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Subject: Comments RFA 2018-103 Workshop

To: Florida Housing Finance

Thank you for offering the workshop for RFA 103. It was very informational and insightful. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to call in and participate.

As a larger nonprofit with homeless housing development experience of over 128 units, we would like to recommend that you consider adjustments to:

Section 3 b. requirement that only non-profit applicants are eligible for funding – It is difficult for non-profits that may be interested in participating in the development of homeless and affordable housing projects that fulfill our mission in the community to immediately take on the full risk and responsibility of projects of this scale. We believe that joint ventures with highly experienced developers can bring the needed experience and expertise together to ensure a successful project that will sustain long term.

Section 6 d. Unit Mix – As I expressed during the workshop, affordable housing options for homeless families in the Tampa Bay region and much of central Florida are greatly needed. Our data shows average family size at 3.5 persons per household. The current proposed unit mix requiring at least 50% one-bedroom units would be limiting the opportunity of a project to respond most effectively to our communities need. Allowing for a more flexible determination for unit mix will enable communities to address their most pressing needs and better align projects in their local communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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