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**To:** Marisa Button

**Subject:** RFA 2020-103 Comments

Marisa,

Thank you, as always, for Florida Housing's receptivity to stakeholder input. It is through this process we continue to improve how we produce housing operated for benefit of the residents.

I am writing to provide two comments concerning RFA 2020-103.

First, please reconsider the requirement that at least 40% of the units be one-bedroom units. While the need for housing is acute among all homeless sub-populations, this restriction makes it harder to serve homeless families with children. Several regions in Florida are experiencing a marked increase in the number of public school students identified as homeless; some areas may wish to be able to serve a greater ratio of homeless households with children.

Second, because the ongoing operation of housing serving the homeless is best provided by entities with the mission-focus and experience in serving the homeless, I recommend Florida Housing amend the Funding Selection Process so that the first Application selected for funding as follows:

1. The first Application selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Application proposing a Development that is located in the Central Florida or Tampa Bay Region that qualifies for the Non-Profit Application Goal in which one or more Non-Profit entities own 100 percent of the ownership interest in the Development held by the general partner or managing member entity, and which one or more Non-Profit entities shall receive 100 percent of the Developer Fee, and which entity 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
2. If there is no eligible Non-Profit Applications in which one or more Non-Profit entities own 100 percent of the ownership interest in the Development held by the general partner or managing member entity, and which one or more Non-Profit entities shall receive 100 percent of the Developer Fee, and which entity 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; then the first Application that will be selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Application proposing a Development that is located in the Central Florida or Tampa Bay Region that qualifies for the Non-Profit Application Goal.
3. If there are no eligible Applications that qualify for the Non-Profit Application Goal located in the Central Florida or Tampa Bay Region, then the first Application that will be selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible for-profit Application located in the Central Florida or Tampa Bay Region.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss either of these recommendation in more depth.

Thank you,  
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