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Jean

I am not sure if you are accepting comments on the HOME Program, but I would like to make the following comment:

22 out of 67 counties receive HOME funding. 2 cities that are in non-HOME entitlement counties are also receiving HOME funds

That leaves a lot of counties that do not receive HOME funding. There were (I am not sure if there still are) cities that were CDBG small cities in HOME entitlement counties that were not part of the local HOME consortium.

The State of Florida receives the money for all of them, but FHFC restricts HOME funding to only small counties. That means that a lot of communities that are contributing to the funding the state receives are not eligible to receive any of that funding.

I ask the Corporation to review this policy to allow other communities besides small counties to receive HOME funding - perhaps a proportional split between small and medium counties based on the funding that you receive

Thank you

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