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Nancy Muller  
Policy Director  
Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Ms. Muller,

I recently received notice of the upcoming workshop on the 2016/2017 Request for Applications process. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the workshop on July 21, 2016. In lieu of attending in person, I submit the following comments for consideration of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) on behalf of Boley Centers, Inc.

While we understand FHFC's desire to reach all parts of the state, this effort has resulted in no special needs developments in the portions of the state with the highest population (and therefore need). To paraphrase the bank robber when ask why he robs banks; "because that's where they keep the money." FHFC should be building special needs housing where the people with special needs reside!

The only option remaining for non-profit housing developers in larger Counties is to partner with for-profit developers doing Low Income Housing Tax Credit developments. While Boley Centers, and other non-profit providers, have chosen to take this path it impacts the size of the development, control/independence, and service delivery model available to the non-profit "partner". This policy has also had the impact of luring for-profit general contractors into parts of the state where they have no experience and recruiting non-profit provider "partners" who have little or no housing experience.

We strongly encourage FHFC to reconsider this approach and award special needs housing development financing to the **best** proposals – not based on County size.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 727-821-4819 x 5717 or [jackhumburg@boleycenters.org](mailto:jackhumburg@boleycenters.org).

Sincerely,

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