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VIA EMAIL: Jean.Salmonsens@floridahousing.org

Ms. Jean Salmonsens  
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Re: Public Comment  
RFA 2022-206 HOME Financing To Be Used For Rental Developments In Certain Hurricane Ian Impacted Counties (the "RFA")

Dear Ms. Salmonsens,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the RFA, as well as Florida Housing moving swiftly in offering funding options for areas severely impacted by Hurricane Ian. Following the mass destruction caused by Hurricane Ian, all 26 Florida counties impacted by the storm are in dire need of adding safe and affordable housing inventory.

We would like to respectfully request Florida Housing to consider adding Lee County to the list of Counties eligible to participate in the RFA, to be designated a Tier 1 County and eligible to utilizing MMRB (or local bonds) and 4% Housing Credits in conjunction with HOME funds

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, affordable housing has been increasingly hard to locate for tenants, locally and nationally. The devastating damage caused by Hurricane Ian has exacerbated the already dire affordable housing crisis in Lee County, where Hurricane Ian made initial landfall as a Category 4 storm causing billions of dollars worth of damage and dramatically increasing the amount of homeless households. As a result, in Lee County, the need for new affordable housing communities has never been greater. Including Lee County within the list of eligible counties to participate in the RFA will provide the opportunity for new affordable housing options which will allow families impacted by Hurricane Ian to remain close to their loved ones, support systems, healthcare providers and the community they've always known and love.

The extensive damage caused by Hurricane Ian to homes and buildings, further emphasizes the need for not only safe and affordable housing but also sustainable development. Due to this, we believe there should be a multiplier within the leveraging calculations, item c. of the RFA's Application Sorting Order, to provide a benefit of offsetting the additional cost for proposed developments which qualify as Enhanced Structural Systems ("ESS") Construction, as utilized within the SAIL and 9% RFA's.

Thank you, we sincerely appreciate your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Allan", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Allan  
President  
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