with the goal of promoting successful tenancies and helping residents achieve and maintain maximum independence and self-sufficiency. Responsibilities shall include linking residents with public and private resources in the community to provide needed assistance, develop and oversee on-site programs and activities based on the needs and interests of residents, and support residents in organizing group activities to build community and to address and solve problems such as crime and drug activity. The duties of the Family Support Coordinator shall not be performed by property management staff. The Coordinator shall be on-site and available to residents at least 20 hours per week, within the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Coordinator may be an employee of the Development or, through an agreement, an employee of a third-party agency or organization that provides these services.

e. Financial Management Program

The Applicant or its Management Company shall provide a series of classes to provide residents training in various aspects of personal financial management. Classes must be held at least quarterly, consisting of at least two hours of training per quarter, and must be conducted by parties that are qualified to provide training regarding the respective topic area. If the Development consists of Scattered Sites, the Resident Program must be held on the Scattered Site with the most units. Residents residing at the other sites of a Scattered Site Development must be offered transportation, at no cost to them, to the classes. The topic areas must include, but not be limited to:

- Financial budgeting and bill-paying including training in the use of technologies and web-based applications;
- Tax preparation including do's and don'ts, common tips, and how and where to file, including electronically;
- Fraud prevention including how to prevent credit card and banking fraud, identity theft, computer hacking and avoiding common consumer scams;
- Retirement planning & savings options including preparing a will and estate planning; and
- Homebuyer education including how to prepare to buy a home, and how to access to first-time homebuyer programs in the county in which the development is located.

Different topic areas must be selected for each session, and no topic area may be repeated consecutively.

- f. Homeownership Opportunity Program - Applicant commits to provide a financial incentive which includes the following provisions:
- The incentive must be applicable to the home selected and may not be restricted to or enhanced by the purchase of a home in which the Applicant, Developer, or other related party has an interest;
  - the incentive must be not less than 5 percent of the rent received by the owner for the unit during the entire occupancy by the household (Note: The incentive will be paid for all months for which the household is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease. Damages to the unit in excess of the security deposit will be deducted from the incentive.);
  - the benefit must be in the form of a gift or grant and may not be a loan of any nature;
  - the benefits of the incentive must accrue from the beginning of occupancy;
  - the vesting period can be no longer than 2 years of continuous residency; and
  - no fee, deposit or any other such charge can be levied against the household as a condition of participation in this program.

## 10. Funding

Applications must include a request for Workforce SAIL funding and a request for 9% Competitive Housing Credits.

### a. Corporation Funding

#### (1) Workforce SAIL Funding

State the amount of Workforce SAIL funding.

All Applicants are eligible for both Competitive Housing Credits and Workforce SAIL for each Housing Credit Unit, Workforce Housing Unit, and, if applicable, Joint Housing Credit Unit/Workforce Housing Unit in the proposed Development. The maximum per unit request amounts are based on the following conditions:

- If Average Income Test is not selected, the Applicant may request up to the lesser of \$5,520,000 or \$80,000 in Workforce SAIL for each unit, regardless of whether it is a Housing Credit Unit or a Workforce Housing Unit.
- If Average Income Test is selected, Applicants may request up to the lesser of \$5,520,000 or the sum of the following Workforce SAIL per unit request amounts:
  - Up to \$80,000 in Workforce SAIL for each Workforce Housing Unit; plus

- Up to \$125,000 in Workforce SAIL for each Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Unit; plus
- If there are any units above 80% AMI, (i.e. Workforce Housing Units), then the Applicant may request up to \$80,000 in Workforce SAIL for each Housing Credit Unit in the Development. If there are no units above 80% AMI, (i.e. Workforce Housing Units), then the Applicant may request up to \$125,000 in Workforce SAIL for each Housing Credit Unit in the Development.

If the Applicant states an amount that is greater than the amount the Applicant is eligible to request, the Corporation will reduce the amount down to the maximum amount the Applicant is eligible to request (“Eligible Workforce SAIL Request Amount”). In addition, if the Applicant states an amount that is not a whole dollar amount, the Corporation will round the amount down to a whole dollar amount.

(2) Housing Credits

(a) Housing Credit Request Amount

State the amount of Competitive 9% Housing Credits being requested.

The Applicant’s Competitive Housing Credit Request Amount is limited to the maximum of \$36,000 per unit or \$1,500,000 per Development.

If the Applicant states an amount that is greater than the amount the Applicant is eligible to request, the Corporation will reduce the amount down to the maximum amount the Applicant is eligible to request (“Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount”). In addition, if the Applicant states an amount that is not a whole dollar amount, the Corporation will round the amount down to a whole dollar amount.

(b) Declaration as First Phase of a Multiphase Development

To declare this proposed Development as the first phase of a multiphase Development, the question in Exhibit A must be answered “Yes” and at least one building must be located within the HUD-designated DDA or HUD-designated QCT stated in Exhibit A.

During the credit underwriting process, an opinion letter must be submitted to the Corporation by a licensed attorney that the Development meets the definition of a “multiphase project” as defined in the Federal Register related to the Statutorily Mandated Designation of Difficult Development Areas and Qualified Census Tracts for the applicable year. The letter must also include: (i) the name of the declared first phase Development and the Corporation-assigned Application number, (ii) the total number of

phases and the projected Development name for each phase, (iii) the total number of buildings in each phase, (iv) the expected completion date for each phase, and (v) any other information as determined by the Corporation and stated in the invitation to enter credit underwriting.

To qualify for the basis boost, subsequent phases must meet the requirements in (c)(i) below.

(c) Basis Boost Qualifications

With regard to Housing Credits, HUD provides regulatory guidance on the effective date of Difficult Development Area (DDA) and Qualified Census Tract (QCT) lists for the purpose of determining whether a Development qualifies for an increase in eligible basis in accordance with Section 42(d)(5)(B) of the IRC. HUD's notice published on the webpage <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/qct.html> (also available by clicking [here](#)) governs the eligibility for a basis boost for the Development proposed in this RFA.

The 2022 HUD-designated DDAs, SADDAs, and QCTs will be in effect as of January 1, 2022 and will be used for this RFA. These can be found on the webpage <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/qct.html> (also available by clicking [here](#)).

(i) Subsequent Phase of a Multiphase Development

For purposes of this RFA, a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development is one where the first phase was located within a HUD-designated DDA or HUD-designated QCT and appropriately identified as such, and received an award of Housing Credits ("initial award") in one of the following: (i) the 2011 Universal Application Cycle, (ii) a Request for Proposal or Request for Application ("RFP" or "RFA") issued in calendar year 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 or (iii) a Non-Competitive Housing Credit Application (awarded through a Corporation competitive RFA process or a Non-Corporation Bond issuer's competitive application).

For the subsequent phase to be eligible for the basis boost, after the initial award, (A) the Applicant must have submitted an Application for Housing Credits in immediately consecutive years, per the HUD requirements, (B) the 730-day period following the initial award must not end prior to the submission deadline for the Corporation's competitive RFA or a Non-Corporation Bond issuer's

competitive application, per HUD's requirements, and (C) the subsequent phase must have at least one building located within the boundary of the declared HUD-designated DDA or HUD-designated QCT which applied to the Development declared as the first phase by the first phase Applicant.

If the proposed Development qualifies as a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development, indicate as such in Exhibit A and provide the Corporation-assigned Application number for the Development where the first phase was declared and awarded an allocation of Housing Credits.

The proposed Development's subsequent phase status will be confirmed during the credit underwriting process. If it is determined that the proposed Development does not meet the criteria to be designated a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development and the Housing Credit request was based on such contention, it will no longer be considered a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development and the Applicant's Competitive Housing Credit award may be rescinded.

(ii) HUD-designated Small Area DDA (SADDA)

A proposed Development will be eligible for the basis boost if located within a HUD-designated Small Area DDA (SADDA), as defined in Section 42(d)(5)(B)(iii), IRC. The SADDA designation will only apply to the building(s) located within the applicable SADDA Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) and only those building(s) will be eligible for the basis boost.

HUD has assigned a ZCTA number to each SADDA, available on the webpage

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/qct.html> (also available by clicking [here](#)). The applicable HUD mapping software is available at

[https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda\\_qct.html](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda_qct.html) (also available by clicking [here](#)).

To qualify, identify, in Exhibit A, the ZCTA number(s) for the proposed Development.

During credit underwriting and at the time of Final Cost Certification, if it is determined that there are buildings located outside of the applicable SADDA ZCTA, the Corporation reserves the right to reduce the Housing Credit Allocation if the eligible basis for the building(s) located in

the applicable SADDA ZCTA is not sufficient to support the request amount.

(iii) HUD-designated Non-Metropolitan DDA

The proposed Development will be eligible for the basis boost if the Development county, as stated in Exhibit A, is located within a HUD-designated non-metropolitan DDA as defined in Section 42(d)(5)(B)(iii), IRC. The 2021 HUD-designated non-metropolitan DDAs are available on the webpage

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/qct.html> (also available by clicking [here](#)).

(iv) HUD-designated QCT

The proposed Development will be eligible for the basis boost if the entire Development is located, as of Application Deadline, within a HUD-designated QCT, as defined in Section 42(d)(5)(B)(ii), IRC, as amended and based on the current census, as determined by HUD.

The HUD-designated QCTs are available on the webpage <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/qct.html> (also available by clicking [here](#)).

To qualify, indicate the HUD-designated QCT census tract number.

(d) Housing Credit Equity Proposal

A Housing Credit equity proposal must be provided as **Attachment 10**. For purposes of this RFA, to be counted as a source, an equity proposal, regardless of whether the documentation is in the form of a commitment, proposal, term sheet or letter of intent, must meet the requirements set out below:

- (i) If the Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount is less than the anticipated amount of credit allocation stated in the equity proposal, the equity proposal will be considered a source of financing and, for scoring purposes, the maximum amount of Housing Credit equity to be permitted in the Development Cost Pro Forma will be adjusted downward from the amount stated in the equity proposal. This adjusted maximum Housing Credit equity will be calculated by taking the total amount of equity to be provided to the proposed Development as stated in the equity proposal letter, dividing it by the credit allocation stated in the equity proposal and multiplying that quotient by the Applicant's Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount. If the

Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount is greater than the anticipated amount of credit allocation stated in the equity proposal, the equity proposal will be considered a source of financing and the maximum amount of Housing Credit equity to be permitted for scoring in the Development Cost Pro Forma will be the amount stated in the equity proposal.

- (ii) If syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, the Housing Credit equity proposal must meet the following criteria:
- Be executed by the equity provider;
  - Include specific reference to the Applicant as the beneficiary of the equity proceeds;
  - State the proposed amount of equity to be paid prior to construction completion;
  - State the anticipated Housing Credit Request Amount;
  - State the anticipated dollar amount of Housing Credit allocation to be purchased; and
  - State the anticipated total amount of equity to be provided.

If the limited partnership agreement or limited liability company operating agreement has closed, the closed agreement must be provided. To be counted as a source of financing, the partnership agreement or operating agreement must meet the requirements above or submit separate documentation, signed by the equity provider, expressly stating any required criteria not provided in the agreement.

- (iii) If not syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, the owner's commitment to provide equity must be provided. The commitment must include the following information and evidence of ability to fund must be provided as **Attachment 10** to the Application:
- The proposed amount of equity to be paid prior to construction completion;
  - The anticipated Housing Credit Request Amount;
  - The anticipated dollar amount of Housing Credit allocation to be purchased; and
  - The anticipated total amount of equity to be provided.

Note: Exhibit D to the RFA outlines the documentation required to be submitted during credit underwriting demonstrating that the equity amount to be paid prior to or simultaneous with the closing of construction financing is at least 15 percent of the total proposed equity to be provided (the 15 percent criteria).

## (2) Other Corporation Funding

- (a) If the Development has received funding from the Predevelopment Loan Program (PLP), the Corporation file number and amount of funding must be listed. Note: PLP funding cannot be used as a source of financing on the Construction/Rehab Analysis or the Permanent Analysis.
- (b) List any other Corporation funding that is intended to be utilized as a source of financing for the proposed Development.

## b. Non-Corporation Funding

Unless stated otherwise within this RFA, for funding, other than Corporation funding and deferred Developer Fee, to be counted as a source on the Development Cost Pro Forma, provide documentation of all financing proposals from both the construction and the permanent lender(s), equity proposals from the syndicator, and other sources of funding. The financing proposals must state whether they are for construction financing, permanent financing, or both, and all attachments and/or exhibits referenced in the proposal must be provided as **Attachment 13\*** to Exhibit A.

\*Note: Attachments 11 and 12 were intentionally omitted from this RFA.

For purposes of the Application, the following will not be considered a source of financing: net operating income, capital contributions not documented in accordance with financing proposals that are not from a Regulated Mortgage Lender, fee waivers or any portion of any fees that are reimbursed by the local government. Additionally, fee waivers or any portion of any fees that are reimbursed by the local government cannot be considered as Development costs.

## (a) Financing Proposal

Financing proposal documentation, regardless of whether the documentation is in the form of a commitment, proposal, term sheet, or letter of intent, must meet the following criteria.

Each financing proposal shall contain:

- Amount of the construction loan, if applicable;
- Amount of the permanent loan, if applicable;
- Specific reference to the Applicant as the borrower or direct recipient; and
- Signature of lender.

Note: Eligible Local Government financial commitments (i.e., grants and loans) can be considered a source of financing without



meeting the requirements above if the Applicant provides the properly completed and executed Local Government Verification of Contribution – Grant Form (Form 07-2019) and/or the Local Government Verification of Contribution – Loan Form (Form 07-2019) and such grant and/or loan is effective at least through June 30, 2022. A loan with a forgiveness provision (and no accrued interest charges) requiring approval of the Local Government can be treated as a loan or a grant, for scoring purposes. Either the "Loan" or the "Grant" verification forms can be used. The grant and loan forms (Form 07-2019) are available on the RFA Webpage. If the loan form is used for a loan with forgiveness provision (and no accrued interest charges), the space for entering the net present value of the loan is not applicable to this RFA and will not be considered.

(b) Financing that has closed:

(i) If the financing has closed in the Applicant's name, provide a letter from the lender acknowledging that the loan has closed. The letter must also include the following information:

- Amount of the construction loan, if applicable;
- Amount of the permanent loan, if applicable; and
- Specific reference to the Applicant as the borrower/direct recipient/mortgagee.

(ii) Except for HUD and RD funding, if the financing involves an assumption of debt not currently in the Applicant's name, as evidence that the lender approves of the proposal of assumption, provide a letter from the lender, dated within six months of the Application Deadline, that includes the following information:

- Specifically references the Applicant as the assuming party;
- If a permanent loan, states the amount to be assumed; and
- If a construction loan, states the maximum amount of funding capacity.

If the debt being assumed is provided by HUD, provide a letter from HUD, dated within six months of the Application Deadline, confirming the funding source. The letter must include the following information:

- Name of existing development;
- Name of proposed Development;
- Loan balance;
- Acknowledgment that property is applying for Housing Credits; and

- Applicable HUD program.

If the debt being assumed is provided by RD, the Applicant is only required to provide the information described in Item 10.b.(1)(b) above.

- (c) If the financing proposal is not from a Regulated Mortgage Lender in the business of making loans or a governmental entity, evidence of ability to fund must be provided. Evidence of ability to fund includes: (i) a copy of the lender's most current audited financial statements no more than 17 months old; or (ii) if the loan has already been funded, a copy of the note and recorded mortgage. The age of all financial statements is as of the Application Deadline. In evaluating ability to fund, the Corporation will consider the entity's unrestricted current assets typically used in the normal course of business. Assets considered restricted include, but are not limited to, pension funds, rental security deposits, and sinking funds. Financing proposals from lenders who cannot demonstrate ability to fund will not count as a source of financing. Financial statements must be included in the Application. Note: This provision does not apply to deferred Developer Fee.

In the case where the seller (or lessor) of the Development's property is providing a seller's or lessor's note (purchase money mortgage or equivalent) to help finance the Applicant's acquisition of the property, evidence of its ability to fund the amount of the note is not needed so long as the Application includes a letter from the seller or lessor that meets the financing proposal criteria outlined in (2)(a) above and the amount of the note is equal to or less than the purchase price of the property.

- (d) If a financing proposal shows an amount less than the corresponding line item on the Development Cost Pro Forma, only the financing proposal amount will be considered as a funding source. However, if a financing proposal shows an amount greater than the corresponding line item on the Development Cost Pro Forma, up to the total amount of the financing proposal amount may be utilized as a funding source, if needed.
- (e) The loan amount may be conditioned upon an appraisal or debt service coverage ratio or any other typical due diligence required during credit underwriting.
- (f) Financing proposals may be conditioned upon the Applicant receiving the funding from the Corporation for which it is applying.
- (g) If a financing proposal has a provision for holding back funds until certain conditions are met, the amount of the hold-back will not be counted as a source of construction financing unless it can be

determined that the conditions for the release of the hold-back can be met prior to or simultaneous with the closing of the Development's permanent financing.

- (h) Grant funds are contributions to the Development, other than equity, which carry no repayment provision or interest rate. A commitment for grant funds will be considered a commitment for scoring purposes if the commitment is properly executed and, if applicable, evidence of ability to fund is provided.

c. Development Cost Pro Forma

All Applicants must complete the Development Cost Pro Forma listing the anticipated expenses or uses, the Detail/Explanation Sheet, if applicable, and the Construction or Rehab Analysis and Permanent Analysis listing the anticipated sources (both Corporation and non-Corporation funding). The sources must equal or exceed the uses. During the scoring process, if a funding source is not considered and/or if the Applicant's funding Request Amount is adjusted downward, this may result in a funding shortfall. If the Application has a funding shortfall, it will be ineligible for funding.

The Development Cost Pro Forma must include all anticipated costs of the Development construction, and, if applicable, acquisition, including the Developer Fee and General Contractor fee, as outlined below. Waived or reimbursed fees or charges are not considered costs to the Development and therefore, should not be included on the Development Cost Pro Forma. Note: deferred Developer Fees are not considered "waived fees."

Developer Fee and General Contractor fee must be disclosed. In the event the Developer Fee and/or General Contractor fee are/is not disclosed on the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Corporation will assume that these fees will be the maximum allowable and will add the maximum amount(s) to Total Development Cost. If an Applicant lists a Developer Fee, General Contractor fee, or contingency reserve that exceeds the stated Application limits, the Corporation will adjust the fee to the maximum allowable. As stated below, Applicants may not enter any amounts pertaining to operating deficit reserves. The Corporation will not consider any operating deficit reserves listed on the Development Cost Pro Forma.

Unless stated otherwise in this RFA, except for deferred Developer Fee, the Application requires complete information on all sources of Development funding and the proposed uses of those funds. All loans, grants, donations, syndication proceeds, etc., should be detailed in the Application as outlined above. The total of monetary funds determined to be in funding proposals must equal or exceed uses.

(1) Developer Fee

Each Developer Fee component listed in (a) and (b) below shall not exceed the respective amounts described below:

- (a) Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs, is limited to 16 percent of the Total Acquisition Cost of Existing Development (excluding land) stated on the Development Cost Pro Forma in Column 3 of Item B, rounded down to the nearest dollar; and
- (b) Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs, is limited to 16 percent of the net amount after deducting Total Acquisition Cost of Existing Development (excluding land) (Column 3 of Item B) from the Development Cost stated on the Development Cost Pro Forma in Column 3 of Item C, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

If the maximums stated in (a) or (b) are exceeded, the Corporation will adjust the amount down to the maximum allowed. Additionally, the Corporation may further adjust the Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs, and/or Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs stated on the Development Cost Pro Forma and used to calculate the Developer Fee in Item D of the Development Cost Pro Forma. The conditions for such adjustments are stated below:

- If the amount of Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs is more than the amount allowed in (a) above, AND if the amount of Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs is less than the amount allowed in (b) above, the Corporation will reduce the amount of Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs to the maximum allowed amount, and increase the amount of Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs by the amount reduced in the Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs, up to the maximum allowed amount.
- If the amount of Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs is more than the amount allowed in (b) above, AND if the amount of Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs is less than the amount allowed in (a) above, the Corporation will reduce the amount of Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs to the maximum allowed amount, and increase the amount of Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs by the amount reduced in the Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs, up to the maximum allowed amount.

The Corporation will allow up to 100 percent of the eligible Developer Fee to be deferred and used as a source on the Development Cost Pro Forma without the requirement to show evidence of ability to fund.

Consulting fees, if any, and any financial or other guarantees required for the financing must be paid out of the Developer Fee. Consulting fees include, but are not limited to, payments for Application consultants, construction management or supervision consultants, or local government consultants.

- (2) General Contractor Fee

General Contractor fee shall be limited to 14 percent of actual construction cost. The maximum allowable General Contractor fee will be tested during the scoring of the Application by multiplying the actual construction cost by 14 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

(3) Contingency Reserves

For Application purposes, the maximum hard and soft cost contingencies allowed cannot exceed 5 percent of hard and soft costs, as further described in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. The determination of the contingency reserve is limited to the maximum stated percentage of total actual construction costs (hard costs) and general development costs (soft costs), as applicable.

(4) Operating Deficit Reserves

An operating deficit reserve is not to be included as part of Development Costs and cannot be used in determining the maximum Developer Fee. Applicants may not enter any amounts pertaining to any type of reserve other than the contingency reserve mentioned above on the Development Cost Pro Forma as part of the Application process. A reserve, including an operating deficit reserve, if necessary as determined by an equity provider, first mortgage lender, and/or the Credit Underwriter engaged by the Corporation in its reasonable discretion, will be required and sized in credit underwriting. The inclusion of any reserve is not permitted in the Application (other than the permitted contingency reserve) which may include, but is not limited to, operating deficit reserve, debt service shortfalls, lease-up, rent-re-stabilization, working capital, lender or syndicator required reserve(s), and any pre-funded capital (replacement) reserves. If any reserve other than the permitted contingency reserve can be identified and is included in the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Corporation will remove it during Application scoring.

In exchange for receiving funding from the Corporation, the Corporation reserves the authority to restrict the disposition of any funds remaining in any operating deficit reserve(s) after the term of the reserve's original purpose has terminated or is near termination. Authorized disposition uses are limited to payments towards any outstanding loan balances of the Development funded from the Corporation, any outstanding Corporation fees, any unpaid costs incurred in the completion of the Development (i.e., deferred Developer Fee), the Development's capital replacement reserve account (provided, however, that any operating deficit reserve funds deposited to the replacement reserve account will not replace, negate, or otherwise be considered an advance payment or pre-funding of the Applicant's obligation to periodically fund the replacement reserve account), the reimbursement of any loan(s) provided by a partner, member or guarantor as set forth in the Applicant's organizational agreement (i.e., operating or limited partnership agreement whereby its final disposition

remains under this same restriction. The actual direction of the disposition is at the Applicant's discretion so long as it is an option permitted by the Corporation. In no event, shall the payment of amounts to the Applicant or the Developer from any operating deficit reserve established for the Development cause the Developer Fee or General Contractor fee to exceed the applicable percentage limitations provided for in this RFA.

The Corporation will review the limited partnership agreement or limited liability company operating agreement language on reserves for compliance with the above requirement. If the limited partnership agreement or limited liability company operating agreement does not specifically state that the parties will comply with the Corporation's requirements stated above, the Corporation will require an amendment of the agreement and will not issue IRS form(s) 8609 until the amendment is executed and provided to the Corporation.

- d. Principal of the Applicant is a Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority

Applicants may qualify for an "Add-On Bonus" used in the Total Development Cost Per Unit Base Limitation calculation described in Section Five and in Item 1 of Exhibit C of the RFA, and the PHA Add-On used in the Leveraging Calculation described in Item 2 of Exhibit C if at least one of the following is met:

- (1) The Applicant has entered into a land lease with a Public Housing Authority on property where the proposed Development is to be located and the property has an existing Declaration of Trust between the Public Housing Authority and HUD; or
- (2) The Applicant is associated with a Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority in the ownership structure. The Applicant should state whether any Principals of the Applicant entity are a Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority and the Public Housing Authority and/or instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority must be reflected on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019).

Note: For purposes of the "Add-On Bonus", the Public Housing Authority and/or instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority must not be disclosed as only the Investor Limited Partner of the Applicant or Investor Member of the Applicant.

If a Public Housing Authority has one of the above-described relationships with the Applicant, state the name of the Public Housing Authority.

## **B. Additional Information**

1. Verifying Application Fee Payment

To ensure that the Application Fee is processed for the correct online Application, the following is **strongly recommended**: (i) provide the Application Fee at least 48 hours prior to the Application Deadline; and (ii) whether paying by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer, include the Development Name, RFA number with the payment.

Additionally, include the following at question B.1. of Exhibit A:

- If submitting a check or money order, provide the check or money order number.
- If submitting an ACH, provide the trace number.
- If submitting a wire transfer, provide the wire service reference number (i.e. Fed/CHIPS/SWIFT Reference Number) and the Fed Wire Transfer Number.

2. **Bookmarking the All Attachments Document before uploading (5 points)**

To be awarded 5 points, bookmark the pdf of the All Attachments Document before uploading. Instructions are provided on the RFA Webpage. Acrobat Standard DC or Acrobat Pro DC are the programs required to create bookmarks.

3. **Addenda**

Use the Addenda section of Exhibit A to provide any additional information or explanatory addendum for items described in the Application. Please specify the particular item to which the additional information or explanatory addendum applies.

**C. Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form**

The Authorized Principal Representative must execute the Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form to indicate the Applicant’s certification and acknowledgement of the provisions and requirements of the RFA.

**SECTION FIVE  
SCORING AND EVALUATION PROCESS**

**A. Scoring the RFA**

**1. Determining Eligibility**

Only Applications that meet all of the following Eligibility Items will be eligible for funding and considered for funding selection.

<b>Eligibility Items</b>
Submission Requirements met*
Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement signed by Authorized Principal Representative
Name of Applicant provided
Evidence Applicant is a legally formed entity provided
Name of Each Developer provided

Evidence that each Developer entity is a legally formed entity provided
Developer Experience Requirement met
Principals for Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form provided and meets requirements
Contact information for Management Company provided
Prior General Management Company Experience requirement met
Authorized Principal Representative provided and meets requirements
Name of Proposed Development provided
Development Type provided
Breakdown of number of units associated with each Development Type, Development Category and ESS/Non-ESS provided
County identified
Address of Development Site provided
Confirmation that a market study prepared by a licensed appraiser was completed before Application Deadline that demonstrates (i) the average physical occupancy rate of 92% or greater; and (ii) an average market rental rate, based on unit mix and annualized rent concessions, equal to 90 percent Area Median Income rental rate provided
Question whether a Scattered Sites Development answered
Development Location Point provided
Latitude and Longitude Coordinates for any Scattered Sites provided, if applicable
Total Number of Units provided and within limits
Minimum Set-Aside election provided
Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart properly completed
Unit Mix provided and meets requirements
Number of residential buildings provided
Evidence of Site Control provided
Appropriate Zoning demonstrated
Availability of Water demonstrated
Availability of Sewer demonstrated
Green Building Certification selected
Minimum Resident Programs selected
Applicant's Workforce SAIL Request Amount provided
Applicant's Housing Credit Request Amount provided
Development Cost Pro Forma provided (listing expenses or uses) and Construction/Rehab analysis and Permanent analysis (listing sources) – Sources must equal or exceed uses
Financial Arrearage Requirement and Insurance Deficiency Requirement met**
Verification of no prior acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting for the same Development ***
Verification of no recent de-obligations ****
Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation met*****

\* Submission Requirement



To be eligible for funding, the following submission requirements must be met: (i) the Application must be submitted online by the Application Deadline, and (ii) the required Application fee must be submitted as of the Application Deadline.

**\*\* Financial Arrearage Requirement and Insurance Deficiency Requirement**

An Application will be deemed ineligible for funding if, as of close of business **two days\*** before the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board, either of the following occur: (1) there remains any financial obligations for which an Applicant or Developer or Principal, Affiliate or Financial Beneficiary of the Applicant or Developer is in arrears to the Corporation or any agent or assignee of the Corporation as reflected on the most recently published Past Due Report; or (2) an Applicant or Developer or Principal, Affiliate or Financial Beneficiary of the Applicant or Developer has an insurance deficiency for any Development awarded Corporation resources, which are in first lien position, issued during or after September 2016 that is governed by the Insurance Guide posted to the Corporation's Website under the link <https://www.floridahousing.org/data-docs-reports/insurance-guide> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

The Past Due Report contains the financial arrearages to the Corporation as well as the Insurance Deficiency Report. The most recently published Past Due Report is posted to the Corporation's Website under the link <https://www.floridahousing.org/data-docs-reports/past-due-reports> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)), but not more recently than seven business days prior to the date the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board.

\* For example, if a review committee meeting is held on a Wednesday, regardless of the time of the meeting, the arrearages must be paid by Monday close of business.

**\*\*\* Previous Funding Requirements**

Requirement that there can be no prior acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting for the same Development

An Application will be deemed ineligible for funding if the Applicant has accepted an invitation to enter credit underwriting for the same Development (with the exception of funding awarded under the Predevelopment Loan Program (PLP) and/or the Elderly Housing Community Loan (EHCL) program) and, as of Application Deadline for this RFA, the funding has not been returned to the Corporation. If the acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting in occurs after the Application Deadline and before the Review Committee Meeting for this RFA, the proposed Development will be considered ineligible for funding in this RFA. If the acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting occurs after the Review Committee Meeting for this RFA, the proposed Development will be considered ineligible for funding in this RFA

and any funding awarded in this RFA will be rescinded and considered Returned Funding.

\*\*\*\* Verification of no recent de-obligations

An Application will be deemed ineligible to be considered for funding if, as of the close of business the day before the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board, an Applicant or Developer or Principal, Affiliate or Financial Beneficiary of the Applicant or Developer has received an award of any funding from any RFA issued by Florida Housing Finance Corporation but such funding has been de-obligated by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors within the seven years prior to this RFA Application Deadline, with the exception of de-obligations that resulted from the termination of the Multifamily Energy Retrofit Program (MERP) funding awarded through RFA 2015-115.

\*\*\*\*\* Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation

By submitting its Application, the Applicant agrees and acknowledges that the Application will be subject to the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation during the scoring, credit underwriting, and final Housing Credit allocation process.

The Corporation shall limit the Total Development Cost (TDC) per unit for all Developments categorized by the construction type of the units as indicated below and this limit is referred to as the TDC Per Unit Limitation. It is a limit based on TDC, (after excluding items described in the note below the chart), applying any applicable TDC multiplier and/or TDC add-on. The proposed Development’s TDC will be tested against the TDC Per Unit Limitation, utilizing the Development Type, Development Category and ESS Construction determination made by the Applicant in the RFA and it will apply to the number of units in the proposed Development for each unique combination of unit types identified in the table provided in question 4.e. of Exhibit A or for the entire proposed Development if said table is left blank.

Any Application that has an amount that exceeds these limitations during scoring will not be eligible for funding. These TDC Per Unit Base Limitation amounts, inclusive of any applicable TDC multiplier and/or TDC add-on, are effective during the scoring process. Item 1 of Exhibit C provides the TDC Per Unit Base Limitation amounts that account for an escalation factor to be incorporated for the credit underwriting process and final allocation process, as explained in the exhibit.

**Total Development Cost Per Unit Base Limitations to be used during the scoring process**

Measure	New Construction Units				
	Garden Wood*	Garden ESS*	Mid-Rise-Wood*	Mid-Rise-ESS*	High-Rise*

Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation **	\$270,100	\$311,900	\$311,900	\$344,700	\$358,000
Applicable TDC Multipliers (to be applied against the Development’s TDC) and TDC Add-Ons (to be added to the Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation)					
TDC Add-On for Applicants that have a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA as a Principal			\$5,000 of additional per unit costs will be added to the above Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation		
TDC Multiplier for Florida Keys Area for all areas north of Plantation Key (i.e., north of Tavernier Creek)			65%		
TDC Multiplier for Florida Keys Area for all areas located on or south of Plantation Key (i.e., south of Tavernier Creek)			50%***		

\* Garden includes all Development Types other than Mid-Rise and High-Rise; Non-Garden includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories) and High-Rise (7 or more stories); Mid-Rise includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories); and High-Rise includes Development Type of High-Rise (7 or more stories). ESS means Enhanced Structural Systems Construction.

\*\* Exclusive of-property purchase price and exclusive of any approved operating deficit reserves that are part of the permanent phase (i.e., non-construction) financing for the Development which have not been included within the Developer fee. When the term of operating deficit reserves (ODR) is mentioned in this TDC Per Unit Limitation section, the term shall refer to these particular operating deficit reserves. Examples of reserves which can be considered part of the operating deficit reserve for this calculation are provided in the Operating Deficit Reserve portion of the Funding section in the RFA. For purposes of property purchase price to be excluded, the Corporation uses the lesser of the appraised value, or the actual property purchase price. When property purchase price is referenced in this TDC Per Unit Limitation section, the reference shall be limited to the amount of the property purchase price approved by the Corporation to be provided in the final cost certification under the building acquisition and land owned cost line items. In addition, the costs identified by any Applicant as the construction costs associated with commercial and/or retail space are excluded from the TDC Per Unit Limitation process. For Applicants that have a public housing authority/instrumentality of a public housing authority listed as a Principal on the Applicant’s Principal Disclosure Form may also exclude demolition costs and tenant relocation costs from TDC PU Limitation calculations. The total amount of costs that are to be excluded from the TDC Per Unit Limitation process are the applicable property acquisition price (building and land), construction costs associated with the delivery of commercial/retail space, operating deficit reserves and certain PHA costs described herein are referred to in Exhibit C in the congregate as applicable qualifying costs.

\*\*\* If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, the 50% TDC Multiplier applies only if all of the sites are located south of Tavernier Creek.

**2. Awarding Points**

Point Items	Maximum Points
Submission of Principal Disclosure Form that is either (a) stamped “Approved” at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline; or (b) stamped “Received” by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped “Approved” prior to the Application Deadline	5
Bookmarking Attachments prior to submission	5
Developer Experience Withdrawal Disincentive	5
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>15</b>

**B. Selection Process**

**1. Application Sorting Order**

The highest scoring Applications will be determined by first sorting together all eligible Applications from highest score to lowest score, with any scores that are tied separated in the following order:

- a. First, by the Application's Leveraging Level which is outlined in Item 3 of Exhibit C of the RFA (with Applications that have a lower Leveraging Level listed above Applications with a higher Leveraging Level);
- b. Next, by the Application's eligibility for the Florida Job Creation Funding Preference (which is outlined in Item 4 of Exhibit C) with Applications that qualify for the preference listed above Applications that do not qualify for the preference; and
- c. By lottery number, resulting in the lowest lottery number receiving preference.

## 2. Funding Test

Applications will only be selected for funding if there is enough Workforce SAIL funding available to fully fund the Applicant's Workforce SAIL Request Amount, and enough Competitive 9% Housing Credit funding available to fully fund the Applicant's Competitive 9% Housing Credit Request Amount.

- a. \$5,520,000 in Total Workforce SAIL available
  - \$5,250,000 in Workforce SAIL funding is available from 2021 Appropriation.
  - \$270,000 in Workforce SAIL funding is available from Workforce SAIL for Monroe County remaining from RFA 2021-208 ("Workforce SAIL from RFA 2021-208").
- b. An estimated \$1,500,000 in Competitive Housing Credits available

## 3. The Funding Selection Process

- a. The first Application(s) selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible unfunded Application. When the first Application is selected for funding, the Eligible Workforce SAIL Request Amount will first be deducted from the Workforce SAIL from RFA 2021-208. If that Application has an Eligible Workforce SAIL Request Amount that exceeds the Workforce SAIL from RFA 2021-208 available, the Workforce SAIL request amount will first be deducted from the Workforce SAIL from RFA 2021-208, and the remaining request amount will be deducted from the total Workforce SAIL available.
- b. If funding remains and no Applications can be fully funded, no further Applications will be selected for funding and any remaining unallocated Workforce SAIL from RFA 2021-208, total Workforce SAIL funding and/or 9% Housing Credits funding will be distributed as approved by the Board.

## 4. Returned Funding

Funding that becomes available after the Board takes action on the Committee's recommendation(s), due to an Applicant withdrawing, an Applicant declining its invitation to

enter credit underwriting or the Applicant's inability to satisfy a requirement outlined in this RFA, and/or provisions outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., will be distributed as approved by the Board.

## **SECTION SIX AWARD PROCESS**

Committee members shall independently evaluate and score their assigned portions of the submitted Applications, consulting with non-committee Corporation staff and legal counsel as necessary and appropriate.

The Committee shall conduct at least one public meeting during which the Committee members may discuss their evaluations, select Applicants to be considered for award, and make any adjustments deemed necessary to best serve the interests of the Corporation's mission. The Committee will list the Applications deemed eligible for funding in order applying the funding selection criteria outlined in Section Five above and develop a recommendation or series of recommendations to the Board.

The Board may use the Applications, the Committee's scoring, any other information or recommendation provided by the Committee or staff, and any other information the Board deems relevant in its selection of Applicants to whom to award funding. Notwithstanding an award by the Board pursuant to this RFA, funding will be subject to a positive recommendation from the Credit Underwriter based on criteria outlined in the credit underwriting provisions in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

The Corporation shall provide notice of its decision, or intended decision, for this RFA on the Corporation's Website the day of the applicable Board vote. After posting, an unsuccessful Applicant may file a notice of protest and a formal written protest in accordance with Section 120.57(3), Fla. Stat., et. al. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Fla. Stat., et. al. shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Fla. Stat.

After the Board's decision to select Applicants for funding in this RFA has become final action, the Corporation shall offer all Applicants within the funding range an invitation to enter credit underwriting. The Corporation shall select the Credit Underwriter for each Development.

## Exhibit A to RFA 2022-208 SAIL Financing for the Construction of Workforce Housing

Unless stated otherwise, all information requested pertains to the Development proposed in this Application upon completion of the construction work.

### 1. Review of Attachments

Provide all attachments as required below. If it is determined that the attachments do not meet the RFA requirements, the Application may be deemed ineligible, and/or the Corporation may rescind the award, and all Principals of the Application may be subject to material misrepresentation, even if the Application was not selected for funding, was deemed ineligible, or was withdrawn.

### 2. Demographic Commitment

The Demographic Commitment must be Workforce, serving general occupancy at the Area Median Income (AMI) described in 6.d of the RFA. No properties funded under this RFA may be age restricted.

### 3. Applicant, Developer, Management Company, and Contact Person

#### a. Applicant

- (1) Name of Applicant

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- (2) Provide the required documentation to demonstrate that the Applicant is a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline as **Attachment 1**.

- (3) Non-Profit Applicant qualifications

Does the Applicant or the General Partner or managing member of the Applicant meet the definition of Non-Profit as set forth in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes”, provide the required information for the Non-Profit entity as **Attachment 2**.

#### b. Developer Information

- (1) Name of each Developer (including all co-Developers)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

(2) For each Developer entity listed in question (1) above (that is not a natural person, Local Government, or Public Housing Authority), provide, as **Attachment 3**, the required documentation demonstrating that the Developer is a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline.

(3) Developer Experience (5 Points)

(a) Required Developer Experience

At least one Developer entity named in (1) above must meet the Developer experience outlined in Section Four of the RFA.

Name of the natural person Principal with the required experience:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Developer Entity (for the proposed Development) for which the above individual is a Principal:

\_\_\_\_\_

(1) First completed affordable rental housing development that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.3.b.(3)(a) of the RFA:

Name of Development: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (city and state):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Affordable Housing Program that Provided Financing (e.g., Housing Credits, Tax-Exempt Bonds, HOME, SAIL, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 2012 or later)

(2) Second completed affordable rental housing development that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.3.b.(3)(a) of the RFA:

Name of Development: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (city and state):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Affordable Housing Program that Provided Financing (e.g., Housing Credits, Tax-Exempt Bonds, HOME, SAIL, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 2002 or later)

- (3) Third completed affordable rental housing development that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.3.b.(3)(a) of the RFA:

Name of Development: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (city and state):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Affordable Housing Program that Provided Financing (e.g., Housing Credits, Tax-Exempt Bonds, HOME, SAIL, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 2002 or later)

- (b) Developer Experience Withdrawal Disincentive (5 Points)

To receive five points, the Developer Experience Withdrawal Disincentive criteria outlined in Section Four A.3.b.(3)(b) of the RFA must be met.

c. Principals Disclosure for the Applicant and for each Developer (5 points)

- (1) Eligibility Requirement

To meet the submission requirements, upload the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-19) (“Principals Disclosure Form”) with the Application and Development Cost Pro Forma, as outlined in Section Three of the RFA identifying the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) as of the Application Deadline.

To meet eligibility requirements, the Principals Disclosure Form must identify, pursuant to subsections 67-48.002(94), 67-48.0075(8) and 67-48.0075(9), F.A.C., the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) as of the Application Deadline.



For Housing Credits, the investor limited partner of an Applicant limited partnership or the investor member of an Applicant limited liability company (or a placeholder for the investor) must be identified.

(2) Advance Review of Principals Disclosure Form (5 points)

Applicants will receive five points if the uploaded Principal Disclosure Form was either (a) stamped “Approved” at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline; or (b) stamped “Received” by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped “Approved” prior to the Application Deadline.

d. Management Company

(1) Contact Information

First Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Middle Initial: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Last Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Management Company: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Street Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 City: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 State: [Choose a state.](#)  
  
 Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Telephone: [Area Code 7 digit number extension](#)  
 E-Mail Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(2) The Management Company named in (1) above used must meet the experience outlined in Section Four of the RFA.

Name of the Management Company or a Principal of the Management Company with the required experience: \_\_\_\_\_

(a) First completed affordable rental housing development that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.3.d. of the RFA:

Name of Development: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (city and state): \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Managing or Formerly Managed? \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time (number of years): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Units: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Second completed affordable rental housing development that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.3.d. of the RFA:

Name of Development: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (city and state): \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Managing or Formerly Managed? \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time (number of years): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Units: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Contact Person

(1) Authorized Principal Representative contact information (required)

First Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Middle Initial: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Last Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Organization: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Street Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#)

State: [Choose a state.](#)

Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Telephone: [Area Code](#) [7 digit number](#) [extension](#)

E-Mail Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(2) Operational Contact Person information (optional)

First Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Middle Initial: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Last Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Organization: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Street Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#)

State: [Choose a state.](#)

Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Telephone: [Area Code](#) [7 digit number](#) [extension](#)

E-Mail Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**4. General Proposed Development Information**

a. Name of the proposed Development

[Click here to enter text.](#)

b. Development Category

The proposed Development must consist entirely of new construction. Rehabilitation of existing units is not allowed.

The Development Category requirements are outlined in Section Four.

- c. Select the Development Type

[Choose an item.](#)

- d. Enhanced Structural Systems (“ESS”) Construction Qualifications

Does the proposed Development meet the requirements to be considered Enhanced Structural Systems Construction as outlined in Section Four A.4.d. of the RFA?

[Choose an item.](#)

- e. Breakdown of number of units

Complete the chart below reflecting the number of units for each of the Development Categories, Development Types, or ESS/non-ESS Construction, for purposes of the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation calculation and the Leveraging Calculation.

Measure		Enter the applicable number of units
<b>New Construction Units</b>	<b>Other Dev. Type, ESS Construction, NC Units</b>	<a href="#">Enter the number of units</a>
	<b>Other Dev. Type, Non-ESS Construction, NC Units</b>	<a href="#">Enter the number of units</a>
	<b>Garden, ESS Construction, NC Units</b>	<a href="#">Enter the number of units</a>
	<b>Garden, Non-ESS Construction, NC Units</b>	<a href="#">Enter the number of units</a>
	<b>Mid-Rise, ESS Construction, NC Units</b>	<a href="#">Enter the number of units</a>
	<b>Mid-Rise, Non-ESS Construction, NC Units</b>	<a href="#">Enter the number of units</a>
	<b>High-Rise, NC Units</b>	<a href="#">Enter the number of units</a>

Other Development Type means any Development Type that is not listed in the chart.

**5. Location of proposed Development**

- a. County: [Choose a county.](#)

- b. Development Location

(1) Address of Development Site:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

City of Development Site\*:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

\*If the proposed Development is located in the unincorporated area of a county, provide that information.

(2) Market Study

Has a market study been prepared by a licensed appraiser and completed before Application Deadline that demonstrates (i) the average physical occupancy rate of 92 percent or greater; and (ii) an average market rental rate, based on unit mix and annualized rent concessions, equal to 90 percent Area Median Income rental rate\*?

Yes/No

The Florida Housing Rental Programs - MTSP Income and Rent Limits is available on the Corporation Webpage <https://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/compliance/rent-limits> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

\*90 percent Area Median income rental rate is calculated as 112.5 percent of the 80 percent Area Median Income rental rate.

[Choose an item.](#)

c. Does the proposed Development consist of Scattered Sites?

[Choose an item.](#)

d. Latitude and Longitude Coordinates

(1) Development Location Point

Latitude in decimal degrees, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Longitude in decimal degrees, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place

[Click here to enter text.](#)

(2) If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, for each Scattered Site that is in addition to the Development Location Point information provided in (1) above, identify the latitude and longitude coordinate, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**6. Number of Units and Buildings**

- a. Total number of units that will be in the proposed Development upon completion: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- b. If there are existing occupied units and if the Development is funded, a plan for relocation of existing tenants will be required to be provided to the Credit Underwriter, as outlined in Exhibit D.
- c. Set-Aside Commitments
  - (1) Select one of the following minimum set-aside commitments:  
[Choose an item.](#)
  - (2) Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart
    - (a) Applicants committing to the minimum set-aside commitment of 20 percent of the total units at 50 percent of the Area Median Income or less or 40 percent of the total units at 60 percent of the Area Median Income or less must complete the following chart:

Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart		
Type of Units	Percentage of Residential Units	AMI Level
Housing Credit Units	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 25%
	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 28%
	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 30%
	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 33%
	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 35%
	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 40%
	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 45%
	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 50%
Workforce Housing Units	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	At or Below 60%
	<a href="#">Enter Number</a> %	Above 60% AMI and up to 120% AMI

	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total Set-Aside Percentage*</b>
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(b) Applicants committing to the Average Income Test must complete this chart:

Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart		
Type of Units	Number of Residential Units	AMI Level
Housing Credit Units	<u>Enter Number</u>	At or Below 20%
	<u>Enter Number</u>	At or Below 30%
	<u>Enter Number</u>	At or Below 40%
	<u>Enter Number</u>	At or Below 50%
	<u>Enter Number</u>	At or Below 60%
Joint Housing Credit/ Workforce Housing Units	<u>Enter Number</u>	At or Below 70%
	<u>Enter Number</u>	At or Below 80%
Workforce Housing Units	<u>Enter Number</u>	Above 80% AMI and up to 120% AMI
	<b>100% (Total Set-Aside Percentage)*</b>	

State the Average AMI of all Qualifying Housing Credit Units: \_\_\_\_\_

\*For purposes of this RFA, the “last row of the total set-aside breakdown chart” described in paragraph 67-48.004(3)(j), F.A.C., refers to the total percentage of Housing Credit units set-aside at or below 60% AMI (or, in the case of Average Income Test, at or below 80% AMI) and, for the Workforce SAIL units, refers to the total percentage of units set-aside above 60% AMI.

Note: The Development Cost Pro Forma includes an Average Income Test worksheet to assist Applicants in this calculation. If the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart reflects that the Average AMI of all Qualifying Housing Credit Units exceeds 60 percent, and/or if the number of Set-Aside Units set aside at 30 percent AMI or less, is not equal to or greater than the required ELI commitment, and/or the overall Set-Aside Commitment requirement is not met, the Application will not be eligible for funding.

d. Unit Mix Chart

(1) Complete the chart below:

Number of Bedrooms/Bathrooms per Unit	Number of Units per Bedroom Type	Number of Units that are ELI Set-Aside Units
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>

e. Number of Buildings

Number of anticipated residential buildings: [Enter Number](#)

f. Compliance Period

All Applicants are required to set aside the units for 50 years as further described in Section Four of the RFA.

**7. Readiness to Proceed**

a. Site Control

The attachments must be provided as **Attachment 6** to demonstrate site control as of Application Deadline.

b. Ability to Proceed documents

- (1) Provide the required documentation to demonstrate zoning as **Attachment 7**.
- (2) Provide the required documentation to demonstrate availability of water as **Attachment 8**.
- (3) Provide the required documentation to demonstrate availability of sewer as **Attachment 9**.

**8. Construction Features**

a. Federal requirements and State Building Code requirements for all Developments are outlined in Section Four.

- b. General feature requirements for all Developments are outlined in Section Four.
- c. Accessibility feature requirements for all Developments are outlined in Section Four.
- d. Green Building Features:
  - (1) Green Building feature requirements for all Developments are outlined in Section Four.
  - (2) Select one of the following Green Building Certification programs described in Section Four.

[Choose an item.](#)

## 9. Resident Programs

Select at least three of the following resident programs:

- After School Program for Children
- Adult Literacy
- Employment Assistance Program
- Family Support Coordinator
- Financial Management Program
- Homeownership Opportunity Program

## 10. Funding

- a. Corporation Funding
  - (1) Workforce SAIL  
Workforce SAIL Request Amount: \$ [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - (2) Housing Credits
    - (a) Competitive 9% Housing Credit Request Amount (annual amount): \$ [Click here to enter text.](#)
    - (b) Is the proposed Development the first phase of a multiphase Development?  
  
[Choose an item.](#)
    - (c) Basis Boost Qualifications
      - (i) Is the proposed Development a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development and eligible for the basis boost?



Choose an item.

If “Yes”, state the Corporation-assigned Application Number for the Development where the first phase was declared: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (ii) Are any buildings in the proposed Development located in a SADDA?

Choose an item.

If “Yes”, provide the SADDA ZCTA Number(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)

(The Applicant should separate multiple SADDA ZCTA Numbers by a comma.)

- (iii) Is the proposed Development located in a non-metropolitan DDA?

Choose an item.

- (iv) Is the proposed Development located in a QCT?

Choose an item.

If “Yes”, indicate the HUD-designated QCT census tract number: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (d) The Housing Credit equity proposal must be provided as **Attachment 10.**

(2) Other Corporation Funding

- (a) If a PLP loan has been awarded for this Development, provide the following information:

<b>Corporation File #</b>	<b>Amount of Funding</b>
<a href="#">Click here to enter text</a>	\$ <a href="#">Click here to enter text</a>

- (b) If any other Corporation funds will be incorporated as a source of financing for the proposed Development, provide the information in the chart below:

Corporation Program	Corporation File No.	Amount of Funding
SAIL	<a href="#">Enter file No.</a>	\$ <a href="#">Enter file No.</a>
HOME-Rental	<a href="#">Enter file No.</a>	\$ <a href="#">Enter file No.</a>
MMRB	<a href="#">Enter file No.</a>	\$ <a href="#">Enter file No.</a>
EHCL	<a href="#">Enter file No.</a>	\$ <a href="#">Enter file No.</a>

b. Non-Corporation Funding

Attach all funding proposals executed by the lender(s) or by any other source as **Attachment 13.**

c. Development Cost Pro Forma

To meet the submission requirements, upload the Development Cost Pro Forma as outlined in Section Three of the RFA.

d. Principal of the Applicant is a Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority

(1) Has the Applicant entered into a land lease with a Public Housing Authority on property where the proposed Development is to be located and the property has an existing Declaration of Trust between the Public Housing Authority and HUD?

[Choose an item.](#)

(2) Is the Applicant associated with a Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority in the ownership structure?

[Choose an item.](#)

If the Principal of the Applicant Entity is an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority, state the name of the Public Housing Authority:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

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**B. Other Information**

1. Verifying Application Fee Payment

To ensure that the Application Fee is processed for the correct online Application, the following is **strongly recommended**: (i) provide the Application Fee at least 48 hours prior to the Application Deadline; and (ii) whether paying by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer, include the Development Name, RFA number with the payment.

Additionally, include the following:

- If submitting a check or money order, provide the check or money order number.
- If submitting an ACH, provide the trace number.
- If submitting a wire transfer, provide the wire service reference number (i.e. Fed/CHIPS/SWIFT Reference Number) and the Fed Wire Transfer Number.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

2. Bookmarking the All Attachments Document before uploading (5 points)

To be awarded 5 points, bookmark the pdf of the All Attachments Document before uploading.

3. Addenda

Use the space below to provide any additional information or explanatory addendum for items in the Application. Please specify the particular item to which the additional information or explanatory addendum applies.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**C. Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement Form**

The Authorized Principal Representative must review and execute this section.

1. The Applicant and all Financial Beneficiaries have read all applicable Corporation rules governing this RFA and have read the instructions for completing this RFA and will abide by the applicable Florida Statutes and the credit underwriting and program provisions outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. The Applicant and all Financial Beneficiaries have read, understand and will comply with Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and all related federal regulations.
2. The Applicant has reviewed section 67-48.004, F.A.C., and subsections 67-48.009(5), F.A.C. and 67-48.023(1), F.A.C., and certifies to its eligibility to apply for the funding offered in this RFA.
3. The Applicant certifies that the proposed Development can be completed and operating within the development schedule and budget submitted to the Corporation.
4. The Applicant acknowledges and certifies that it will abide by all commitments, requirements, and due dates outlined in the RFA, inclusive of all exhibits. Failure to provide the required information by any stated deadlines may result in the withdrawal of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, unless an extension is approved by the Corporation.
5. By submitting the Application, the Applicant acknowledges and certifies that the proposed Development will meet all state building codes, including the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction, adopted pursuant to Section 553.503, F.S., the Fair Housing Act as implemented by 24 CFR Part 100, including the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan; Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2013; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as outlined in Section Four, A.8. of the RFA; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as implemented by 28 CFR Part 35, incorporating the most recent amendments, regulations and rules.
6. The Applicant acknowledges that any funding preliminarily secured by the Applicant is expressly conditioned upon any independent review, analysis and verification of all information contained in this Application that may be conducted by the Corporation, the successful completion of credit underwriting, and all necessary approvals by the Board of Directors, Corporation or other legal counsel, the Credit Underwriter, and Corporation staff.

7. If preliminary funding is approved, the Applicant will promptly furnish such other supporting information, documents, and fees as may be requested or required. The Applicant understands and agrees that the Corporation is not responsible for actions taken by the undersigned in reliance on a preliminary commitment by the Corporation. The Applicant commits that no qualified residents will be refused occupancy because they have Section 8 vouchers or certificates. The Applicant further commits to actively seek tenants from public housing authority waiting lists and tenants who are participating in and/or have successfully completed the training provided by welfare to work or self-sufficiency type programs.
8. The success of an Applicant in being selected for funding is not an indication that the Applicant will receive a positive recommendation from the Credit Underwriter or that the Development Team's experience, past performance or financial capacity is satisfactory. The past performance record, financial capacity, and any and all other matters relating to the Development Team (which consists of Developer, Management Company, General Contractor, Architect, Attorney, and Accountant) will be reviewed during credit underwriting. The Credit Underwriter may require additional information from any member of the Development Team including, without limitation, documentation on other past projects and financials. Development Teams with an unsatisfactory past performance record, inadequate financial capacity or any other unsatisfactory matters relating to their suitability may result in a negative recommendation from the Credit Underwriter.
9. The Applicant's commitments will be included in (i) a Land Use Restriction Agreement for the SAIL loan, and (ii) an Extended Use Agreement for the Housing Credits, and must be maintained in order for the Development to remain in compliance, unless the Board approves a change.
10. The Applicant certifies that there are no agreements, other than the letter of intent provided with this Application or the Limited Partnership Agreement, between the Applicant and the Housing Credit Syndicator/equity provider.
11. The Applicant certifies that the complete Limited Partnership Agreement, including any amendments thereto, will be divulged to the Corporation and the credit underwriter.
12. The Applicant understands and agrees that it will ensure that (i) none of the General Contractor duties to manage and control the construction of the Development are subcontracted; (ii) none of the construction or inspection work that is normally performed by subcontractors is performed by the General Contractor; (iii) no construction cost is subcontracted to any entity that has common ownership or is an Affiliate of the General Contractor or the Developer, as further described in subsection 67-48.0072(17), F.A.C.; and (iv) a provision is provided in the contract with General Contractor that it will comply with subsection 67-48.0072(17)F.A.C.
13. The Applicant, the Developer and all Principals are in good standing among all other state agencies and have not been prohibited from applying for funding.
14. In eliciting information from third parties required by and/or included in this Application, the Applicant has provided such parties information that accurately

describes the Development as proposed in this Application. The Applicant has reviewed the third-party information included in this Application and/or provided during the credit underwriting process and the information provided by any such party is based upon, and accurate with respect to, the Development as proposed in this Application.

- 15. During the credit underwriting process, demonstrate that the Development meets the requirements of this RFA and Section 42 of the IRC.
- 16. The invitation to enter credit underwriting will be rescinded if it is determined that the proposed Development was placed in-service prior to the year in which it received its allocation.
- 17. The Applicant understands and agrees to cooperate with any audits conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 20.055(5), F.S.
- 18. The Applicant has read, understands and will comply with the tenant selection requirements outlined in Exhibit G.
- 19. The undersigned is authorized to bind the Applicant entity to this certification and warranty of truthfulness and completeness of the Application.
- 20. The Applicant understands and acknowledges that Florida Housing may make all Applications in this RFA public sooner than 30 days after the Application Deadline.

Under the penalties of perjury, I declare and certify that I have read the foregoing and that the information is true, correct and complete.

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Signature of Authorized Principal Representative

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Name (typed or printed)

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Title (typed or printed)

**Exhibit B – Definitions**

“Housing Credit Units”	For purposes of this RFA, Housing Credit Units are units set aside at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the county in which the Development is located. For purposes of the Average Income Test, Joint Housing Credit Units/Workforce Housing Units may be set-aside at either 70 percent of the AMI or 80 percent of the AMI, but the average AMI of all Housing Credit Units and Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Units shall not exceed 60 percent.
“Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Unit”	For purposes of this RFA, if the Applicant commits to the Average Income Test, units may be designated as Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Units and set aside at either 70 percent of the AMI or 80 percent of the AMI, but the average AMI of all Housing Credit Units and Joint Housing Credit/Workforce Housing Units shall not exceed 60 percent.
“Regulated Mortgage Lender”	<p>(a) A state or federally chartered entity authorized to transact business in this state that regularly engages in the business of making mortgage loans secured by real property in this state, whose mortgage lending activities subject it to the jurisdiction of the State of Florida Office of Financial Regulation, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the National Credit Union Administration, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; (b) A Fannie Mae-approved lender whose name appears on the Fannie Mae list of Delegated Underwriting and Servicing (DUS®) Lenders*; (c) A HUD-approved lender whose name appears on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) list of Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Approved Lenders*; (d) A RD-approved lender whose name appears on the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD), list of Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing approved lenders*; or (e) A Freddie Mac-approved multifamily lender whose name appears on Freddie Mac’s lists of Program Plus (Florida region) lenders, Targeted Affordable Housing lenders or Seniors Housing lenders*; or (f) a mortgage lender that is a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) in the State of Florida that has been awarded funding from the CDFI Fund in a cumulative amount of at least \$5,000,000, exclusive of New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) awards, whose name and CDFI awards can be confirmed on the CDFI Fund’s web site (Qualified CDFI, and the affiliate(s) of such Qualified CDFI. As used herein, the affiliate(s) of a Qualified CDFI means the parent, subsidiary or successor of the Qualified CDFI, or an entity that shares common ownership or management with the Qualified CDFI. If the lender is an affiliate of the Qualified CDFI, the funding letter(s) being considered by the Corporation must include the name of the Qualified CDFI and a statement that the lender is an affiliate of the Qualified CDFI.</p> <p>*These documents are available on the RFA Webpage.</p>
“Workforce Housing Units”	For purposes of this RFA, Workforce Housing Units means the following:

	<p>When not committing to the Average Income Test, Workforce Housing Units are units set aside above 60 percent of the AMI, and no higher than 120 percent of the AMI, for the county in which the Development is located.</p> <p>When committing to the Average Income Test, Workforce Housing Units are units set aside above 80 percent of the AMI, and no higher than 120 percent of the AMI, for the county in which the Development is located.</p>
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## Exhibit C – Additional Information

### 1. Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation

- a. The Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation was reviewed during the scoring process as outlined in Section Five, A. During credit underwriting and final cost certification, the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation will be reviewed again using the values in the chart below including the “Escalation Factor” of 6.0 percent, as follows:

Total Development Cost Per Unit Base Limitation plus all applicable Add-Ons, then multiplied by the Escalation Factor. The result of this will then be divided by each applicable TDC Multiplier.

Multiply this by the number of units in the proposed Development, rounded down to the nearest whole dollar, to calculate the proposed Development’s Maximum Total Development Cost (Maximum TDC).

Note: If there are multiple unit types, this process is done for each unique unit type and then they are all added together.

#### Total Development Cost Per Unit Base Limitations, to be used for Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation Tests in Credit Underwriting and Final Cost Certification, prior to any Escalation Factor

Measure	New Construction Units				
	Garden Wood*	Garden ESS*	Mid-Rise-Wood*	Mid-Rise-ESS*	High-Rise*
Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation **	\$270,100	\$311,900	\$311,900	\$344,700	\$358,000
Applicable TDC Multipliers (to be applied against the Development’s TDC) and TDC Add-Ons (to be added to the Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation)					
TDC Add-On for Applicants that have a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA as a Principal			\$5,000 of additional per unit costs will be added to the above Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation		
TDC Multiplier for Florida Keys Area for all areas north of Plantation Key (i.e., north of Tavernier Creek)			65%		
TDC Multiplier for Florida Keys Area for all areas located on or south of Plantation Key (i.e., south of Tavernier Creek)			50%***		

\* Garden includes all Development Types other than Mid-Rise and High-Rise; Non-Garden includes Development Types of Mid-Rise (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories) and High-Rise (7 or more stories); Mid-Rise includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories); and High-Rise includes Development Type of High-Rise (7 or more stories). ESS means Enhanced Structural Systems Construction.

\*\* Exclusive of property purchase price and exclusive of any approved operating deficit reserves that are part of the permanent phase (i.e., non-construction) financing for the Development which have not been included within the Developer fee. When the term of operating deficit reserves (ODR) is mentioned in this TDC Per Unit Limitation section, the term shall refer to these particular operating deficit reserves. Examples of reserves which can be considered part of the operating deficit reserve for this calculation are provided in the Operating Deficit Reserve portion of the Funding section in the RFA. For purposes of property purchase price to be excluded, the Corporation uses the lesser of the appraised value, or the actual property purchase price. When property purchase price is referenced in this TDC Per Unit Limitation section, the reference shall be limited to the amount of the property purchase price approved by the Corporation to be provided in the final cost certification under the building



acquisition and land owned cost line items. In addition, the costs identified by any Applicant as the construction costs associated with commercial and/or retail space are excluded from the TDC Per Unit Limitation process. For Applicants that have a public housing authority/instrumentality of a public housing authority listed as a Principal on the Applicant's Principal Disclosure Form may also exclude demolition costs and tenant relocation costs from TDC PU Limitation calculations. The total amount of costs that are to be excluded from the TDC Per Unit Limitation process are the applicable property acquisition price (building and land), construction costs associated with the delivery of commercial/retail space, operating deficit reserves and certain PHA costs described herein are referred to in Exhibit C in the congregate as applicable qualifying costs.

\*\*\* If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, the 50% TDC Multiplier applies only if all of the sites are located south of Tavernier Creek.

b. Reviewing the Developer Fee and the Total Development Cost of the proposed Development during Credit Underwriting

The Total Development Cost of the proposed Development ("TDC of the Proposed Development") is often adjusted during credit underwriting. Any such adjustments that occurred during the credit underwriting process may cause the maximum Developer Fee allowed for the proposed Development to fluctuate. Additionally, as further explained below, if the TDC of the proposed Development exceeds the Maximum TDC after all mandated reductions have been implemented, this may result in a negative recommendation by the credit underwriter in the final credit underwriting report and a request of the Corporation's Board to de-obligate the awarded funding.

The Maximum TDC is not altered throughout the process, remaining at the same initial amount at each step. However, it is possible the maximum Developer Fee can be adjusted to a lower amount subsequent to the initial determination established below.

The following methodology will calculate the maximum Developer Fee for the proposed Development. Any reductions to the Applicant's stated Developer Fee will cause the TDC of the proposed Development to be equally reduced in the final credit underwriting report described below. This process assumes the initially stated Developer Fee in b. and c. below does not violate the maximum Developer Fee as determined by multiplying the proposed Development's Development Costs by the maximum Developer Fee percentage as stated in the applicable Rule and this RFA, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

(1) First Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development

A Developer Fee can be earned on Development Cost as defined by Rule Chapter 67 48, F.A.C., up to the maximum limit allowed, as calculated below. The proposed Development's maximum Developer Fee will be first calculated as follows:

The credit underwriter will calculate the maximum Developer Fee by dividing the Maximum TDC amount by 1.16, and then multiply the result by 16 percent, rounding up to the nearest whole dollar. Note: These figures represent the applicable Developer Fee percentage for the Development of 16 percent and one plus the applicable Developer Fee percentage for the Development (1+16%).

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step is equal to or greater than the proposed Development's stated Developer Fee, there will be no resulting

deduction to the stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development from this first review.

If this step causes the maximum Developer Fee to be less than the proposed Development's stated Developer Fee, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate the first mandated cost reduction.

(2) Second Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development

The second step will reduce the maximum Developer Fee by the lesser of (a) the actual amount that the TDC of the Proposed Development exceeds the Maximum TDC, (b) \$500,000, or (c) 25 percent of the Maximum Developer Fee calculated in (1) above.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step is equal to or greater than the proposed Development's Developer Fee calculated in (1) above, there will be no resulting deduction to the stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development from this second review.

If this step causes the maximum Developer Fee to be less than the proposed Development's Developer Fee calculated in (1) above, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate the second mandated cost reduction.

(3) Third Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development

The third step will have the maximum Developer Fee calculated in (2) above reduced by the same percentage as the percentage that the TDC of the Proposed Development determined in (2) above exceeds the Maximum TDC.

This is determined by dividing the TDC of the Proposed Development calculated in (2) above by the Maximum TDC calculated in (2) above. If the resulting percentage is greater than 100%, then the resulting percentage will have 100% subtracted from it. This number is then multiplied by the maximum Developer Fee calculated in (2) above, rounded down to the nearest whole dollar and the resulting amount is subtracted from the maximum Developer Fee calculated in (2) above, yielding a new, lower maximum Developer Fee. If the resulting percentage is less than or equal to 100 percent, the third review is complete without any further mandated adjustments to either the stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step is equal to or greater than the proposed Development's Developer Fee calculated in (2) above, there will be no resulting deduction to the stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development from this third review.

If this step causes the maximum Developer Fee to be less than the proposed Development's Developer Fee calculated in (2) above, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate the third mandated cost reduction.

As a note, if the initial stated Developer Fee is already at or below the maximum Developer Fee as calculated in the third review of the Developer Fee, then there is no adjustment mandated to be incorporated into the Developer Fee. This also means there are no corresponding cost savings to reduce the TDC of the Proposed Development since all mandated TDC cost reductions stemming from this process are coming from reducing the stated Developer Fee.

(4) The 5% Test

The Total Development Cost of the proposed Development ("TDC of the Proposed Development") in place after all three cost reduction steps have been performed as detailed above cannot exceed the Maximum TDC by more than 5 percent ("5% Test"). The 5% Test is performed only at time of Credit Underwriting and is not part of the Final Cost Certification Application Package process described in c. below.

If the TDC of the Proposed Development after the third mandated cost reduction step does not meet the 5% Test, the final credit underwriting report shall be presented at the next Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board Meeting with a negative recommendation by the Credit Underwriter with a staff request to de-obligate the awarded funding due to a proposed Development having excessive development costs.

c. Reviewing the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development stated in the Final Cost Certification Application Package ("FCCAP")

The TDC of the Proposed Development may be further adjusted when the FCCAP is processed. Any such adjustments that occurs with the FCCAP may cause the maximum Developer Fee allowed for the proposed Development to either increase, as described in (3) below, or decrease, as described in (2) and (4) below. Any increase or decrease to the Applicant's stated Developer Fee will cause the TDC of the Proposed Development to be equally increased or decreased, respectively.

The TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is compared to the Maximum TDC as calculated in a. above as well as to the TDC reported in the final credit underwriting report.

*Policy when the Developer Fee was not reduced by the process described in b. above*

- (1) If the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is less than or equal to the Maximum TDC calculated in a. above, no adjustment will be required, and no further action will be taken relative to the TDC PU Limitation process.
- (2) If the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is greater than the Maximum TDC calculated in a. above and if the maximum

Developer Fee calculated in b. above is equal to or greater than the proposed Development's Developer Fee initially presented in the FCCAP, there will be no resulting deduction to the preliminarily stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development for the first step in this review.

Alternatively, if the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is greater than the Maximum TDC calculated in a. above and if the maximum Developer Fee calculated in b. above is less than the proposed Development's Developer Fee initially presented in the FCCAP, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in b. above, and the TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate the this mandated cost reduction for this alternative first step in this review.

After the applicable above first step of c.(2) is complete, the calculations described in (2)(a) and (2)(b) below ("the First and Second Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP") will determine the final Developer Fee.

(a) First Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP

If the TDC of the Proposed Development after the prior review step is greater than the TDC reported in the final credit underwriting report, the maximum Developer Fee calculated in b. above will be reduced by the lesser of (i) the actual amount of costs in excess of the amount allowed by the Maximum TDC, (ii) \$250,000, or (iii) 10 percent of the maximum Developer Fee calculated in b. above.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step is equal to or greater than the Developer Fee stated in the FCCAP, there will be no resulting deduction to the stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development from this review.

If this step causes the maximum Developer Fee to be less than the Developer Fee stated in the FCCAP, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate this cost reduction.

(b) Second Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development

The maximum Developer Fee as calculated in step (2)(a) above will be reduced by the same percentage as the percentage that the TDC of the Proposed Development calculated in (2)(a) above exceeds the Maximum TDC.

This is determined by dividing the TDC of the Proposed Development calculated in step (2)(a) above by the Maximum TDC. If the resulting percentage is greater than 100%, then the resulting percentage will have 100% subtracted from it. This number is then multiplied by the

maximum Developer Fee calculated in step (2)(a) above, rounded down to the nearest whole dollar and the resulting amount is subtracted from the maximum Developer Fee calculated in step (2)(a) above. If the resulting percentage is less than or equal to 100 percent, this review is complete without any further mandated adjustments to either the stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development calculated in step (2)(a) above.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step is equal to or greater than the Developer Fee calculated in step (2)(a) above, there will be no resulting deduction to the stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development from this review.

If this step causes the maximum Developer Fee to be less than the Developer Fee calculated in step (2)(a) above, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the TDC of the Proposed Development calculated in step (2)(a) above will be equally reduced to incorporate this cost reduction.

*Policy when the Developer Fee was reduced by the process described in b. above*

- (3) If the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is less than the TDC reported in the final credit underwriting report, the calculations in b. above will be repeated using the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP. This may result in an increase to the final Developer Fee as a result of the initial Maximum Developer Fee not being reduced to the extent determined at time of credit underwriting during steps b.(1)-(3).
- (4) If the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is greater than the TDC reported in the final credit underwriting report, the calculations described in (2)(a) above (“the First Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP”) will determine the final Developer Fee. In this scenario, the calculations described in (2)(b) above will not be applied.

A template and training video regarding the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation have been made available. A link has been added to the RFA Webpage called “Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation Information Used In RFAs”. This link will take users to a new webpage with examples of this process, as well as a template, training video, and, for assistance after the review and evaluation process as explained in Section Three, F.2. of this RFA, contact information for available Florida Housing staff.

## **2. SAIL Workforce Leveraging**

Each eligible Application will be assigned a Leveraging Level 1 – 5, with 1 being the best score, based on the total Corporation Funding amount relative to all other eligible Application’s total Corporation SAIL Funding amount.

The total Corporation Funding amount is calculated only using the Applicant’s Eligible Workforce SAIL Funding Request. Housing Credit funding will be excluded from the following leveraging calculation.

The total Corporation funding amount will be calculated using the methodology described in a. through c. below:

- a. If the Development qualifies for a Housing Credit basis boost, the Eligible Workforce SAIL Funding Request Amount will be multiplied by 1.15; and
- b. The total Corporation SAIL funding amount calculated above will also be multiplied by a Leveraging Factor. The Leveraging Factor is calculated as follows:

Development Leveraging Multipliers							
# of new construction units	NC Garden Non-ESS	NC Garden ESS	NC Mid-Rise Non-ESS	NC Mid-Rise ESS	NC High-Rise	NC Other Non-ESS	NC Other ESS
Combined Dev Type / ESSC Multipliers	x 0.92	x 0.8004	x 0.85	x 0.7395	x 0.7134	x 1.0	x 0.87
Results of multiplication of each category							

To calculate the Leveraging Factor, the chart above will be used. The number of units for each category stated at 4.e. of Exhibit A will be multiplied by the applicable multiplier. The results of the multiplication will then be added together, then divided by the total number of units in the Development. The result of this calculation is the Leveraging Factor. The Leveraging Factor is then multiplied by the total Corporation SAIL funding amount as calculated in a. – b. above. This result is the total Corporation funding amount used in c. below.

- c. The total Corporation funding amount will then be divided by the number of Set-Aside Units, resulting in the total Corporation funding per Set-Aside Unit.

The eligible Applications will be listed in ascending order beginning with the Application that has the lowest amount of total Corporation funding per Set-Aside Unit and ending with the Application that has the highest amount of total Corporation funding per Set-Aside Unit. If any Applications have identical total Corporation funding per Set-Aside Unit amounts, the Applications will be further sorted using lottery number, with the HIGHEST (worst) lottery number being listed first.

The total number of eligible Applications on the list will be multiplied by 20 percent and the resulting figure will be rounded up to the next whole number (the resulting figure after rounding will be referred to as the “First Quintile Cut-Off”). A line will be drawn

below the Application whose place on the list is equal to the First Quintile Cut-Off. If any Application(s) below the line has the same total Corporation Funding amount per Unit as the Application immediately above the line, the line will be moved to a place immediately below that Application(s).

Applications above the First Quintile Cut-Off will be classified as Leveraging Level 1 and Applications below the First Quintile Cut-Off will continue with this same process until all eligible Applications have been assigned to one of five quintile leveraging levels (Leveraging Level 1 representing the top 20 percent, Leveraging Level 2 representing the top 40 percent that are not Leveraging Level 1; Leveraging Levels 3 and 4 representing the next sequential quintiles, and Leveraging Level 5 remaining Applications).

### 3. Florida Job Creation Funding Preference

Each Application will be measured to determine whether it qualifies for the Florida Job Creation Funding Preference. To determine eligibility for the preference, the Corporation will calculate the Application's Florida Job Creation score, which will reflect the number of Florida jobs per \$1 million of Workforce SAIL funding. To qualify for the Florida Job Creation Funding Preference in Section Five of the RFA, all Applications must earn a Florida Job Creation score equal to or greater than 3.34.

Determination of the Florida Job Creation score will be based on the following information:

- The number of units committed to by the Applicant (as stated by the Applicant in Exhibit A);
- The applicable Florida job creation rate for the type of units:
  - Rate of 3.184 Florida Jobs per unit for proposed new construction units;
  - Rate of 1.572 Florida Jobs per unit for proposed rehabilitation units; and
- The Eligible Workforce SAIL Request Amount.

The score for the Florida Rate of Job Creation per \$1 million of Workforce SAIL funding will be measured using one of the following calculations:

Developments consisting of only new construction units

Number of new construction units x 3.184 Florida Jobs per unit x 1,000,000 / the Workforce SAIL Request Amount = Florida Jobs per \$1 million of Workforce SAIL funding.

For example:

Application A consists of 80 new construction units and has an Eligible Workforce SAIL Request Amount of \$2,300,000.

$80 \times 3.184 \times 1,000,000 / 2,300,000 =$  Florida Job Creation score of 12.31.

In above example, the Application will qualify for the Job Creation Funding Preference because it has a Florida Job Creation score that is equal to or greater than 3.34.

### 5. Fees

The Corporation and, if applicable, the Credit Underwriter shall collect via check or money order from the Applicant the following fees and charges in conjunction with this RFA. Failure to pay any fee shall cause the funding awarded to be withdrawn as outlined in the credit underwriting and program requirements outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

All fees set forth below, except for Compliance Monitoring Fees and Loan Servicing Fees, are part of Development Cost and can be included in the Development Cost Pro Forma and paid with loan proceeds.

a. Application Fee

All Applicants requesting funding in this RFA shall submit to the Corporation as a part of the Application submission a non-refundable Application fee of \$3,000.

b. Credit Underwriting Fees

The following fees are not the fees that will be charged but are listed below for estimation purposes of completing the Development Cost Pro-Forma in the Application. The actual fees will be determined based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and the Credit Underwriter(s) in effect at the time underwriting begins.

(1) Program fee

Programs	Primary Program Fee		Multiple Program Fees	Total
SAIL and Housing Credits	\$14,913– SAIL	+	\$4,996 –Housing Credits	\$19,909

(2) Re-underwriting fee: \$192 per hour, not to exceed \$8,461.

Any SAIL Development requiring further analysis by the Credit Underwriter will be subject to a fee based on an hourly rate determined pursuant to contract between the Corporation and the Credit Underwriter. All credit underwriting fees shall be paid by the Applicant prior to the performance of the analysis by the Credit Underwriter. If the Development involves Scattered Sites of units within a single market area, a single credit underwriting fee shall be charged.

(3) Extraordinary Services fee: \$192 per hour.

(4) Capital Needs Assessment Review (if applicable): \$2,266

c. Administrative Fees

With respect to the Housing Credit Program, each for-profit Applicant shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable administrative fee in the amount of 9 percent of the annual Housing Credit Allocation amount stated in the Preliminary Allocation. The administrative fee shall be 5.5 percent of the stated annual Housing Credit Allocation for Non-Profit Applicants. The administrative fee must be received by the Corporation as stated in the Preliminary Allocation.



d. Compliance Monitoring Fees

The following fees are not the fees that will be charged but are listed below for estimation purposes of completing the Development Cost Pro-Forma in the Application. The actual fees and percentage increases will be determined based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and the Compliance Monitor(s).

(1) Program Fees

Programs	Primary Program Fee		Multiple Program Fees
Competitive Housing Credits and SAIL funding	HC  A total annual fee comprised of a base fee of \$178 per month + an additional fee per Set-Aside Unit of \$10.91 per year, subject to a minimum of \$278 per month, and subject to an automatic annual increase of 3 percent of the prior year's fee.	+	\$993 – SAIL

(2) Follow-up Reviews/Extraordinary Services fee: \$192 per hour

(3) Pre-Final Allocation Fee

Comprised of a base fee of \$2,136.00 + an additional fee per Set-Aside Unit of \$10.91, subject to a minimum of \$3,336, to be collected as stated in the Preliminary Housing Credit Allocation or Carryover Allocation Agreement.

e. Commitment Fees

With respect to the SAIL Program, each Applicant to which a firm commitment is granted shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable commitment fee of 1 percent of the SAIL loan amount upon acceptance of the firm commitment.

- (1) Non-Profit sponsors who provide a certification indicating that funds will not be available prior to closing shall be permitted to pay the commitment fee at closing.
- (2) All Applicants shall remit the commitment fee payable to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

f. Construction Inspection Fees

The following fees are not the fees that will be charged but are listed below for estimation purposes of completing the Development Cost Pro Forma in the Application. The actual fees will be based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and the Servicer(s).

On-site construction inspection - \$192 per hour, not to exceed \$1,899 per inspection.

## g. Additional Housing Credit Fees

- (1) If the Applicant requests permission to return its Housing Credit allocation and receive a new Housing Credit allocation and such request is approved, whether by the Executive Director in accordance with the QAP or as approved by the Board, the Applicant will be charged a nonrefundable processing fee of \$15,000 per request.
- (2) Housing Credit Applicants shall be responsible for all processing fees related to the Housing Credit Program.

## h. Credit Underwriting and Loan Closing Extension Fees

For 9 percent Housing Credits, credit underwriting extension fees will be outlined in the Carryover Allocation Agreement.

In the event the SAIL loan(s) does not close within the prescribed timeframes, extension fees will be assessed. Workforce SAIL loans must meet the credit underwriting, firm loan commitment, and loan closing timeframes outlined in paragraph 67-48.0072(4)(c), F.A.C., and subsections 67-48.0072(21) and (26), F.A.C.

For all SAIL loans, a request for an extension of the deadline for closing the loan(s) may be considered by the Board for an extension term of up to 90 Calendar Days. The Corporation shall charge an extension fee of 1 percent of each Corporation loan amount if the Board approves the request to extend the loan closing(s).

## i. Loan Servicing Fees

The following fees are not the fees that will be charged but are listed below for estimation purposes of completing the Development Cost Pro Forma in the Application. The actual fees will be based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and the Servicer(s).

## (1) Construction Loan Servicing Fees

The following fees are listed for estimation purposes only; the actual fees will be determined based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and Servicer(s) in effect at the time of loan closing.

- \$192 per hour for an in-house review of a draw request
- \$192 per hour for on-site inspection fees, up to a maximum of \$1,899 per draw
- \$192 per hour for extraordinary services

## (2) Permanent Loan Servicing Fees

The SAIL loan has a Permanent Loan Servicing Fee to be paid annually. The following fee is listed for estimation purposes only; the actual fees will be determined based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and Servicer(s) in effect at the time of loan closing.

Annual fee of 25 bps of the outstanding loan amount, with a minimum monthly fee of \$229 and a maximum monthly fee of \$909, and an hourly fee of \$192 for extraordinary services.

Additional legal, cost of issuance, bond underwriting, credit enhancement, liquidity facility and servicing fees associated with the financing shall also be paid by the Applicant.

j. Additional SAIL Loan Fees

SAIL Applicants will be responsible for all fees associated with the Corporation's legal counsel related to the SAIL Program based on the current contract for services between the Corporation and the legal counsel.

k. Additional Housing Credit Fees

(1) If the Applicant requests permission to return its Housing Credit allocation and receive a new Housing Credit allocation and such request is approved, whether by the Executive Director in accordance with the QAP or as approved by the Board, the Applicant will be charged a nonrefundable processing fee of \$15,000 per request.

(2) HC Applicants shall be responsible for all processing fees related to the Housing Credit Program.

l. Assumption/Renegotiation Fees

For all loans where the Applicant is requesting a sale and/or transfer and assumption of the loan, the borrower or purchaser shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable assumption fee of one-tenth of one percent of the loan amount.

For all loans where the Applicant is requesting a renegotiation of the loan, the borrower shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable renegotiation fee of one-half of one percent of the loan amount.

For all loans where the Applicant is requesting an extension of the loan term, the borrower shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable extension fee of one-tenth of one percent of the loan amount. If the extension is associated with a renegotiation of the loan, then only the renegotiation fee will be charged.

## 6. Terms and Conditions

a. Interest rates:

The Workforce SAIL loan shall be non-amortizing and shall have an interest rate of 1 percent.

b. Credit Underwriting, Firm Commitment and Loan Closing:

Workforce SAIL loans must meet the credit underwriting, firm loan commitment, and loan closing timeframes outlined in paragraph 67-48.0072(4)(c), F.A.C., and subsections 67-48.0072(21) and (26), F.A.C.

Additional terms and conditions for all SAIL loans are outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

**7. Additional Requirements**

By submitting its Application, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that it will conform to the following requirements:

a. Progress Report - Form Q/M Report

Each Competitive Housing Credit Development shall be required to complete and submit to the Corporation progress reports, pursuant to Rule 67-48.028, F.A.C., using Form Q/M Report, effective January 2007.

The form is available on the RFA Webpage.

b. Eligible Reserve for Replacement Items

The replacement reserve funds required by section 67-48.0072(13), F.A.C., are not to be used by the Applicant for normal maintenance and repairs, but shall be used for structural building repairs, major building systems replacements and other items included on the Eligible Reserve for Replacement Items list, effective October 15, 2010.

The list is available on the RFA Webpage.

c. Final Cost Certification Application Package (Form FCCAP)

In accordance with Rule 67-48.023, F.A.C., the Final Cost Certification Application Package (Form FCCAP), Rev. April 2020, shall be used by an Applicant to itemize all expenses incurred in association with construction of a Housing Credit Development, including Developer and General Contractor fees as described in Rule 67-48.0072, F.A.C., and shall be submitted to the Corporation by the earlier of the following two dates:

- (1) The date that is 90 Calendar Days after all the buildings in the Development have been placed in service, as evidenced by the required documentation outlined in the Final Cost Certification Package, or
- (2) The date that is 30 Calendar Days before the end of the calendar year for which the Final Housing Credit Allocation is requested.

The Corporation may grant extensions for good cause upon written request.

The FCCAP shall be completed, executed and submitted to the Corporation in both hard copy format and electronic files of the Microsoft Excel spreadsheets for the Housing Credit Development Final Cost Certification (DFCC) and the General Contractor Cost Certification (GCCC) included in the form package, along with the executed Extended Use Agreement and appropriate recording fees, IRS Tax Information Authorization Form 8821 for all Financial Beneficiaries (if requested by the Corporation), a copy of the syndication agreement disclosing the rate and all terms, the required certified public accountant opinion letter for both the DFCC and GCCC, an unmodified audit report prepared by an independent certified public accountant for both the DFCC and GCCC, photographs of the completed Development, the monitoring fee, and documentation of the placed-in-service date as specified in the Form FCCAP instructions. The Final Housing Credit Allocation will not be issued until such time as all required items are received and processed by the Corporation.

Form FCCAP, Rev. April 2020, is available on the RFA Webpage.

d. Financial Reporting Form SR-1

Following the end of the SAIL loan term, within 151 Calendar Days following the Applicant's fiscal year end, the Applicant shall continue to provide the Corporation with an audited financial statement and a fully completed and executed Financial Reporting Form SR-1, Rev. 01-21 pursuant to subsection 67-48.023(9), F.A.C., with regard to the Competitive Housing Credits. The audited financial statement and a copy of the signed Form SR-1, with Parts 1, 2, and 5 completed, shall be submitted in both PDF format and in electronic form as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to the Corporation at the following web address: [financial.reporting@floridahousing.org](mailto:financial.reporting@floridahousing.org).

e. Part IIIA, Sections 401 through 408 and 410, of the Fannie Mae Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide, in effect as of June 10, 2015

The financial statements and information provided for review (pursuant to paragraph 67-48.0072(14)(b), F.A.C. should be in satisfactory form (inclusive of the substitution of the Multifamily Underwriting Certificate referenced in Section 407 with a similar certification meeting the same criteria) and shall be reviewed in accordance with Part IIIA, Sections 401 through 408 and 410, of Fannie Mae's Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide, in effect as of June 10, 2015, which is available on the RFA Webpage.

When referring to the Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide, any references to "Lender" means the "Corporation-assigned Credit Underwriter" and any references to "Fannie Mae" means "Florida Housing Finance Corporation."

f. Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) Insurance Guide

Pursuant to subsection 67-48.010(13), F.A.C., the Corporation shall require adequate insurance to be maintained on the Development as determined by the first mortgage lender, the Corporation, or the Corporation's servicer, sufficient to meet the standards established in the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) Insurance Guide (and as

amended from time to time). The most recently published FHFC Insurance Guide is available on the Corporation's Website <http://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/compliance/forms> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

## Exhibit D – Timeline

The Applicant acknowledges and certifies that the following information will be provided by the due date outlined below, or as otherwise outlined in the invitation to enter credit underwriting. Failure to provide the required information by the stated deadline may result in the withdrawal of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, unless an extension is approved by the Corporation:

1. Within seven Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting:
  - a. Respond to the invitation by accessing the development work center through the Procorem secure portal and submit the credit underwriting fee(s), which includes the CNA review fee, if applicable, as outlined in Item 4 of Exhibit C, pursuant to subparagraph 67-48.0072(4)(a)1, F.A.C.; and
  - b. Verification that the Development either qualifies as a USDA-eligible rural address or does not qualify as a USDA-eligible rural address. Addresses can be verified by visiting <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>
2. Within 14 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, if requested by the Corporation, submit IRS Form 8821 for all Financial Beneficiaries as defined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.
3. Within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, submit all of the following. Submission of all documents should be provided electronically to the Corporation at one time.
  - a. Provide the name, mailing address, and email address of the chief elected official of the local jurisdiction where the proposed Development is located;
  - b. Provide notification of the Applicant’s eligibility for acquisition credits per Section 42 of the IRC, if applicable;
  - c. Provide the Applicant’s Federal Identification Number and the Employer Identification Number (“EIN”) Certificate. If the number has not yet been obtained, the Applicant will be required to provide a copy of the completed, submitted application for that number.
  - d. Provide the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Environmental Safety Phase I Environmental Site Assessment form and, if applicable, the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Environmental Safety Phase II Environmental Site Assessment form (Forms Rev. 11-14) which are available on the RFA Webpage. Note: If a Phase II ESA is required, but has not been completed by the stated deadline, contact Corporation staff to request an extension for submission of the Phase II ESA form;
  - e. Demonstrate that electricity and roads are available to the entire proposed Development site as of the date signed by providing the following:

- (1) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure form (Form Rev. 08-20) which is available on the RFA Webpage; or
  - (2) Documentation from the service provider that contains the Development location and is dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline. The documentation may not be signed by the Applicant, by any related parties of the Applicant, by any Principals or Financial Beneficiaries of the Applicant, or by any local elected officials.
- f. Provide the identity of the remaining members of the Development Team (i.e., inexperienced co-Developer(s), General Contractor, Architect, Attorney, and Accountant, as outlined below. The team members so identified, and any future replacement thereof, must be acceptable to the Corporation and the Credit Underwriter;
- (1) Identify any inexperienced co-Developer(s) by providing the name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail address, and the relationship of the co-Developer to the Applicant.
  - (2) Identify the General Contractor by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation General Contractor or Qualifying Agent of General Contractor Certification form. Note: provide the prior experience chart, as outlined in the form.
  - (3) Identify the Architect by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Architect Certification form.
  - (4) Identify the Attorney by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Attorney Certification for Housing Credits form and Florida Housing Finance Corporation Attorney Certification for MMRB, SAIL, HOME and/or other Gap Loans.
  - (5) Identify the Accountant by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Certification of Accountant form.

The certification forms (Forms Rev. 07-2019) are available on the RFA Webpage. Note: The use of any prior version of these forms will not be acceptable to meet this requirement.

g. Tenant Selection Plan

Unless the Development meets an exception outlined in (1) below, a Tenant Selection Plan must be submitted to the Corporation for approval within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting. The Tenant Selection Plan must be approved by the Corporation and, if required, HUD prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

- (1) Exceptions to Tenant Selection Plan requirements



- (a) Developments financed with HUD Section 811;
- (b) Developments financed with a United States Department of Agriculture RD program; or
- (c) Applicants that select the Elderly ALF Demographic Commitment.

All other Applications must achieve Corporation approval and, if required, HUD approval prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

(2) Achieving Corporation approval

To achieve approval by the Corporation, the Tenant Selection Plan must be submitted by the owner to the Corporation for approval within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting.

The Tenant Selection Plan Guidelines and Tenant Selection Plan Checklist can be found on the webpage <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive> (also available by clicking [here](#)). Exhibit G of the RFA also describes requirements for tenant selection policies.

(3) Achieving HUD approval, if required

In addition to the Corporation's approval, if HUD approval is required because a Development has a Housing Assistance Payment and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD, HUD approval of the Tenant Selection Plan must be demonstrated to the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

HUD's approval process may take several months. Owners should send the Corporation-approved Tenant Selection Plan to HUD for approval as soon as possible to meet this requirement.

- h. Provide confirmation that the owner will submit the fully executed Link MOU for the Corporation's approval within nine months of the invitation to enter into credit underwriting, as described in Exhibit E;
- i. Provide confirmation that all construction features committed to and proposed by the Applicant shall be located on the Development site;
- j. Confirmation that, if the proposed Development meets the definition of Scattered Sites, all Scattered Sites requirements that were not required to be met in the Application will be met, including that all features and amenities committed to and proposed by the Applicant that are not unit-specific shall be located on each of the Scattered Sites, or no more than 1/16 mile from the Scattered Site with the most units, or a combination of both. If the Applicant indicates that the proposed Development does not consist of Scattered Sites, but it is determined during credit underwriting that the proposed Development does meet the definition of Scattered Sites, all of the Scattered Sites requirements must have been met as of Application Deadline and, if all Scattered Sites

requirements were not in place as of the Application Deadline, the Applicant's funding award will be rescinded;

- k. Provide notification of the percentage of ownership of the Principals of the Applicant. Upon the Applicant's acceptance of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, the Corporation will return the Principals of the Application and Developer(s) Disclosure Form that was part of the Applicant's uploaded Application. The Applicant will be required to enter the applicable percentages on the form and return the completed form to the Corporation;
- l. Provide confirmation that the proposed equity amount to be paid prior to or simultaneous with the closing of construction financing is at least 15 percent of the total proposed equity to be provided (the 15 percent criteria), subject to the following:
  - (1) If syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, there are two exceptions to the preceding sentence. First, if there is a bridge loan proposal within the equity proposal that provides for bridge loan proceeds that equal at least 15 percent of the amount of total proposed equity to be provided to be made available prior to or simultaneous with closing of construction financing, the 15 percent criteria will be met. Second, if there is a separate bridge loan proposal from either the equity provider, any entity that is controlled directly or indirectly by the equity provider, or a subsidiary of the equity provider's parent holding company, and the proposal explicitly proposes an amount to be made available prior to or simultaneous with the closing of construction financing that equals at least 15 percent of the total proposed equity to be paid stated in the equity proposal, the 15 percent criteria is met. Bridge loan proposals that are not within the equity proposal, though, must meet the criteria previously stated for debt financing with the exception that evidence of ability to fund does not have to be provided. The Applicant may include the proposed amount of the bridge loan as equity proceeds on the Construction or Rehabilitation Analysis and on the Permanent Analysis (Note: this 15 percent criteria must be reflected in the limited partnership agreement or limited liability company operating agreement); or
  - (2) If not syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, proceeds from a bridge loan will not count toward meeting the 15 percent criteria;
- m. If there are existing occupied units as of Application Deadline, provide to the Credit Underwriter a plan for relocation of existing tenants. The plan shall provide information regarding the relocation site; accommodations relevant to the needs of the residents and length of time residents will be displaced; moving and storage of the contents of a resident's dwelling units; as well as the approach to inform and prepare the residents for the rehabilitation activities;
- n. If the Applicant indicated that the proposed Development is the first phase of a multiphase Development, submit to the Corporation an opinion letter by a licensed attorney that the Development meets the definition of a "multiphase project" as defined in the Federal Register. The letter must also include: (a) the name of the

- declared first phase Development and the Corporation-assigned Application number, (b) the total number of phases and the projected Development name for each phase, (c) the total number of buildings in each phase, (d) the expected completion date for each phase, and (e) any other information as determined by the Corporation and stated in the invitation to enter credit underwriting;
- o. If the Applicant indicated that the proposed Development is a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development, the Development's status as a subsequent phase will be verified in credit underwriting. If the Development does not qualify and the Applicant's Housing Credit request is based on such contention and, during the credit underwriting process it is determined that the proposed Development does not meet the criteria for such distinction, the Applicant's Competitive Housing Credit award may be rescinded;
  - p. Provide confirmation that the limited partnership agreement or limited liability operating agreement will comply with the operating deficit reserve requirement outlined in Section Four A.10.c.(4) of the RFA; and
  - q. Provide the market study prepared by a licensed appraiser that was completed before Application Deadline that demonstrates (i) the average physical occupancy rate of 92% or greater; and (ii) an average market rental rate, based on unit mix and annualized rent concessions, equal to 90 percent Area Median Income rental rate, calculated as 112.5 percent of the 80 percent Area Median Income rental rate.
4. The Preliminary Recommendation Letter (PRL) for this Development will be due to the Corporation no later than 12 weeks after the invitation to enter credit underwriting has been issued. Pursuant to paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(c), F.A.C., the Applicant is responsible for providing the Credit Underwriter with the information necessary to complete the PRL. If the 12 week deadline cannot be met due to any delay caused by the Applicant, request an extension by submitting a written request and payment of the applicable processing fee to the Corporation;
  5. The Applicant will submit the fully executed Link MOU for the Corporation's approval within nine months of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, as described in Exhibit E;
  6. The credit underwriting process must be complete within the timeframe outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.;
  7. The SAIL loan must close within the timeframe outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.;
  8. By Certificate of Occupancy, the Applicant commits to participate in the statewide housing locator system, as required by the Corporation; and
  9. The Credit Underwriter will provide an itemized list for additional documentation including, but not limited to, the following:
    - a. Information outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48.0072, F.A.C.;
    - b. If the Applicant indicated that the proposed Development will be assisted with funding under the RD 538 Program and expects to use such funding as a source of financing, the Section 538 Selection Letter sent to the Applicant by RD must be provided;

- c. The Construction Consultant engaged by the Corporation's credit underwriter must provide the properly completed and executed Americans with Disabilities Act Certification forms certifying that the design of the proposed Development and the completed Development includes the applicable accessibility, adaptability, Visitability and universal design features required by the Corporation and proposed by the Applicant (Forms Rev. 02-20) which are available on the RFA Webpage.
10. The Credit Underwriter will also verify information submitted by the Applicant, including, but not limited to the following:
- a. The Applicant's Non-Profit status, if applicable;
  - b. Each Scattered Site meets the requirements of this RFA and Section 42 of the IRC, if applicable;
  - c. The proposed Development's ability to meet the Enhanced Structural Systems Construction qualifications;
  - d. Calculation of eligible basis which may cause a reduction in the Housing Credit Allocation. This may include review of the location of buildings and whether all buildings are eligible for the eligible basis boost, if applicable;
  - e. With the exception of Developments financed with HUD Section 811 or United States Department of Agriculture RD program, Developments must demonstrate HUD approval within a Tenant Selection Plan for an owner-adopted preference or special admissions preference specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a designated Referral Agency serving the county where the Development is located;
  - f. The proposed Development's first phase or subsequent phase's status; and
  - g. Review of the Total Development Cost and its effect on the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation and, if applicable, the SAIL Request amount.

If any of these cannot be verified, all funding awarded under this RFA may be reduced or may be rescinded if the award or the Application's eligibility status was based on such information, and/or the Applicant may be determined to have made a material misrepresentation.

11. For 9% Housing Credit, the Carryover Allocation Agreement will provide deadlines for additional documentation.

## **Exhibit E – Additional requirements for the Link Units for Persons with Special Needs**

The Link to Permanent Housing Strategy (Link) enhances the ability of extremely low-income (ELI) households with special needs to access and retain affordable rental housing in their communities. The Corporation requires Developers to provide a specified percentage of a Development’s ELI Set-Aside units for special needs households receiving community based supportive services who are referred by a designated supportive services agency in the community where the Development is located. All Link units must do the following:

### **I. Link Set-Aside Requirements**

With the exception of Developments financed with HUD Section 811 or United States Department of Agriculture RD program, for the entire Compliance Period as specified in both the regulatory agreement and as stated in the RFA, the Development shall set aside the required percentage of the ELI Set-Aside units as Link Units for Persons with Special Needs. At least one member of each Link unit’s household shall be referred by a Special Needs Household Referral Agency (Referral Agency) with which the owner executes a Link Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved by the Corporation.

### **II. Link Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The Corporation has established and maintains a list of supportive service agencies or organizations serving each county, each of which is designated as a Referral Agency. The current list of designated Special Needs Household Referral Agencies for each county is published on the Corporation’s Website under the Quick Links section at <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/special-needs-housing-overview/serving-special-needs> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)). These agencies are statewide, regional or local organizations that administer community-based supportive services to the populations served by Link.

The MOU is a formal agreement between the owner and a Referral Agency that specifies the intent of the Link Strategy and describes the roles and responsibilities of each party to the MOU. The MOU form to be executed shall be the version most recently provided on the Corporation’s website at <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/link-units-for-persons-with-special-needs-information> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

- A. The owner shall execute an MOU with at least one designated Referral Agency serving the county and intended population where the Development will be located and rent units to households referred by the Referral Agency with which the MOU is executed.
- B. As stated in Exhibit D, within nine months of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, submit the fully executed Link MOU for the Corporation’s approval. If the owner is unable to meet the deadline, an extension may be requested from the Corporation, and a non-refundable processing fee of \$5,000 shall be charged to the owner.
- C. Prior to execution of the MOU, but not later than 10 Calendar Days before the deadline by which the fully-executed MOU shall be received by the Corporation, the MOU form

stipulated in the applicable RFA shall be completed and reviewed by the owner and Referral Agency, and then submitted by the owner to the Corporation for review and preliminary approval.

- D. For Developments with a Housing Assistance Payment contract and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD: The waiting list section of the Tenant Selection Plan shall establish selection preferences or a section for special admissions specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a designated Referral Agency. The Tenant Selection Plan shall be submitted by the owner to the Corporation for review and preliminary approval before sending to HUD. HUD approval may take several months. HUD approval shall be demonstrated to the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.
- E. Owners that have a Housing Assistance Payment Contract and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD shall maintain a separate waiting list for referred applicants and prioritize these individuals for any available Link units. During and after lease-up, Referral Agency referrals must be moved in first, regardless of chronological order of the general waiting list, until all Link units are occupied with Referral Agency referrals.
- F. After review and preliminary approval of the MOU by the Corporation, and no later than the deadline established in the invitation to enter into credit underwriting, the owner shall provide one original fully-executed hard copy of the MOU to the Corporation. Once approved by the Corporation, the owner shall arrange for a copy of the approved MOU to be maintained on file at the site of the Development's records for compliance monitoring purposes.
- G. When the owner is noncompliant because no Referral Agency that serves the county where the Development is located is available to execute an MOU, the noncompliance shall be held in a correction period status until the earlier of (i) approval by the Corporation of an MOU executed with a new Referral Agency, or (ii) the passage of 45 Calendar Days following placement of a Referral Agency that serves the Development's county onto the Corporation's Referral Agency list.
- H. When a Referral Agency notifies the owner of its intent to terminate an MOU, the owner shall notify the Corporation of the MOU termination by email, at [Link@floridahousing.org](mailto:Link@floridahousing.org), within five Calendar Days of receiving the notification from the Referral Agency. The owner shall then select another Referral Agency for the Development's county and obtain approval from the Corporation for the MOU executed with the new Referral Agency no later than 45 Calendar Days after receipt of notification from the prior Referral Agency of its intent to terminate the MOU.
- I. When an owner intends to terminate an MOU, the owner shall repeat the process outlined in all of the steps above to obtain approval from the Corporation for a new MOU executed with another Referral Agency before termination of the prior MOU may become effective.
- J. The Corporation may require the owner to terminate an MOU with a Referral Agency if that partnership is not effective in meeting the intent of the Link Set-Aside

Requirement. The owner shall execute another MOU with a new Referral Agency before terminating the MOU. The owner shall follow the process outlined in all of the steps above to obtain approval from the Corporation.

### **III. Notification of the Availability of Units for Referral of Intended Link Households**

- A. The owner shall meet with the chosen Referral Agency to review the Link roles and responsibilities of each party, the household income limitation and other eligibility criteria for tenancy, household move-in expenses and on-going monthly rental payments. The meeting shall be held no less than 45 Calendar Days before the anticipated commencement of any activities related to the leasing of any unit in the Development. The owner shall maintain documentation of the meeting with the Referral Agency and shall provide a copy for review by the Corporation upon its request.
- B. Leasing Activity (Lease-up and Pre-leasing): During leasing activities, the owner shall make all units available for the intended Link households referred by the Referral Agency, until the Development's Link Set-Aside Requirement has been met. If the Development has not met its Link Set-Aside Requirement by the passing of 30 Calendar Days after the last unit is actually available for occupancy, the owner may lease the units to any eligible household. To the extent that an ELI-unit requirement coincides with a Link Set-Aside Requirement, for a period not to exceed nine months, a failure to meet the ELI-unit requirement shall not cause noncompliance during the lease-up or 30 Calendar Day hold period.
- C. Once the Development's leasing activity is completed, a vacant unit formerly occupied by a Link household shall be held open for intended households referred by the Referral Agency for a period of 30 Calendar Days starting from the date the vacated unit is suitable for occupancy and ready to lease. The owner shall notify the Referral Agency that a unit is available on or before the date that the vacated unit becomes suitable for occupancy and ready to lease, but no more than 30 Calendar Days before the unit is anticipated to be ready to lease. The vacated unit shall retain the Link classification until next occupied, at which time the classification of the new household shall be applied to the unit.
- D. When the Development is an Acquisition/Rehabilitation Development that is occupied at the earlier of either loan closing or site acquisition or the date of the Carryover Allocation Agreement, all units (at any AMI set-aside level) that become available and are suitable for occupancy and ready to lease shall be prioritized for intended households referred by the Referral Agency until the Link requirement has been met.
- E. Communication between the owner and the Referral Agency's designated contact person related to activities in this section shall be conducted via email. Activities that must be conducted by email are as follows:
  1. Requests to develop MOU with Referral Agency;
  2. Draft reviews of MOUs between the parties;
  3. Final version of executed MOU;

4. Current contact information for the contact staff designated by the owner and Referral Agency and listed in the MOU;
  5. Notifications of unit availability;
  6. Number of Calendar Days unit will be held open for referrals;
  7. Information about rental policies and eligibility criteria;
  8. Outcome of referrals;
  9. Notifications of issues or concerns that may adversely affect the tenancy of the household; and
  10. Requests for termination of MOU.
- F. The owner shall maintain a Link communication tracking log that documents: (i) the unit number of each offered unit; (ii) the date each unit was suitable for occupancy; (iii) the date of the email notice to the Referral Agency that each unit was available for rent to a Link household, including the dates of required follow up; (iv) date of response from Referral Agency, (v) Referral Agency response, (vi) outcome of referral, and (vii) number of days the unit was held open.
- G. If an owner notifies a Referral Agency that a unit is available and the Referral Agency does not respond, the owner shall contact the Referral Agency at least three times, at intervals of no less than seven Calendar Days, during the 30-day period after the initial notice of unit availability was sent to the Referral Agency. The owner shall document all notification activity on its Link communication tracking log.
- H. The owner shall notify the Referral Agency regarding the outcome of each referral within one business day after a determination is made regarding the household's eligibility to occupy the available unit.
- I. If a referral does not result in occupancy by the referred household, the 30-day holding period shall continue to allow the Referral Agency the opportunity to refer another household. The owner shall follow up with the Referral Agency at intervals of no less than seven Calendar Days during the remainder of the 30-day holding period. The owner shall document all notification activity on its Link communication tracking log.

#### **IV. Link Compliance Monitoring Documentation**

- A. The owner shall cause the following documentation to be maintained on file for compliance monitoring purposes. Such documents shall be made available for inspection by Corporation personnel or its monitoring agents at any reasonable time. The owner shall provide copies of such documents, either electronic or paper, to the Corporation within three business days of any request by the Corporation for such copies.
1. A copy of all active MOUs approved by the Corporation;



2. A copy of all terminated MOUs. Terminated MOUs shall be retained for seven years beyond the period of tenancy for any household referred under the particular MOU;
  3. A copy of any current correction period extensions granted by the Corporation; and
  4. Email communication with the Referral Agency demonstrating timely notification regarding the availability of units for the intended Link household, outcome of each referral, and, when an available unit was not rented to a Link household, the number of days the available unit was held open for intended Link household.
- B. The monthly Program Report submitted to the Corporation by the Development shall reflect the number of Link households residing in an ELI Set-Aside unit.
- C. The Compliance Period committed to in the RFA also includes the units set aside for the Demographic Commitments, which includes the commitments for Link and ELI Households. The affordability period committed to in the RFA includes the units set aside for ELI Households. Although the percentage of units committed to must remain in effect for the entire Compliance Period, the units designated for the Demographic Commitment and AMI commitment must not be limited to the same units throughout the Compliance Period. Doing so may cause the Development to be in non-compliance with Section 42.

**Exhibit F – intentionally omitted**

## **Exhibit G - Tenant Selection Requirements**

### Extremely Low Income (ELI) Household's Tenant Selection Criteria

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant selection criteria when evaluating the eligibility of a household applying for tenancy in a unit set aside for Extremely Low Income (ELI) Households:

- The credit history related to medical expenses, cable and internet services will not be taken into consideration when conducting credit checks.
- ELI Household's Income Requirement Policy – The household monthly income must not be required to be more than two times the monthly rent. (e.g., If the monthly rent is \$500, the household monthly income will not be required to exceed \$1,000.)
- The eviction history look-back period must not be more than 5 years. A household is permitted one eviction during the 5-year look-back period, unless the eviction was due to causing physical harm to development staff, tenants or intentional property damage.

### Additional Tenant Selection Criteria for All Households

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant selection criteria when evaluating the eligibility of all households applying for tenancy.

- The arrest record of a household member will not be considered when determining any household's application for tenancy.
- For households with publicly funded rental assistance, the income requirement will be based on the household's paid portion of the rent.

### Tenant Application Fees and Deposits

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant application fees and deposits requirements for a household applying for tenancy in a unit set aside for extremely low income households:

- It is prohibited to charge a fee to a household that is applying for tenancy in a unit that is set aside for extremely low-income households for the purposes of reserving or holding a unit.
- The application for tenancy fee will be no more than \$35 per adult in a household.
- A security deposit for new tenant households will be not more than the amount of one month's rent.

### Application for Tenancy

The Applicant must include and prominently place the following information in the Development's application for tenancy packet that is provided to all interested households:

- The tenant selection approach and criteria used to evaluate and determine a household's application for tenancy. The criteria under which a household was screened and evaluated, as well as the determination, must be included in each tenant household's file.

The approach regarding a household's notification and appeal process and timeline, if the household's application is rejected or determined ineligible.

- A description of reasonable accommodations or reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities, pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The description shall include accommodations that must be considered by the Development such as physical dwelling unit modifications for greater accessibility and use, as well as individualized assessments of mitigating factors related to a disability that adversely affected a household's credit, eviction or criminal history. The description shall also include the process for requesting a reasonable accommodation, the determination approach, and decision-making timelines.

A description of an applying household's or existing tenant's housing protections pursuant to the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA). The description will include that applying households may request that the Development conduct an individualized assessment of mitigating factors related to being a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that adversely affected the household's credit, eviction, or criminal history.

#### Notification of Rejection or Ineligibility for Tenancy

The Applicant must, at a minimum, notify any household that their application for tenancy was rejected or determined ineligible through a documented process such as a written letter or email to the address provided by the household.

The notification will be provided to a household within 5 business days from the day the determination is made.

The notice must include information regarding:

- The reasons a household's application for tenancy was rejected or determined ineligible.
- A household's right to appeal the Development's decision, as well as complete instructions regarding how a household may appeal the decision.