

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS 2024-102**

**SAIL AND HOME-ARP FINANCING FOR SMALLER  
DEVELOPMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

**Issued By:**

**FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**

**Issued: December 7, 2023**

**Due: March 21, 2024**

## SECTION ONE INTRODUCTION

This Request for Applications (RFA) is open to Non-Profit Applicants proposing new construction or Substantial Rehabilitation, with or without acquisition, to create new housing to provide Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Special Needs as defined in Section 420.0004(13), F.S. These persons may be living in residential facilities, homeless, or living in the community but lack affordable and permanent rental housing that provides assistance with housing stability and coordinated access to appropriate community-based healthcare and supportive services. Applicants that commit to the Persons with Special Needs demographic commitment must also commit 20 percent of the total units for Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals and families that meet the Homeless Households definition as defined in Exhibit B.

### **Estimated Funding Available:**

- SAIL

The Corporation expects to offer an estimated \$12,196,235 comprised of the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) funding appropriated by the 2023 Florida Legislature.

- HOME-ARP

The Corporation expects to offer an estimated \$8,200,000 of Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) from the American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) Program Funds provided as a forgivable loan.

This RFA limits Developments in small counties to between 4 and 15 units, and Developments in medium and large counties to between 10 and 30 units. Applicants must agree and adhere to Housing First principles in operating and managing Developments. Group homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and other specialized licensed residential facilities, as well as units within a condominium complex or any single room occupancy development, are not eligible for funding under this RFA.

The Corporation is soliciting applications from qualified Non-Profit Applicants that commit to provide housing in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFA, inclusive of all Exhibits of this RFA, 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 June 28, 2023) and 67-60, F.A.C., (effective July 6, 2022) 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/2024/2024-102> (also available by clicking [here](#)).

A. Submission Requirements

1. Application Deadline

The Application Deadline is **3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on March 21, 2024.**

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/Development Cost Pro Forma (Exhibit A of the RFA); and
- (2) The narrative description responses (Section Four, C. of Exhibit A of the RFA);
- (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 individual documents within the Application Package (e.g. the Exhibit A document 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

To upload the Application Package described in 2.a. above:

- 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 saved documents:
  - (1) The Application (Exhibit A) in Excel format;
  - (2) 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);
  - (3) The narrative description responses in Word format; and
  - (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 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.

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

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. Submitting the Application Fee

a. Application Fee

By the Application Deadline, provide to the Corporation the required non-refundable \$1,500 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) (ii) whether paying by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer, include the Development Name, RFA number with the payment; and (ii) 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.

To ensure that the Application Fee is received prior to the Application Deadline, the following is ***strongly recommended***: (i) provide the Application Fee at least two business days prior to the Application Deadline; (ii) if paying by check or money order, provide the payment in person or via method requiring signature upon delivery, (iii) if paying by wire or ACH, ensure with banking institution that funding has been received by Florida Housing.

At least 24 hours prior to the Application Deadline, the Corporation expects to post a list of the check numbers and wire/ACH reference numbers for all Applications that follow the above recommendation. If the online submission is not received by the Application Deadline, 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: Finance and Accounting  
Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

5. 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.

6. 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\\_2024-102\\_Questions@floridahousing.org](mailto:RFA_2024-102_Questions@floridahousing.org) (also accessible by clicking [here](#)) with “Questions regarding RFA 2024-102” as the subject of the email. Phone calls or written inquiries other than at the above e-mail address will not be accepted. The Corporation expects to respond to inquiries with two sets of responses. All inquiries that are received by January 6, 2024 will receive a response by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on January 11, 2024. All inquiries that are received by February 3, 2024 will receive a response by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on February 8, 2024. The Corporation 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), F.S., and Rule Chapter 28-110, F.A.C. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), F.S., shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S.
- 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, F.S. 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.

To the extent that a modification gives rise to a protest, failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), F.S., shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S.

- 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 work.

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

##### **1. Review of Application**

During the Review Committee scoring process, the Corporation (i) may rely on the answers submitted by the Applicant in Exhibit A, the Development Cost Pro Forma, and the Principal Disclosure Form; and (ii) may, but is not obligated to, review the substance of the documentation that is submitted as Attachments to the Application.

If it is determined that the Attachments do not meet the RFA requirements or the Applicant submitted materially incorrect information in the Application, the Corporation may take any or all of the following actions, even if the Application was not selected for funding, was deemed ineligible, or was withdrawn: deem the Application ineligible, rescind the award, and consider all Principals of the Applicant to have made a material misrepresentation subject to Section 420.518, F.S.

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

###### **a. Demographic Commitment and Interest Rate of SAIL Loan**

###### **(1) Demographic Commitment**

Select one of the following set-aside commitments for a minimum of 30 years:

At least 70 percent, but less than 80 percent, of the total units must consist of Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Special Needs as defined in Section 420.0004(13), F.S.; AND at least 20 percent of the total units must consist of Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals and families that meet the definition of Homeless Households as defined in Exhibit B, (which may be the same units set aside for Persons with Special Needs).

Or



At least 80 percent of the total units must consist of Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Special Needs as defined in Section 420.0004(13), F.S.; AND at least 20 percent of the total units must consist of Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals and families that meet the definition of Homeless Households as defined in Exhibit B, (which may be the same units set aside for Persons with Special Needs).

Note: The units committed to Persons with Special Needs or individuals and families that meet the definition of Homeless Households, up to a maximum of 10 units, will be considered HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations as defined in Exhibit B for this RFA. Each of the HOME-ARP Units will be eligible for HOME-ARP funding as described in Section Four, A.10.a.(2) of this RFA.

(2) Interest Rate

(a) Applicants that commit to set aside at least 70 percent, but less than 80 percent, of the total units for Persons with Special Needs will qualify for a SAIL loan with an interest rate of 0 percent for the percentage of units that are set aside for Persons with Special Needs, and an interest rate of 1 percent for the remaining units. For example, a set-aside commitment of 75 percent of the units for Persons with Special Needs will have 75 percent at 0 percent and 25 percent at 1 percent, or a blended overall interest rate of 0.25 percent.

(b) Applicants that commit to set aside at least 80 percent of the total units for Persons with Special Needs will qualify for a SAIL loan with an interest rate of 0 percent.

Applicants should check the box demonstrating the appropriate percentage of total units for the proposed Development's demographic commitment. If neither box is selected by the Applicant, it will be assumed that the Applicant is committing to set aside at least 70 percent, but less than 80 percent, of the total units for Persons with Special Needs.

(c) The HOME-ARP loan is a forgivable loan as further outlined in Exhibit H.

b. Check the box or boxes that specify the defined Persons with Special Needs population(s) that the Applicant proposes to serve for a minimum of 15 years at question 2.b. of Exhibit A:

(1) Adult persons requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who have a Disabling Condition that currently impairs or is likely to impair their physical mobility;\*

(2) Persons receiving benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or from veterans' disability benefits;\*

\*Due to the likelihood that residents of the subpopulations described in (1) and (2) above may have Mobility Impairments, Applicants that select (1) and/or (2) above must, at a minimum, meet the accessibility, adaptability, universal design and Visitability features requirements outlined in Section Four A.8.c.(1) (“Level 1 Accessibility Requirements”).

- (3) Adult persons requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who have a Disabling Condition that neither currently impairs nor is likely to impair their physical mobility, such as persons with a mental illness\*\*
- (4) Young adults formerly in foster care who are eligible for services under Sections 39.6251 and/or 409.1451, F.S.\*\*
- (5) Survivors of domestic violence as defined in Section 741.28, F.S.\*\*

\*\*Because residents of the subpopulations described in (3), (4), and (5) above are less likely to have Mobility Impairments, Applicants that select (3) and/or (4) and/or (5) above and that do not also select (1) and/or (2) above must at a minimum meet the accessibility, adaptability, universal design and Visitability features requirements outlined in Section Four A.8.c.(2) (“Level 2 Accessibility Requirements”).

c. Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal

There is a goal to fund one Development that qualifies as a Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Development. To qualify for the goal, all of the following in (1) below and at least one of the following in (2) must be met:

- (1) The Applicant must meet (a) – (d):
  - (a) Qualify as a Non-Profit Applicant described in Section Four, A.3. of this RFA;
  - (b) Commit that at least 60 percent of the total units will serve the defined Persons with Special Needs population of young adults formerly in foster care who are eligible for services under Section 409.1451, F.S. AND any remaining units will serve residents aged 18 - 22 that also meet the other subpopulations that were selected at question 2.b. of Exhibit A;
  - (c) Develop newly constructed Permanent Supportive Housing that provides housing for persons in foster care or persons aging out of foster care pursuant to s. 409.1451, F.S. Such housing shall promote and facilitate access to community-based supportive, educational, and employment services and resources that assist persons aging out of foster care to successfully transition to independent living and adulthood; and

- (d) Answer “Yes” to the question 2.c. in Exhibit A reflecting these commitments.
- (2) The Non-Profit entity that is the Applicant or a Principal of the Applicant, or if the Applicant consists of more than one Non-Profit entity, at least one of the Non-Profit entities, must have met (a), (b) or (c):
- (a) At least 12 months prior to the Application Deadline, the Non-Profit entity must have been licensed with the Florida Department of Children and Families; or
- (b) At least 12 months prior to the Application Deadline, the Non-Profit entity must have executed a contract or subcontract with a Community-Based Care Agency as defined under 409.986(3)(d), F.S. to provide services for young adults formerly in foster care who are eligible for services under Section 39.6251 and/or 409.1451 F.S. AND the contract or subcontract is still executed as of the Application Deadline; or
- (c) At least 12 months prior to the Application Deadline, the Non-Profit entity must have executed a contract or subcontract with a Community-Based Care Agency to provide services for young adults formerly in foster care who are eligible for services under Section 39.6251 and/or 409.1451 F.S., AND the contract or subcontract expired but was renewed and in effect as of the Application Deadline.

### 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) Only Non-Profit Applicants are eligible for funding. State the name of the Non-Profit 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

Only Non-Profit Applicants are eligible for funding.

To qualify as a Non-Profit Applicant for purposes of this RFA, the Applicant must demonstrate that it meets the definition of Non-Profit as set out in Exhibit B by providing the required information stated in (a) and (b) below.

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 will be rescinded.

(a) Demonstration of Material Participation, regardless of whether the Applicant went through Non-Profit Advance Review Process described in (4) below, by submitting The Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Material Participation form (Rev. 09-2022) as **Attachment 2** of Exhibit A **for each Non-Profit entity that makes up the Non-Profit Applicant.**

(b) Demonstration of Non-Profit entity qualifications

To meet this eligibility requirement, **for each Non-Profit entity that makes up the Non-Profit Applicant** provide **either** the Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) **that was stamped "Approved" by the Corporation\* as outlined in (4) below;** or the Non-Profit Application Package outlined in (i) through (iii) below as **Attachment 2** to the RFA.

#### Non-Profit Application Package

(i) The Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications form

The Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications form (Rev. 10-2021), which must be completed and signed by the Executive Director of the non-profit entity.

If the Non-Profit Application Package is submitted during the Non-Profit Advance Review Process and meets all requirements outlined in (4) below, this form will be stamped "Approved" and returned to the Applicant.

Applicants that submit the **Corporation-approved\*** Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) as **Attachment 2** for each Non-Profit entity that makes up the Non-Profit Applicant will meet the Non-Profit Application Package requirements without the need to resubmit the rest of the Non-Profit Application Package set

forth in (ii) through (iii) below, and may also be awarded points as described in (4) below.

(ii) IRS determination letter

The IRS determination letter\* demonstrating that the non-profit entity is organized under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and also has been in existence at least three years prior to the Application Deadline of this RFA.

(iii) Non-Profit Bylaws and/or Articles of Incorporation

The Non-Profit Bylaws and/or Articles of Incorporation demonstrating all of the following requirements are met. Information may be found in either the Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation. The Applicant should submit both documents, including any subsequent amendments, for review in order to ensure all of the below requirements are met.

(A) The role and responsibilities of the Board of directors;

(B) The number of members that are part of the Board;  
and

(C) The bylaws or articles of incorporation must state one of the purposes of the Non-Profit is to foster low-income housing. This requirement may be met with the most recent IRS form 990, if the form 990 states that one of the purposes of the Non-Profit is to foster low-income housing.

\*In the event the Non-Profit entity is subject to a group exemption under the Internal Revenue Code, provide the IRS determination letter for the parent corporation, and the list of exempt entities from the IRS which includes the Non-Profit entity in this Application. If the list of exempt entities has not yet been issued by the IRS, provide a copy of the request from the parent corporation to the IRS requesting group exemption status for the Non-Profit entity named in this Application. The IRS determination letter for the parent corporation must meet the requirements of Section Four, A.3.a.(3)(b)(ii) above.

The Applicant must remain a Non-Profit entity and the Non-Profit entity must (i) receive at least 25 percent of the Developer's fee, exclusive of the portion of the Developer Fee that will fund the Operating Deficit Reserve; and (ii) contractually ensure that it substantially and materially participates in the management and operation of the Development throughout the Compliance Period.

Tier 1 Application Designation

Priority 1 Applications that commit to provide 100 percent of the Developer fee to one or more Non-Profit entities will be considered Tier 1 Applications. All other Priority 1 Applications and all Priority 2 Applications will be considered Tier 2 Applications. In the funding selection process, Tier 1 Applications will receive higher priority than Tier 2 Applications.

\*The Applicant may submit a Corporation-approved Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) in lieu of the Non-Profit Application Package, even if approved in a prior RFA cycle.

(4) Non-Profit Advance Review Process (10 Points)

The Non-Profit Application Package outlined in (3)(b) above may be submitted to the Corporation prior to the Application Deadline. The Corporation will review the Non-Profit Application Package and, if the above requirements are met, will stamp the Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) with the date that the form was received and approved, then return it to the Applicant. Applications will receive 10 points if the Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) is stamped "Received" by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped "Approved" prior to the Application Deadline and is submitted for **each non-profit entity**.

If the Non-Profit Application Package is not complete when submitted, or if any required information is not provided, the Applicant will be notified and may submit the corrected form and/or additional required information, but the date of the resubmission will be reflected as the date received. If an Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications 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 10 Advance Review points. In order to allow for adequate time for review, Applicants are strongly encouraged to send the Non-Profit Application Package to the email address FHFC\_NonProfit\_AdvanceReview@floridahousing.org (also available by clicking [here](#)) at least eight weeks prior to the Application Deadline.

The Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) is specific to non-profit entities. The Corporation-approved form may be submitted to satisfy the requirement to provide an IRS determination letter and documentation that the Non-Profit entity fosters low-income housing in any Applications submitted in any future RFAs.

The Advance Review Process for verification of the Non-Profit Entity is available on the RFA Webpage.

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

## (5) Pre-Application Meeting Incentive (10 Points)

Pre-planning increases the likelihood that Applicants are structuring their proposed Developments and partnerships to be successful, not just in terms of submitting an Application and being awarded funding, but in providing high quality Permanent Supportive Housing through the entire Compliance Period. Having a pre-application meeting with the Corporation to answer questions about the Proposed Development will encourage Applicants to prepare early to respond to the Application.

Alternatively, Non-Profit Applicants that meet the Non-Profit Experience Requirements may receive 10 points without the need to hold a Pre-Application Meeting. However, the Pre-Application Meeting or Experience form must be received by the Corporation in the same time frame set forth for the Pre-Application meeting.

If the Applicant wishes to hold a Pre-Application Meeting or submit their experience in lieu of a meeting, an email must be sent to [FHFC\\_PreApp\\_Meeting@floridahousing.org](mailto:FHFC_PreApp_Meeting@floridahousing.org) with subject line of RFA 2024-102 Pre-Application Meeting or Experience (or by clicking [here](#)). The Pre-Application Meeting or Experience for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Developments Form (Rev. 10-2023), information about the procedures for this meeting, and the questions the Corporation will ask are found on the RFA webpage.

Applications will receive 10 points if the criteria in (a) or (b) below is met:

- (a) Pre-Application Meeting
  - (i) The Pre-Application Meeting must be requested on or before December 21, 2023 by sending an email to [FHFC\\_PreApp\\_Meeting@floridahousing.org](mailto:FHFC_PreApp_Meeting@floridahousing.org) with subject line of RFA 2024-102 Pre-Application Meeting (or by clicking [here](#));
  - (ii) One initial meeting for Applicant and Developer Entities
    - The Pre-Application Meeting must be held on or before February 8, 2024 and attended by, at a minimum, the following:
      - (A) A natural person Principal from each entity appropriately identified on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Rev. 05-19) that makes up the Applicant structure; and
      - (B) A natural person Principal from each Developer appropriately identified on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Rev. 05-19).

- (iii) Additional separate meetings for each Non-Profit entity in a Joint Venture Applicant

Joint Venture Applicants will have an additional requirement as part of the Pre-Application Meeting process. In addition to the Pre-Application Meeting described in (ii) above, each non-profit entity that makes up a Joint Venture Applicant must attend a meeting with the Corporation separately from its joint venture partner, whether for profit or Non-Profit, to explain their material role from predevelopment through operations, clarify that they understand the material participation requirements, and describe how they will materially participate. A minimum of one natural person Principal from each Non-Profit entity will be required to attend this separate meeting.

- (iv) The Corporation-approved Pre-Application Meeting or Experience for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Developments Form (Rev. 10-2023) must be included as **Attachment 3** to Exhibit A\*;
  - (A) The form must be executed by the Corporation, confirming the date the meeting(s) took place and individuals present;
  - (B) The form must identify required natural persons, who must be the same required natural persons that attended the meeting.

Note: One Principal may represent multiple entities.

Should any Principals that attend the pre-application meeting(s) change before submission of the Application, causing the Principals listed on the Pre-Application Meeting Form to be different from those listed on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form, in order to achieve the 10 points for this item, an additional Pre-Application Meeting must be requested by December 21, 2023 and held on or before February 8, 2024, in addition to all of the requirements above.

Entity means any corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, trust, or Public Housing Authority, and any shareholder, member, manager, limited partner, or general partner of such entities that are not natural persons.

- (b) Non-Profit Experience



- (i) Pre-Application Meeting or Experience for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Developments Form (Rev. 10-2023) must be submitted to the Corporation or before December 21, 2023 by sending an email to FHFC\_PreApp\_Meeting@floridahousing.org with subject line of RFA 2024-102 Pre-Application Experience (or by clicking [here](#));
- (ii) The Non-Profit Entity must have completed, as a non-Joint Venture, at least two Developments funded in RFAs for Permanent Supportive Housing in RFA cycles from 2016-2023\*; or if a Joint Venture partnership, all entities that form the Joint Venture must have completed at least two Developments funded in RFAs for Permanent Supportive Housing in RFA cycles from 2016-2023\* together as Joint Venture partners. The Applicant will identify the two Developments on the Pre-Application Meeting or Experience form.  
  
\*Permanent Supportive Housing RFAs from 2016-2022 include the following: RFA 2016-102, 2016-103, 2016-115, 2017-103, RFA 2018-101, RFA 2018-103, RFA 2018-108, RFA 2019-104, RFA 2019-106, RFA 2019-107, RFA 2020-102, RFA 2020-103, RFA 2020-106, RFA 2021-102, RFA 2021-103, RFA 2021-106, RFA 2022-102, RFA 2022-103, RFA 2022-106, RFA 2023-102, RFA 2023-103, RFA 2023-106, and 2023-108.
- (iii) The form must list the two completed Developments funded in RFAs for Permanent Supportive Housing in RFA cycles from 2016-2023. The two Developments must have been completed by the Non-Profit Entity as a 100% Non-Profit, or completed by the Non-Profit Entity together with the same Joint Venture partner as identified in this RFA.
- (iv) If the Non-Profit experience requirements are met, the Pre-Application Meeting or Experience for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Developments Form (Rev. 10-2023) will be approved and returned to the Applicant. The Corporation-approved In order to receive 10 points, this approved form must be included as **Attachment 3** to Exhibit A\*;

Note: No other documentation will be accepted or reviewed by Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

\*All forms may be found on the RFA Webpage.

- (6) Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care Requirements for All Applicants

All Applicants must meet the following requirements specific to its commitment, pursuant to this RFA, to serve Homeless households:

- (a) Provide documentation that the Applicant informed the jurisdiction's Local Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care lead agency head of its intent to apply for funding to develop housing pursuant to this RFA as **Attachment 3**;
- (b) Have an executed agreement to participate in the Continuum of Care's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and will contribute data on the Development's tenants to the Continuum of Care's HMIS data system or, if serving Survivors of Domestic Violence, is providing aggregate data reports to the Continuum of Care. The executed agreement shall be required at least 6 months prior to the expected placed in service date; and
- (c) Commit to be a housing provider in the Local Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care's Coordinated Entry system as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Applicant will utilize the Continuum's Coordinated Entry System to meet the homeless demographic set-aside commitment, unless Florida Housing approves another approach to meet this demographic commitment.

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 4** 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 as a Principal of the Developer on the

Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) outlined below, must have, since January 1, 2004 completed at least one multifamily rental housing development that consists 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 as a Principal of the Developer 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

Provide the prior experience in Exhibit A for the natural person Principal intending to meet the required Developer experience reflecting the information for the completed multifamily rental housing development(s).

- (b) Reduction in number of Priority 1 Application submissions allowed in the Future Corresponding RFA cycle

Applicants must either (i) close on the SAIL funding by the closing deadlines as set forth in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.; or (ii) if the Development has any HUD funding, including but not limited to rental subsidy, development funding, or insured mortgage financing, at least 90 days prior to the closing deadline set forth in the Carryover Allocation Agreement, the Applicant must submit evidence to the Corporation that the Financing Plan, Subsidy Layering Review Package, rental subsidy transfer documentation, or Firm Commitment Application, or similar necessary documentation for the application process has been submitted to HUD or the Public Housing Authority, as applicable. If the Application fails to meet these requirements and

either requires a closing extension or withdraws from funding, or does not submit the required documentation outlined in (ii) above to HUD or the Public Housing Authority as applicable within the stated time frame, the Principals of the Application will be prohibited from submitting Priority 1 Applications in the Future Corresponding RFA cycle, (e.g., RFA 2026-102 SAIL Financing for Smaller Permanent Supportive Housing Developments for Persons with Special Needs).

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.

(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) Designation of Priority 1 and 2 Applications

Principals of Applications in this RFA are limited to one Priority 1 Application submission in this RFA. Applications cannot be Related Applications unless they are Priority 2 Applications. Only Priority 1 Applications are eligible to be deemed Tier 1 Applications.

Note: In the context of a joint venture between a Public Housing Authority (“PHA”) (or an instrumentality of a PHA) and a Developer(s), separate Applicants are not considered Related Applications if the only connection is a joint venture between the Developer and a PHA or instrumentality of a PHA. In this situation, the Applicants’ total number of Applications remain independent/autonomous of one another’s Related Applications tally.

However, in all circumstances, PHAs, Applicants, and Developers are still limited to only one Priority 1 Application per entity.

The Corporation will review the entire Application submission to determine whether the Applicant has submitted more than one Priority 1 Related Application.

If, during scoring, it is determined that the maximum set forth above was exceeded, all Applications affiliated with the Principals of the affected Applications will be deemed Priority 2. If, after awards are made, it is determined that the maximum set forth above was exceeded, the award(s) for the affected Applications will be rescinded and all Principals of the affected Applications may be subject to material misrepresentation, even if the Related Applications were not selected for funding, were deemed ineligible, or were withdrawn.

If no designation is made in Exhibit A, the Application will be considered a Priority 2 Application. There is no limit to the number of Priority 2 Applications that can be submitted.

(4) Material and non-material changes to the Applicant entity or Developer entity

- (a) 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.
- (b) The Applicant entity shall be the borrowing entity and cannot be changed in any way (materially or non-materially\*) until after loan closing. After loan closing, (i) any material change\* will require review and approval of the Credit Underwriter, as well as approval of the

Board prior to the change, and (ii) any non-material change\* will require review and approval of the Corporation. 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 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. Changes to the officers or directors of a Public Housing Authority or officers or directors of a non-profit entity will not result in disqualification, however, the change must be approved by the Corporation.

\*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.

- (c) 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 Corporation after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting as outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. 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, if using a Management Company.

e. Community-Based Board of Directors Requirement

The Applicant must commit to structuring the Board of Directors affiliated with the Non-Profit entity that is part of the Applicant entity with a majority (at least 50 percent, plus one) of individuals that are Non-Related Board Members to: 1) Any tenants or applicants for tenancy; 2) Any compensated management or staff of the Non-Profit; or 3) Any other members of the Board.

For this RFA, Non-Related Board Members means that these Board members and the Board Chair must not be related to, in a guardian role of, or in any way be a significant other of an individual identified in one of the groups listed above.

The Board and property manager shall not allow persons who are legally or informally related to current residents of or applicants for tenancy at the Development to be employees or volunteers in positions that make decisions related to the Development's operations, tenant application and selection, or coordination or provision of supportive services.

A Non-Profit Applicant must have bylaws that facilitate and ensure objective and experienced governance of the Non-Profit. The structure and operation of the Non-Profit, including both day-to-day administration and Board functions, may not be overseen by membership driven decisions.

The Applicant must answer the question in Exhibit A demonstrating that it meets this requirement.

f. Contact Person

- (1) Enter the information for the required Authorized Principal Representative. The Authorized Principal Representative must meet the following criteria:
  - (a) Must be a natural person Principal of at least one Non-Profit entity 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;
  - (d) Must sign the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Resident Community-Based Services Coordination Provider Or Principal Of Resident Community-Based Services Coordination Provider Certification form (Form Rev. 10-2021), if provided; and
  - (e) 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. Characteristics of Development

- (1) 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)
- Duplexes
- Triplexes
- Quadraplexes
- Mid-Rise, 4 story

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.

Note: Any dwelling unit that consists of more than one story, (e.g. Townhouse), is prohibited.

Also, Group homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and other specialized licensed residential facilities, or units within a condominium complex are not eligible for funding in this RFA.

(2) Enhanced Structural Systems (“ESS”) Construction Qualifications

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) Buildings 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.

ESS units must be designated on the Unit Characteristic Chart described below. This will be verified during the credit underwriting process. If this cannot be verified the units will no longer be considered ESS Construction, and funding awarded under this RFA may be rescinded.

d. Unit Characteristic Chart

Complete the chart in Exhibit A of the RFA reflecting the appropriate breakdown reflecting the number of units within each of the Development Types and or ESS/non-ESS Construction for purposes of the Total Development Cost Limitation Test calculation.

5. Location of Proposed Development

a. Indicate the county where the proposed Development will be located.

Large, Medium and Small County Geographic Categories

Large	Medium		Small	
Broward	Alachua	Manatee	Baker	Jefferson
Duval	Bay	Marion	Bradford	Lafayette
Hillsborough	Brevard	Martin	Calhoun	Levy
Miami-Dade	Charlotte	Okaloosa	Columbia	Liberty
Orange	Citrus	Osceola	De Soto	Madison
Palm Beach	Clay	Pasco	Dixie	Monroe
Pinellas	Collier	Polk	Franklin	Nassau
	Escambia	St. Johns	Gadsden	Okeechobee
	Flagler	St. Lucie	Gilchrist	Putnam
	Hernando	Santa Rosa	Glades	Suwannee
	Highlands	Sarasota	Gulf	Taylor
	Indian River	Seminole	Hamilton	Union
	Lake	Sumter	Hardee	Wakulla
	Lee	Volusia	Hendry	Walton
	Leon		Holmes	Washington
			Jackson	

In the funding selection process, priority will be given to Small and Medium Counties.

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.

- c. State whether the Development consists of Scattered Sites. Note: Developments are limited to two Scattered Sites.

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

- (1) For Developments located in a county other than Monroe County, a part of the boundary of each Scattered Site must be located within ½ mile of a part of the boundary of the Scattered Site with the most units. For Developments located in Monroe County, 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;
- (3) All Scattered Sites must be located within the same county; and
- (4) Developments are limited to two Scattered Sites.

- 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. Number of 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.

For Small County Developments, the minimum is 4 units and the maximum is 15 units. For Medium and Large County Developments, the minimum is 10 units and the maximum is 30 units.

- 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) Income Set-Aside Units

100 percent of the units shall be rented to households (person or persons) with incomes at or below 60 percent of the AMI.

The Corporation will require that properties use the Multifamily Programs Income Limits (updated each year) to determine resident eligibility under this funding. A copy of the Income Limit Chart for all areas of the state is provided at <https://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/compliance/income-limits> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)). Income certification of the tenants will be required throughout the Compliance Period.

Applicants may rent units as Shared Housing, as defined in Exhibit B, to allow unrelated persons the choice to share units.

(2) Additional requirements for HOME-ARP Units

Applicants are required to commit at least 20 percent of the total units in the proposed Development for Persons with Special Needs or individuals and families that meet the definition of Homeless Households. These units will be considered to serve HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations as defined in Exhibit B for this RFA (“HOME-ARP Unit”).

- The required percentage of HOME-ARP Units is 20% of the total units (“Required HOME-ARP Units”). Required HOME-ARP Units will be committed to serving 22 percent AMI.
- Applicants also have the option to commit additional HOME-ARP Units (“Optional HOME-ARP Units”). Optional HOME-ARP Units will be committed to serving 30 percent AMI.
- The **total number of Required plus Optional HOME-ARP Units** cannot exceed 10 HOME-ARP Units.
- Each HOME-ARP Unit, up to the maximum of 10 HOME-ARP Units, will be eligible for forgivable HOME-ARP funding. The funding associated with each HOME-ARP Unit is described in 10.a.(2) below.
- After 15 years, all of the HOME-ARP Units may convert to serve residents at or below 60 percent AMI, although Applicants must irrevocably commit

to the demographic commitments of Persons with Special Needs and Homeless described in 2.a. above for a minimum of 30 years;

- For the first 15 years, at least 70 percent of the HOME-ARP Units will be rent restricted in accordance with the Low HOME Rents as determined by HUD. High and Low HOME Rent charts are available on the Corporation's Website at <https://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/compliance/rent-limits> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)). At year 16, the rent restrictions will comply with the Multifamily Program Limits.

(3) Tenant Selection Plan

Unless the Development meets an exception outlined in (a) 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.

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

d. Unit Mix

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) and the total number of units per bedroom type. All units in the proposed Development must be listed, including all manager/employee units and all market rate units, if applicable. If additional space is required, enter the information in the Addenda.

The following restrictions apply:

- Units must consist of Zero, one, two, or three-bedrooms only;
- At least 30 percent of the total units, rounded up, must be Zero Bedroom or one-bedroom units;
- No more than 25 percent of the total units, rounded up, may be three-bedroom units;
- No more than 50 percent of the total units, rounded up, may consist of Shared Housing as defined in Exhibit B; and
- Only two and three-bedroom units may consist of Shared Housing. One-bedroom units are not eligible for Shared Housing.

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

(1) Demographic Commitments

- (a) Applicants must irrevocably commit to the Persons with Special Needs and Homeless demographic commitment for a minimum of 30 years.
- (b) Applicants must irrevocably commit to the Persons with Special Needs population(s) demographic commitment selected at question 2.b. of Exhibit A for a minimum of 15 years.

At the end of Year 15, when the HOME-ARP set-aside requirements and HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations rent restrictions end, these households may be allowed to occupy the unit with an indefinite length of stay as long as the tenant complies with lease requirements.

(2) Income Commitments

For the first 15 years, at least 70 percent of the units will be rent restricted in accordance with the Low HOME Rents as determined by HUD. Starting at Year 16, 100 percent of the units shall be rented to households (person or persons) with incomes at or below 60 percent of the AMI for the remainder of the Compliance Period.

These commitments will also be reflected in the Land Use Restriction Agreement.

**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.

Note: The Corporation has no authority to, and will not, evaluate the validity or enforceability of any site control documentation.

\*Attachment 5 was intentionally omitted from this RFA.

- (1) An eligible contract must meet all of the following conditions:
  - (a) It must have a term that does not expire before June 30, 2024 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 June 30, 2024;
  - (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
  - (a) If providing a 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) If there is an existing Declaration of Trust recorded on the subject property, the Applicant may provide an Option to Enter into a Ground Lease Agreement ("eligible agreement") between the Applicant and the owner of the property. An eligible agreement must meet the following conditions:
- (i) It must have a term that does not expire before June 30, 2024 or that contains extension options exercisable by the Applicant and conditioned solely upon payment of additional monies which, if exercised, would extend the term to a date that is not earlier than June 30, 2024;
  - (ii) The Applicant must be a party to the eligible agreement unless there is an assignment of the eligible agreement, signed by the assignor and the assignee, which assigns all of the lessor's rights, title and interests in the eligible agreement to the Applicant; and
  - (iii) The owner of the subject property must be a party to the eligible agreement, 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 lease the property to the lessor. Any intermediate agreement must meet the criteria for an eligible agreement in (i) and (ii) above.

Note: The Corporation will not review the site control documentation that is submitted with the Site Control Certification form during the scoring process unless there is a reason to believe that the form has been improperly executed, nor will it in any case evaluate the validity or enforceability of any such documentation. During scoring, the Corporation will rely on the properly executed Site Control Certification form to determine whether an Applicant has met the requirement of this RFA to demonstrate site control. The Corporation has no authority to, and will not, evaluate the validity or enforceability of any eligible site control documentation that is attached to the Site Control Certification form during the scoring process. During credit underwriting, if it is determined that the site control documents do not meet the above requirements, the Corporation may rescind the award.

b. Ability to Proceed

Applications will be required to demonstrate the Ability to Proceed elements (zoning, electricity, roads, water, sewer/package treatment/septic tank) within 21 Calendar Days of the date of an invitation to enter credit underwriting.

## 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.

Note: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requirements are met through the Applicant's commitment to meet either the Level 1 or Level 2 requirements described in c. below.

### b. General Features

(1) All units for the proposed Development must include:

- Termite prevention;



- Pest control;
- Full-size stove/range;
- Primary entrance door with a threshold with no more than a ½-inch rise;
- Lever handles on all door handles on primary entrance door and interior doors;
- Lever handles on all bathroom faucets and kitchen sink faucets;
- Mid-point on light switches and thermostats that are not more than 48 inches above finished floor level;
- Cabinet drawer handles and cabinet door handles in bathrooms and kitchens shall be level or D-pull type that operate easily using a single closed fist;
- Window covering for each window and glass door inside each unit; and
- 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.

(2) All proposed Developments must include the following general features on the site. If the proposed Development meets the definition of Scattered Sites, the following general features must be located on each of the Scattered Sites:

- Washer and dryer hook ups in each of the Development's units or an on-site laundry facility for resident use. If an on-site laundry facility is provided, the following must be met:
  - A proposed Development consisting of 4 to 20 units must provide a minimum of two Energy Star qualified washers and two dryers in the on-site laundry facility;
  - If the proposed Development consists of 21 to 30 units, there must be a minimum of three Energy Star qualified washers and three dryers in the on-site laundry facility;
  - At least one washing machine and one dryer shall be front loading that meets the accessibility standards of Section 504;
- For non-fully accessible units, at least one bathroom must have grab bars in the shower/tub and blocking around the toilet, with blocking (or an alternative) in other bathrooms;
- At least two full bathrooms in all three-bedroom new construction units;
- Security features that include:
  - Cameras positioned to ensure safety at or in stairwells, elevators, outside entrances, and common areas; and
  - Security systems with 24-hour video recording; and
  - Management/staffing placed at the front desk/main lobby during all business hours; and
- For proposed Developments consisting of 10 or more units, a Community Building/dedicated space that includes:
  - At least one private office space with a door for resident purposes such as meeting with case managers and/or counselors; and

- At least one enclosed training room with a door to conduct group training and educational activities for residents.

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. The Corporation 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) Level 1 Accessibility Requirements

All Applicants that selected the Persons with Special Needs population of (a) Adult persons requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who have a Disabling Condition that currently impairs or is likely to impair their physical mobility at question 2.b.(1) of Exhibit A; and/or (b) Persons receiving benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or from veterans' disability benefits at question 2.b.(2) of Exhibit A shall be required to do the following:

- (i) Set aside a minimum of 25 percent of the total units, rounded up, as fully accessible units in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. These fully accessible units must (A) be on an accessible route and provide mobility features that comply with the residential dwelling units provision of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design\*; and be equally distributed among different unit sizes and Development types and must be dispersed on all accessible routes throughout the Development; and
- (ii) Set aside at least an additional 10 percent of the total units to be accessible to persons with visual and hearing impairments in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design\*. The units that are accessible to persons with visual and hearing impairments shall comply with the communication features described for Residential Dwelling units with Communication Features in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design\*.

\*The 2010 ADA Standard for Accessible Design can be found at

<http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/2010ADASTandards.htm> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

(2) Level 2 Accessibility Requirements

All Applicants that did not select the Persons with Special Needs population of (a) Adult persons requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who have a Disabling Condition that currently impairs or is likely to impair their physical mobility at question 2.b.(1) of Exhibit A; and/or (b) Persons receiving benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or from veterans' disability benefits at question 2.b.(2) of Exhibit A shall be required to do the following:

- (i) Set aside a minimum of five percent of the total units, rounded up, as fully accessible units in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. These fully accessible units must (A) be on an accessible route and provide mobility features that comply with the residential dwelling units provision of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design\*; and (B) be equally distributed among different unit sizes and Development types and must be dispersed throughout the Development (not located in the same area, or on a single floor); and
- (ii) Set aside at least one additional unit to be accessible to persons with visual and hearing impairments in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design\*. The unit(s) that is accessible to persons with visual and hearing impairments shall comply with the communication features described for Residential Dwelling Units with Communication Features in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design\*.

\*The 2010 ADA Standard for Accessible Design can be found at <http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/2010ADASTandards.htm> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

(3) Accessibility Preference

(a) Accessibility Preference Qualifications for Level 1

Applicants that commit to the Demographic Categories that require Level 1 Accessibility Requirements will qualify for the Accessibility Preference used in the funding selection process if the Applicant commits to the following higher accessibility requirements instead of those required in (1) above:

- (i) Set aside a minimum of 30 percent of the total units, rounded up, as fully accessible units in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. These fully accessible units must (A) be on an accessible route and provide mobility

features that comply with the residential dwelling units provision of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design; and (B) be equally distributed among different unit sizes and Development types and must be dispersed on all accessible routes throughout the Development; and

- (ii) Set aside at least an additional 15 percent of the total units, rounded up, to be accessible to persons with visual and hearing impairments in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The units that are accessible to persons with visual and hearing impairments shall comply with the communication features described for Residential Dwelling units with Communication Features in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. These units are in addition to the number of units required for mobility impaired persons.

(b) Accessibility Preference Qualifications for Level 2

Applicants that commit to the Demographic Categories that require Level 2 Accessibility Requirements will qualify for the Accessibility Preference used in the funding selection process if the Applicant commits to the following higher accessibility requirements instead of those required in (2) above:

- (i) Set aside a minimum of 15 percent of the total units, rounded up, as fully accessible units in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. These fully accessible units must (A) be on an accessible route and provide mobility features that comply with the residential dwelling units provision of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design; and (B) be equally distributed among different unit sizes and Development types and must be dispersed on all accessible routes throughout the Development; and
- (ii) Set aside at least an additional two units to be accessible to persons with visual and hearing impairments in accordance with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The units that are accessible to persons with visual and hearing impairments shall comply with the communication features described for Residential Dwelling units with Communication Features in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. These units are in addition to the number of units required for mobility impaired persons.

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:
    - $\geq 7.8$  HSPF2/  $\geq 15.2$  SEER2/  $\geq 11.7$  EER2 for split systems
    - $\geq 7.2$  HSPF2  $\geq 15.2$  SEER2/  $\geq 10.6$  EER2 for single package equipment including gas/electric package units
  - Central Air Conditioners – Energy Star certified:
    - $\geq 15.2$  SEER2/  $\geq 12.0$  EER2 for split systems
    - $\geq 15.2$  SEER2/  $\geq 11.5$  EER2 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.

NOTE: All other equipment types shall follow Florida Building Code – Energy Conservation, current edition requirements.

- (2) In addition to the required Green Building features outlined in (1) above, select enough additional Green Building features in Exhibit A so that the total point value of the features selected equals at least 10 points. Failure to select at least 10 points worth of the features will result in the Application failing to meet this requirement.

## 9. Services Coordination Experience Requirements

The provision of community-based Services Coordination will be the responsibility of the Applicant but may be in conjunction with public and/or private partnerships as approved by the Corporation in credit underwriting. All proposed Developments will be required to assist

interested residents with the coordination of their community-based services. The purpose is to assist each resident to become aware of, access and/or maintain adequate and appropriate community-based services and resources. It is not the intent for this resident service to take the place of Services Coordination already provided for a resident by a program and/or agency as part of their supportive services plan. The focus shall be to assist residents not receiving community-based Services Coordination by another program and/or agency, as well as to assist those residents who need additional assistance with coordination of community-based services.

The approved provider of this service must have a minimum of five years' experience administering and providing supportive services including outreach, information and referral services, benefits counseling, community-based services planning and coordination, and/or other related supportive services. Such experience must demonstrate that the supportive services listed above have been oriented to the needs and preferences of each intended resident in assisting them to access services related to health care, independent activities of daily living, employment, income and housing. The provider of this resident service shall also provide, at credit underwriting, information demonstrating its mission, qualifications, experience, agreements and/or contracts with state and federal supportive services programs, professional staffing and experience in serving the intended residents described in question 2.b. of Exhibit A.

Community-based Services Coordination shall be offered and made available on-site and at no charge to the residents initially and regularly and resident participation shall be voluntary. If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, the community-based Services Coordination shall be equally available to residents of each unit on each Scattered Site. Resident participation shall not be a requirement for new or continued residency. The Applicant shall commit to submit a Resident Community-Based Service Coordination Plan at credit underwriting. The Resident Community-Based Service Coordination Plan shall adhere to guidelines developed by the Corporation, in conjunction with state agencies, or their designee(s), that administer publicly funded supportive services for the intended residents.

Property management and resident community-based Services Coordination should not be the responsibility of the same staff persons; the functions must be entirely separate.

One of the following must be met.

- a. Applicants that do not meet the requirement described in b. below may partner with a provider of supportive services that includes Resident Community Based Services Coordination for the intended Demographic. A Non-Profit, within the Applicant entity, that meets the qualifications to provide Resident Community Based Services Coordination, pursuant to this RFA, may partner with the Applicant to provide the Development's Resident Community Based Services Coordination. The Applicant must provide the properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Resident Community-Based Services Coordination Provider Or Principal Of Resident Community-Based Services Coordination Provider Certification form (Form Rev. 10-2021) \*, as **Attachment 7**. This form must be signed by the Authorized Principal Representative.

**OR**

- b. At least one natural person Principal of a Non-Profit entity within the Applicant entity structure must have experience owning and operating a minimum of two Permanent Rental or Permanent Supportive Housing developments that provides a Resident Community Based Services Coordination to Homeless households. To meet this requirement, Applicants will be required to list the properties that serve Homeless individuals and families in Exhibit A, and there must be a combined total number of units within the properties that equals no less than 50 percent of the total number of units in the proposed Development.

Note: In credit underwriting, the provider must demonstrate it has been in business and performing Services Coordination for at least five consecutive years before the date of Application submission, and the Applicant must provide the legal contract demonstrating the partnership with the service provider.

\*Forms are available on the RFA Website.

**10. Funding**

- a. Corporation Funding

- (1) SAIL Funding

The SAIL loan shall be non-amortizing and shall have an interest rate per annum as described in (4) below. The terms and conditions of the SAIL loan are further outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

The maximum SAIL Request Amount is \$4,065,411 per Development.

If the Applicant states a SAIL Request Amount that is greater than the amount the Applicant is eligible to request, the Corporation will reduce the amount down to the maximum SAIL Request Amount the Applicant is eligible to request (“Eligible SAIL Request Amount”).

- (2) Required and Optional HOME-ARP Loan Funding Amounts

The HOME-ARP Funding amounts for each HOME-ARP Unit is based on the county and whether the HOME-ARP Unit is a Required HOME-ARP Unit or Optional HOME-ARP Unit.

County	HOME-ARP Request per Required 22% Unit	HOME-ARP Request per Optional 30% Unit	County	HOME-ARP Request per Required 22% Unit	HOME-ARP Request per Optional 30% Unit
Alachua	\$236,000	\$186,300	Lee	\$231,400	\$182,900
Baker	\$234,100	\$184,800	Leon	\$234,100	\$184,800
Bay	\$214,200	\$169,200	Levy	\$174,900	\$138,200

Bradford	\$174,900	\$138,200	Liberty	\$174,900	\$138,200
Brevard	\$234,100	\$184,800	Madison	\$174,900	\$138,200
Broward	\$261,200	\$206,200	Manatee	\$249,000	\$196,600
Calhoun	\$178,300	\$140,900	Marion	\$179,500	\$141,700
Charlotte	\$208,900	\$165,000	Martin	\$230,600	\$182,100
Citrus	\$178,300	\$140,900	Miami-Dade	\$281,000	\$221,800
Clay	\$240,900	\$190,200	Monroe	\$295,500	\$233,300
Collier	\$271,900	\$214,600	Nassau	\$240,900	\$190,200
Columbia	\$188,600	\$148,900	Okaloosa	\$253,200	\$200,100
DeSoto	\$174,900	\$138,200	Okeechobee	\$174,900	\$138,200
Dixie	\$174,900	\$138,200	Orange	\$239,000	\$188,600
Duval	\$240,900	\$190,200	Osceola	\$239,000	\$188,600
Escambia	\$223,000	\$176,000	Palm Beach	\$265,000	\$209,200
Flagler	\$215,000	\$169,500	Pasco	\$236,700	\$186,700
Franklin	\$177,900	\$140,500	Pinellas	\$236,700	\$186,700
Gadsden	\$234,100	\$184,800	Polk	\$194,700	\$153,500
Gilchrist	\$236,000	\$186,300	Putnam	\$174,900	\$138,200
Glades	\$174,900	\$138,200	Santa Rosa	\$223,000	\$176,000
Gulf	\$177,600	\$140,100	Sarasota	\$249,000	\$196,600
Hamilton	\$174,900	\$138,200	Seminole	\$239,000	\$188,600
Hardee	\$174,900	\$138,200	St. Johns	\$240,900	\$190,200
Hendry	\$174,900	\$138,200	St. Lucie	\$230,600	\$182,100
Hernando	\$236,700	\$186,700	Sumter	\$217,300	\$171,400
Highlands	\$178,300	\$140,900	Suwannee	\$174,900	\$138,200
Hillsborough	\$236,700	\$186,700	Taylor	\$174,900	\$138,200
Holmes	\$174,900	\$138,200	Union	\$174,900	\$138,200
Indian River	\$215,700	\$170,300	Volusia	\$210,800	\$166,500
Jackson	\$174,900	\$138,200	Wakulla	\$227,200	\$179,500
Jefferson	\$234,100	\$184,800	Walton	\$224,100	\$177,200
Lafayette	\$183,700	\$145,100	Washington	\$174,900	\$138,200
Lake	\$239,000	\$188,600			

If the Applicant states a HOME-ARP Request Amount that is greater than the amount the Applicant is eligible to request, the Corporation will reduce the amount down to the maximum HOME-ARP Request Amount the Applicant is eligible to request (“Eligible HOME-ARP Request Amount”).

If a reduction in the SAIL and/or HOME-ARP Request Amount is needed and a funding shortfall is created in either the Construction/Rehab and/or the Permanent Analysis of the Applicant’s Development Cost Pro Forma, the amount of the adjustment(s), to the extent needed and possible, will be offset by increasing the deferred Developer Fee up to the maximum eligible amount.



## (5) Other Corporation Funding

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. 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) 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 8** to Exhibit A.

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.

## (1) 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 07-2022) and/or the Local Government Verification of Contribution – Loan Form (Form 07-2022) and such grant and/or loan is effective at least through June 30, 2024. 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 07-2022) 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.

(2) Financing that has closed:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(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 in either the Construction/Rehab and/or the Permanent Analysis of the Applicant's Development Cost Pro Forma, the amount of the adjustment(s), to the extent needed and possible, will be offset by increasing the deferred Developer Fee up to the maximum eligible amount as provided below.

The Development Cost Pro Forma must include all anticipated costs of the Development construction 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.

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

Up to five percent of the Development Costs (stated on the Development Cost Pro Forma in Column 3 of Item C) will be permitted in the Application. The operating deficit reserve will be verified and sized during credit underwriting. Any operating deficit reserve account approved in credit underwriting will be held by the Corporation or its services.

A reserve, including an operating deficit reserve, if necessary as determined by a 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 reserve may include, but is not limited to, operating deficit reserve, debt service shortfalls, lease-up, rent-re-stabilization, working capital, lender required reserve(s), and any pre-funded capital (replacement) reserves. If any reserve other than the permitted contingency reserve and the Developer Fee subset, if applicable, can be identified and is included in the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Corporation will remove it during Application scoring.

Permitted costs related to supportive services are not considered operating expenses for the purpose of drawing down operating subsidy reserve.

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) and, in the case of a Development with a Homeless Households or Persons with Special Needs Demographic Commitment, another operating deficit reserve 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.

d. Qualifying Financial Assistance Funding Preference

To qualify for the Qualifying Financial Assistance Preference, one of the following requirements must be met:

- (1) Cash Funding equals at least 3 percent of the sum of the Applicant's SAIL Request Amount

To qualify, Applicants must state the amount of cash loans, cash grants and/or cash on hand ("Cash Funding") from Local Government entities and/or other non-Corporation permanent sources (all of which, for purposes of this

provision, will be considered to be “Qualifying Financial Assistance”) and, for each permanent source, provide evidence that meets the criteria for all non-corporation permanent sources. If the Qualifying Financial Assistance sources are equal to at least 3 percent of the sum of the Applicant’s Eligible SAIL Request Amount, the Applicant will receive a funding preference. If the Applicant qualifies for this funding preference and is awarded funding under this RFA, provide and maintain an amount equal to or greater than 3 percent of the sum of the Applicant’s SAIL Request Amount within the permanent sources of financing.

Any Qualifying Financial Assistance identified in this section must be included on the Development Cost Pro Forma and utilized for permanent funding as presented in the RFA if the Applicant is awarded funding under this RFA.

The financing proposal documentation or other related support documentation for the Qualifying Financial Assistance must be provided in accordance with Item 10.b. above and will be reviewed for financing terms, including the ability to fund if the funds are not coming from a Regulated Mortgage Lender, and must meet all stated requirements to be counted as a permanent funding source in order to be considered Qualifying Financial Assistance. Qualifying Financial Assistance for which acceptable funding proposals are not provided will not be counted as a source of funding or as Qualifying Financial Assistance.

If a financing proposal shows an amount less than the corresponding line item at question 10.d. of Exhibit A, only the financing proposal amount will be considered Qualifying Financial Assistance. However, if a financing proposal shows an amount in excess of the corresponding line item at question 10.d. of Exhibit A, up to the total amount of the financing proposal amount may be utilized as Qualifying Financial Assistance, if needed.

(2) Donation of Land by a Local Government

To qualify, the Total Development Cost cannot consist of any land costs in excess of the allowable costs outlined below; the entire site must have been donated or will be donated from a Local Government to the Applicant; and, when submitted, the site control documentation must reflect one of the following:

- The eligible contract must reflect that a Local Government is the seller and the Applicant is the buyer, and the price of the land must be \$10 or less;
- The deed must reflect the Local Government as the grantor, the transaction must have occurred no more than 12 months prior to the Application Deadline, the price of the land must have been \$10 or less, and the closing statement must be provided demonstrating that the price of land was \$10 or less; or

- The eligible lease must reflect a Local Government as the Lessor and the Applicant as the Lessee, and the lease payments must equal \$10 a year or less.

Note: In-kind donations, waivers of any fees, and any funding from the Corporation are not considered Qualifying Financial Assistance, although they can be used to help reduce costs in the construction of the proposed Development.

e. 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 Limitation Test calculation described in Section Five and in Item 1 of Exhibit C of the RFA if at least one of the following is met:

- (1) The Applicant has either entered into a land lease with a Public Housing Authority on property where the proposed Development is to be located or the Applicant provided an Option to Enter into a Ground Lease Agreement 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.

## 11. Uniform Relocation Act

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA) is government-wide legislation which establishes minimum standards for federally-funded programs or projects requiring the acquisition of real property or displacement of persons from the homes, businesses, or farms as a direct result of: Acquisition, Rehabilitation or Demolition. Applicants should be prepared to familiarize themselves with URA & Section 104(d) statutes and regulations at 49 CFR 24 (URA), 24 CFR 42 (104(d)), 24 CFR 570 (CDBG) and Section 414 of the Stafford Act.

The URA is triggered at site identification or intended use of federal funds.



A General Information Notice (GIN) should be issued to all occupants at such time there exists the following:

- Documented legal intent of a project triggered by project pre-application/application, AND
- Site identification.

For land proposed for acquisition that may have occupied residential dwellings, compliance begins at the GIN issuance. Successful Applicants will be required to provide the issued GIN within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting as outlined in Exhibit D. The questions in Exhibit A must be answered and the following required Uniform Relocation Act information must be obtained prior to application deadline. The information must be provided to the Corporation with the GIN if the Applicant is successful as outlined below:

a. Occupied Units

At question 11.a. of Exhibit A, select "Yes" if any units are occupied as of the Application Deadline.

b. Tenant Relocation Information for Existing Properties

At question 11.b.(1) through (4) of Exhibit A, answer all applicable questions.

- (1) State how many total units exist as of the Application Deadline in the proposed Development.
- (2) State how many units are occupied as of the Application Deadline.
- (3) State whether or not permanent relocation (displacement) is anticipated during or after the construction period. If "Yes", state how many units are affected.
- (4) State whether or not temporary relocation of any tenants will be required. If "Yes", state how many tenants will require temporary relocation.

Successful Applicants will be required to provide the following information within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting as outlined in Exhibit D:

- (5) Within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, provide a list of all units occupied as of Application Deadline and tenant income certifications. The income of persons and households who, as of the Application Deadline, are occupying a unit that will receive assistance must be provided to determine whether they are income eligible. For all units that are occupied as of the Application Deadline, provide a summary list of all residents and income certifications for those residents in occupied units that will be assisted units. If, as of the Application Deadline, the existing residents and/or Development is/are participating in a federally subsidized program (such as Project-based Section 8, Section 8 Existing or Section 8 Voucher Programs), the residents' income certification forms required for that program may be used to meet this requirement.

- (6) Within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, provide a brief description of how the Development will meet the set-aside requirements. The description must indicate whether, as of the Application Deadline, the existing residents are eligible residents, or whether the residents will be evicted and replaced with income eligible residents in order to meet the set-aside requirements committed to in this Application.
- (7) Within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, provide a description of how the cost of relocation will be covered. Detail how the temporary and permanent relocation will be handled.

c. Uniform Relocation Act Acquisition Information

In addition to answering the questions in Exhibit A, successful Applicants will be required to provide the following information within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting:

- (1) If the Applicant owns the Development site (i.e., holds a deed or currently has a lease with a minimum 50-year term), provide a narrative describing the acquisition. This narrative must describe how, when, and from whom the property was acquired and whether or not the property was vacant when acquired.
- (2) If the Applicant is a private company and is acquiring the property or will have a lease with a minimum 50-year term for the property, the Applicant (buyer) must provide the seller with a notice that the buyer does not have the power of eminent domain to obtain the property and a determination of market value will estimate the value of the property. This must be done prior to execution of the contract or proposed lease (with a minimum 50-year term) or may be attached as an addendum to the contract or proposed lease (with a minimum 50-year term). A copy of the required notice and confirmation of the current owner's/seller's receipt of notice must be provided.
- (3) If the Applicant is a public (government) Applicant, respond to all applicable remaining questions in this relocation section.
- (4) Eminent Domain:
  - (a) If the buyer has the power of eminent domain, the buyer must notify the seller in writing that it has such power and the determination of market value for the property is being waived. Provide a copy of the required notice.
  - (b) If the Applicant is a public (government) Applicant and does not have the power of eminent domain, provide the following: (i) notice of interest, (ii) determination of fair market value, (iii) appraisal of the property, and (iv) written offer of just compensation which includes a statement of just value, property description, and identification of buildings. Provide all required documentation.

The GIN and accompanying information set forth above will be required only after the Application is selected for funding, as outlined in Exhibit D and also in Item 6 of Exhibit C.

## **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 two business days 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 Section Four, A. above. The Addenda section of Exhibit A may not be used to provide any additional information or explanatory addendum for items described in Section Four, C. below. Please specify the particular item to which the additional information or explanatory addendum applies.

## **C. Narrative Scoring**

The following narrative section allows for Applicants to provide detailed responses about the Development. Each response must address the specific criteria identified in the corresponding description. When scoring narrative responses, Florida Housing will only consider the written responses provided in Exhibit A. When assigning points for each narrative section, only the narrative for that particular requirement will be considered. Information in other narrative sections will not be considered. It is recommended to account for all criteria for each response, even if it requires repeating information in multiple narrative responses.

Applications must achieve at least 87.5 percent of the total amount of points available in the RFA to be eligible for funding.

As stated in the Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement Form, the Corporation reserves the right to verify any and all information provided in Applicants' narrative responses during credit underwriting. If it is determined that the Applicant submitted materially incorrect information in the Application, the Application may be deemed ineligible, and/or the Corporation may rescind the award, and all Principals of the Applicant may be subject to material misrepresentation, even if the Application was not selected for funding, was deemed ineligible, or was withdrawn.

1. Demographic Populations to be served (no points awarded)

Describe the population(s) to be served. For example, a subpopulation might be Persons who are chronically homeless with mental illness or veterans with brain or spinal cord injuries. Applicants must provide a detailed description of the resident household characteristics and housing needs and preferences of the intended residents. This information will be considered by the Corporation when reviewing and scoring the narrative sections.

Additional description requirements to qualify for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal

If applying for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal, to determine appropriate need, include a description of how the number of proposed units in a Development will not exceed the following criteria, as determined by the Florida Department of Children and Families:

- The County's number of exits from foster care over the 36 months prior to the RFA issue date;
- The County's number of teens (ages 13-17) currently in foster care from the most recently published data.

The description is limited to no more than two typed pages if not applying for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal below, or no more than three typed pages if applying for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal below. Note: Although the online Application system allows for more pages, any portion of the description that is beyond the maximum number of pages will not be considered.

2. Operating/Managing Permanent Supportive Housing Experience (Maximum of 60 points\*)

As specified in each section below, provide a description of the Applicant's operational and management policies and procedures for the intended residents. Responses will be evaluated based on the strength of information provided regarding the Applicant's experience and capacity with integrating the functions of operations and management of permanent supportive housing with housing stability services and resident services coordination functions. This should include the experience working with a supportive services team in conjunction with property management staff.

a. Operations (Maximum 30 points)

Description should include experience in the operation of permanent supportive housing, demonstrating the property has well-established permanent supportive housing protocols and staff supervision. This section should also consist of a description of the current plans for the allocation of organizational resources to implement and sustain the new operations at the proposed Development.

Responses to this item will be evaluated based on the strength of information provided regarding the experience as well as current capacity of the Applicant in overseeing the operation of permanent supportive housing, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Administration of services coordination activities;
- Procedures and training for the different roles of owner, supportive services provider, and property manager
  - Procedures and training for staff in crisis intervention and management
  - Procedures for resolving disagreements between the various staff roles (owner, service provider, property manager)
- Funding for the supportive services that will be used for the Development
  - Explain how positions are funded for services staff positions. If services are contracted, describe the length of the contract.
  - Describe how each of the different roles (owner, service provider, property manager) have responded to reductions in funding/resources or increased costs in the previous 5 years.
- Procedures and training for tenant applications, tenant selection, move-in, and lease-up
  - Appeals process for applications that are rejected or determined ineligible
  - Eviction protocols and prevention
- Approach to implementation and coordination of the Housing First model
  - Approach to tenants' substance abuse issues related to lease enforcement and eviction
- All aspects of financial management
- Long-term asset management, including but not limited to, risk control techniques, property condition assessments, capital improvements, and rent roll analysis
- Safety and security of residents, staff, and property
- Procedures for overall leasing, lease enforcement and rent collections
- Compliance with federal, state, and local regulatory and funding issues, including experience with subsidized or assisted housing
- Data analytics on outcomes supporting housing stability and self-sufficiency of the intended residents (collecting data, creating a method of organizing, and reporting on outcome data points)

The description is limited to no more than four typed pages. Note: Although the online Application system allows for more pages, any portion of the

description that is beyond the maximum number of pages will not be considered.

b. Management (Maximum 30\_points)

Responses will be evaluated based on the strength of information provided regarding the Applicant's experience and capacity with integrating property management functions with housing stability services and resident services coordination functions.

This should include the experience working with a supportive services team in conjunction with property management staff. Any Best Practices that are followed and other relevant policies and procedures should be described. Response should demonstrate the skills and experience in serving the intended population. The response should, at a minimum, describe the experience with the following issues:

- Experience in working with people who were formerly homeless and/or have special needs
- Experience with implementation of the Housing First model
- Experience with collaborating with services providers on-site and in the community
- Responsibility for implementing application processes, screening, selection, orientation/move-in
- Day-to-day operations implementing lease enforcement and rent collections
- Experience working with eviction protocols and prevention
- Crisis intervention and management
- Appeals process
- Responding to safety and security concerns of the residents
- Addressing residents' issues related to house rules, access to common areas and safety concern
- Maintenance of the physical plant
- Procedures for handling work orders

The description is limited to no more than four typed pages. Note: Although the online Application system allows for more pages, any portion of the description that is beyond the maximum number of pages will not be considered.

\* Applications that achieve at least 90% of the combined points awarded in this section will qualify for the Operating/Managing Experience Points Preference used in the Selection Process outlined in Section Five of the RFA.

3. Access to Community-Based Services and Resources (Maximum 35 Points)

The ability of the tenants at the proposed Development to access necessary general and specific community-based services and resources is vital to assist these households

in obtaining and maintaining a level of stability and self-sufficiency in their community. Describe the availability of services and resources that are near the proposed Development's location that meet the needs of the tenants. Include the type of services such as shopping for groceries, medicine, clothing, and other household and personal items as well as access to public schools, higher education, and training and employment opportunities. Description should also include primary care and behavioral health resources and other supportive services that are appropriate for the intended tenants. The description must include the proximity of the services to the proposed Development by the exact mileage and how the intended residents will access these services.

Applicant responses to these items will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Strength of description of the services as provided in the directions below;
- Strength of description of the partners, roles of each, and capacity of the partners that will provide or facilitate access to these services;
- Description of the public and/or private transportation options that will be available to residents of the proposed Development to ensure access to the described services, including the modes, options and availability of transportation for residents to get to and from these resources; *and*
- Strength of description of how the Applicant believes that the access outlined above will lead to improvement of tenants' health, safety, stability, education and employment capacities, quality of life, and ability to successfully live in the community.

The description should include the following:

- a. The Development's physical proximity in exact mileage to grocery stores, other shopping options, pharmacies, public schools, any employment opportunities/hubs, and higher education institutions.
- b. The Development's physical proximity to health care, behavioral health, and supportive services, and/or which services/programs will be provided on-site. If not provided on site, give the Development's physical proximity in exact mileage to these services/programs.
- c. Community-based services and resources that require the use of technology, such as computers, smartphone apps, etc., any technical assistance given to residents.
- d. All key supportive services and programs that will be provided directly through the Applicant for the residents of the proposed Development. Describe the source of services funding that will be used for the Development. If services are contracted, describe the length of the contract.
- e. All key supportive services and programs that will be provided directly through community partnership or other providers to assist the intended residents, and the benefits of offering these services/programs. Include the nature of any partnerships with the Local Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care lead agency and members as well as other relevant linkages with lead agencies or services providers that are key to helping the intended households maintain stability in the community. These descriptions should describe how the provision of the services is funded.

- f. If the intended residents are those who are transitioning from an institution or community residential care, in addition to the above information, describe how the transitioning residents' preferences and needs will be served by living in the proposed Development. This includes physical, medical, behavioral, functional, and social preferences and needs, as applicable. Explain how these will be identified and how the determination will be made that the services, supports and resources needed to live independently are available at the proposed Development.

The description is limited to no more than four typed pages. Note: Although the online Application system allows for more pages, any portion of the description that is beyond the maximum number of pages will not be considered.

4. Assist Intended Residents in Meeting their Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency Needs, Goals and Expectations

The intent of the Permanent Supportive Housing financed pursuant to this RFA includes assisting residents in meeting their needs, goals and expectations related to housing stability and self-sufficiency. As a result of the complex short- and long-term needs of intended residents who benefit from Permanent Supportive Housing, the Corporation's objective is to finance Developments in which the Applicant has a strong knowledge of and experience providing assistance, and achieving successful outcomes relevant to housing stability and self-sufficiency.

In its narrative, the Applicant's described experience should come from experience (and/or partnership with a Non-Profit entity) as a current provider of housing and/or supportive services. The description should be pertinent to households that will be served at the proposed Development. This narrative is not meant to promote serving residents with fewer or less acute needs who may have higher permanent housing stability or self-sufficiency, but rather to help improve permanent housing outcomes for all individuals of the intended population. Scoring will be based on the relevance and successful outcomes of the supports offered during the two calendar years prior to the RFA issue date that are particular to the intended households.

The narrative should indicate whether the approach is considered a "Best Practice" as it fits the definition in Exhibit B or is considered an evidence-based practice by supportive housing stakeholders.

For each section below, describe in detail how the Applicant (and/or partnering Non-Profit entity) has worked to assist households to meet these needs, goals and expectations in the two calendar years prior to the RFA issue date. The description should include information regarding the efforts made and practices used; the type and depth of partnerships with community organizations or agencies directly related to helping households obtain and/or maintain their permanent housing stability and self-sufficiency needs, goals, and expectations; as well as demonstrated successful outcomes from the described efforts. Describe the organizations, such as homeless service agencies, child welfare, and health care providers with which a partnership has been developed. The description should include the contributions of each entity in the



partnership and how the work of the partnership has benefited Persons with Special Needs in meeting their needs, goals and expectations related to housing stability and self-sufficiency.

a. Permanent Housing Stability (maximum 10 points)

Describe in detail how the Non-Profit entity has worked to assist households to meet their permanent housing needs, goals and expectations to create housing stability.

The description is limited to no more than two typed pages. Note: Although the online Application system allows for more pages, any portion of the description that is beyond the maximum number of pages will not be considered.

b. Self-Sufficiency (maximum 10 points)

Describe in detail how the Non-Profit entity has worked to assist households in meeting their self-sufficiency needs, goals and expectations. The assistance may be related to a household's income, benefits, education/training, or ability to meet its activities of daily living.

The description is limited to no more than two typed pages. Note: Although the online Application system allows for more pages, any portion of the description that is beyond the maximum number of pages will not be considered.

5. Involvement in the local homeless resources network (maximum of 15 Points)

Describe how the Applicant is and/or will be involved in the local homeless resources network to gain a full understanding of the community's homelessness issues and housing needs. Such network may include one or both of the following: 1) The local Continuum of Care and its member agencies; and 2) Departments of the local government, particularly its social services department, but other departments such as housing and community development.

Describe how the Applicant is formally collaborating with local community and stakeholders that have the expertise to ensure the property is meeting local homeless needs both in the short term and over many years. The Applicant's narrative should also describe how the applicant intends to participate in the local homeless Coordinated Entry System and receive referrals through the Homeless Management Information System. The Applicant should provide specific examples of how it will utilize stakeholders'/entities' expertise.

The description is limited to no more than two typed pages. Note: Although the online Application system allows for more pages, any portion of the description that is beyond the maximum number of pages will not be considered.

**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*
Minimum Set-Aside Commitment for Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Special Needs selected
At least one Persons with Special Needs population selected
Name of Applicant provided
Evidence Applicant is a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline provided
Evidence that Applicant qualifies as a Non-Profit Applicant provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Material Participation form (Rev. 09-2022) provided</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For each Non-Profit entity that makes up the Non-Profit Applicant provide either the Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) that was stamped “Approved” by the Corporation; or the Non-Profit Application Package</li> </ul>
Documentation that the Applicant informed the jurisdiction’s Local Continuum of Care lead agency head of its intent to apply for funding to develop housing provided
Name of Each Developer provided
Evidence that each Developer entity is a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline provided
Developer Experience Requirement met
Principals for Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form provided and meets requirements
Contact information for Management Company provided, if using a Management Company
Community-Based Board of Directors Requirement met
Authorized Principal Representative provided and meets requirements
Name of Proposed Development provided
Development Type selected
Unit Characteristic Chart reflecting the breakdown of number of units associated with each Development Type and ESS/Non-ESS provided
County identified
Address of Development Site 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
Unit Mix provided and meets requirements
Number of residential buildings provided
Evidence of Site Control provided
Minimum Additional Green Building Features selected
Services Coordination Experience Requirements Met
Applicant's SAIL Request Amount provided
Applicant's HOME-ARP Request Amount provided
Development Cost Pro Forma reflect that sources equal or exceed uses
Units occupied question answered
Tenant Relocation information provided, if applicable
Uniform Relocation Act questions answers
Description of Demographic Populations to Be Served provided
Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement signed by Authorized Principal Representative
Financial Arrearage Requirement met**
Verification of no prior acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting for the same Development ***
Verification of no recent de-obligations ****
Minimum Total Score of 140 points

\* 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

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, 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.

The Past Due Report contains the financial arrearages to the Corporation. 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 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 ten 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.

**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
Submission of Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) stamped "Received" by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped "Approved" prior to the Application Deadline	10
Submission of Corporation-approved Pre-Application Meeting or Experience form, which meets the requirements of the RFA	10

Operating/Managing Experience	60
Access to Community-Based Services and Resources	35
Approach Toward Community Partnerships for Increased Resident Outcomes	
• Permanent Housing Stability	10
• Self-Sufficiency	10
Involvement in the Local Homeless Resources Network	15
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>160</b>

Applications must achieve at least 87.5 percent of the total points available in the RFA to be eligible for funding ( $160 \times 0.875 = 140$ ).

## **B. Selection Process**

### **1. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Applications**

Priority 1 Applications that commit to provide 100 percent of the Developer Fee to one or more non-profit Applicant entities will be considered Tier 1 Applications. All Priority 1 Applications for proposed Developments that did not qualify as Tier 1 Applications and all Priority 2 Applications will be considered Tier 2 Applications. Tier 1 Applications will be listed above Tier 2 Applications.

All Tier 1 Applications will be sorted as outlined below. This same sorting process will be performed for Tier 2 Applications.

### **2. Goal**

There is a goal to fund one Application that qualifies for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal.

### **3. Application Sorting Order**

The highest scoring Tier 1 Applications will be determined by first sorting together all eligible Tier 1 Applications from highest score to lowest score, with any scores that are tied separated in the order stated below. The same process will also be applied towards all Tier 2 Applications.

- a. First, by Operating/Managing Permanent Supportive Housing Experience Points Preference described in Section Four, C. of the RFA;
- b. Next, by the Accessibility Preference described in Section Four, A.8.c. of the RFA;
- c. Next, by the Application's eligibility for the Qualifying Financial Assistance Funding Preference as described in Section Four, A.10.d. of the RFA, (with Applications that qualify for the preference listed above Applications that do not qualify for the preference;

- d. By the Application's Eligible SAIL Request Amount per Unit. The Applicant's Eligible SAIL Request Amount will be divided by the total units. Applications that have a lower amount of funds per unit will be listed above Applications that have a higher amount of funds per unit;
- e. By the Application's Eligible SAIL Request Amount as Percentage of Total Development Cost Preference. The Applicant's Eligible SAIL Request Amount will be divided by the Total Development Cost (TDC). Applications with a result that is 90 percent or less will be listed above Applications that have a result that is more than 90 percent;
- f. By the Application's eligibility for the Florida Job Creation Preference as outlined in Item 2 of Exhibit C with Applications that qualify for this Preference listed above Applications that do not qualify for this Preference;
- g. By lottery number, with Application that received the lowest lottery number listed above Applications with a higher lottery number.

#### **4. Funding**

Applications will be selected for funding only if there is enough funding remaining to fully fund the Eligible SAIL and HOME-ARP Request Amount.

#### **5. County's Award Tally**

As each Application is selected for tentative funding, the county where the proposed Development will be located will have one Application credited toward the County Award Tally.

Within each Tier, the Corporation will prioritize eligible unfunded Applications that meet the Funding Test and are located in counties that have the lowest County Award Tally above other eligible unfunded Applications in counties with a higher County Award Tally that also meet the Funding Test, even if the Applications with a higher County Award Tally are higher ranked. If there are multiple eligible unfunded Applications that meet the Funding Test and have the lowest County Award Tally, the Corporation will select the highest-ranking Application among them for tentative funding.

For instance, Application 1 and Application 2 are the only eligible unfunded Applications that meet the Funding Test. Application 1 is higher ranked than Application 2 and has a County Award Tally of 1. Although Application 2 is lower ranked than Application 1, it has a County Award Tally of 0, and, therefore, Application 2 will be selected for funding.

#### **6. The Funding Selection Process**

- a. Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal
  - (1) The first Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Tier 1 Application that qualifies for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal.
  - (2) If there are no eligible Applications that meet the criteria in (1) above, then the first Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking Tier 2

Application that qualifies for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal.

- b. The second Application selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Small or Medium County Tier 1 Application, subject to the County Award Tally and Funding Test. If there are no eligible Small or Medium County Tier 1 Applications, the second Application selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Small or Medium County Tier 2 Application, subject to the County Award Tally and Funding Test.
- c. The third Application selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Large County Tier 1 Application, subject to the County Award Tally and Funding Test. If there are no eligible Large County Tier 1 Applications, the third Application selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Large County Tier 2 Application, subject to the County Award Tally and Funding Test.
- d. The next Application(s) selected for funding will be the highest ranking unfunded Tier 1 Application(s) that (i) can meet the Funding Test and (ii) has a County Award Tally that is less than or equal to any other eligible unfunded Tier 1 Applications that also meet the Funding Test. If funding remains and none of the eligible unfunded Tier 1 Applications can meet the Funding Test, the highest ranking eligible Tier 2 Applications(s) that (i) can meet the Funding Test and (ii) has a County Award Tally that is less than or equal to any other eligible unfunded Tier 2 Applications that also meet the Funding Test will be selected for funding.

If funding remains and none of the eligible unfunded Applications can meet the Funding Test, no further Applications will be considered for funding. Any remaining funding will be distributed as approved by the Board.

## **7. 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 Exhibit H of the RFA, and 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 2023-102 - SAIL Financing for Smaller Developments for Persons with Special Needs**

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 or the Applicant submitted materially incorrect information in the Application, the Corporation may take any or all of the following actions, even if the Application was not selected for funding, was deemed ineligible, or was withdrawn: deem the Application ineligible, rescind the award, and consider all Principals of the Applicant to have made a material misrepresentation subject to Section 420.518, F.S.

**2. Demographic Commitment**

a. Select the Demographic Commitment for the proposed Development:

- At least 70 percent, but less than 80 percent, of the total units will be set aside for Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Special Needs; and at least 20 percent of the total units will consist of Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals and families that meet the definition of Homeless as defined in Exhibit B, (which may be the same units set aside for Persons with Special Needs)
- At least 80 percent of the total units will be set aside for Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Special Needs; and at least 20 percent of the total units will consist of Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals and families that meet the definition of Homeless as defined in Exhibit B, (which may be the same units set aside for Persons with Special Needs)

b. Select at least one box from options (1) through (5) below that specifies the defined Persons with Special Needs population(s) that the Applicant proposes to serve. The Applicant may serve more than one of the populations below.

- (1) Adult persons requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who have a Disabling Condition that currently impairs or is likely to impair their physical mobility;
- (2) Persons receiving benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or from veterans' disability benefits;
- (3) Adult persons requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who have a Disabling Condition that neither currently impairs nor is likely to impair their physical mobility, such as persons with a mental illness;

- (4) Young adults formerly in foster care who are eligible for services under Section 409.1451, F.S.; and/or
- (5) Survivors of domestic violence as defined in Section 741.28, F.S.

c. Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal

Does the Application meet the eligibility described in Section Four A.2.c to qualify for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal?

[Choose an item.](#)

**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

The Applicant or the General Partner or managing member of the Applicant must meet the definition of Non-Profit Applicant as set forth in Exhibit B.

To demonstrate that this definition is met, Applicants must meet the requirements in both (a) and (b) below.

- (a) Material Participation

Provide the following as **Attachment 2** for each non-profit entity that makes up the Applicant:

- The Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Material Participation form (Rev. 09-2022).

- (b) Demonstration of Non-Profit entity qualifications

To meet this eligibility requirement, **for each Non-Profit entity that makes up the Non-Profit Applicant** provide **either** the Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) **that was stamped "Approved" by the Corporation** through the Non-Profit Advance Review Process; **or** the Non-Profit Application Package as **Attachment 2**.

(c) To determine the Applicant’s eligibility as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Application, state the Percentage of Developer’s fee that will go to the Non-Profit entity: [Click here to enter text.](#) %

(4) Non-Profit Advance Review Process (10 Points)

Applications will receive 10 points if the Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Qualifications Form (Rev. 10-2021) is submitted for **each non-profit entity** as **Attachment 2**, and if the form(s) is stamped “Received” by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped “Approved” prior to the Application Deadline.

(5) Pre-Application Meeting (10 Points)

Applicants will receive ten points if the Pre-Application Meeting or Experience for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Developments Form (Rev. 09-2022) is submitted as **Attachment 2** to the RFA and meets the requirements of Section Four A.3.a.(5) of the RFA.

(6) Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care Requirements for All Applicants

Provide documentation that the Applicant informed the jurisdiction’s Local Continuum of Care lead agency head of its intent to apply for funding to develop housing pursuant to this RFA must be submitted as **Attachment 3**.

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 4**, 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) Required Developer Experience

At least one Principal of 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Year Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 2003 or later)

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

(1) Eligibility Requirement

The Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-19) (“Principals Disclosure Form”) must be uploaded with the Application, as outlined in Section Three of the RFA, and meet the requirements of Section Four of the RFA.

(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

Identify the Management Company contact information, if using a Management Company.

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.](#)

e. Community-Based Board of Directors Requirement

Does the Applicant commit to structuring the Board of Directors affiliated with the Non-Profit Entity that is part of the Applicant Entity with a majority (at least 50 percent, plus one) of individuals that are Non-Related Board Members to: 1) Any tenants or applicants for tenancy; 2) Any compensated management or staff of the Non-Profit; or 3) Any other members of the Board, as required?

[Choose an item.](#)

f. 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. Characteristics of Development

(1) Development Type

[Choose an item.](#)

(2) Enhanced Structural Systems (“ESS”) Construction Qualifications are outlined in Section Four, A.4.c.(2) of RFA.

d. Unit Characteristic Chart

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.

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

(2) 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.

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. The required Set-Aside Commitments are described in Section Four.

d. Unit Mix Chart

Complete the chart below:

Number of Bedrooms/Bathrooms per Unit	Number of Units per Bedroom Type
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>

<a href="#">Choose an item.</a>	<a href="#">Enter Number</a>
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- e. Number of Buildings

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

- f. Compliance Period

All Applicants are required to set aside the units for 30 years as further described in Section Four of the RFA. The Compliance Period includes the income set-asides and the units set aside for the Demographic Commitments made in this RFA.

**7. Readiness to Proceed**

- a. Site Control

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

- b. Ability to Proceed documents

Will be required to be submitted in credit underwriting.

**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. Level 1 and Level 2 Accessibility 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) All Applicants must select enough of the following Green Building Features so that the total point value of the features selected equals at least 10, in addition to committing to the required Construction Features listed in Section Four.

- Programmable thermostat in each unit (2 points)
- Humidistat in each unit (2 points)
- Water Sense certified dual flush toilets in all bathrooms (2 points)
- Light colored concrete pavement instead of or on top of asphalt to reduce the heat-island effect (2 points)



- Energy Star certified roof coating (2 points) \*
- Energy Star certified roofing materials (metal, shingles, thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO), or tiles) (3 points) \*
- Eco-friendly cabinets – no added urea formaldehyde and material must be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, the Environmental Stewardship Program, or a certification program endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (3 points)
- Eco-Friendly flooring for entire unit – Carpet and Rug Institute Green Label certified carpet and pad, FloorScore certified flooring, bamboo, cork, 80% recycled content tile, and/or natural linoleum (3 points)
- High Efficiency HVAC with SEER of at least 16 (2 points) \*\*
- Energy efficient windows in each unit (3 points)
  - For all Development Types except Mid-Rise: Energy Star rating for all windows in each unit;
  - For Development Type of Mid-Rise:
    - U-Factor of 0.50 or less and a SHHGC of 0.25 or less where the fenestration is fixed; and
    - U-Factor of 0.65 or less and a SHHGC of 0.25 or less where the fenestration is operable (i.e., the window opens)
- Florida Yards and Neighborhoods certification on all landscaping (2 points)
- Install daylight sensors, timers or motion detectors on all outdoor lighting attached to buildings (2 points)

\*The Applicant may choose only one option related to Energy Star certified roofing.

\*\*Applicants who choose high efficiency HVACs must meet the standards listed here, which exceed the minimum Green Building Features required of all Developments Section Four A.8. of the RFA.

## 9. Housing Stability Services and Access to Community-Based Services Coordination

The Housing Stability Services Coordination requirements for all Applicants are outlined in Section Four, A.9.a. of the RFA. In addition, select the option describing how the Resident Community-Based Services Coordination requirements outlined in Section Four, A.9.b. of this RFA will be met.

- The Applicant entity will enter into legal contract with a provider or services that meets the Services Coordination Experience Requirements outlined in Section Four, A.9.b. of this RFA. A copy of the properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Resident Community-Based Services Coordination Provider Or Principal Of Resident Community-Based Services Coordination Provider Certification form (Form Rev 10-2021) must be submitted as **Attachment 7**.

The Applicant entity meets the Services Coordination Experience Requirements outlined in Section Four, A.9.a. of this RFA as demonstrated in the information provided below.

At least one natural person Principal of a Non-Profit entity within the Applicant entity structure must have experience owning and operating a minimum of two Permanent Rental or Permanent Supportive Housing developments that provides a Resident Community Based Services Coordination to Homeless households and/or Persons with Special Needs, as described in Section Four, A.9. of RFA.

First completed development that serves Homeless individuals and families and/or Persons with Special Needs that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.9.b.(1) of the RFA (required):

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

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

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

Second completed development that serves Homeless individuals and families and/or Persons with Special Needs that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.9.b.(1) of the RFA (required):

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

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

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

Third completed development that serves Homeless individuals and families and/or Persons with Special Needs that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.9.b.(1) of the RFA (if needed):

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

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

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

Fourth completed development that serves Homeless individuals and families and/or Persons with Special Needs that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.9.b.(1) of the RFA (if needed):

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

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

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

Total Units in the above developments that serves Homeless individuals and families and/or Persons with Special Needs that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.9.b.(1) of the RFA: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Funding**

a. Corporation Funding

- (1) Total SAIL Request Amount \$ [Click here to enter text.](#)
- (2) HOME-ARP Request Amount \$ [Click here to enter text.](#)
- (3) Other Corporation Funding

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

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

b. Non-Corporation Funding Proposals

Attach all funding proposals executed by the lender(s) or by any other source as **Attachment 8**.

c. Development Cost Pro Forma

Complete the Development Cost Pro Forma tab of Exhibit A.

d. Qualifying Financial Assistance Funding Preference

- (1) Cash Funding Equals at Least 3 Percent of the sum of the Applicant’s Eligible HOME-ARP Request Amount PLUS the Applicant’s Eligible SAIL Request Amount

If (i) the amount of Permanent Financing Sources indicated in the Development Cost Pro Forma that are marked as qualifying as a cash loan, cash grant, and/or cash-on-hand ("Cash Funding") from Local Government entities and/or other non-Corporation sources is equal to at least 3 percent of the sum of the Applicant’s Eligible HOME-ARP Request Amount PLUS the Applicant’s Eligible SAIL Request Amount; and (ii) the qualified funding proposals demonstrate Cash Funding for an amount that is equal to at least 3 percent of the sum of the Applicant’s Eligible HOME-ARP Request Amount PLUS the Applicant’s Eligible SAIL Request Amount, the Applicant will receive preference in the funding selection process.

- (2) Donation of Land by a Local Government

Does the Application qualify for the Qualifying Financial Assistance Preference by meeting the requirements stated in Section Four for Donation of Land by a Local Government?

[Choose an item.](#)

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

- (1) Has 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?

[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.](#)

**11. Uniform Relocation Act**

- a. Are there any units occupied?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes” – Go to question b. below.

If “No” – Go to question c. below.

- b. Tenant Relocation Information for Existing Properties

- (1) How many total units now exist in the development? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (2) How many units are occupied? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (3) Is permanent relocation (displacement) anticipated during or after the construction/redevelopment period?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes”, how many units are affected? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (4) Will temporary relocation of any tenants be required?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes”, how many tenants will require temporary relocation? [Click here to enter text.](#)

c. Uniform Relocation Act (URA) Acquisition Information

- (1) Does the Applicant own the Development site?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes” - skip questions (2) through (4) below.

If “No” - Answer question (2) below.

- (2) Is Applicant a private company?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes” - skip questions (3) and (4) below.

If “No” - Answer question (3) below.

- (3) Is the Applicant a public (government) Applicant?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes” - Answer question (4) below.

If “No” - Skip question (4) below.

- (4) Does the Applicant have eminent domain power?

[Choose an item.](#)

**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 two business days 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 described in Section Four, A. above. The Addenda section of Exhibit A may not be used to provide any additional information or explanatory addendum for items described in Section Four, C. below. Please specify the particular item to which the additional information or explanatory addendum applies.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**C. Narrative Scoring**

Applicants must complete the following sections to be awarded points:

1. As further explained in Section Four C.1 of the RFA, describe the Homeless and Persons with Special Needs populations to be served. The description is limited to no more than two typed pages within the text box below if not applying for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal, or no more than three typed pages within the text box below if applying for the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Goal below.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

2. Operating/Managing Experience (Maximum of 40 points)

As further explained in Section Four, identify the entity or entities that will carry out operations and management functions at the Development and describe its experience in managing developments, including performing operations and management functions specific to the needs of the intended tenants. The description is limited to no more than three typed pages within the text box below.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

3. Access to Community-Based Services and Resources (Maximum 55 Points)

- a. Access to community-based general services

As further explained in Section Four, describe the community-based general services that will be accessible to tenants, such as shopping for groceries, medicine, clothing, and other household and personal items. (Up to 20 Points)

The description is limited to no more than three typed pages within the text box below.

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- b. Access to community-based services and resources that address tenants' needs

As further explained in Section Four, describe how residents will be assisted to access appropriate physical health, behavioral health and wellness, and self-sufficiency services and activities that can lead to stable and integrated lives in their community. (Up to 35 Points)

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- 4. Assist Intended Residents in Meeting their Housing Stability and Self-Sufficiency Needs, Goals and Expectations

- a. Permanent Housing Stability (Up to 10 points)

As further explained in Section Four, describe in detail how the Applicant has worked to assist households to meet their permanent housing needs, goals and expectations over the two years prior to the RFA issuance.

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- b. Self-Sufficiency (Up to 10 points)

As further explained in Section Four, describe in detail how the Applicant has worked to assist households in meeting their self-sufficiency needs, goals and expectations over the two years prior to the RFA issuance.

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- 5. Involvement in the local homeless resources network (Up to 15 Points)

Describe how the Applicant is and/or will be involved in the local homeless resources network to gain a full understanding of the community's homelessness issues and housing needs.

The Applicant's description is limited to no more than two typed pages within the text box below.

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**D. Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement**

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 subsection 67-48.009(5), 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 a Land Use Restriction Agreement(s) for the loans and must be maintained in order for the Development to remain in compliance, unless the Board approves a change.
10. A tenant's participation in or receipt of community-based or on-site healthcare or supportive services is not a requirement for tenancy. Applicants will not charge a fee for resident community-based services coordination, resident programs or other related services required by this RFA or those that the Applicant has described in this Application as providing at no charge to the resident. The Applicant will not charge a fee to tenants for services, programs, or activities that were made available to a tenant, but that the tenant did not participate in or receive.
11. Contributing money or time to the Development or any organization by the tenant, guardian or family member will not be a factor in tenant selection, access to the Development waiting list or a condition of the lease.
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 states' housing 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.
- 16. The Applicant must be active in the Continuum of Care, which means that at least one paid employee of the Applicant entity or member of the Board of Directors of the Applicant entity will, at a minimum, participate in meetings of the Local Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care in the jurisdiction that serves the community in which the proposed Development is located, as outlined in the RFA. For purposes of this provision, “regularly” means at least quarterly.
- 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.
- 21. The Corporation has included several warning messages throughout the Excel-based application to help alert an Applicant that there may be an issue with the data. This is a helpful guide but is not intended to be an all-inclusive list. Eligibility, points awarded, qualifications for goals, preferences, etc., are all solely determined by the criteria outlined in the RFA. If there are any inconsistencies between the Exhibit A and the RFA itself, such as formulas used in calculations or the warning messages, Applicants are instructed to rely solely on the RFA.

Under the penalties of perjury, I declare and certify that the Application for the proposed Development meets all applicable requirements of the RFA. I have read the foregoing and 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)

\* The Authorized Principal Representative must type their name indicating the acknowledgement and certification of these requirements.

**Exhibit B – Definitions**

“Best Practice”	A program, activity or strategy that has been field tested and has been shown to work effectively and produce successful outcomes and is supported by subjective and objective evaluation and research.
“Community-Based Care Agency” or “Lead Agency”	A single entity with which the department has a contract for the provision of care for children in the child protection and child welfare system in a community that is no smaller than a county and no larger than two contiguous judicial circuits. The secretary of the department may authorize more than one eligible lead agency within a single county if doing so will result in more effective delivery of services to children.
“Disabling Condition”	<p>A diagnosable substance abuse disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability, or the co-occurrence of two or more of these conditions, and a determination that the condition is:</p> <p>(a) Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration; and</p> <p>(b) Not expected to impair the ability of the person with special needs to live independently with appropriate supports.</p>
“HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations”	Any individual or family meeting the criteria of the populations listed in Part IV of HUD Notice: CPD-21-10 Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program. The Corporation’s Administrative Rules and the federal HOME-ARP guidance applicable to this RFA are posted on the RFA Webpage.
“Homeless Households”	<p>Homeless Households means an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and also includes an individual who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) is sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;</li> <li>(2) is living in a motel, hotel, travel trailer park, or camping ground due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations;</li> <li>(3) is living in an emergency or transitional shelter;</li> <li>(4) has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;</li> <li>(5) is living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, bus or train station, or similar setting; or</li> <li>(6) is a migratory individual who qualifies as homeless because he or she is living in circumstances described in paragraphs (1)-(6).</li> </ol> <p>The terms do not refer to an individual imprisoned pursuant to state or federal law or to individuals or families who are sharing housing due to cultural preferences, voluntary arrangements, or traditional networks of support. The terms include an individual who has been released from jail, prison, the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, a mental health and developmental disability facility, a residential addiction treatment program, or a hospital, for whom no subsequent</p>

	residence has been identified, and who lacks the resources and support network to obtain housing.
“Housing First”	Housing First means providing households experiencing homelessness with decent and stable permanent housing as quickly as possible regardless of their sobriety or participation in treatment or a program. Pursuant to Chapter 83, Florida Statutes, tenancy will be based on a lease of a minimum of seven months and participation in any services or programs is not a requirement of tenancy. The Applicant shall not restrict the length of a household’s tenancy, as long as the household meets the lease commitments.
“Joint Venture Applicant”	A legal entity which is owned by two or more separate and distinct legal entities, at least one of which is a Non-Profit entity, which share no common ownership between or among them.
“Lead Agency”	See “Community-Based Care Lead Agency”.
“Mobility Impairment”	The inability to use one or more extremities, or a lack of strength to walk, transfer, grasp, or lift objects. The use of a wheelchair, crutches, walker or other assistive devices may be needed to aid in mobility.
“Non-Profit Applicant”	<p>A qualified non-profit entity as defined in Section 42(h)(5)(C), subsection 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the IRC and organized under Chapter 617, F.S., if a Florida Corporation, or organized under similar state law if organized in a jurisdiction other than Florida, to provide housing and other services on a not-for-profit basis, and which also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) owns at least 51 percent of the ownership interest in the Development held by the general partner or managing member entity, specifically including at least 51 percent of the profits, losses, capital and other economic benefits;</li> <li>(b) receives at least 25 percent of the Developer Fee*; and</li> <li>(c) is acceptable to federal and state agencies and financial institutions as a Sponsor for affordable housing, as further described in Rule 67-48.0075, F.A.C.</li> </ul> <p>If a for-Profit entity has an ownership interest in the Development, it must be 49 percent or less of the Development.</p> <p>*The Applicant will qualify as a Tier 1 Application if one or more non-profit entities receive 100 percent of the Developer Fee.</p>
“Permanent Supportive Housing”	Affordable rental housing leased to the focus households for continued occupancy with an indefinite length of stay as long as the tenant complies with lease requirements. The lease must be a minimum of 7 months and have no limits on length of tenancy related to the provision or participation in supportive services. Permanent Supportive Housing shall facilitate and promote activities of daily living, access to community-based services, and inclusion in the general community.

	<p>Permanent Supportive Housing shall strive to meet the needs and preferences of the focus households.</p>
<p>“Regulated Mortgage Lender”</p>	<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>
<p>“Related Application”</p>	<p>An Application submitted in an RFA that shares Interest – Direct or Indirect, Identity of Interest, or shares any Principals, Affiliates, Financial Beneficiaries, or Related Parties of the Applicant or Developer common to any or all of the Principals, Affiliates, Financial Beneficiaries, or Related Parties of an Applicant or Developer in another Application in the same RFA.</p> <p>a. “Interest - Direct or Indirect” refers to a person or entity having direct or indirect ownership, financial or controlling interest in another entity.</p> <p>b. “Related Party” or “Related Parties” mean a relative (including but not limited to grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister) of any Principal or any entity that shares common Principals, executive directors, board members, officers, guarantors, or employees.</p>

	c. "Identity of Interest" means a situation in which a Principal, Affiliate, or Financial Beneficiary of the Applicant or Developer has a direct or indirect interest in the ownership of an entity which contracts with a Principal, Affiliate, or Financial Beneficiary of the Applicant or Developer to provide land, goods, loans, financial support, or services for the Development or where there is a financial, familial, or business relationship that permits less than arm's length transactions.
"Services Coordination"	A formalized process of assisting a resident or resident household to evaluate, identify, access, and/or maintain resident-specific community-based services and resources that facilitate a resident's or resident household's permanent housing stability and help them meet their self-sufficiency objectives.
"Set-Aside Units"	A unit set aside at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income for the county in which the Development is located. In this RFA, all units must be Set-Aside Units.
"Shared Housing"	A rental dwelling unit that is shared by residents who are not related or significant others. Each Resident must have non-exclusive access to shared living space, consisting at a minimum of a kitchen and a living/dining area. Each Resident in a Shared Housing Unit shall sign a separate lease and shall be considered a separate household for the purposes of determining compliance with set-aside commitments, income eligibility, and rent payments.
"Visitability"	Housing designed in such a way that it can be lived in or visited by people who are Mobility Impaired. This includes the ability of people with a mobility aid to easily enter a home and move from room to room, including at least one bathroom on an accessible level.

**Exhibit C – Additional Information**

## 1. Total Development Cost Limitation Test

There is a maximum Developer Fee that can be earned which is tailored for the characteristics of each Development.

## a. Overview

- (1) Maximum Developer Fee based on Percentage of Development Cost as outlined in Rule 67-21, F.A.C. and/or 67-48, F.A.C.
- (2) Maximum Developer Fee Amount based on Maximum Development Cost

The Corporation will calculate the Maximum Developer Fee for each proposed Development, then compare it to the proposed Development's stated Developer Fee. The Maximum Developer Fee Amount will be the sum of the maximum Developer Fee on non-Acquisition Costs calculated in (a) below and, if applicable, the maximum Developer Fee on Building Allocation portion of Acquisition Costs ("Building Allocation") as calculated in (b) below.

- (a) Maximum Development Cost upon which a Developer Fee can be Earned when there are no Building Allocation Costs
  - (i) Hard Cost Factor Per Unit Chart plus estimate of Soft Costs Per Unit

The Non-Acquisition Costs for purposes of determining the maximum Developer Fee are calculated by first selecting the applicable hard cost factor for each unit in the chart below then incorporating an estimate of soft costs per unit.

Hard costs are defined as the total of the actual construction costs (includes the General Contractor Construction Contract and any construction costs to be incurred outside of the General Contractor Construction Contract), the General Contractor Fee and the approved Hard Cost Contingency. These costs are representative of what is normally reported on lines A1.3 and A1.4 in the Development Cost Pro Forma in the Application. The Hard Cost Factor per Unit amounts in the chart are not a limit of the actual hard costs allowed in each Development. Each Development's actual costs may exceed these amounts, but these are the maximums used in the Developer Fee calculation.

Measure	Hard Cost Factor per New Construction Unit					Hard Cost Factor per Rehabilitation Units	
	Garden Non-ESS*	Garden ESS*	Mid-Rise-Non-ESS*	Mid-Rise-ESS*	High-Rise*	Garden*	Non-Garden*
Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for all counties except Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties	\$220,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$270,000	\$290,000	\$100,000	\$130,000
Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties	\$240,000	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$290,000	\$310,000	\$110,000	\$140,000

\* 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.

If there is only one unit type for the entire proposed Development, the number in the chart associated with the unit type is the Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for the Development.

If there are multiple unit types, the amount associated for each unique unit type is multiplied by the number of units for that unit type, added together, and then divided by the total number of units (i.e. pro rata distribution). The result of that calculation is the Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for the Development.

**Incorporate an Estimate of Soft Costs Per Unit**

The Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for the Development is then divided by 75 percent (resulting in a maximum of hard costs and soft costs per unit when calculating the Maximum Developer Fee, prior to Add-Ons, Multipliers, and Escalation Rate.)

- (ii) Then add applicable per unit TDC Add-On(s) to the result of (i) above

PHA Add-On for means (i) Applicants that either have a land lease with a PHA for the proposed Development's location or the Applicant provided an Option to Enter into a Ground Lease Agreement on property where the proposed Development is to be located; AND the property which has a Declaration of Trust between the PHA and HUD; or (ii) Applicants that have a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA as a Principal	\$7,500 of additional per unit costs will be added to the above Maximum TDC Per Unit to Applications that qualify for the PHA Add-On
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- (iii) Then divide the result of (ii) above by the applicable TDC Multiplier(s)



Non-Geographic TDC Multiplier – Demographic Commitment	90%
Geographic TDC Multiplier – Developments located north of Plantation Key (i.e., north of Tavernier Creek) in the Florida Keys Area	65%
Geographic TDC Multiplier – Developments located south of Plantation Key (i.e., north of Tavernier Creek) in the Florida Keys Area	50%*

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

- (iv) Then multiply the result of (iii) above by the sum of 1 plus 6 percent, which represents the Escalation Factor
- (v) Then multiply this result by the total number of units within the proposed Development to achieve the Maximum Development Cost upon which a Developer Fee can be Earned when there are no Building Allocation Costs (“**Maximum Non-Acquisition Development Cost for Developer Fee**”).

To obtain the **Maximum Developer Fee Amount on non-Acquisition Costs**, multiply the result of (v) by the maximum Developer Fee percentage allowed in the RFA as described below:

- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 16 percent, the result of the calculation above is then multiplied by 16 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.
- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 18 percent, the result of the calculation above is then multiplied by 18 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.
- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 21 percent, the result of the two calculations below are added together:
  - the result of the calculation is then multiplied by 16 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar; AND
  - the result of the calculation is then multiplied by 5 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

If there is no Building Allocation costs, this **Maximum Developer Fee Amount on non-Acquisition Costs** is also the **Development’s Maximum Developer Fee**. If there is Building Allocation costs, the result of the fee calculation above is added to the result of the fee calculation below to determine the **Development’s Maximum Developer Fee**.

- (b) Maximum Developer Fee Amount on Building Allocation costs, if applicable

The Building Allocation costs are comprised of a Building Allocation plus Other building acquisition related costs of the existing Development, together are typically represented by line B. in the Development Cost Pro Forma in the Application. The maximum

Building Allocation is a structured calculation. Start by taking the lesser of either the appraised value of the entire property or the actual property purchase price. The lowest land cost allocation is then subtracted from this amount. The lowest land cost allocation methodology is determined as follows:

- (i) Appraised “as is” market value of the land, as if vacant;
- (i) Assessed value of the land as provided by the county property appraiser; or
- (iii) Discount the value provided in the option (a) above to account for the LURA/EUA rent restrictions existing on the property. This is done by taking the lesser of the subject property’s acquisition price, or the subject property’s appraised “as is” restricted value and dividing this amount by the “as is” market value of the property as if unrestricted. The resulting discount factor is then multiplied by the value provided in option (a).

The lesser of the result of this maximum Building Allocation calculation or the Applicant’s stated Building Allocation is then added to any other separate acquisition costs associated with the Building Allocation and this total is multiplied further based on the maximum Developer Fee percentage allowed in the RFA as described below to obtain the Maximum Developer Fee Amount on Building Allocation:

- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 16 percent, the result of the calculation above is then multiplied by 16 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.
- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 18 percent, the result of the calculation above is then multiplied by 18 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.
- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 21 percent, the result of the two calculations below are added together:
  - the result of the calculation is then multiplied by 16 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar; AND
  - the result of the calculation is then multiplied by 5 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

(3) Maximum TDC Component

The Maximum TDC Component equals the Maximum Non-Acquisition Development Cost for Developer Fee (as calculated in (2)(v) above) plus the maximum Developer Fee amount on non-acquisition costs (as calculated in (a) above) and then adding, if applicable, the maximum Developer Fee amount on Building Allocation (as calculated in (b) above). The Maximum TDC Component is unique to each Development and will not change once it is calculated. It will be used for calculations described in b. below. However, the maximum

Developer Fee amount on Building Allocation costs, if applicable, can be updated at time of Final Cost Certification Application Package review when the Other building acquisition related costs of the existing Development have changed since credit underwriting.

- b. Determining whether adjustments to the Developer Fee and the Total Development Cost of the proposed Development are needed during Credit Underwriting

The Total Development Cost of the proposed Development (“TDC of the Proposed Development”) is often adjusted during credit underwriting and Final Cost Certification process. The steps below are performed first during the credit underwriting process and then a similar process is completed during the Final Cost Certification process as presented in c. below. Any such adjustments that occurred during these processes may affect the maximum Developer Fee allowed for the proposed Development to fluctuate.

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

To review the maximum Developer Fee for the proposed Development, the Corporation will first determine if the stated Developer Fee is in compliance with the percentage Developer Fee limit and then compare the results of the calculation in a. above to the Developer Fee stated by the Applicant.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated by the percentage Developer Fee on stated Development Costs and the maximum Developer Fee calculated in a. above 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 creates a maximum Developer Fee that is less than the proposed Development’s stated Developer Fee, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee provided in this step, and the TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate this mandated cost reduction.

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

The second review will compare the proposed Development’s Maximum TDC Component and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development for these limitation purposes.

*Calculating the Net TDC of the Proposed Development*

The Net TDC of the Proposed Development is determined by taking the TDC of the Proposed Development (after any reduction in the initially stated Developer Fee as provided above) and deducting the following qualifying costs:

- the property acquisition price (building and land, which are subject to their own limits)
- demolition costs
- tenant relocation costs

- construction costs associated with the delivery of commercial/retail space, and
- any approved operating deficit reserves (ODR) that are part of the permanent phase (i.e., non-construction) financing for the Development which have not been included within the Developer fee.

*Comparison of the Development's Maximum TDC Component and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development*

If the proposed Development's Maximum TDC Component is equal to or greater than the Net TDC of the Proposed Development, the review of the Developer Fee is complete and no other reduction to the proposed Development's Developer Fee is required.

If the proposed Development's Maximum TDC Component is less than the Net TDC of the Proposed Development, the maximum Developer Fee will be reduced by the lesser of:

- (a) the actual amount that the Net TDC of the Proposed Development exceeds the Maximum TDC Component,
- (b) \$750,000, or
- (c) 25 percent of the Maximum Developer Fee calculated in a. above.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step is equal to or greater than the proposed Development's Developer Fee calculated in b.(1) above, there will be no resulting deduction to the proposed Development's Developer Fee after step b.(1) nor to the Net 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 b.(1) above, the proposed Development's Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate the second mandated cost reduction.

This is the final review of the Developer Fee during credit underwriting.

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

The Developer Fee and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development may be further adjusted when the FCCAP is processed. Any such adjustments that occur 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 proposed Development's Developer Fee will cause the Net TDC of the Proposed Development to be equally increased or decreased, respectively.

Before each item below, the stated/updated Developer Fee will be tested to make sure it doesn't exceed the amount determined by multiplying the proposed Development's

stated Development Costs by the maximum Developer Fee percentage, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

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

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

The proposed Development's Developer Fee initially presented in the FCCAP will be tested for compliance with the maximum Developer Fee percentage requirement.

- (a) If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP (after any Developer Fee compliance adjustments from above) is less than or equal to the Maximum TDC Component calculated in a. above, no adjustment to the proposed Development's Developer Fee will be required and there will not be a need for the second review.
- (b) If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP (after any Developer Fee compliance adjustments from above) is greater than the Maximum TDC Component calculated in a. above there will be a need for the second review process below.

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

- (c) If the Net 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 Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP. This may result in an increase to the final Developer Fee from the limit imposed at time of credit underwriting during steps b.(1)-(2).
- (d) If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is greater than the Net TDC of the Proposed Development reported in the final credit underwriting report, the Developer Fee stated in the FCCAP is initially capped at the maximum Developer Fee determined in b.(2) above. If the Developer Fee stated in the FCCAP is greater than the maximum Developer Fee determined in b.(2) above, the Developer Fee will be reduced to match the maximum Developer Fee and any reduction in the stated Developer Fee will have a corresponding reduction in the Net TDC of the Proposed Development. There will be a need for the second review process below.

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

After the applicable step above in c.(1)(b) or c.(1)(d) is complete, the calculations described below will determine the final Developer Fee.

If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development after step (1) above is greater than the Maximum TDC Factor calculated in a. above, the maximum Developer Fee determined in b.(2) above, will be reduced by the lesser of:

- (i) the actual amount that the Net TDC of the Proposed Development exceeds the Maximum TDC Factor,
- (ii) \$350,000, 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 after c.(1) above, there will be no resulting deduction to the stated Developer Fee or the Net 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 after c.(1) above, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate this cost reduction.

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. 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 implied eligible HOME-ARP & 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 2.2.

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

- The number of new construction 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 2.944 Florida Jobs per unit for proposed new construction units; and
- The Eligible SAIL and HOME-ARP Request Amounts.

The score for the Florida Rate of Job Creation per \$1 million of implied eligible HOME-ARP & SAIL funding will be measured using the following calculation:

Number of new construction units x 2.944 Florida Jobs per unit x 1,000,000 / (the Eligible HOME-ARP Request Amount plus the Eligible SAIL Request Amount) = Florida Jobs per \$1 million of HOME-ARP & SAIL funding.

For example:

Application A consists of 12 new construction units and has an Eligible HOME-ARP Request Amount of \$1,750,000 and an Eligible SAIL Request Amount of \$1,750,000.

$$12 \times 2.944 \times 1,000,000 / (1,750,000 + 1,750,000) = \text{Florida Job Creation score of } 10.09.$$

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 the minimum required.

**3. 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 with respect to the Loan amount, except for Compliance Monitoring Fees and Permanent 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 \$1,500.

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 HOME-ARP	\$14,913 – SAIL	+	\$4,996 –HOME-ARP	\$24,905

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

Any 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 (which includes the Capital Needs Assessment Review, if applicable): \$192 per hour.
- (4) Credit Underwriting Extension Fees

Credit underwriting extension fees are outlined in subsection 67-48.0072(21), F.A.C.

c. 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) Initial Fee

Programs	Primary Program Fee		Multiple Program Fees
SAIL Loan funding	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 – HOME-ARP Loan funding

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

d. Commitment Fees

With respect to the SAIL Loan Funding and HOME-ARP Program funding, 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 plus HOME-ARP 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.

e. Credit Underwriting and Loan Closing Extension Fees

- (1) SAIL Loan

The SAIL firm loan commitment must be issued as set out in Rule Chapter 67-48.0072(21), F.A.C.



The SAIL loan must close as set out in Rule Chapter 67-48.0072(26), F.A.C.

In the event the SAIL Loan does not close within the timeframes prescribed, extension fees will be assessed as outlined in subsections 67-48.072(21) and 67-48.072(26), F.A.C.

(2) HOME-ARP Loan

The HOME-ARP firm loan commitment must be issued as set out in Exhibit H of this RFA.

The HOME-ARP loan must close as set out in Exhibit H of this RFA.

In the event the HOME-ARP Loan does not close within the timeframes prescribed, extension fees will be assessed as outlined in Exhibit H of this RFA.

For all 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).

f. 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 SAIL and HOME-ARP loan each have a Construction Loan Servicing Fee to be paid as indicated. 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 and HOME-ARP loan each have 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.

g. Additional Loan Fees

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

h. 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.

#### 4. Additional Requirements

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

a. 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 Website.

b. Financial Reporting Form SR-1

Pursuant to paragraph 67-48.010(8)(a), F.A.C, by the date that is 151 Calendar Days after the Applicant's fiscal year end of each year of the SAIL loan term, the Applicant shall provide the Corporation's servicer with a certification detailing the information needed to determine the annual payment to be made. The Applicant shall complete and execute the annual reporting form, Financial Reporting Form SR-1, Rev. 01-22, and

shall submit the form to the Corporation's servicer in both PDF format and electronic form as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.

The Financial Reporting Form SR-1 is available on the Corporation's Website <http://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/compliance/forms> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

- c. 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."

- d. 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 3 of Exhibit C, pursuant to subparagraph 67-48.0072(4)(a)1, F.A.C.
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 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.
  - b. 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. 07-2022) 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;
  - c. For all successful Applications, demonstrate the following elements are available to the entire proposed Development site as of the date signed by providing the following:
    - (1) Appropriate Zoning. Demonstrate that 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 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. 07-2022); or

- (b) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government Verification that Development is Consistent with Zoning and Land Use Regulations form (Form Rev. 06-2023); or
- (c) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government Verification that Permits are Not Required for this Development form (Form Rev. 07-2022).

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) Demonstrate that water, sewer, electricity, and roads are available to the entire proposed Development site as of the date signed by providing the following:
  - (a) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure form which is available on the RFA Webpage. Water and sewer forms have a revision date of 07-2022 and electricity and roads have a revision date of 08-2020; or
  - (b) 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.
- d. 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 MMRB, SAIL, HOME, And-Or Other Gap Loans form \*.
- (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.

- e. With the exception of Developments financed with HUD Section 811, the Tenant Selection Plan shall be submitted by the owner to the Corporation for review and approval. 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. If a Development has a Housing Assistance Payment and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD, the Tenant Selection Plan must be sent to the Corporation for preliminary approval before sending to HUD. Note: HUD approval may take several months. HUD approval shall be demonstrated to the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report;
- f. Provide confirmation that all construction features committed to and proposed by the Applicant shall be located on the Development site;
- g. 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;
- h. 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; and
- i. 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.

4. The credit underwriting process must be complete within the timeframe outlined in Exhibit H of this RFA;
5. The HOME-ARP loan must close within the timeframe outlined in Exhibit H of this RFA;
6. By Certificate of Occupancy, the Applicant commits to participate in the statewide housing locator system, as required by the Corporation;
7. The Credit Underwriter will provide an itemized list for additional documentation including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Information outlined in outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48.0072, F.A.C. and Exhibit H of this RFA;
  - b. The Applicant shall submit its Resident Community-Based Service Coordination Plan and, if applicable, the legal contract demonstrating a partnership with a service provider at credit underwriting that includes standards and detailed procedures outlined in Section Four, A.9. of the RFA. The final plan must be submitted by the Applicant to the Corporation before the credit underwriting report is approved. To assure assistance to those residents that are receiving community-based Services Coordination through another program or agency, as well as to ensure assistance to those residents who need additional service coordination, the provider of this resident service shall also provide, at credit underwriting, information demonstrating its mission, qualifications, experience, agreements and/or contracts with state and federal supportive services programs, professional staffing and experience in serving the intended residents;
  - 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. The Americans with Disabilities Act Certification forms (Rev. 02-2020) are available on the RFA Webpage.
  - d. The Applicant must have an executed agreement to participate in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and will contribute data on the Development's tenants to the CoC's HMIS data system or, if serving Survivors of Domestic Violence, is providing aggregate data reports to the CoC. The executed agreement shall be required at least 6 months prior to the expected placed in service date.
  - e. Applicants that meet the Services Coordination Experience Requirements through a partnership with a provider of services that includes services coordination for the intended Demographic must provide the legal contract demonstrating the partnership,

and the provider must demonstrate it has been in business and performing services coordination for at least 5 consecutive years from the date of Application submission;

- f. Verification that the intent and scope of the proposed Development is in conformance with the written housing priorities of the most recently published Local Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care Plan as of the Application Deadline; and
  - g. Additionally the following requirements must be met:
    - (1) Provide to the Corporation a copy of each General Information Notice for each occupied unit, as outlined in Item 3.a. of Exhibit H. Each notice must include proof of delivery by certified letter or by signed copy of the notice when hand delivered;
    - (2) Provide evidence demonstrating that the proposed Development is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, as outlined in Item 3.b. of Exhibit H;
    - (3) Comply with the HUD environmental requirements as provided in 24 CFR 93.301(f)(1) and (2). Applicants will not be charged a fee for the environmental review, as stated in Item 3.c.(1) of Exhibit H;
    - (4) Provide a certification that must be executed by the contractor for compliance with debarment and suspension regulations, as outlined in Item 3.c.(2) of Exhibit H; and
    - (5) Certify that it understands the requirements of the current HUD lead based paint regulations as identified in 24 CFR Part 92 and Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., as outlined in Item 3.c.(3) of Exhibit H; and
    - (6) Provide all documentation regarding the Uniform Relocation Act as outlined in Section Four of the RFA.
8. 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;
  - b. The Applicant must be or become active in the Continuum of Care, which means that at least one of the Principals of the Applicant will, at a minimum, regularly attend meetings of the Local Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care in the jurisdiction that serves the community in which the proposed Development is located. For purposes of this provision, "regularly" means at least quarterly;
  - c. Each Scattered Site meets the requirements of this RFA, if applicable;
  - d. The proposed Development's ability to meet the Enhanced Structural Systems Construction qualifications, if applicable;



- e. Verification that the intent and scope of the proposed Development must be in conformance with the written housing priorities of the most recently published Local Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Plan as of the Application Deadline;
- f. Verification that the units are proportionately distributed across the unit mix; and
- g. Review of the Total Development Cost and its effect on the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation and, if applicable, the HOME-ARP 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.

**Exhibit E – intentionally omitted**

**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.

### Tenant Application Fees and Deposits (ELI Households)

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.

### 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.

### Application for Tenancy (All Households)

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.

**Exhibit H – Additional Information for the HOME-ARP Loan**

The applicable credit underwriting, program requirements and loan terms and conditions for the HOME-ARP Loan are outlined below.

**1. Credit Underwriting Procedures for the HOME-ARP Loan**

- a. The invitation to enter credit underwriting constitutes a preliminary commitment for the HOME-ARP Loan.
- b. The credit underwriting for the HOME-ARP Loan will be accomplished along with the credit underwriting for the NHTF Loan. The Credit Underwriter may request additional information at any time during the credit underwriting process for the HOME-ARP Loan.
- c. The Credit Underwriter's loan recommendations for the HOME-ARP Loan will be sent to the Board for approval at the time the Active Award recommendation(s) are sent.
- d. A firm loan commitment for the HOME-ARP Loan will be issued at the time the firm loan commitment(s) for the NHTF Loan is issued. The firm loan commitment must be issued within 12 months of the Applicant's acceptance to enter credit underwriting, which may be automatically extended to the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors that is after the 12 month deadline. Unless an extension is approved by the Corporation in writing, failure to achieve issuance of a firm loan commitment by the specified deadline shall result in withdrawal of the preliminary commitment. Applicants may request one extension of up to six months, which may be automatically extended to the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors that is after the six month extension deadline, to secure a firm loan commitment. All extension requests must be submitted in writing to the program administrator and contain the specific reasons for requesting the extension and shall detail the time frame to achieve a firm loan commitment. In determining whether to grant an extension, the Corporation shall consider the facts and circumstances of the Applicant's request, inclusive of the responsiveness of the Development team and its ability to deliver the Development timely. The Corporation shall charge a non-refundable extension fee of one percent of each loan amount if the request to extend the credit underwriting and firm loan commitment process beyond the initial 12 month deadline is approved. If an approved extension is utilized, Applicants must pay the extension fee not later than seven Calendar Days after the original 12 month deadline. If, by the end of the extension period, the Applicant has not received a firm loan commitment, then the preliminary commitment shall be withdrawn.
- e. The HOME-ARP Loan must close within 120 Calendar Days of the date of the firm loan commitment(s). These deadlines may be automatically extended to the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors that is after the 120 Calendar Days deadline. Unless an extension is approved by the Board, failure to close the loan(s) by the specified deadline outlined above shall result in the firm loan commitment(s) being deemed void and the funds shall be de-obligated. Applicants may request one extension of the loan

closing deadline outlined above for a term of up to 90 Calendar Days, which may be automatically extended to the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors that is after the 90 Calendar Day extension deadline. All extension requests must be submitted in writing to the program administrator and contain the specific reasons for requesting an extension and shall detail the time frame to close the loan. The Board shall consider the facts and circumstances of each Applicant's request, inclusive of the Applicant's ability to close within the extension term and any credit underwriting report, prior to determining whether to grant the requested extension. The Corporation shall charge an extension fee of one percent of each Corporation loan amount if the Board approves the request to extend the loan closing deadline beyond the 120 Calendar Day period outlined above. If an approved extension is utilized, Applicants must pay the extension fee not later than seven Calendar Days after the original loan closing deadline. In the event the Corporation loan(s) does not close by the end of the extension period, the firm loan commitment(s) shall be deemed void and the funds shall be de-obligated.

## **2. Terms and Conditions of the HOME-ARP Loan**

HOME-ARP Loans will be subject to the credit underwriting provisions outlined in Section 1 above and the loan provisions outlined below:

- a. The terms and conditions of the HOME-ARP Loan shall be as follows:
  - (1) The HOME-ARP Loan may be in a first, second, or other subordinated lien position;
  - (2) The HOME-ARP Loan shall:
    - (a) Have the amount based on the funding requirements set forth in this RFA; and
    - (b) Be non-amortizing at 0 percent simple interest per annum over the life of the HOME-ARP Loan, with the principal forgivable at maturity provided the units for which the HOME-ARP Loan amount is awarded are targeted as HOME-ARP Units for the first 30 years of the Compliance Period. The minimum term of the HOME-ARP Loan is 30 years.
  - (3) Any sale, conveyance, assignment, or other transfer of interest or the grant of a security interest in all or any part of the title to the Development other than a superior mortgage shall be subject to the Corporation's prior written approval. The Board shall consider the facts and circumstances of each Applicant's request and any credit underwriting report, if available, prior to determining whether to grant such request;
  - (4) The HOME-ARP Loan shall be serviced either directly by the Corporation or by the Corporation's servicer on behalf of the Corporation;

- (5) The Corporation and the Corporation's servicer shall monitor compliance of all terms and conditions of the loan and shall require that certain terms and conditions be embodied in the Land Use Restriction Agreement and recorded in the public records of the county wherein the Development is located. Violation of any material term or condition of the documents evidencing or securing the loan shall constitute a default during the term of the loan if not appropriately cured. The Corporation shall take appropriate legal action to effect compliance if a violation of any material term or condition relative to the set-aside of units for HOME-ARP Units is discovered during the course of compliance monitoring or by any other means;
  - (6) Rent controls for the HOME-ARP Units shall be restricted at the level applicable per Section Four, A.2.a.(3) of this RFA;
  - (7) The documents creating, evidencing or securing each HOME-ARP Loan must provide that any violation of the terms and conditions described in this Exhibit to the RFA constitutes a default under the HOME-ARP Loan documents allowing the Corporation to accelerate its loan and to seek foreclosure as well as any other remedies legally available to it; and
  - (8) The Compliance Period committed to in this RFA includes the HOME-ARP Units. After 30 years, all of the HOME-ARP Units may convert to serve residents at or below 60 percent AMI; however, the Persons with Special Needs set-aside commitment must be maintained throughout the entire affordability period.
- b. The HOME-ARP Loan shall be assumable upon sale or transfer of the Development if the following conditions are met:
- (1) The proposed transferee meets all specific Applicant identity criteria which were required as conditions of the original loan;
  - (2) The proposed transferee agrees to maintain all requirements of the HOME-ARP Loan for the period originally specified or longer; and
  - (3) The proposed transferee and release of transferor receives a favorable recommendation from the Credit Underwriter and approval by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

All assumption requests must be submitted in writing to the Director of Special Assets and contain the specific details of the transfer and assumption. In addition to any related professional fees, the Corporation shall charge a non-refundable assumption fee as outlined in this RFA.



- c. HOME-ARP Loan construction disbursements and permanent loan servicing shall be based on the following:
- (1) HOME-ARP Loan proceeds shall be disbursed during the construction phase in an amount per Draw which does not exceed the ratio of the HOME-ARP Loan to the Total Development Cost, unless approved by the Credit Underwriter;
  - (2) Ten (10) business days prior to each Draw, the Applicant shall supply the Corporation's servicer, as agent for the Corporation, with a written request executed by the Applicant for a Draw. The request shall set forth the amount to be paid and shall be accompanied by documentation specified by the Corporation's servicer including claims for labor and materials to date of the last inspection;
  - (3) The Corporation and its servicer shall review the request for a Draw, and the servicer shall provide the Corporation with approval of the request or an alternative recommendation, after the title insurer provides an endorsement to the policy of title insurance updating the policy to the date of the current Draw and increasing the insurance coverage to an amount equal to the sum of all prior Draws and the current Draw;
  - (4) The Corporation shall disburse construction Draws through Automated Clearing House (ACH). The Applicant may request disbursement of construction Draws via a wire transfer. The Applicant will be charged a fee of \$10 for each wire transfer requested. This charge will be netted against the Draw amount;
  - (5) The Corporation shall elect to withhold any Draw or portion of any Draw, notwithstanding any documentation submitted by the Applicant in connection with the request for a Draw, if:
    - (a) The Corporation or the Corporation's servicer determines at any time that the actual cost budget or progress of construction differs from that as shown on the loan documents; or
    - (b) The percentage of progress of construction of the improvements differs from that shown on the request for a Draw;
  - (6) The servicer may request submission of revised construction budgets;
  - (7) Based on the Applicant's progress of construction, if the Corporation determines that further analysis by the Credit Underwriter is required prior to the release of the final Draw, the Applicant shall pay to the Credit Underwriter a fee based on an hourly rate determined pursuant to the contract between the Corporation and the Credit Underwriter; and
  - (8) Retainage in the amount of 10 percent per Draw shall be held by the servicer during construction until the Development is 50 percent complete. At 50

percent completion, no additional retainage shall be held from the remaining Draws. Release of funds held by the Corporation's servicer as retainage shall occur pursuant to the HOME-ARP Loan Agreement.

### 3. Additional HOME-ARP Unit Requirements

Applicants will be required to comply with the following requirements and provide the following information:

a. General Information Notice

In accordance with the Uniform Relocation Act (URA), as part of 24 CFR Part 92, a Development receiving HOME-ARP funds must provide a notice to all tenants informing them of their rights under the URA in accordance with Chapter 2 of the HUD Handbook 1378\*. The proper manner of notice is provided in this Handbook. A copy of each General Information Notice must be provided to each tenant, not just tenants in HOME-ARP Units. By the due date outlined in the invitation to enter credit underwriting, the Applicant must provide to the Corporation a copy of each General Information Notice for each occupied unit. Each notice must include proof of delivery by certified letter or by signed copy of the notice when hand delivered.

b. Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

During the credit underwriting process, the Applicant will be required to provide evidence demonstrating that the proposed Development is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan. Developments located in entitlement jurisdictions should request a certification of consistency letter from the appropriate authorities in that jurisdiction (typically, the community development staff). Developments located in non-entitlement jurisdictions (e.g. small non-entitlement cities or unincorporated areas of counties) should request a certification of consistency letter from the state. To request a certification of consistency letter from the state (or if you are not sure which Consolidated Plan applies to the location of your proposed HOME Development), please contact:

Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
HOME staff  
850-488-4197

c. Other Federal Requirements

(1) Federal Labor Requirements

Owners of a building or buildings which consist of 12 or more HOME-Assisted Units which are to be constructed or redeveloped by the same contractor under a single contract (including Scattered Site Developments) must comply with the Federal Labor Standards requirements as identified in 24 CFR Part 92 and Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

Federal Labor Standards require that all persons working on the site be paid an hourly rate not less than the minimum rate specified in the Wage Determination issued by HUD for each particular property. The owner will be required to submit to the Corporation, or its representative servicer, payroll reports and certifications to verify wage payments. Conformance with Labor Standards will be monitored during the construction/redevelopment period in conjunction with the draw inspections by the consulting engineer/architect engaged by the underwriter/servicer.

If the Development contains 12 or more HOME-Assisted Units to be redeveloped or constructed under a single contract, the Corporation will require, prior to the start of construction, certification by the Applicant that it has been advised by the Corporation of its responsibilities and obligations regarding the federal labor and wage requirements and that it agrees to comply with the guidelines.

(2) HUD Environmental Requirements

All Applicants awarded HOME-ARP Funding will be required to comply with the HUD environmental requirements as provided in 24 CFR Part 92 and 24 CFR Part 58. Applicants that qualify as Non-Profit Applicants will not be charged a fee for the environmental review.

(3) Debarment and Suspension

Owners and contractors are prohibited from employing, awarding contracts, or funding any contractors or subcontractors that have been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment or placed on ineligibility status by HUD. In addition, any owners who are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or ineligible will be ineligible for funding. Therefore, a certification must be executed by the contractor for compliance with debarment and suspension regulations. During the credit underwriting process the Applicant will be required to provide the executed certification form\*.

(4) Lead Based Paint

If the Development was built before 1978, Lead Based Paint Regulations may apply. See 24 CFR Part 35 for exemptions. During the credit underwriting process, the Applicant must certify that it understands the requirements of the current HUD lead based paint regulations as identified in 24 CFR Part 92 and Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

If the Applicant is purchasing the property and the Development was built before 1978, provide a copy of the executed Disclosure of Information on Lead Based Paint and Lead Based Paint Hazards form\*, signed by both the buyer and the seller.

## (5) Section 3

The Section 3 program requires recipients of HUD funding to direct employment, training, and contracting opportunities to low-income individuals and the businesses that employ these persons within their community. Section 3 is a provision of the HUD Act of 1968 and is found at 12 U.S.C. 1701u. The regulations are found at 24 CFR Part 75.

Applicants are to ensure “to the greatest extent feasible,” when certain HUD funds are used to assist housing and community development projects, preference for construction-related training, jobs, and contracting opportunities go to low- and very-low income people and to businesses that are owned by low- and very-low income persons or businesses that hire them.

## (6) Flood

The Applicant shall comply with the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, 42 USC 4012a, as applicable.

## (7) Historic Preservation

The Applicant shall comply with the Historic Preservation requirements set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, codified in title 54 of the United States Code, as applicable. In general, this requires concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer for all rehabilitation and demolition of historic properties that are fifty years old or older or that are included on a Federal, state, or local historic property list.

## HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations

### From Part IV, A. of HUD Notice: CPD-21-10 Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program

#### 1. Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 Homeless (1), (2), or (3):

(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; (ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or (iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

(2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that: (i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing;

(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who: (i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a); (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance; (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment;

## **2. At risk of Homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 At risk of homelessness:**

(1) An individual or family who: (i) Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; (ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition in this section; and (iii) Meets one of the following conditions: (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau; (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient’s approved consolidated plan;

(2) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)),

section 3(l) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(l)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or

(3) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

**3. Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD.** For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This population includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual’s or family’s primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. In the case of sexual assault, this also includes cases where an individual reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the individual remains within the same dwelling unit that the individual is currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-day period preceding the date of the request for transfer.

Domestic violence, which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by: 1) A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term “spouse or intimate partner of the victim” includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship); 2) A person with whom the victim shares a child in common; 3) A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; 4) A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving HOME-ARP funds; or 5) Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Dating violence which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means violence committed by a person: 1) Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and 2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: a. The length of the relationship; b. The type of relationship; and c. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual assault which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to: 1) Fear for the person’s individual safety or the safety of others; or 2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Human Trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102). These are defined as: 1) Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age;

or 2) Labor trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

**4. Other Populations** where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability. HUD defines these populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:

(1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness is defined as households (i.e., individuals and families) who have previously been qualified as "homeless" as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.

(2) At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability is defined as household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below: (i) has annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, as determined by HUD and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs); (ii) has annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, AND meets one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the "At risk of homelessness" definition established at 24 CFR 91.5: (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau; (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan

Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations described above are eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance.