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Subject: FHFC and DEO

Hi Marisa,

In regard to the proposed Request for Applications for CDBG-DR funding for Multifamily Workforce Housing, please consider our comments.

We are the Florida Keys Community Land Trust and our mission is to rebuild Big Pine Key in Monroe County. We have already acquired over two dozen parcels and have a cleared mobile home park nearing final contract. We have already designed and completed the first home that is designed for the small lots in the Avenues Neighborhood of Big Pine Key, where over 200 workforce housing units were completely destroyed. The Keys Cottage is elevated above flood requirements and built to sustain over 200 mph winds. Our homes will be permanently affordable under a ground lease program with the Monroe County Land Authority. The RFA for rental housing in Monroe County should allow small scale rental project and scattered sites. The parcels we will control are scattered site. The mobile home park will be re-developed with about 32 units- this is a small project and we will request CDBG-DR funding for site acquisition and development. Please understand that redevelopment in the Keys cannot occur on large vacant parcels of land but must conform to the existing pattern of narrow lots.

Thank you for any consideration.

Sincerely,

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