

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS 2019-113

**RFA 2019-113 HOUSING CREDIT FINANCING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS LOCATED IN
MEDIUM AND SMALL COUNTIES**

Issued By:

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SECTION ONE INTRODUCTION

This Request for Applications (RFA) is open to Applicants proposing the development of affordable, multifamily housing located in the Medium and Small Counties listed in Section Four A.5.a. of the RFA.

Under this RFA, Florida Housing Finance Corporation (the Corporation) expects to have (i) up to an estimated \$14,805,028 of Housing Credits available for award to proposed Developments that are located in Medium Counties and (ii) up to an estimated \$1,413,404 of Housing Credits available for award to proposed Developments that are located in Small Counties.

The Corporation is soliciting applications from qualified Applicants that commit to provide housing in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFA, inclusive of all Exhibits, applicable laws, rules and regulations, and the Corporation's generally applicable construction and financial standards.

SECTION TWO DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined in Exhibit B, capitalized terms within this RFA shall have the meaning as set forth in Rule Chapters 67-48 and 67-60, F.A.C., or in applicable federal regulations.

SECTION THREE PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS

A. Submission Requirements.

Unless otherwise stated within the RFA, the Application package, forms and other information related to this RFA may be found on the RFA Website at

<https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/2019/2019-113> (also available by clicking [here](#)).

1. Application Deadline

The Application Deadline is **3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on October 29, 2019.**

2. Completing the Application Package

a. Downloading and completing the documents provided by the Corporation

The Applicant must download and complete the following documents found on the RFA Website:

- (1) The Application (Exhibit A of the RFA);
- (2) The Development Cost Pro Forma; and
- (3) The Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) ("Principals Disclosure Form"). A Principals Disclosure Form that was approved during the Advance Review Process, which is

described in Section Four A.3.d. of the RFA, may be used to satisfy this requirement.

The download process may take several minutes. Applicants should save these three documents with a file name that is unique to the specific Application.

b. Creating the All Attachments Document

In addition to the three documents described in a. above, the Application Package also includes one copy consisting of all of the applicable completed Attachments described in the RFA (“All Attachments Document”).

The Applicant must compile all of the Attachments described in the RFA into one pdf file separated by pages labeling each Attachment to create the All Attachments Document. This may be accomplished by merging the documents using a computer program such as Adobe Acrobat Pro or by scanning all of the attachments together.

Note: The Corporation has provided sample pages that may be used to separate the attachments on the RFA Website. If any of the attachments are not applicable, the Applicant should insert a page stating “Not Applicable” behind the separation page.

3. Uploading the Application Package

The Application Package consists of Exhibit A, the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Principal Disclosure Form, and the All Attachments Document. To upload the Application Package:

- a. Go to the RFA Website.
- b. Click the link to login and upload the Application Package. Note: A username and password must be entered. If the Applicant has not previously created a username and password, the Applicant will need to create one prior to the upload process.
- c. After successfully logging in, the Applicant must click “Upload Application Package.” The Applicant must also enter the Development Name and click “Browse” to locate the following completed documents saved on the Applicant’s computer:
 - (1) The Application (Exhibit A) in Word format;
 - (2) The Development Cost Pro Forma in Excel format;
 - (3) The Principals Disclosure form in Excel format. (If the Applicant received an approved Principals Disclosure Form through the Advance Review Process, the approved form is what should be uploaded);

- (4) The All Attachments Document in a pdf format.

The average file size is 1.0 MB and should take a moment or two to upload. Larger files may take longer to upload. There is a file size limit of 15 MB, but this may be able to be reduced without reducing the number of pages submitted. Examples of factors that affect file size include the resolution of the scanner or scanning the documents in color or as a graphic/picture.

- d. After the four documents are displayed in the Upload webpage, the Applicant must click "Upload Selected Files" to electronically submit the documents to the Corporation by the Application Deadline. Then the Uploaded Application (consisting of all four documents comprising the Application Package), and its assigned Response Number will be visible in the first column.

Note: If the Applicant clicks "Delete" prior to the Application Deadline, the Application will no longer be considered a Submitted Application and the Applicant will be required to upload the Application Package again in order for these documents to be considered an Uploaded Application. This will generate a new Response Number.

4. Submission to the Corporation

By the Application Deadline, the Applicant must provide to the Corporation the following:

- a. A sealed package containing a printed copy of the final Application Package housed in a 3-ring-binder with numbered divider tabs for each attachment. The final assigned Response Number should be reflected on each page of the printed copy of the Application Package; and
- b. The required non-refundable \$3,000 Application fee, payable to Florida Housing Finance Corporation (check or money order only).

The Applicant should label the outside of the shipping box with the applicable RFA number. The Corporation will not consider faxed or e-mailed Applications.

After 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the Application Deadline, each Application for which a hard copy, an electronically submitted copy, and the Application Fee are received by the Application Deadline will be assigned an Application number. In addition, these Applications will be assigned a lottery number by having the Corporation's internal auditors run the total number of Applications received through a random number generator program.

The printed copy of the Application Package must be addressed to:

Marisa Button
 Director of Multifamily Allocations
 Florida Housing Finance Corporation
 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301

If the hard copy of the Application Package is not identical to the electronically submitted Application Package, the electronically submitted Application Package will be utilized for scoring purposes.

Pursuant to subsection 67-60.004(2), F.A.C., any Applicant may request withdrawal of its Application from a competitive solicitation by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Corporation Clerk. For purposes of the funding selection process, the Corporation shall not accept any Application withdrawal request that is submitted between 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the last business day before the date the Review Committee meets to make its recommendations until after the Board has taken action on the Review Committee's recommendations, and such Application shall be included in the funding selection process as if no withdrawal request had been submitted. Any funding or allocation that becomes available after such withdrawal is accepted shall be treated as Returned Funding and disposed of according to Section Five B. of the RFA.

- B. This RFA does not commit the Corporation to award any funding to any Applicant or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation or delivery of an Application.
- C. Florida Housing reserves the right to:
 - 1. Waive Minor Irregularities; and
 - 2. Accept or reject any or all Applications received as a result of this RFA.
- D. Any interested party may submit any inquiry regarding this RFA in writing to the Director of Multifamily Allocations via e-mail at RFA_2019-113_Questions@floridahousing.org (also accessible by clicking [here](#)) with "Questions regarding RFA 2019-113" as the subject of the email. All inquiries are due by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 26, 2019. Phone calls or written inquiries other than at the above e-mail address will not be accepted. The Corporation expects to respond to all inquiries by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on October 3, 2019, and will post a copy of all inquiries received, and their answers, on the RFA Website. The Corporation will also send a copy of those inquiries and answers in writing to any interested party that requests a copy. The Corporation will determine the method of sending its answers, which may include regular United States mail, overnight delivery, fax, e-mail, or any combination of the above. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as an official response or statement from the Corporation.
- E. Any person who wishes to protest the specifications of this RFA must file a protest in compliance with Section 120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule Chapter 28-110, F.A.C. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Fla. Stat., shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Fla. Stat.
- F. By submitting this Application, including all applicable attachments thereto, each Applicant agrees to the terms and conditions outlined in the RFA and certifies that:
 - 1. Public Records. Any material submitted in response to this RFA is a public record pursuant to Chapter 119, Fla. Stat. Per Section 119.071(1)(b)2., the sealed Applications received by the Corporation are exempt from disclosure until such time as the Board

provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 Calendar Days after the opening of the sealed Applications, whichever is earlier.

2. **Noninterference.** At no time during the review and evaluation process, commencing with the Application Deadline and continuing until the Board renders a final decision on the RFA, may Applicants or their representatives contact Board members or Corporation staff, except Corporation legal staff, concerning their own or any other Applicant's Application. If an Applicant or its representative does contact a Board or staff member in violation of this section, the Board shall, upon a determination that such contact was made in an attempt to influence the selection process, disqualify the Application.
 3. **Requirements.** Proposed Developments funded under this RFA will be subject to the requirements of the RFA, inclusive of all Exhibits, the Application requirements outlined in Rule Chapter 67-60, F.A.C., the requirements outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., and the Compliance requirements of Rule Chapter 67-53, F.A.C.
 4. **Modifications.** Any modifications that occur to the Request for Application will be posted on the web site and may result in an extension of the deadline. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to check the website for any modifications prior to the Application Deadline.
- G. The Corporation expects to select one or more Applications to award the funding contemplated by this RFA. Any such Applications will be selected through the Corporation's review of each Application, considering the factors identified in this RFA.

SECTION FOUR INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED IN APPLICATION

Provided below are the instructions to be used in completing Exhibit A of this RFA.

A. Exhibit A Items

1. Submission Requirements

Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement

The Applicant must include an Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form, executed by the Authorized Principal Representative, as **Attachment 1** to Exhibit A to indicate the Applicant's certification and acknowledgement of the provisions and requirements of the RFA. The Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form is provided on the RFA Website. Note: If the Applicant provides any version of the Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form other than the version included in this RFA, the form will not be considered.

2. Demographic Commitment

The Applicant must select one of the following Demographic Commitments:

- a. Family – The proposed Development will serve the general population.
- b. Elderly – The Applicant must indicate whether the proposed Development will be an Elderly Assisted Living Facility (ALF) or an Elderly Non-ALF.

If the Elderly demographic commitment is selected, the Applicant understands, acknowledges and agrees that it will comply with the Federal Fair Housing Act requirements for housing for older persons and rent at least 80 percent of the total units to residents that qualify as older persons pursuant to that Act or as provided under any state or federal program that the Secretary of HUD determines is specifically designed and operated to assist elderly persons (as defined in the state or federal program). Further, the Applicant understands, acknowledges and agrees that all such units are subject to the income restrictions committed to in the Set-Aside Commitment section of this Application.

3. Applicant/Developer/Management Company/Contact Person

a. Applicant Information

- (1) State the name of the Applicant.
- (2) The Applicant must be a legally formed entity [i.e., limited partnership, limited liability company, etc.] qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline. The Applicant must include, as **Attachment 2** to Exhibit A, evidence from the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, that the Applicant satisfies the foregoing requirements. Such evidence may be in the form of a certificate of status or other reasonably reliable information or documentation issued, published or made available by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.
- (3) An Applicant that indicates that it is applying as a Non-Profit will only be considered a Non-Profit, for purposes of this RFA, if the Applicant (i) answers the question demonstrating that it meets the definition of Non-Profit as set out in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.; and (ii) provides the required information stated below. Any Applicant that applies as a Non-Profit but is not considered a Non-Profit will still be eligible for funding as a for profit entity.

The Applicant's Non-Profit status will be verified during credit underwriting. If this cannot be verified, the Applicant will no longer be considered a Non-Profit Applicant and, if the proposed Development was funded to meet the Non-Profit Goal, funding awarded under this RFA may be rescinded. Provide the following information for the Non-Profit entity that meets the definition stated in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. as **Attachment 3**:

- (a) The IRS determination letter;
- (b) A description/explanation of how the Non-Profit entity is substantially and materially participating in the management and operation of the Development (i.e., the role of the Non-Profit);

- (c) The names and addresses of the members of the governing board of the Non-Profit entity; and
- (d) The articles of incorporation demonstrating that one of the purposes of the Non-Profit entity is to foster low-income housing.

If the Applicant applies as a Non-Profit entity and meets the requirements outlined above to be considered a Non-Profit for purposes of this RFA, it must remain a Non-Profit entity and the Non-Profit entity must (i) receive at least 25 percent of the Developer's fee; and (ii) contractually ensure that it substantially and materially participates in the management and operation of the Development throughout the Compliance Period.

b. General Developer Information

- (1) The Applicant must state the name of each Developer, including all co-Developers.
- (2) Each Developer entity identified (that is not a natural person) must be a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline. For each stated Developer entity that is not a natural person, provide, as **Attachment 4** to Exhibit A, evidence from the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, that the Developer satisfies the foregoing requirements. Such evidence may be in the form of a certificate of status or other reasonably reliable information or documentation issued, published or made available by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.
- (3) General Development Experience

To be eligible for funding, at least one natural person Principal of the Developer entity, or if more than one Developer entity, at least one natural person Principal of at least one of the Developer entities, must meet the General Development Experience requirements in (a) and (b) below. The individual meeting the General Development Experience requirements must be disclosed on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 08-2016) outlined in d. below and must remain with the Development until the release of the operating deficit guarantee set forth in Rule 67-48.0072(18). To receive five points, the requirements outlined in (c) below must be met.

(a) General Development Experience

A natural person Principal of at least one experienced Developer entity, which must be disclosed on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) described in d. below must have, since January 1, 1999, completed at least three affordable rental housing developments, at least one of which was a Housing Credit development completed since January 1, 2009. At least one of the three completed developments must consist of a total number of

units no less than 50 percent of the total number of units in the proposed Development. For purposes of this provision, completed for each of the three developments means (i) that the temporary or final certificate of occupancy has been issued for at least one unit in one of the residential apartment buildings within the development, or (ii) that at least one IRS Form 8609 has been issued for one of the residential apartment buildings within the development. As used in this section, a Housing Credit development that contains multiple buildings is a single development regardless of the number of buildings within the development for which an IRS Form 8609 has been issued.

If the experience of a natural person Principal for a Developer entity listed in this Application was acquired from a previous affordable housing Developer entity, the natural person Principal must have also been a Principal of that previous Developer entity as the term Principal was defined by the Corporation at that time.

(b) Prior General Development Experience Chart

The Applicant must provide, as **Attachment 4** to Exhibit A, a prior experience chart for each natural person Principal intending to meet the minimum general development experience reflecting the required information for the three completed affordable rental housing developments, one of which must be a Housing Credit development.

Each prior experience chart must include the following information:

Prior General Development Experience Chart				
Name of natural person Principal with the required experience:				
Name of Developer Entity (for the proposed Development) for which the above individual is a Principal:				
Name of Development	Location (City & State)	Affordable Housing Program that Provided Financing (e.g., Housing Credits, Tax-Exempt Bonds, HOME, SAIL, etc.)	Total Number of Units	Year Completed

(c) Development Experience Withdrawal Disincentive **(5 points)**

In an effort to encourage the submission of quality Applications, the Corporation will award points for Development experience in certain future RFAs. Applicants and Developers are on notice that any Application submitted in this RFA that is withdrawn any time subsequent to the Application Deadline but on or before the execution of the Carryover Allocation Agreement and payment of the Administrative fee will (if the future RFA so provides) result in a point reduction in the scoring of Development experience in future Applications in which the Developer, Co-Developer or any Principal of the Developer(s) named in the Developer section of the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form of the withdrawn Application is named for purposes of satisfying the Development

experience requirement in the future Application. As used herein, an Application withdrawal includes a withdrawal of an Application (or the funding under such Application) initiated or made by the Corporation itself where such withdrawal by the Corporation is the result of the Applicant's failure to act or pay fees in a timely manner as required by the RFA.

No Principal named in this RFA, for purposes of satisfying the Development experience requirement outlined above, is also listed as a Developer, co-Developer or Principal of the Developer named on the Principals Disclosure Form included in RFA 2017-103, RFA 2017-111, RFA 2017-112, RFA 2017-113, RFA 2017-114, RFA 2018-103, RFA 2018-108, RFA 2018-110, RFA 2018-111, RFA 2018-112, RFA 2018-113, 2019-103 and/or 2019-106 where an Application has been withdrawn any time subsequent to the applicable RFA's Application Deadline, but on or before the execution of the Carryover Allocation Agreement(s) and payment of the Administrative Fee(s) for such Application(s).

For purposes of scoring this RFA, the Committee shall consider all such withdrawals that are made available to the Committee prior to the date that the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board.

To receive five points, the Applicant must meet the above requirements.

c. **Principals Disclosure for the Applicant and for each Developer (5 points)**

(1) **Eligibility Requirements**

To meet the submission requirements, the Applicant must upload the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) ("Principals Disclosure Form") with the Application and Development Cost Pro Forma, as outlined in Section Three above. Prior versions of the Principal Disclosure Form will not be accepted.

The Principals Disclosure Form must identify, pursuant to subsections 67-48.002(94), 67-48.0075(8) and 67-48.0075(9), the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) as of the Application Deadline. The investor limited partner of an Applicant limited partnership or the investor member of an Applicant limited liability company must be identified. A Principals Disclosure Form should not include, for any organizational structure, any type of entity that is not specifically included in the Rule definition of Principals.

(2) **Point Item**

Applicants will receive 5 points if the uploaded Principal Disclosure Form was stamped "Approved" during the Advance Review Process. The Advance Review Process for Disclosure of Applicant and Developer Principals is available on the

RFA Website and also includes samples which may assist the Applicant in completing the required Principals Disclosure Form.

Note: It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to review the Advance Review Process procedures and to submit any Principals Disclosure Form for review in a timely manner in order to meet the Application Deadline.

- (3) For purposes of the following, a material change shall mean 33.3 percent or more of the Applicant, a general partner of the Applicant, or a non-investor member of the Applicant, and a non-material change shall mean less than 33.3 percent of the Applicant, a general partner of the Applicant, or a non-investor member of the Applicant.

The name of the Applicant entity stated in the Application may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Board after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting.

The Applicant entity shall be the recipient of the Housing Credits and cannot be changed in any way (materially or non-materially) until after the Carryover Allocation Agreement is in effect. Once the Carryover Allocation Agreement has been executed by all parties, (a) replacement of the Applicant or a material change in the ownership structure of the named Applicant will require Board approval prior to the change, and (b) any non-material change in the ownership structure of the named Applicant will require Corporation approval prior to the change. The Applicant entity may be changed without Board approval after a Final Cost Certification Package has been approved by the Corporation and the IRS Forms 8609 have been issued; however, the Corporation must still be notified in writing of the change. Changes to the Applicant entity (material or non-material) prior to the execution of a Carryover Allocation Agreement or without Board approval or Corporation approval, as applicable, prior to the approval of the Final Housing Credit Allocation and issuance of the IRS Forms 8609 may result in a disqualification from receiving funding and may be deemed a material misrepresentation. Changes to the officers or directors of a Public Housing Authority the officers or directors of a non-profit corporation, or the investor limited partner of an Applicant limited partnership or the investor-member of an Applicant limited liability company owning the syndicating interest therein will not result in disqualification.

- (4) The Principals of each Developer identified in the Application, including all co-Developers, may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Board after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting. In addition, any allowable replacement of an experienced Principal of a Developer entity must meet the experience requirements that were met by the original Principal.

d. General Management Company Information

The Applicant must identify the Management Company and provide, as **Attachment 5** to Exhibit A, a prior experience chart for the Management Company or a principal of

Management Company demonstrating experience in the management of at least two affordable rental housing properties (i.e., properties funded through an affordable housing program such as Housing Credits, Tax-Exempt Bonds, HOME, SAIL, etc.), at least one of which consists of a total number of units no less than 50 percent of the total number of units in the proposed Development, for at least two years each.

The prior experience chart must include the following information:

Prior General Management Experience Chart				
Name of Management Company or a Principal of the Management Company with the Required Experience: _____				
Name of Development	Location (City & State)	Currently Managing or Formerly Managed	Length of Time (Number of Years)	Total Number of Units

e. **Contact Person**

- (1) Enter the information for the required Authorized Principal Representative. The Authorized Principal Representative (a) must be a natural person Principal of the Applicant listed on the Principal Disclosure Form; (b) must have signature authority to bind the Applicant entity; (c) must sign the Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form submitted in this Application; (d) must sign the Site Control Certification form submitted in this Application; and (e) if funded, will be the recipient of all future documentation that requires a signature.
- (2) A separate Operational Contact Person may be included, if desired. If provided, the Operational Contact Person will be the recipient of any general correspondence associated with the Development activities that does not require a signature. If an Operational Contact Person is not provided, the Authorized Principal Representative will be the recipient of any such documentation.

4. General Proposed Development Information

Unless stated otherwise, all information requested in the RFA pertains to the Development proposed in this Application.

- a. State the name of the proposed Development.
- b. Development Category/ Rental Assistance (RA) Level
 - (1) The Applicant must select one of the following Development Categories:
 - New Construction
 - Rehabilitation
 - Acquisition and Rehabilitation
 - Redevelopment

- Acquisition and Redevelopment

If the proposed Development consists of acquisition and Rehabilitation, with or without new construction (where the applicable new construction is for the building of units which will total less than 50 percent of the proposed Development's total unit count), and the Applicant is not requesting Corporation funding related to the acquisition, the Applicant should select Rehabilitation as the Development Category. However, the acquisition costs and sources must still be reflected on the Development Cost Pro Forma.

- (2) The proposed Development must meet the Development Category requirements for the applicable Development Category as listed below:
- (a) New Construction
- At least 50 percent of the total units must be new construction
- (b) Rehabilitation (with or without Acquisition)
- (i) Less than 50 percent of the total units must be new construction;
- (ii) The proposed Development must meet the definition of Rehabilitation in Rule 67-48.002, F.A.C.; and
- (iii) The estimated qualified basis in Rehabilitation expenses per set aside unit within one 24-month period for the building(s) being rehabilitated must be at least \$25,000 per set-aside unit. This is calculated using the greater of the two following criteria:
- 20 percent of the eligible Total Acquisition Costs of Existing Development reflected in Column 1 of Item B. of the Development Cost Pro Forma, multiplied by the Total Set-Aside Percentage, with the resulting amount divided by the number of total set-aside units; or
 - The eligible Total Development Cost reflected in Column 1 of Item G of the Development Cost Pro Forma, minus the eligible Acquisition Costs of Existing Development reflected in Column 1 of Item B. of the Development Cost Pro Forma, minus Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs reflected in Column 1 of the Development Cost Pro Forma. If the proposed Development qualifies for a basis boost, take this calculated amount and multiply it by 1.3. Take the resulting amount and multiply by the Total Set-Aside Percentage and then divide by the number of set-aside units.
- (c) Redevelopment (with or without Acquisition)

- (i) At least 50 percent of the total units must be new construction;
- (ii) The Development must meet the definition of Redevelopment in Rule Chapter 67-48.002, F.A.C.; and
- (ii) The Applicant must provide, as **Attachment 6** to Exhibit A, a Development Category Qualification Letter from HUD or RD, dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline, which includes the following information:
 - Name of the Development*;
 - Address of the Development;
 - Year built**;
 - Total number of units that will receive PBRA and/or ACC if the proposed Development is funded;
 - Total number of units that currently have or are receiving PBRA and/or ACC. If none, the total number of units that originally received PBRA; and
 - The HUD or RD program currently associated with the existing development. If none, the HUD or RD program originally associated with the existing development.

*For purposes of this provision, the Name of the Development may be the name at the time of the PBRA and/or ACC award.

** The Development must be built in 1986 or earlier to meet the definition of Redevelopment.

(3) Rental Assistance (RA) Level Classification

(a) Development Category Qualification Letter

- (i) Development Category of Redevelopment (with or without Acquisition)

The Development Category Qualification Letter is required of all Developments with the Development Category of Redevelopment (with or without Acquisition) as stated in the Development Category requirements above.

- (ii) Development Category of New Construction or Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition

The Development Category Qualification Letter is not an eligibility requirement for proposed Developments with the Development Category of New Construction or Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition; however, in order to be classified as an RA Level other than RA Level 6, the Development Category Qualification Letter must be provided as **Attachment 6**, and must meet the following requirements:

The Development Category Qualification Letter must be a letter from a designated administrator of a federal program that provides long-term rental assistance. The rental assistance provided must be tied to the proposed Development and its units and be for a minimum of 20 years from the date the Development's units are placed in service*. The letter must include the following information and be dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline:

- Name of the proposed Development;
- Address of the proposed Development;
- Total number of units that will receive PBRA, ACC, and/or other form of federal long-term rental assistance if the proposed Development is funded;
- The federal program associated with the rental assistance; and
- A statement that the committed rental assistance will be reserved and available for use by the proposed Development by the time the units are placed in service and committed for a minimum of 20 years upon the units being placed in service*.

*This may be subject to congressional appropriation and continuation of the rental assistance program. For developments documenting the commitment of RD rental assistance, the minimum 20-year commitment term from the date the Development's units are placed in service is not applicable.

All funded Applications will be held to the number of RA units stated in the Development Category Qualification Letter provided by the Applicant. This requirement will apply throughout the compliance period, subject to congressional appropriation and continuation of the rental assistance program.

(b) Calculating the Rental Assistance (RA) Level

The total number of units that will receive rental assistance (i.e., PBRA and/or ACC and, in the case of New Construction and Rehabilitation, other forms of federal long-term rental assistance), as stated in the Development Category Qualification Letter provided as **Attachment 6**, will be considered to be the proposed Development's RA units and will be the basis of the Applicant's RA Level Classification. The Corporation will divide the RA units stated in the Development Category Qualification Letter by the total units stated by the Applicant in Exhibit A, resulting in a Percentage of Total Units that are RA units. Using the Rental Assistance Level Classification Chart below, the Corporation will determine the RA Level associated with both the Percentage of Total Units and the number of RA units. The best rating of these two levels will be assigned as the Application's RA Level Classification.

Rental Assistance Level Classification Chart			
Rental Assistance Level	Percentage of Total Units that will receive Rental Assistance		Number of RA Units that will receive Rental Assistance
Level 1	All units (with the exception of up to 2 units)	or	At least 100 RA units and greater than 50% of the total units
Level 2	Greater than 90.00%	or	Greater than 90 RA units but less than 100 RA units and greater than 50% of the total units
Level 3	Greater than 75.00%, equal to or less than 90.00%	or	Greater than 75 RA units but less than 90 RA units and greater than 50% of the total units
Level 4	Greater than 50.00%, equal to or less than 75.00%		N/A
Level 5	Greater than 10.00%, equal to or less than 50.00%		N/A
Level 6*	10.00% or less of the total units receive rental assistance		N/A

*Applications will be classified RA Level 6 if 10.00% or less of the total units will receive rental assistance or if the Applicant fails to meet the criteria outlined above.

(4) Development Category Funding Preference

- (a) Applicants that selected the Development Category of New Construction or Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition, will automatically qualify for the Development Category Funding Preference.
- (b) Qualifications for Applicants that selected the Development Category of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition

Applicants that selected the Development Category of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition, will qualify for the Development Category Funding Preference outlined in Section Five of the RFA by indicating at question 4.b.(4) of Exhibit A that the proposed Development does NOT meet the definition of Preservation as defined in Rule Chapter 67-48.002, F.A.C.

If Applicants that selected the Development Category of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition do not answer question 4.b.(4) of Exhibit A, or if the Application reflects an answer of "Yes", the Application will NOT qualify for the Development Category Funding Preference.

c. Development Type

Select the Development Type for the proposed Development. For mixed-type Developments, indicate the type that will comprise the majority of the units in the Development.

- Garden Apartments (a building comprised of 1, 2 or 3 stories, with or without an elevator)
- Townhouses
- Duplexes
- Quadraplexes

- Mid-Rise, 4-stories (a building comprised of 4 stories and each residential building must have at least one elevator)
- Mid-Rise, 5 to 6-stories (a building comprised of 5 or 6 stories and each residential building must have at least one elevator)
- High Rise (a building comprised of 7 or more stories and each residential building must have at least one elevator)

For purposes of determining the number of stories, each floor in the building(s) should be counted regardless of whether it will consist of retail, parking, or residential.

Note: Any dwelling unit that consists of more than one story, (e.g. Townhouse), is prohibited for Elderly set-aside units. A residential building that consists of more than one story is not prohibited for Elderly set-aside units if there is a minimum of one elevator per residential building provided for all Elderly set-aside units that are located on a floor higher than the first floor.

* For purposes of the HC Leveraging Classification described in Item 3 of Exhibit C, if the Applicant selects the Development Category of New Construction and the Development Type of Mid-Rise, 5 to 6-stories, the Applicant must indicate whether at least 90% of the proposed Development's total units will be contained in the Mid-Rise building(s). If "No", or if the question is not answered, the Application will not qualify for the Mid-Rise multiplier.

d. Enhanced Structural Systems ("ESS") Construction Qualifications

To qualify as "Enhanced Structural Systems Construction" or "ESS Construction" for purposes of the Total Development Cost Limitation calculation and the A/B Leveraging calculation, the proposed Development must meet at least one of the specifications listed below.

- (1) For all new construction buildings, and as of the Application Deadline for all existing buildings proposed for rehabilitation, as applicable, all of the following structural elements must consist of 100 percent poured concrete/masonry, 100 percent steel, or a combination adding up to 100 percent of concrete/masonry and steel, as verified during credit underwriting: all exterior walls and other external load-bearing elements, as well as the floor of the lowest story of the building that contains residential, commercial or storage space (other than parking), and any under-floor/under-ground supports for that lowest story's floor.

Additionally, if the proposed work includes rehabilitation of any structural elements listed above, the structural elements must also meet the above requirements after completion of the rehabilitation work.

- (2) Any new construction buildings with the Development Type of Mid-Rise (4, 5 or 6 story) that utilize a ESS Podium Structure shall qualify as "ESS Construction." New construction buildings of other Development Types that utilize a ESS Podium Structure must meet the requirements in (1) above in order to qualify

as “ESS Construction.” In this event, the top surface of the podium itself shall be considered to be the floor of the lowest story of the building that contains residential, commercial or storage space (other than parking).

For the purposes of determining “ESS Construction,” there is no requirement regarding the materials to be used in the roof of the building.

The term “ESS Podium Structure” shall mean a non-residential support structure underneath the rental units constructed solely of concrete/masonry, steel, or some combination of concrete/masonry and steel together, and where said structure under the rental units must utilize at least 85 percent of the square footage for parking or non-commercial utility/ancillary building uses only. Up to 15 percent of the square footage can be used for other non-residential purposes.

These qualifying criteria specifically exclude face brick or brick veneer from qualifying as ESS Construction for purposes of this RFA unless the proposed Development otherwise meets the requirements in (1) or (2) above.

For purposes of this RFA, the Corporation will consider an Application to be ESS Construction if the answer to question 4.d. of Exhibit A is “Yes.” This will be verified during the credit underwriting process. If this cannot be verified the Development will no longer be considered ESS Construction, and funding awarded under this RFA may be rescinded.

5. Location of Proposed Development

- a. The Applicant must indicate the county where the proposed Development will be located. The location of proposed Developments applying in this RFA is limited to medium counties identified on the table below.

Medium and Small County Geographic Categories

Medium		Small	
Alachua	Manatee	Baker	Jefferson
Bay	Marion	Bradford	Lafayette
Brevard	Martin	Calhoun	Levy
Charlotte	Okaloosa	Columbia	Liberty
Citrus	Osceola	De Soto	Madison
Clay	Pasco	Dixie	Monroe
Collier	Polk	Franklin	Nassau
Escambia	St. Johns	Gadsden	Okeechobee
Flagler	St. Lucie	Gilchrist	Putnam
Hernando	Santa Rosa	Glades	Suwannee
Highlands	Sarasota	Gulf	Taylor
Indian River	Seminole	Hamilton	Union
Lake	Sumter	Hardee	Wakulla
Lee	Volusia	Hendry	Walton
Leon		Holmes	Washington
		Jackson	

b. Provide the Address of the Development site

Indicate (1) the address number, street name, and name of city, and/or (2) the street name, closest designated intersection, and either name of city or unincorporated area of county. If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, this information must be provided for each of the Scattered Sites.

c. State whether the Development consists of Scattered Sites.

If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, the following conditions must be met:

- (1) A part of the boundary of each Scattered Site must be located within ½ mile of a part of the boundary of the Scattered Site with the most units;
- (2) Site control and Ability to Proceed must be demonstrated in the Application for all Scattered Sites; and
- (3) All Scattered Sites must be located within the same county.

d. Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

- (1) All Applicants must provide a Development Location Point stated in decimal degrees, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place. If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, as of Application Deadline the Development Location Point must affirmatively be established on the site with the most units, as outlined in subsection 67-48.002(34), F.A.C., and latitude and longitude coordinates for each Scattered Site must also be provided.
- (2) If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, for each Scattered Site the Applicant must provide the latitude and longitude coordinates of one point located anywhere on the Scattered Site. The coordinates must be stated in decimal degrees and rounded to at least the sixth decimal place.

Note: 30.443900, -84.283960 is an example of decimal degrees format, represented to six decimal places.

e. Proximity

The Application may earn proximity points based on the distance between the Development Location Point and the Bus or Rail Transit Service (if Private Transportation is not selected at question 5.e.(2)(a) of Exhibit A) and the Community Services stated in Exhibit A. Proximity points will not be applied towards the total score. Proximity points will only be used to determine whether the Applicant meets the required minimum proximity eligibility requirements and the Proximity Funding Preference, as outlined in the chart below.

Requirements and Funding Preference Qualifications

Applications are not required to achieve a minimum number of Transit Service Points but must achieve a minimum number of total proximity points to be eligible for funding. All Applications that achieve a higher number of total proximity points may also qualify for the Proximity Funding Preference as outlined below. The following will automatically qualify for the Proximity Funding Preference:

- (1) Applications that qualify for the Local Revitalization Initiative Goal outlined in Section Four A.11.b;
- (2) Applications that qualify as a Local Government Area of Opportunity as outlined in Section Four A.10.a.(4)(f).
- (3) Applications that select to compete for the Geographic Areas of Opportunity / SADDA Goal outlined in Section Four A.11. of the RFA that are located entirely in a HUD-designated SADDA. Note: If any portion of the proposed Development is located in a Geographic Areas of Opportunity census tract, the Proximity conditions must be met, regardless of whether the Application also qualifies as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity.

Location of Proposed Development	Required Minimum Transit Service Points if Eligible for PHA or RD Proximity Point Boost	Required Minimum Transit Service Points if NOT Eligible for PHA or RD Proximity Point Boost	Required Minimum Total Proximity Points that Must be Achieved to be eligible for funding	Total Proximity Points that Must be Achieved to Receive the Proximity Funding Preference
Medium County	N/A	N/A	7	9 or more
Small County	N/A	N/A	4	6 or more

The Application may earn proximity points through the following:

- Qualifying for the PHA Proximity Point Boost or the RD 515 Proximity Point Boost;
- Providing private transportation or based on the distance between the Development Location Point and the Bus or Rail Transit Service; and
- Based on the distance between the Development Location Point and the Community Services.

- (1) PHA or RD 515 Proximity Point Boost

- (a) PHA Proximity Point Boost

An Application that involves a site(s) with an existing Declaration of Trust between a Public Housing Authority (PHA) and HUD will qualify to receive a 3-point boost toward its proximity score if the Applicant provides a letter from the PHA dated within 12 months of the

Application Deadline certifying that the site(s) where all of the units in the proposed Development will be located has an existing Declaration of Trust between the PHA and HUD. The letter must be signed by the appropriate person authorized to make such a certification and must be provided as **Attachment 7** to Exhibit A.

or

(b) RD 515 Proximity Point Boost

An Application that involves property that is currently assisted with RD 515 funding will qualify to receive a 3-point boost toward its proximity score if the Applicant demonstrates RD 515 funding as outlined in Section Four A.10.c.(1) of the RFA and the Applicant selected the Development Category of Rehabilitation or Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition.

(2) Transit Services (Maximum of 6 points)

Applicants may select Private Transportation or provide the location information and distance for one of the remaining four Transit Services on which to base the Application's Transit Score. The Transit Service Scoring Charts, reflecting the methodology for calculating the points awarded based on the distances, are outlined Exhibit C.

Location of coordinates for Transit Services

For Public Bus Stop, Public Bus Rapid Transit Stop, Public Bus Transfer Stop, MetroRail, Station, TriRail Station, and SunRail Station, coordinates must represent the location where passengers may embark and disembark the bus or train.

(a) Private Transportation (2 Points)

This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected only if the Applicant selected the Elderly (ALF or Non-ALF) Demographic Commitment.

or

(b) Public Bus Stop (Maximum 6 Points)

(i) This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected by all Applicants.

(ii) Up to three Public Bus Stops may be selected. Each Public Bus Stop must meet the definition of Public Bus Stop, as defined in Exhibit B, using at least one unique bus route. Up to two of the

selected Public Bus Stops may be Sister Stops that serves the same route, as defined in Exhibit B.

or

- (c) Public Bus Transfer Stop (Maximum 6 Points)

This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected by all Applicants.

or

- (d) Public Bus Rapid Transit Stop (Maximum 6 Points)

This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected by all Applicants.

or

- (e) Public Rail Station (Maximum 6 Points)

This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected by all Applicants.

- (3) Community Services (Maximum 4 Points for each service, up to 3 services)

Applicants may provide the location information and distances for three of the following four Community Services on which to base the Application's Community Services Score. The Community Service Scoring Charts, which reflect the methodology for calculating the points awarded based on the distances, are outlined in Exhibit C.

Location of coordinates for Community Services

Coordinates must represent a point that is on the doorway threshold of an exterior entrance that provides direct public access to the building where the service is located. If there is no exterior public entrance to the Community Service, then a point should be used that is at the exterior entrance doorway threshold that is the closest walking distance to the doorway threshold of the interior public entrance to the service. For example, for a Pharmacy located within an enclosed shopping mall structure that does not have a direct public exterior entrance, the latitude and longitude coordinates at the doorway threshold of the exterior public entrance to the enclosed shopping mall that provide the shortest walking distance to the doorway threshold of the interior entrance to the Pharmacy would be used.

Applicants may use the same latitude and longitude coordinates for the Grocery Store, Medical Facility and/or Pharmacy if the Grocery Store, Medical Facility and/or Pharmacy is housed at the same location.

Eligible Community Services

- (a) Grocery Store - This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected by all Applicants.
 - (b) Public School - This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected only if the Applicant selected the Family Demographic Commitment.
 - (c) Medical Facility - This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected by all Applicants.
 - (d) Pharmacy - This service is defined in Exhibit B and may be selected only if the Applicant selected the Elderly Demographic Commitment (ALF or Non-ALF).
- (4) Scoring Proximity to Services (Transit and Community)
- (a) Private Transportation

Applicants that selected the Elderly (ALF or Non-ALF) Demographic Commitment and wish to provide Private Transportation as the Transit Service must select “Yes” at question 5.e.(2)(a) of Exhibit A to be eligible to receive 2 points.
 - (b) Bus and Rail Transit Services and Community Services

Applicants that wish to receive proximity points for Transit Services other than Private Transportation or points for any community service must provide latitude and longitude coordinates for that service, stated in decimal degrees, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place, and the distance between the Development Location point and the coordinates for the service. The distances between the Development Location Point and the latitude and longitude coordinates for each service will be the basis for awarding proximity points. Failure to provide the distance for any service will result in zero points for that service. The Transit and Community Service Scoring Charts reflecting the methodology for calculating the points awarded based on the distances are in Exhibit C.

f. Mandatory Distance Requirement

To be eligible for funding, Applications must qualify for the Mandatory Distance Requirement. Applications may qualify automatically (as outlined below). Applications that are not eligible for the automatic qualification will only qualify if the distance between the latitude and longitude coordinates provided for the Development Location Point, and any Scattered Sites, if applicable, to the coordinates for the other properties identified on the _____ FHFC Development Proximity List (the List) that serve the same demographic group as the proposed Development meets the Mandatory Distance Requirement as outlined in (2) below. The List is available on the RFA Website. Applications that do not qualify for the Mandatory Distance Requirement under (1) or (2) below will not be eligible for funding.

- (1) Applications Eligible for the Automatic qualification for the Mandatory Distance Requirement
- (a) The Applicant selected the Rehabilitation Development Category (with or without Acquisition), the proposed Development involves the Rehabilitation of an existing, occupied residential rental property in operation as of the Application Deadline, and the proposed Development meets all of the following criteria: (i) the Applicant commits to set aside 30 percent of the total units as ELI Set-Aside units on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart, and (ii) the proposed Development is classified as RA Level 1 or RA Level 2; or
 - (b) The Applicant selected the Redevelopment Development Category (with or without Acquisition) and the proposed Development meets all of the following criteria: (i) the Applicant commits to set aside 30 percent of the total units as ELI Set-Aside units on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart, (ii) the proposed Development is classified as RA Level 1 or RA Level 2, and (iii) the Percentage of Total Units that will have Rental Assistance is greater than 75 percent;
 - (c) The Applicant selected and qualified as a Local Government Area of Opportunity outlined in Section Four A.10.a.(4)(f) of the RFA;
 - (d) The proposed Development elects to be considered for the Geographic Areas of Opportunity / SADDA Funding Goal outlined in Section Four A.11. of the RFA and is located entirely in a HUD-designated SADDA. If any portion of the proposed Development is located in a Geographic Areas of Opportunity census tract, the Mandatory Distance requirements must be met, regardless of whether the Application also qualifies as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity; or
 - (e) The Applicant selected and qualified for the Local Revitalization Initiative Goal outlined in Section Four A.11.b. of the RFA.
- (2) Applications not eligible for the Automatic qualification for the Mandatory Distance Requirement will qualify for the Mandatory Distance Requirement if the distance between the latitude and longitude coordinates provided for the Development Location Point, and any Scattered Sites, if applicable, to the coordinates for the other properties identified on the _____ FHFC Development Proximity List (the List) that serve the same demographic group is at least 1.0 mile.

The _____ FHFC Development Proximity List and mapping software to display both the Proximity List properties on the list and the Mandatory Distance Requirement buffers described in the chart above are available on the Corporation's Website at [http://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/multifamily-mapping-application-\(beta\)](http://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/multifamily-mapping-application-(beta)) (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

An Applicant may disregard any Development(s) on the List if the proposed Development and any Development(s) on the List have one or more of the same Financial Beneficiaries and meet at least one of the following criteria: (i) they are contiguous or are divided by a street, and/or (ii) they are divided by a prior phase of the proposed Development. If this provision applies to the proposed Development, the Applicant must identify the Development(s) on the List that it wishes to disregard.

g. Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RECAP)

The Applicant must indicate whether any part of the proposed Development is located in a RECAP designated area. The Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty, effective 4-24-19 are available on the Corporation's Website at [https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/racially-and-ethnically-concentrated-areas-of-poverty-\(recap\)/2019-racially-and-ethnically-concentrated-areas-of-poverty-\(recap\)-information](https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/racially-and-ethnically-concentrated-areas-of-poverty-(recap)/2019-racially-and-ethnically-concentrated-areas-of-poverty-(recap)-information) (also accessible by clicking [here](#)). If the question is not answered, the Corporation will consider the proposed Development to be located in a RECAP designated area.

With three exceptions, proposed Developments that select the Development Category of New Construction or Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition, are not eligible to receive funding under this RFA if any part of the proposed Development is located in a RECAP designated area. The three exceptions to the above prohibition is for a proposed Development where (i) the Applicant selects and qualifies as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity as outlined in Section Four A.10.a.(4)(f) of the RFA; (ii) the Applicant elects to be considered for the Geographic Areas of Opportunity Funding Goal outlined in Section Four A.11. of the RFA and the entire Development is located in a HUD-designated SADDA. If any portion of the proposed Development is located in a Geographic Areas of Opportunity census tract, the RECAP conditions must be met, regardless of whether the Application also qualifies as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity; or (iii) the Applicant selects and qualifies for the Local Revitalization Initiative Goal outlined in Section Four A.11. of the RFA.

Proposed Developments that are located in a RECAP designated area that select the Development Category of Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition, are eligible for funding under this RFA.

If any part of the proposed Development is located in a RECAP designated area, the entire proposed Development will be considered to be located in a RECAP designated area.

h. Limited Development Areas (LDA)

- (1) A proposed Development will be designated as an LDA Development if:
 - (a) It is located in a county or an area of a county that is associated with the LDA area in the chart below;

- (b) The Applicant selected the applicable Demographic Commitment that is associated with the LDA area in the chart below; and
- (c) Any portion of the proposed Development is within the boundaries of the area designated as an LDA. The boundaries for the Limited Development Areas, effective 7-10-17 are reflected on the RFA Website and in the chart below.

Limited Development Area (LDA) Chart

County	Demographic Category	Area
Columbia	Family	Entire County*
Highlands	Family and Elderly	Entire County*
Madison	Family and Elderly	Entire County*

* A map reflecting this can be found on RFA Website.

- (2) For an LDA Development to be deemed eligible for funding, it must meet all of the following LDA Development Conditions. The conditions are:
 - (a) The Applicant demonstrated its commitment to set aside 30 percent of the total units as ELI Set-Aside units on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart; and
 - (b) The proposed Development is classified as RA Level 1 or RA Level 2; and
 - (c) The Percentage of Total Units that will have Rental Assistance is greater than 75 percent.
 - (d) The proposed Development consists of a total of 250 units or less.

(Note: the total number of units is further restricted by the Elderly Demographic provisions if the Applicant selected the Elderly Demographic Commitment (ALF or Non-ALF).

6. Number of Units and Buildings

- a. The Applicant must state the total number of units in the proposed Development.

All proposed Developments must consist of a minimum of 30 total units. The maximum total number of units, if applicable, is limited as follows:

- (1) Elderly Non-ALF Developments
 - (a) There is no total unit limitation for proposed Developments with the Development Category of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition, of an existing, occupied housing facility that is operating as housing for

older persons as set forth in the Federal Fair Housing Act as of the Application Deadline.

(b) Proposed Developments that do not meet the conditions in (a) above may consist of up to 160 total units.

(2) Elderly ALF Developments may not consist of more than 125 total units.

(3) Family Developments

There is no total unit limitation for Family Developments.

Note: The total number of units stated in the Application may be increased, up to any applicable allowable limit, after the Applicant has been invited to enter into credit underwriting, subject to written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Corporation.

b. The Applicant must indicate whether the proposed Development consists of (1) 100 percent new construction units (2) 100 percent rehabilitation units or (3) a combination of new construction units and rehabilitation units and state the quantity of each type.

c. If there are existing occupied units and if the Development is funded, the Applicant will be required to provide to the Credit Underwriter a plan for relocation of existing tenants, as outlined in Exhibit D.

d. Set-Aside Commitments

(1) Minimum Set-Aside Commitments per Section 42 of the IRC

Per Section 42 of the IRC, the Applicant must elect one of the following minimum set-aside commitments:

- 20% of the units at 50% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI)
- 40% of the units at 60% or less of the AMI
- Average Income Test

Note: Choosing the 20 percent at 50 percent AMI or less minimum set-aside will restrict ALL set-aside units at 50 percent or less of the AMI. Applicants may choose the 40 percent at 60 percent AMI or less minimum set-aside without committing to set aside any of the units at the 60 percent AMI level. For example, an Applicant may commit to set aside 40 percent at 50 percent AMI and this would also be considered 40 percent at 60 percent AMI or less.

The Average Income Test requires that (a) forty percent or more of the residential units in the Development be both rent-restricted and occupied by individuals whose income does not exceed the imputed income limitation designated by the Applicant with respect to the respective unit, subject to the special rules relating to income limitation which (b) require the Applicant to

designate the imputed income limitation of each unit taken into account under (a) above, such that the average of the imputed income limitations of all units designated by the Applicant shall not exceed 60 percent of the area median income. The designated imputed income limitation of any such unit shall be in 10-percent increments as follows: 20 percent, 30 percent, 40 percent, 50 percent, 60 percent, 70 percent, or 80 percent of the area median income.

(2) Set-Aside Commitments per Corporation Requirements

The Corporation has additional set-aside requirements beyond those required by Section 42 of the IRC which must be reflected on the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart, as outlined below:

(a) Total Income Set-Aside Commitment

- (i) If the proposed Development has a Demographic Commitment of Family or Elderly Non-ALF, the Applicant must set aside a total of at least 80 percent of the Development’s total units at 60 percent AMI or less;
- (ii) If the proposed Development has a Demographic Commitment of Elderly ALF, the Applicant must set aside a total of at least 50 percent of the Development’s total units at 60 percent AMI or less.

Note: If the Applicant commits to the Average Income Test, regardless of the Demographic Commitment, units may be set aside at or below 80 percent AMI, but the average AMI of all of the Set-Aside units cannot exceed 60 percent.

(b) Extremely Low Income (ELI) Set-Aside Requirements

The proposed Development must set aside a required percentage of total units for ELI Households. For purposes of this provision, the requirement to set aside units for ELI Households refers to the ELI Area Median Income (AMI) level for the county where the proposed Development is located, as outlined on the chart below.

If the Applicant chooses the Average Income Test at d.(1) above, the ELI AMI level will be 30%, regardless of county.

2019 ELI County Chart

ELI County Chart					
County	ELI Set-Aside AMI level	County	ELI Set-Aside AMI level	County	ELI Set-Aside AMI level
Alachua	33%	Hardee	40%	Okeechobee	40%
Baker	35%	Hendry	40%	Osceola	33%

Bay	35%
Bradford	40%
Brevard	35%
Calhoun	40%
Charlotte	40%
Citrus	40%
Clay	30%
Collier	30%
Columbia	40%
De Soto	40%
Dixie	40%
Escambia	33%
Flagler	35%
Franklin	40%
Gadsden	33%
Gilchrist	33%
Glades	40%
Gulf	40%
Hamilton	40%

Hernando	33%
Highlands	40%
Holmes	40%
Indian River	35%
Jackson	40%
Jefferson	33%
Lafayette	40%
Lake	33%
Lee	33%
Leon	33%
Levy	40%
Liberty	40%
Madison	40%
Manatee	33%
Marion	40%
Martin	35%
Monroe	25%
Nassau	30%
Okaloosa	33%

Pasco	33%
Polk	40%
Putnam	40%
Saint Johns	30%
Saint Lucie	35%
Santa Rosa	33%
Sarasota	33%
Seminole	33%
Sumter	33%
Suwannee	40%
Taylor	40%
Union	40%
Volusia	40%
Wakulla	35%
Walton	35%
Washington	40%

(i) Required Minimum ELI Set-Aside Commitments

Applicants that select a minimum set-aside commitment of 20 percent of the units at or below 50 percent AMI or 40 percent of the units at or below 60 percent AMI at d.(1) above must set aside 10 percent of the total units as ELI Set-Aside units if not located in an LDA and 30 percent of the total units as ELI Set-Aside units if located in an LDA. Applicants that select the Average Income Test at d.(1) above must set aside 15 percent of the total units as ELI Set-Aside units if not located in an LDA and 30 percent of the total units as ELI Set-Aside units if located in an LDA.

If the Set-Aside Breakdown Chart reflects more than the applicable required percentage of the total units at the ELI AMI level for the county where the proposed Development is located, during the credit underwriting process the Credit Underwriter will determine whether the Applicant's ELI Set-Aside unit commitment will need to be reduced by increasing the set aside units at AMI level(s) above the ELI level. Any such reduction in the ELI Set-Aside units would be no lower than the applicable required ELI Set-Aside percentage.

- (ii) All Applicants with the Demographic Commitment of Family and Elderly Non-ALF are required to commit a Portion of ELI Set-Aside Units as Link Units for Persons with Special Needs as follows:

With the exception of Developments financed with HUD Section 811, a United States Department of Agriculture RD program, and Applicants that select the Elderly ALF Demographic Commitment, all Developments must commit to set-aside a percentage of ELI Set-Aside units, rounded up, as Link Units for Persons with Special Needs, as follows:

- If the proposed Development is not an LDA Development, 50 percent of the ELI Set-Aside units, rounded up must be set aside as Link units for Persons with Special Needs.

For example, Application A consists of 107 total units. 11 units, (10 percent of the total units, rounded up), must be set-aside as ELI Set-Aside units. Six (6) of the ELI Set-Aside units (50 percent of the ELI Set-Aside units, rounded up), must be set-aside as Link Units for Persons with Special Needs.

In another example, an Applicant submits Application B, which consists of 106 total units, and commits to the Average Income Test. 16 units, (15 percent of the total units, rounded up), must be set-aside as ELI Set-Aside units. Eight of the ELI Set-Aside units (50 percent of the ELI Set-Aside units, rounded up), must be set-aside as Link Units for Persons with Special Needs.

- If the proposed Development is an LDA Development, 30 percent of the ELI Set-Aside units, round up, must be set aside as Link units for Persons with Special Needs.

For example, Application B is located in an LDA and consists of 107 total units. 33 units, (30 percent of the total units, rounded up), must be set-aside as ELI Set-Aside units. 10 of the ELI Set-Aside units (30 percent of the ELI Set-Aside units, rounded up), must be set-aside as Link Units for Persons with Special Needs.

At least one member of each Link unit's household shall be referred by a Special Needs Household Referral Agency (Referral Agency) with which the owner executes a Link Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved by the Corporation. The current list of designated Special Needs Household Referral Agencies for each county is published on the Corporation's Website at [http://apps.floridahousing.org/StandAlone/SpecialNeeds/ContentPage.aspx?PAGE=Link Initiative](http://apps.floridahousing.org/StandAlone/SpecialNeeds/ContentPage.aspx?PAGE=Link%20Initiative) Page (also accessible by clicking [here](#)). The Applicant must execute a Link Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with at least one of the Special Needs

Household Referral Agencies serving the Development's county. The deadline for the Corporation's approval of the fully executed Link MOU will be stated in the invitation to enter credit underwriting.

Additional requirements for the Link Units for Persons with Special Needs are described in Exhibit E of the RFA.

(d) Tenant Selection Plan

With the exception of Developments financed with HUD Section 811 or a United States Department of Agriculture RD program, and Applicants that select the Elderly ALF Demographic Commitment, for Developments with a Housing Assistance Payment contract and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD: The waiting list section of the Tenant Selection Plan shall establish selection preferences or a section for special admissions specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a designated Referral Agency. The Tenant Selection Plan shall be submitted by the owner to the Corporation for review and preliminary approval before sending to HUD. HUD approval may take several months. HUD approval shall be demonstrated to the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

(3) Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart

(a) Requirements for the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart

The Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart must reflect all income set-aside commitments (required set-asides and additional set-asides, including all required ELI Set-Asides) and the required total set-aside percentage (as further outlined below).

The Applicant must complete the Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart. The Applicant must indicate on the chart the percentage of residential units, stated in whole numbers, to be set aside at each selected AMI level. Where reasonably possible, Applicants will be required to keep the unit mix consistent across each committed AMI level.

(b) Calculation of Set-Aside Units and, if applicable, Market Rate Units

(i) First, calculate of the number of set-aside units for the lowest AMI level commitment.

The percentage associated with the lowest AMI level that the Applicant commits to will be multiplied by the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit. The result will be the number of set-aside units at the lowest AMI level commitment.

- (ii) Then, calculate the number of set-aside units for the second lowest AMI level.

The number of units calculated in (i) above will be subtracted from the results of the following to calculate the number of set-aside units at the second lowest AMI level commitment:

The percentage associated with the second lowest AMI level that the Applicant commits to will be first added to the percentage associated with the lowest AMI level commitment. These percentages, added together, will be multiplied by the total units, rounded up to the next whole unit.

- (iii) Then, calculate the number of set-aside units for each remaining AMI level, if applicable.

Starting with the third lowest AMI level remaining, the number of set-aside units for each of the remaining AMI levels will be calculated using the same methodology described in (ii) above.

- (iv) Finally, calculate market-rate units, if applicable

To calculate the number of market-rate units, the total number of set-aside units will be subtracted from the total number of units.

(c) Calculation of the Average Income Test

- (i) First, calculate the number of Set-Aside Units at each AMI commitment as stated in (b) above.
- (ii) Then, at each AMI commitment, multiply the number of Set-Aside Units by the AMI percentage (e.g., a commitment of 13 Set-Aside Units at 30 percent AMI would be calculated as 3.9).
- (iii) Repeat this calculations at each AMI level. Then add the results together.
- (iv) Divide the number calculated in (iii) by the total number of Set-Aside Units.
- (v) This number must be equal to or less than 60 percent to meet the eligibility requirement.

Note: The Development Cost Pro Forma includes an Average Income Test worksheet to assist Applicants in this calculation. If the Average AMI of the Qualifying Housing Credit Units exceeds 60 percent, this Application will not be eligible for funding.

The Applicant must take the above ELI and all other set-aside commitments into account during any pre-leasing and leasing activities.

e. Unit Mix

(1) Completing the Unit Mix Chart

The Applicant must complete the Unit Mix Chart listing the total number of bedrooms per unit, the total number of bathrooms per unit (including half-baths, if applicable), the total number of units per bedroom type, and the number of units that are ELI Set-Aside units. All units in the proposed Development must be listed, including all manager/employee units and all market rate units, if applicable.

If additional space is required, enter the information in the Addenda.

During credit underwriting, the credit underwriter will verify that the ELI Set-Aside units are distributed across the unit mix on a pro-rata basis.

(2) Unit Mix requirements for Elderly Developments

(a) If the Elderly Non-ALF Demographic Commitment is selected and the Development Category of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition, is selected, at least 40 percent of the total units must be comprised of one bedroom or Zero Bedroom Units, and no more than 20 percent of the total units can be larger than two bedroom units.

(b) If the Elderly Non-ALF Demographic Commitment is selected and the Development Category of New Construction or Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition, is selected, at least 50 percent of the total units must be comprised of one bedroom or Zero Bedroom Units, and no more than 15 percent of the total units can be larger than two bedroom units.

(c) If the Elderly ALF Demographic Commitment is selected, at least 90 percent of the total units must be comprised of units no larger than one bedroom and the sharing of a unit by two or more unaffiliated residents cannot be a condition of occupancy.

(3) If the Family Demographic Commitment is selected, and the Development Category of New Construction or Redevelopment, with or without acquisition, is selected, not more than 25 percent of the total units in the Development may consist of Zero Bedroom units.

f. Number of Buildings

The Applicant must state the anticipated number of residential buildings.

The number of residential buildings stated in the Application may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting.

g. Compliance Period

In submitting its Application, the Applicant knowingly, voluntarily and irrevocably commits to waive, and does hereby waive, for the duration of the 50-year set aside period the option to convert to market, including any option or right to submit a request for a qualified contract, after year fourteen (14), and any other option, right or process available to the Applicant to terminate (or that would result in the termination of) the 50-year set aside period at any time prior to the expiration of its full term.

Note: The Compliance Period committed to in this section includes the units set aside for the Demographic Commitments made in this RFA, which includes the commitments for Link Units and ELI Households. Although the percentage of units committed to must remain in effect for the entire Compliance Period, the particular units designated for the Demographic Commitment and AMI commitment must not be limited to the same units throughout the Compliance Period. Doing so may cause the Development to be in noncompliance.

7. Readiness to Proceed

a. Site Control

The Applicant must demonstrate site control by providing, as **Attachment 8** to Exhibit A, the properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Site Control Certification form (Form Rev. 08-18), which is provided on the RFA Website.

For the Site Control Certification form to be considered complete, as an attachment to the form, the Applicant must include the documentation required in Items (1), (2), and/or (3), as indicated below, demonstrating that it is a party to an eligible contract or lease, or is the owner of the subject property. Such documentation must include all relevant intermediate contracts, agreements, assignments, options, conveyances, intermediate leases, and subleases. If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, site control must be demonstrated for all of the Scattered Sites.

- (1) An eligible contract must meet all of the following conditions:
 - (a) It must have a term that does not expire before April 30, 2020 or that contains extension options exercisable by the purchaser and conditioned solely upon payment of additional monies which, if exercised, would extend the term to a date that is not earlier than April 30, 2020;
 - (b) It must specifically state that the buyer's remedy for default on the part of the seller includes or is specific performance;

- (c) The Applicant must be the buyer unless there is an assignment of the eligible contract, signed by the assignor and the assignee, which assigns all of the buyer's rights, title and interests in the eligible contract to the Applicant; and
 - (d) The owner of the subject property must be the seller, or is a party to one or more intermediate contracts, agreements, assignments, options, or conveyances between or among the owner, the Applicant, or other parties, that have the effect of assigning the owner's right to sell the property to the seller. Any intermediate contract must meet the criteria for an eligible contract in (a) and (b) above.
- (2) Deed or Certificate of Title – The deed or certificate of title (in the event the property was acquired through foreclosure) must be recorded in the county in which the property is located and show the Applicant as the sole Grantee.
 - (3) Lease - The lease must have an unexpired term of at least 50 years after the Application Deadline and the lessee must be the Applicant. The owner of the subject property must be a party to the lease, or a party to one or more intermediate leases, subleases, agreements, or assignments, between or among the owner, the Applicant, or other parties, that have the effect of assigning the owner's right to lease the property for at least 50 years to the lessee.

Note: The Corporation will not review the site control documentation that is submitted with the Site Control Certification form during the scoring process unless there is a reason to believe that the form has been improperly executed, nor will it in any case evaluate the validity or enforceability of any such documentation. During scoring, the Corporation will rely on the properly executed Site Control Certification form to determine whether an Applicant has met the requirement of this RFA to demonstrate site control. The Corporation has no authority to, and will not, evaluate the validity or enforceability of any eligible site control documentation that is attached to the Site Control Certification form during the scoring process. During credit underwriting, if it is determined that the site control documents do not meet the above requirements, the Corporation may rescind the award.

b. Ability to Proceed

The Applicant must demonstrate the following Ability to Proceed elements as of Application Deadline, for the entire proposed Development site, including all Scattered Sites, if applicable, as outlined below. The Florida Housing Ability to Proceed Verification forms (Form Rev. 08-18) are provided on the RFA Website. Note: The Applicant must include the Florida Housing Ability to Proceed Verification forms (Form Rev. 08-18). If the Applicant provides any prior version of the Florida Housing Ability to Proceed Verification form(s), the form(s) will not be considered.

- (1) **Appropriate Zoning.** The Applicant must demonstrate that as of the Application Deadline the entire proposed Development site is appropriately zoned and consistent with local land use regulations regarding density and intended use or

that the proposed Development site is legally non-conforming by providing, as **Attachment 9** to Exhibit A, the applicable properly completed and executed verification form:

- (a) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government Verification that Development is Consistent with Zoning and Land Use Regulations form (Form Rev. 08-18); or
 - (b) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government Verification that Permits are Not Required for this Development form (Form Rev. 08-18).
- (2) Availability of Electricity. The Applicant must demonstrate that as of the Application Deadline electricity is available to the entire proposed Development site by providing as **Attachment 10** to Exhibit A:
- (a) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure – Electricity form (Form Rev. 08-18); or
 - (b) A letter from the electricity service provider that contains the Development location and is dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline. The letter may not be signed by the Applicant, by any related parties of the Applicant, by any Principals or Financial Beneficiaries of the Applicant, or by any local elected officials.
- (3) Availability of Water. The Applicant must demonstrate that as of the Application Deadline water is available to the entire proposed Development site by providing as **Attachment 11** to Exhibit A:
- (a) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure – Water form (Form Rev. 08-18); or
 - (b) A letter from the water service provider that contains the Development location and number of units and is dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline. The letter may not be signed by the Applicant, by any related parties of the Applicant, by any Principals or Financial Beneficiaries of the Applicant, or by any local elected officials.
- (4) Availability of Sewer. The Applicant must demonstrate that as of the Application Deadline sewer capacity, package treatment or septic tank service is available to the entire proposed Development site by providing as **Attachment 12** to Exhibit A:
- (a) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure – Sewer Capacity, Package Treatment, or Septic Tank form (Form Rev. 08-18); or

- (b) A letter from the waste treatment service provider that contains the Development location and number of units and is dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline. The letter may not be signed by the Applicant, by any related parties of the Applicant, by any Principals or Financial Beneficiaries of the Applicant, or by any local elected officials.
- (5) Availability of Roads. The Applicant must demonstrate that as of the Application Deadline paved roads either (i) exist and will provide access to the proposed Development site or (ii) will be constructed as part of the entire proposed Development by providing as **Attachment 13** to Exhibit A:
- (a) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure – Roads form (Form Rev. 08-18); or
- (b) A letter from the Local Government that contains the Development location and is dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline. The letter may not be signed by the Applicant, by any related parties of the Applicant, by any Principals or Financial Beneficiaries of the Applicant, or by any local elected officials.

8. Construction Features

All units are expected to meet all requirements as outlined below. If the proposed Development consists of rehabilitation, the proposed Development's ability to provide all construction features will be confirmed as outlined in Exhibit F. The quality of the construction features committed to by the Applicant is subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

All features and amenities committed to and proposed by the Applicant that are not unit-specific shall be located on each of the Scattered Sites, or no more than 1/16 mile from the Scattered Site with the most units, or a combination of both.

a. Federal Requirements and State Building Code Requirements for all Developments

All proposed Developments must meet all federal requirements and state building code requirements incorporating the most recent amendments, regulations and rules:

- Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction as adopted pursuant to Section 553.503, Florida Statutes;
- The Fair Housing Act as implemented by 24 CFR 100, regardless of the age of the Development**;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*;
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as implemented by 28 CFR 35.

* All Developments must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as implemented by 24 CFR Part 8 ("Section 504 and its related regulations"). All Developments must

meet accessibility standards of Section 504. Section 504 accessibility standards require a minimum of 5 percent of the total dwelling units, but not fewer than one unit, to be accessible for individuals with mobility impairments. An additional 2 percent of the total units, but not fewer than one unit, must be accessible for persons with hearing or vision impairments.

To the extent that a Development is not otherwise subject to Section 504 and its related regulations, the Development shall nevertheless comply with Section 504 and its related regulations as requirements of the Corporation funding program to the same extent as if the Development were subject to Section 504 and its related regulations in all respects. To that end, all Corporation funding shall be deemed "Federal financial assistance" within the meaning of that term as used in Section 504 and its related regulations for all Developments.

The above documents are available on the RFA Website.

b. General Features

(1) The following General Features must be provided for all proposed Developments:

- Termite prevention;
- Pest control;
- Window covering for each window and glass door inside each unit;
- Cable or satellite TV hook-up in each unit and, if the Development offers cable or satellite TV service to the residents, the price cannot exceed the market rate for service of similar quality available to the Development's residents from a primary provider of cable or satellite TV;
- Washer and dryer hook ups in each of the Development's units or an on-site laundry facility for resident use. If the proposed Development will have an on-site laundry facility, the following requirements must be met:
 - There must be a minimum of one Energy Star certified washer and one Energy Star certified dryer per every 15 units. To determine the required number of washers and dryers for the on-site laundry facility; divide the total number of the Development's units by 15, and then round the equation's total up to the nearest whole number; and
 - At least one washing machine and one dryer shall be front loading to meet the accessibility standards of Section 504, which require a minimum of 5 percent of the total dwelling units, but not fewer than one unit, to be accessible for individuals with mobility impairments; and
 - If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, the laundry facility shall be located on each of the Scattered Sites, or no more than 1/16 mile from the Scattered Site with the most units, or a combination of both.
- At least two full bathrooms in all 3 bedroom or larger new construction units; and
- Bathtub with shower in at least one bathroom in at least 90 percent of the new construction non-Elderly units;

(2) All Family Demographic Developments must provide a full-size range and oven in all units.

- (3) All Developments with the Elderly Demographic (ALF or Non-ALF) must also provide the following:

For new construction units, a full-size range and oven must be incorporated in all units.

All rehabilitation units are expected to have a full-size range and oven unless found to be not physically feasible within the scope of the rehabilitation work utilizing a capital needs assessment as further explained in Exhibit F of this RFA.

c. Accessibility Features

Federal and state law and building code regulations requires that programs, activities, and facilities be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. Florida Housing requires that the design, construction, or alteration of its financed Developments be in compliance with federal and state accessibility requirements. When more than one law and accessibility standard applies, the Applicant shall comply with the standard (2010 ADA Standards, Section 504, Fair Housing Act, or Florida Building Code, Accessibility) which affords the greater level of accessibility for the residents and visitors. Areas required to be made accessible to mobility-impaired residents and their visitors, including those in wheelchairs, shall include, but not be limited to, accessible routes and entrances, paths of travel, primary function areas, parking, trash bins, mail and package receiving areas for residents, pool and other amenities, including paths of travel to amenities and laundry rooms, including washers and dryers.

(1) Required Accessibility Features in all Units

- Primary entrance door shall have a threshold with no more than a ½-inch rise;
- All door handles on primary entrance door and interior doors must have lever handles;
- Lever handles on all bathroom faucets and kitchen sink faucets;
- Mid-point on light switches and thermostats shall not be more than 48 inches above finished floor level; and
- Cabinet drawer handles and cabinet door handles in bathroom and kitchen shall be lever or D-pull type that operate easily using a single closed fist.

- (2) All Family Demographic Developments must provide reinforced walls for future installation of horizontal grab bars in place around each toilet/shower, or a Corporation-approved alternative approach for grab bar installation. The installation of the grab bars must meet or exceed the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Section 604.5.1 (Side Wall) and Section 604.5.2 (Rear Wall).

At the request of and at no charge to a resident household, the Development shall purchase and install grab bars around each tub/shower unit in the dwelling unit. The product specifications and installation must meet or exceed the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The Development shall inform a prospective resident that the Development, upon a resident household's

request and at no charge to the household, will install grab bars around a dwelling unit's tub/shower unit, pursuant to the 2010 ADA Standards. At a minimum, the Development shall inform each prospective lessee by including language in the Development's written materials listing and describing the unit's features, as well as including the language in each household's lease.

- (3) Accessibility Features in all Developments with the Elderly (ALF or Non-ALF Demographic must also provide the following features:
- 20 percent of the new construction units must have roll-in showers.
 - Horizontal grab bars in place around each tub and/or shower, or a Corporation-approved alternative approach for grab bar installation. The installation of the grab bars must meet or exceed the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Section 609. In addition, the following standards for grab bars are required:
 - If a bathtub/shower combination with a permanent seat is provided, grab bars shall be installed to meet or exceed the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Section 607.4.1.
 - If a bathtub/shower combination without a permanent seat is provided, grab bars shall be installed to meet or exceed the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Section 607.4.2.
 - If a roll-in shower is provided, grab bars shall be installed to meet or exceed the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Section 608.3.2;
 - Reinforced walls for future installation of horizontal grab bars in place around each toilet, or a Corporation-approved alternative approach for grab bar installation. The installation of the grab bars must meet or exceed the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Section 604.5.1 (Side Wall) and Section 604.5.2 (Rear Wall);
 - Roll-out shelving or drawers in all bottom bathroom vanity cabinets. If no bathroom vanity cabinets are provided, then roll-out shelving in bottom of bathroom closet must be provided. The roll-out shelving must comply with Section 308 (Reach Ranges) of the ADA Standards;
 - Adjustable shelving in master bedroom closets (must be adjustable by resident); and
 - In one of the kitchen's base cabinets, there shall be a large bottom drawer that opens beyond full extension, also referred to as an "over-travel feature". Drawers with the over-travel feature allow drawers to extend completely past the cabinet front so that all contents can be accessed. The drawer shall be deep and wide enough to store pots and pans and the

drawer slides shall have a weight load rating of a minimum of 100 pounds. The drawers shall be mounted on a pair of metal side rails that are ball-bearing.

d. Required Green Building Features in all Developments

- (1) All new construction units must have the features listed below and all rehabilitation units are expected to have all of the following required Green Building features unless found to be not appropriate or feasible within the scope of the rehabilitation work utilizing a capital needs assessment as further explained in Exhibit F of this RFA:
- Low or No-VOC paint for all interior walls (Low-VOC means 50 grams per liter or less for flat; 150 grams per liter or less for non-flat paint);
 - Low-flow water fixtures in bathrooms—WaterSense labeled products or the following specifications:
 - Toilets: 1.28 gallons/flush or less,
 - Urinals: 0.5 gallons/flush,
 - Lavatory Faucets: 1.5 gallons/minute or less at 60 psi flow rate,
 - Showerheads: 2.0 gallons/minute or less at 80 psi flow rate;
 - Energy Star certified refrigerator;
 - Energy Star certified dishwasher;
 - Energy Star certified ventilation fan in all bathrooms;
 - Water heater minimum efficiency specifications:
 - Residential Electric:
 - Up to 55 gallons = .95 EF or .92 UEF; or
 - More than 55 gallons = Energy Star certified; or
 - Tankless = Energy Star certified;
 - Residential Gas (storage or tankless/instantaneous): Energy Star certified,
 - Commercial Gas Water Heater: Energy Star certified;
 - Energy Star certified ceiling fans with lighting fixtures in bedrooms;
 - Air Conditioning (choose in-unit or commercial):
 - Air-Source Heat Pumps – Energy Star certified:
 - ≥ 8.5 HSPF/ ≥ 15 SEER/ ≥ 12.5 EER for split systems
 - ≥ 8.2 HSPF ≥ 15 SEER/ ≥ 12 EER for single package equipment including gas/electric package units
 - Central Air Conditioners – Energy Star certified:
 - ≥ 15 SEER/ ≥ 12.5 EER* for split systems
 - ≥ 15 SEER/ ≥ 12 EER* for single package equipment including gas/electric package units.

NOTE: Window air conditioners and portable air conditioners are not allowed. Package Terminal Air Conditioners (PTACs) and Package Terminal Heat Pumps (PTHPs) are allowed in studio and 1 bedroom units;
- (2) In addition to the required Green Building features outlined in (1) above, proposed Developments with the Development Category of New Construction or Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition, must achieve one of the

following Green Building Certification programs: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC); ICC 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS); or Enterprise Green Communities. Selection of the program will be accomplished during the credit underwriting process.

- (3) In addition to the required Green Building features outlined in (1) above, proposed Developments with a Development Category of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition, must select enough additional Green Building features in Exhibit A so that the total point value of the features selected equals at least 10 points. Failure of the Applicant to select at least 10 points worth of the features will result in the Application failing to meet this Mandatory requirement.
- e. Items to be included in the rehabilitation scope of work, as outlined in Exhibit F
- (1) All Applicants will be required to address the following required items:
 - (a) Required features outlined in a. and c. above. If the CNA provider determines that the required items cannot be addressed within the contemplated budget, the proposed Development will be deemed infeasible and the Corporation will rescind funding from the proposed Development;
 - (b) All items outlined in b. above. For proposed Developments with an Elderly Demographic, the inclusion of a full-size range and oven in all units, if determined physically feasible by the CNA provider;
 - (c) Critical repair items as identified in the CNA report that threaten the health and safety of the residents, as well as items identified as being in violation of recorded building and/or fire codes;
 - (d) Green building items outlined in 8.d. above, considering the appropriateness and feasibility of the features and the remaining useful life, as outlined in the CNA provider's final report. For the additional Green Building features selected by the Applicant at question 8.d.(3) of Exhibit A, a total of 10 points must be maintained; and
 - (e) Immediate physical needs identified in the CNA report as having a remaining useful life of 5 years or less.
 - (2) Once items in (1) above have been addressed in the Rehabilitation Scope of Work, the following items may be added to the scope, if within the remaining available budget.
 - (a) Items identified in the CNA report as having a remaining useful life of 6-15 years.
 - (b) Features and amenities that add to the marketability of the Development.

9. Resident Programs

The quality of the Resident Programs committed to by the Applicant is subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The availability of the Resident Programs must be publicized on an ongoing basis such as through community newsletters, bulletin board posts, or flyers.

a. Family Demographic Commitment

If the Applicant selected the Family Demographic, the Applicant must provide at least three of the resident programs outlined below. It is a Mandatory requirement that the Applicant select at least three of the resident programs. The eligible resident programs which may be selected are as follows:

- (1) After School Program for Children – This program requires the Applicant or its Management Company to provide supervised, structured, age-appropriate activities for children during after school hours, Monday through Friday. Activities must be on-site.
- (2) Adult Literacy – The Applicant or its Management Company must make available, at no cost to the resident, literacy tutor(s) who will provide weekly literacy lessons to residents in private space on-site. Various literacy programming can be offered that strengthens participants' reading, writing skills, and comprehension, but at a minimum, these must include English proficiency and basic reading education.

Training must be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and electronic media, if used, must be used in conjunction with live instruction. If the Development consists of Scattered Sites, this resident program must be provided on the Scattered Site with the most units.

- (3) Employment Assistance Program – The Applicant or its Management Company must provide, at no cost to the resident, a minimum of quarterly scheduled Employment Assistance Program workshops/meetings offering employment counseling by a knowledgeable employment counselor. Such a program includes employability skills workshops providing instruction in the basic skills necessary for getting, keeping, and doing well in a job. The instruction must be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - Evaluation of current job skills;
 - Assistance in setting job goals;
 - Assistance in development of and regular review/update of an individualized plan for each participating resident;
 - Resume assistance;
 - Interview preparation; and
 - Placement and follow-up services.

- (4) Family Support Coordinator – The Applicant must provide a Family Support Coordinator at no cost to the resident. The Family Support Coordinator shall assist residents in assessing needs and obtaining services, with the goal of promoting successful tenancies and helping residents achieve and maintain maximum independence and self-sufficiency. Responsibilities shall include linking residents with public and private resources in the community to provide needed assistance, develop and oversee on-site programs and activities based on the needs and interests of residents, and support residents in organizing group activities to build community and to address and solve problems such as crime and drug activity. The duties of the Family Support Coordinator shall not be performed by property management staff. The Coordinator shall be on-site and available to residents at least 20 hours per week, within the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Coordinator may be an employee of the Development or, through an agreement, an employee of a third party agency or organization that provides these services.
- (5) Financial Management Program – The Applicant or its Management Company shall provide a series of classes to provide residents training in various aspects of personal financial management. Classes must be held at least quarterly, consisting of at least two hours of training per quarter, and must be conducted by parties that are qualified to provide training regarding the respective topic area. If the Development consists of Scattered Sites, the Resident Program must be held on the Scattered Site with the most units. Residents residing at the other sites of a Scattered Site Development must be offered transportation, at no cost to them, to the classes. The topic areas must include, but not be limited to:
- Financial budgeting and bill-paying including training in the use of technologies and web-based applications;
 - Tax preparation including do's and don'ts, common tips, and how and where to file, including electronically;
 - Fraud prevention including how to prevent credit card and banking fraud, identity theft, computer hacking and avoiding common consumer scams;
 - Retirement planning & savings options including preparing a will and estate planning; and
 - Homebuyer education including how to prepare to buy a home, and how to access to first-time homebuyer programs in the county in which the development is located.
- Different topic areas must be selected for each session, and no topic area may be repeated consecutively.
- (6) Homeownership Opportunity Program - Applicant commits to provide a financial incentive which includes the following provisions:
- The incentive must be applicable to the home selected by the resident and may not be restricted to or enhanced by the purchase of homes in which the Applicant, Developer, or other related party has an interest;

- the incentive must be not less than 5 percent of the rent for the resident's unit during the resident's entire occupancy (Note: Resident will receive the incentive for all months for which the resident is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease. Damages to the unit in excess of the security deposit will be deducted from the incentive.);
- the benefit must be in the form of a gift or grant and may not be a loan of any nature;
- the benefits of the incentive must accrue from the beginning of occupancy;
- the vesting period can be no longer than 2 years of continuous residency; and
- no fee, deposit or any other such charge can be levied against the resident as a condition of participation in this program.

b. Elderly (ALF or Non-ALF) Demographic Commitment

(1) Required Resident Program for all Applicants that select the Elderly Demographic (ALF or Non-ALF)

24 Hour Support to Assist Residents In Handling Urgent Issues

An important aging in place best practice is providing the residents access to property management support 24 hours per day, 7 days a week to assist them to appropriately and efficiently handle urgent issues or incidents that may arise. These issues may include, but are not limited to, an apartment maintenance emergency, security or safety concern, or a health risk incident in their apartment or on the property. The management's assistance will include a 24/7 approach to receiving residents' requests for assistance that will include a formal written process for relevant property management staff to effectively assess and provide assistance for each request.

This assistance may include staff:

- visiting or coordinating a visit to a resident's apartment to address an urgent maintenance issue;
- responding to a resident being locked out of their apartment;
- contacting on-site security or the police to address a concern;
- providing contact information to the resident and directing or making calls on a resident's behalf to appropriate community-based emergency services or related resources to address an urgent health risk incident;
- calling the resident's informal emergency contact; or
- addressing a resident's urgent concern about another resident.

Property management staff shall be on site at least 8 hours daily, but the 24-hour support approach may include contracted services or technology to assist the management in meeting this commitment, if these methods adequately address the intent of this service. The Development's owner and/or designated property management entity shall develop and implement policies and

procedures for staff to immediately receive and handle a resident's call and assess the call based on a resident's request and/or need.

At a minimum, residents shall be informed by the property management, at move-in and via a written notice(s)/instructions provided to each resident and displayed in the Development's common or public areas, that staff are available to receive resident calls at all times. These notices shall also provide contact information and direction to first contact the community-based emergency services if they have health or safety risk concerns.

- (2) Applicants who select the Elderly ALF Demographic Commitment must also provide the following resident programs:
- (a) Medication Administration – The Applicant or its Management Company shall provide, pursuant to ALF licensure requirements, staff to administer medications in accordance with a health care provider's order or prescription label.
 - (b) Services for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Disorders – The Applicant or its Management Company shall advertise and provide supervision and services to persons with Alzheimer's disease and other related disorders that are specific to each affected resident and pursuant to ALF licensure requirements.
- (3) Applicants who select the Elderly (ALF or Non-ALF) Demographic, the Applicant must provide at least three of the resident programs outlined below:
- (a) Adult Literacy

The Applicant or its Management Company must make available, at no cost to the resident, literacy tutor(s) who will provide weekly literacy lessons to residents in private space on-site. Various literacy programming can be offered that strengthens participants' reading, writing skills, and comprehension, but at a minimum, these must include English proficiency and basic reading education.

Training must be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and electronic media, if used, must be used in conjunction with live instruction. If the Development consists of Scattered Sites, this resident program must be provided on the Scattered Site with the most units.
 - (b) Computer Training

The Applicant or its Management Company shall make available computer and internet training classes (basic and/or advanced level depending on the needs and requests of the residents). The training classes must be provided at least once a week, at no cost to the resident, in a dedicated space on site. Training must be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and electronic media, if used,

must be used in conjunction with live instruction. If the Development consists of Scattered Sites, this resident program must be provided on the Scattered Site with the most units.

(c) Daily Activities

The Applicant or its Management Company must provide on-site supervised, structured activities, at no cost to the resident, at least five days per week which must be offered between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. If the Development consists of Scattered Sites, this resident program must be provided on the Scattered Site with the most units.

(d) Assistance with Light Housekeeping, Grocery Shopping and/or Laundry

The Applicant or its Management Company must provide residents with a list of qualified service providers for (a) light housekeeping, and/or (b) grocery shopping, and/or (c) laundry and will coordinate, at no cost to the resident, the scheduling of services. The Developer or Management Company shall verify that the services referral information is accurate and up-to-date at least once every six months.

(e) Resident Assurance Check-In Program

The Applicant commits to provide and use an established system for checking in with each resident on a pre-determined basis not less than once per day, at no cost to the resident. Residents may opt out of this program with a written certification that they choose not to participate.

10. Funding

a. Corporation Funding

(1) Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount

The Applicant must state the amount of Housing Credits it is requesting.

The Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount will be based on the lesser of (a) the Applicant's Housing Credit Request Amount and (b) the Maximum Housing Credit Request Limit (as outlined in (2) below). If the Applicant states an amount that is greater than the amount the Applicant is eligible to request, the Corporation will reduce the amount down to the maximum amount the Applicant is eligible to request ("Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount").

(2) Maximum HC Request

The Applicant's Housing Credit Request Amount cannot exceed the applicable County Category amount stated in the following chart:

	If the Development does not qualify for the basis.	If the Development qualifies for the basis boost.
Medium Counties	\$1,300,000	\$1,700,000
Small Counties	\$1,413,414	\$1,413,414

(3) Declaration as First Phase of a Multiphase Development

If the Applicant intends to declare the proposed Development as the first phase of a multiphase Development, it must answer “Yes” to the question in Exhibit A. To declare this proposed Development as the first phase of a multiphase Development, at least one building must be located within the HUD-designated DDA or HUD-designated QCT stated in Exhibit A. Note: Developments located only in a Geographic Areas of Opportunity (outlined in (4)(e) below) do not qualify as a multiphase Development.

During the credit underwriting process, the Applicant will be required to submit to the Corporation an opinion letter by a licensed attorney that the Development meets the definition of a “multiphase project” as defined in the Federal Register. The letter must also include: (a) the name of the declared first phase Development and the Corporation-assigned Application number, (b) the total number of phases and the projected Development name for each phase, (c) the total number of buildings in each phase, (d) the expected completion date for each phase, and (e) any other information as determined by the Corporation and stated in the invitation to enter credit underwriting.

To qualify for the basis boost, subsequent phases must meet the requirements in (4)(a) below.

(4) Basis Boost Qualifications

With regard to Housing Credits, HUD provides regulatory guidance on the effective date of Difficult Development Area (DDA) and Qualified Census Tract (QCT) lists for the purpose of determining whether a Development qualifies for an increase in eligible basis in accordance with Section 42(d)(5)(B) of the IRC. HUD’s notice published in the October 22, 2018 edition of the Federal Register (https://www.huduser.gov/portal/Datasets/QCT/QCTDDA2019_Notice.pdf) governs the eligibility for a basis boost for the Development proposed in this RFA.

(a) Subsequent Phase of a Multiphase Development

For purposes of this RFA, a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development is one where the first phase was appropriately identified as such and received an award of Housing Credits (“initial award”) in one of the following: (i) the 2011 Universal Application Cycle, (ii) a Request for Proposal or Request for Application (“RFP”

or “RFA”) issued in calendar year 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, or 2018, or (iii) a Non-Competitive Housing Credit Application (awarded through a Corporation competitive RFA process or a Non-Corporation Bond issuer’s competitive application).

For the subsequent phase to be eligible for the basis boost, after the initial award, (A) the Applicant must have submitted an Application for Housing Credits in immediately consecutive years, per the HUD requirements, (B) the 730-day period following the initial award must not end prior to the submission deadline for the Corporation’s competitive RFA or a Non-Corporation Bond issuer’s competitive application, per HUD’s requirements, and (C) the subsequent phase must have at least one building located within the boundary of the declared HUD-designated DDA or HUD-designated QCT which applied to the Development declared as the first phase by the first phase Applicant. Note: Developments located only in a Geographic Areas of Opportunity (outlined in (4)(e) below) do not qualify as a multiphase Development.

If the proposed Development qualifies as a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development, the Applicant must indicate as such in Exhibit A and provide the Corporation-assigned Application number for the Development where the first phase was declared and awarded an allocation of Housing Credits.

The proposed Development’s subsequent phase status will be confirmed during the credit underwriting process. If it is determined that the proposed Development does not meet the criteria to be designated a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development and the Housing Credit request was based on such contention, it will no longer be considered a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development and the Applicant’s Competitive Housing Credit award may be rescinded.

(b) HUD-designated Small Area DDA (SADDA)

A proposed Development will be eligible for the basis boost if located within a HUD-designated Small Area DDA (SADDA), as defined in Section 42(d)(5)(B)(iii), IRC. The SADDA designation will only apply to the building(s) located within the applicable SADDA Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) and only those building(s) will be eligible for the basis boost.

HUD has assigned a ZCTA number to each SADDA, available at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/Datasets/qct/DDA2019M.PDF>. The applicable HUD mapping software is available at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda_qct.html.

To qualify, the Applicant must identify, in Exhibit A, the ZCTA number(s) for the proposed Development.

During credit underwriting and at the time of Final Cost Certification, if it is determined that there are buildings located outside of the applicable SADDA ZCTA, the Corporation reserves the right to reduce the Housing Credit Allocation if the eligible basis for the building(s) located in the applicable SADDA ZCTA is not sufficient to support the request amount.

(c) HUD-designated Non-Metropolitan DDA

The proposed Development will be eligible for the basis boost if the Development county, as stated in Exhibit A, is located within a HUD-designated non-metropolitan DDA as defined in Section 42(d)(5)(B)(iii), IRC. The 2019 HUD-designated non-metropolitan DDAs are available here:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/Datasets/qct/QCT2019M.PDF>.

(d) HUD-designated QCT

The proposed Development will be eligible for the basis boost if the entire Development is located, as of Application Deadline, within a HUD-designated QCT, as defined in Section 42(d)(5)(B)(ii), IRC, as amended and based on the current census, as determined by HUD.

The HUD-designated QCTs are available here:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/Datasets/qct/QCT2019M.PDF>

and

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/Datasets/qct/QCT2019NM.PDF>.

To qualify, the Applicant must indicate the HUD designated QCT census tract number

(e) Geographic Areas of Opportunity

A proposed Development will be eligible for the basis boost for any buildings located within a Geographic Areas of Opportunity.

The Applicant must identify the Geographic Areas of Opportunity census tracts in Exhibit A.

The FHFC-assigned Geographic Areas of Opportunity census tracts are available on the Corporation Website at

<https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/areas-of-opportunity/2019> (also available by clicking [here](#)).

The Geographic Areas of Opportunity census tract(s) will only apply to the building(s) located within the applicable census tract(s) and only those building(s) will be eligible for the basis boost. During credit underwriting and at the time of Final Cost Certification, if it is determined that there are buildings located outside of the applicable census tract(s), the Corporation reserves the right to reduce the Housing Credit Allocation if the eligible basis for the building(s) located in the applicable census tract(s) is not sufficient to support the request amount.

(f) Local Government Areas of Opportunity

In order for an Applicant to qualify as a Local Government Area of Opportunity, the Applicant must demonstrate a high level of Local Government interest in the project via an increased amount of Local Government contributions in the form of cash loans and/or cash grants, as outlined below. To that end, a proposed Development may only qualify where a jurisdiction (i.e., the county or a municipality) has contributed cash loans and/or cash grants for any proposed Development applying in this RFA in an amount sufficient to qualify for this funding goal. Any single jurisdiction may not contribute cash loans and/or cash grants to more than one proposed Development applying as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity. During the ranking process outlined in Section Five B of the RFA, if multiple Applications demonstrate Local Government loans and/or grants from the same jurisdiction in an amount sufficient to qualify as a Local Government Area of Opportunity, then all such Applications will be deemed ineligible to be considered a Local Government Area of Opportunity. However, Local Governments may pool contributions to support one Application (i.e., the county and city may provide contribution to the same Development and each Local Government will submit its own form as an Attachment to the Application).

The total amount of permanent funding resources, in the form of cash loans and/or cash grants from Local Government sources will, for purposes of this provision, be considered to be "Local Government Areas of Opportunity Funding." This funding shall be used for the construction and/or rehabilitation of the proposed Development and shall be paid in full by the local jurisdiction no later than 90 days following the date the proposed Development is placed in-service.

The following will not be considered Local Government Areas of Opportunity Funding:

- In-kind donations or any other donation of property or assets;
- Waiver or deferral of any fees;
- Contributions from an Applicant or Developer or Principal, Affiliate or Financial Beneficiary of an Applicant or a Developer; or

- A contribution from a PHA.
- Donation of land

In order to be eligible to be considered Local Government Areas of Opportunity Funding, the cash loans and/or cash grants must be demonstrated via one or both of the Florida Housing Local Government Verification of Contribution forms (Form Rev. 07-2019), called “Local Government Verification of Contribution – Loan” form and/or the “Local Government Verification of Contribution – Grant” form. The forms must meet the requirements outlined in 10.c.(2)(a) above, the qualifying funding must be reflected as a source on the Development Cost Pro Forma, and the applicable form(s) must be provided as **Attachment 17** to the Application. Applications are not required to reflect the value (difference between the face amount and the net present value of the payment streams) on any Local Government Verification forms.

If the Applicant qualifies as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity and is awarded funding under this RFA, regardless of whether the Applicant is awarded under the goal outline in Section Four A.11 of the RFA, the Applicant must provide and maintain an amount equal to or greater than the minimum qualifying amounts listed in the table below within the permanent sources of financing.

To qualify as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity, the face amounts of any cash loans and/or cash grants shown on the aforementioned Local Government Verification of Contribution forms shall be totaled and the total of these amounts must equal or be greater than the amounts listed in the table below for the proposed Development’s Building Type.

If the total face amounts of any cash loans and/or cash grants shown on the Local Government Verification of Contribution form(s) total less than the amounts listed in the table below, the Application will not qualify as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity.

Minimum Local Government Area of Opportunity Funding Amounts	
Building Type*	All Counties
Garden-Wood (NC)	\$354,000
Garden-ESS (NC)	\$425,625
Mid-Rise-Wood (NC)	\$425,625
Mid-Rise-ESS (NC)	\$469,313
High-Rise (NC)	\$560,250

Garden (Rehab)	\$297,563
Non-Garden (Rehab)	\$419,250

* For purposes of this provision (i) ESS refers to a "Yes" answer to question 4.d. of Exhibit A; (ii) NC includes Development Categories of New Construction, Redevelopment and Acquisition and Rehabilitation and Rehab includes Development Categories of Rehabilitation and Acquisition and Rehabilitation, as selected by the Applicant at question 4.b. of Exhibit A; and (iii) Garden includes all Development Types other than Mid-Rise and High-Rise; Non-Garden includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with Elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories) and High-Rise (7 or more stories); Mid-Rise includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with Elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories); and High-Rise includes Development Type of High Rise (7 or more stories), as selected by the Applicant at question 4.c. of Exhibit A. In the case of mixed-type Developments, the Applicant should use the Building Type that will comprise the majority of the units in the Development.

(g) Public Housing Authority Area of Opportunity

Applications that do not otherwise qualify for a HUD-designated QCT, DDA or SADDA basis boost may elect to be considered for the state designated basis boost if a Principal of the Applicant is a Public Housing Authority or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority. If such Application is selected for funding, no other Applications that elect to be considered a Public Housing Authority Area of Opportunity will be selected for funding.

(5) Housing Credit Equity Proposal

A HC equity proposal must be provided as **Attachment 14**. For purposes of this RFA, to be counted as a source, an equity proposal, regardless of whether the documentation is in the form of a commitment, proposal, term sheet or letter of intent, must meet the requirements outlined below:

- (i) If the Eligible HC Request Amount is less than the anticipated amount of credit allocation stated in the equity proposal, the equity proposal will be considered a source of financing and, for scoring purposes, the maximum amount of HC equity to be permitted in the Development Cost Pro Forma will be adjusted downward from the amount stated in the equity proposal. This adjusted maximum HC equity will be calculated by taking the total amount of equity to be provided to the proposed Development as stated in the equity proposal letter, dividing it by the credit allocation stated in the equity proposal and multiplying that quotient by the Applicant's Eligible HC Request Amount. If the Eligible HC Request Amount is greater than the anticipated amount of credit allocation stated in the equity proposal, the equity proposal will be considered a source of financing and the maximum amount of HC equity to be permitted for scoring in the Development Cost Pro Forma will be the amount stated in the equity proposal.
- (ii) If syndicating/selling the Housing Credits:

- (A) A Housing Credit equity proposal must also meet the following criteria:
- Be executed by the equity provider;
 - Include specific reference to the Applicant as the beneficiary of the equity proceeds;
 - State the proposed amount of equity to be paid prior to construction completion;
 - State the anticipated Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount;
 - State the anticipated dollar amount of Housing Credit allocation to be purchased; and
 - State the anticipated total amount of equity to be provided.
- (B) If the limited partnership agreement or limited liability company operating agreement has closed, the closed agreement must be provided. To be counted as a source of financing, the partnership agreement or operating agreement must meet the requirements of (A) above or the Applicant must submit separate documentation, signed by the equity provider, expressly stating any required criteria not provided in the agreement.
- (iii) If not syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, the owner's commitment to provide equity must be provided as Attachment 14.
- (A) The commitment must include the following:
- The proposed amount of equity to be paid prior to construction completion;
 - The anticipated Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount;
 - The anticipated dollar amount of Housing Credit allocation to be purchased; and
 - The anticipated total amount of equity to be provided.
- (B) Evidence of ability to fund must be provided with Attachment 14 to the Application.

Note: Exhibit D to the RFA requires documentation during credit underwriting that the equity amount to be paid prior to or simultaneous with the closing of construction financing is at least 15 percent of the total proposed equity to be provided (the 15 percent criteria).

b. Other Corporation Funding

- (1) If the Development has received funding from the Predevelopment Loan Program (PLP), the Corporation file number and amount of funding must be

listed. Note: PLP funding cannot be used as a source of financing on the Construction/Rehab Analysis or the Permanent Analysis.

- (2) The Applicant must list any other Corporation funding that is intended to be utilized as a source of financing for the proposed Development.

c. Non-Corporation Funding

- (1) If the proposed Development will be assisted with funding under the United States Department of Agriculture RD 515 Program and/or RD 538 Program, the following information must be provided:

- (a) Indicate the applicable RD Program(s) in Exhibit A.
- (b) For a proposed Development that is assisted with funding from RD 515 the Applicant must:
- (i) Include the funding amount at the USDA RD 515 Financing line item on the Development Cost Pro Forma (Construction/Rehab Analysis and/or Permanent Analysis), and
- (ii) Provide a letter from RD, dated within six months of the Application Deadline, as **Attachment 15** to Exhibit A, confirming the funding source as outlined below:
- (A) For proposed Developments with the Development Category of Rehabilitation or Redevelopment (either one with or without Acquisition), the RD letter must include the following information:
- Name of existing development;
 - Name of proposed Development;
 - Current RD Loan balance;
 - Acknowledgment that property is applying for Housing Credits; and
 - Acknowledgment that property will remain in the USDA/RD 515 loan portfolio.

or

- (B) For proposed Developments with the Development Category of New Construction, the RD letter must include the following information:
- Name of Proposed Development;
 - Name of Applicant as borrower or direct recipient;
 - RD Loan amount; and
 - Acknowledgment that property is applying for Housing Credits.

- (c) If the proposed Development will be assisted with funding under the RD 538 Program, the Applicant must:
- (i) Include the funding amount at the USDA RD 538 Financing line item on the Development Cost Pro Forma (Construction/Rehab Analysis and/or Permanent Analysis); and
 - (ii) Provide the letter sent to the Applicant by an RD 538 approved lender certifying that the lender is prepared to make a loan consistent with the program requirements through the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing (“538”) Loan Program as **Attachment 15** to Exhibit A. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD), list of Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing approved lenders is available on the RFA Website.

As outlined in Exhibit D, the Section 538 Selection letter from RD must be provided during credit underwriting.

(2) Non-Corporation Funding Proposals

Unless stated otherwise within this RFA, for funding, other than Corporation funding and deferred Developer fee, to be counted as a source on the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Applicant must provide documentation of all financing proposals from both the construction and the permanent lender(s), equity proposals from the syndicator, and other sources of funding. The financing proposals must state whether they are for construction financing, permanent financing, or both, and all attachments and/or exhibits referenced in the proposal must be included. Insert documentation for each source as **Attachment 16** to Exhibit A.

For purposes of the Application, the following will not be considered a source of financing: net operating income, capital contributions not documented in accordance with financing proposals that are not from a Regulated Mortgage Lender, fee waivers or any portion of any fees that are reimbursed by the local government. Additionally, fee waivers or any portion of any fees that are reimbursed by the local government cannot be considered as Development costs.

(a) Financing Proposal

Financing proposal documentation, regardless of whether the documentation is in the form of a commitment, proposal, term sheet, or letter of intent, must meet the following criteria. Evidence for each funding source must be behind its own numbered attachment.

Each financing proposal shall contain:

- (i) Amount of the construction loan, if applicable;
- (ii) Amount of the permanent loan, if applicable;
- (iii) Specific reference to the Applicant as the borrower or direct recipient; and
- (iv) Signature of lender.

Note: Eligible Local Government financial commitments (i.e., grants and loans) can be considered a source of financing without meeting the requirements of (i) through (iv) above if the Applicant provides the properly completed and executed Local Government Verification of Contribution – Grant Form (Form 07-2019) and/or the Local Government Verification of Contribution – Loan Form (Form 07-2019) and such grant and/or loan is effective at least through June 30, 2020. A loan with a forgiveness provision (and no accrued interest charges) requiring approval of the Local Government can be treated as a loan or a grant, for scoring purposes. Either the "Loan" or the "Grant" verification forms can be used. The grant and loan forms (Form 07-2019) are available on the RFA Website. If the loan form is used for a loan with forgiveness provision (and no accrued interest charges), the space for entering the net present value of the loan is not applicable to this RFA and will not be considered.

- (b) Financing that has closed:
 - (i) If the financing has closed in the Applicant's name, provide a letter from the lender acknowledging that the loan has closed. The letter must also include the following information:
 - Amount of the construction loan, if applicable;
 - Amount of the permanent loan, if applicable; and
 - Specific reference to the Applicant as the borrower/direct recipient/mortgagee.
 - (ii) Except for HUD and RD funding, if the financing involves an assumption of debt not currently in the Applicant's name, as evidence that the lender approves of the proposal of assumption, the Applicant must provide a letter from the lender, dated within six months of the Application Deadline, that includes the following information:
 - Specifically references the Applicant as the assuming party;
 - If a permanent loan, states the amount to be assumed; and
 - If a construction loan, states the maximum amount of funding capacity.

- (iii) If the debt being assumed is provided by HUD, the Applicant must provide a letter from HUD, dated within six months of the Application Deadline, confirming the funding source. The letter must include the following information:
 - Name of existing development;
 - Name of proposed Development;
 - Loan balance;
 - Acknowledgment that property is applying for Housing Credits; and
 - Applicable HUD program.
 - (iv) If the debt being assumed is provided by RD, the Applicant is only required to provide the information described in Item 10.c.(1) above.
- (c) If the financing proposal is not from a Regulated Mortgage Lender in the business of making loans or a governmental entity, evidence of ability to fund must be provided. Evidence of ability to fund includes: (i) a copy of the lender's most current audited financial statements no more than 17 months old; or (ii) if the loan has already been funded, a copy of the note and recorded mortgage. The age of all financial statements is as of the Application Deadline. In evaluating ability to fund, the Corporation will consider the entity's unrestricted current assets typically used in the normal course of business. Assets considered restricted include, but are not limited to, pension funds, rental security deposits, and sinking funds. Financing proposals from lenders who cannot demonstrate ability to fund will not count as a source of financing. Financial statements must be included in the Application. Note: This provision does not apply to deferred Developer fee. In the case where the seller of the Development's property is providing a seller's note (purchase money mortgage) to help finance the Applicant's acquisition of the property, evidence of its ability to fund the amount of the seller's note is not needed so long as the Application includes a letter from the seller that meets the financing proposal criteria outlined in (2)(a) above and the amount of the seller's note is equal to or less than the purchase price of the property.
- (d) If a financing proposal shows an amount less than the corresponding line item on the Development Cost Pro Forma, only the financing proposal amount will be considered as a funding source. However, if a financing proposal shows an amount greater than the corresponding line item on the Development Cost Pro Forma, up to the total amount of the financing proposal amount may be utilized as a funding source, if needed.

- (e) The loan amount may be conditioned upon an appraisal or debt service coverage ratio or any other typical due diligence required during credit underwriting.
- (f) Financing proposals may be conditioned upon the Applicant receiving the funding from the Corporation for which it is applying.
- (g) If a financing proposal has a provision for holding back funds until certain conditions are met, the amount of the hold-back will not be counted as a source of construction financing unless it can be determined that the conditions for the release of the hold-back can be met prior to or simultaneous with the closing of the Development's permanent financing.
- (h) Grant funds are contributions to the Development, other than equity, which carry no repayment provision or interest rate. A commitment for grant funds will be considered a commitment for scoring purposes if the commitment is properly executed and, if applicable, evidence of ability to fund is provided.

d. Development Cost Pro Forma

All Applicants must complete the Development Cost Pro Forma listing the anticipated expenses or uses, the Detail/Explanation Sheet, if applicable, and the Construction or Rehab Analysis and Permanent Analysis listing the anticipated sources (both Corporation and non-Corporation funding). The sources must equal or exceed the uses. During the scoring process, if a funding source is not considered and/or if the Applicant's funding Request Amount is adjusted downward, this may result in a funding shortfall. If the Applicant has a funding shortfall, it will be ineligible for funding.

The Development Cost Pro Forma must include all anticipated costs of the Development construction, rehabilitation and, if applicable, acquisition, including the Developer fee and General Contractor fee, as outlined below. Waived or reimbursed fees or charges are not considered costs to the Development and therefore, should not be included on the Development Cost Pro Forma. Note: deferred Developer fees are not considered "waived fees."

Developer fee and General Contractor fee must be disclosed. In the event the Developer fee and/or General Contractor fee are/is not disclosed on the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Corporation will assume that these fees will be the maximum allowable and will add the maximum amount(s) to Total Development Cost. If an Applicant lists a Developer fee, General Contractor fee, or contingency reserve that exceeds the stated Application limits, the Corporation will adjust the fee to the maximum allowable. As stated below, Applicants may not enter any amounts pertaining to operating deficit reserves. The Corporation will not consider any operating deficit reserves listed on the Development Cost Pro Forma.

Unless stated otherwise in this RFA, except for deferred Developer fee, the Application requires complete information on all sources of Development funding and the proposed uses of those funds. All loans, grants, donations, syndication proceeds, etc., should be detailed in the Application as outlined above. The total of monetary funds determined to be in funding proposals must equal or exceed uses.

(1) Developer Fee

Each Developer fee component listed in (i) and (ii) below shall not exceed the respective amounts described below:

- (i) Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs, is limited to 16 percent of the Total Acquisition Cost of Existing Development (excluding land) stated on the Development Cost Pro Forma in Column 3 of Item B, rounded down to the nearest dollar; and
- (ii) Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs, is limited to 16 percent of the net amount after deducting Total Acquisition Cost of Existing Development (excluding land) (Column 3 of Item B) from the Development Cost stated on the Development Cost Pro Forma in Column 3 of Item C, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

If the maximums stated in (i) or (ii) are exceeded, the Corporation will adjust the amount down to the maximum allowed. Additionally, the Corporation may further adjust the Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs, and/or Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs stated on the Development Cost Pro Forma and used to calculate the Developer Fee in Item D of the Development Cost Pro Forma. The conditions for such adjustments are stated below:

- If the amount of Developer fee on Acquisition Costs is more than the amount allowed in (i) above, AND if the amount of Developer fee on Non-Acquisition Costs is less than the amount allowed in (ii) above, the Corporation will reduce the amount of Developer fee on Acquisition Costs to the maximum allowed amount, and increase the amount of Developer fee on Non-Acquisition Costs by the amount reduced in the Developer fee on Acquisition Costs, up to the maximum allowed amount.
- If the amount of Developer fee on Non-Acquisition Costs is more than the amount allowed in (ii) above, AND if the amount of Developer fee on Acquisition Costs is less than the amount allowed in (i) above, the Corporation will reduce the amount of Developer fee on Non-Acquisition Costs to the maximum allowed amount, and increase the amount of Developer fee on Acquisition Costs by the amount reduced in the Developer fee on Non-Acquisition Costs, up to the maximum allowed amount.

The Corporation will allow up to 100 percent of the eligible Developer fee to be deferred and used as a source on the Development Cost Pro Forma without the requirement to show evidence of ability to fund.

Consulting fees, if any, and any financial or other guarantees required for the financing must be paid out of the Developer fee. Consulting fees include, but are not limited to, payments for Application consultants, construction management or supervision consultants, or local government consultants.

(2) General Contractor Fee

General Contractor fee shall be limited to 14 percent of actual construction cost. The maximum allowable General Contractor fee will be tested during the scoring of the Application by multiplying the actual construction cost by 14 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

(3) Contingency Reserves

For Application purposes, the maximum hard and soft cost contingencies allowed cannot exceed (a) 5 percent of hard and soft costs for Development Categories of New Construction or Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition; or (b) 15 percent of hard costs and 5 percent of soft costs for Development Categories of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition, as further described in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. The determination of the contingency reserve is limited to the maximum stated percentage of total actual construction costs (hard costs) and general development costs (soft costs), as applicable.

(4) Operating Deficit Reserves

An operating deficit reserve is not to be included as part of Development Costs and cannot be used in determining the maximum Developer fee. Applicants may not enter any amounts pertaining to any type of reserve other than the contingency reserve mentioned above on the Development Cost Pro Forma as part of the Application process. A reserve, including an operating deficit reserve, if necessary as determined by an equity provider, first mortgage lender, and/or the Credit Underwriter engaged by the Corporation in its reasonable discretion, will be required and sized in credit underwriting. The inclusion of any reserve is not permitted in the Application (other than the permitted contingency reserve) which may include, but is not limited to, operating deficit reserve, debt service shortfalls, lease-up, rent-re-stabilization, working capital, lender or syndicator required reserve(s), and any pre-funded capital (replacement) reserves. If any reserve other than the permitted contingency reserve can be identified and is included in the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Corporation will remove it during Application scoring.

In exchange for receiving funding from the Corporation, the Corporation reserves the authority to restrict the disposition of any funds remaining in any operating deficit reserve(s) after the term of the reserve's original purpose has terminated or is near termination. Authorized disposition uses are limited to payments towards any outstanding loan balances of the Development funded from the Corporation, any outstanding Corporation fees, any unpaid costs incurred in the completion of the Development (i.e., deferred Developer fee), the Development's capital replacement reserve account (provided, however, that any operating deficit reserve funds deposited to the replacement reserve account will not replace, negate, or otherwise be considered an advance payment or pre-funding of the Applicant's obligation to periodically fund the replacement reserve account), the reimbursement of any loan(s) provided by a partner, member or guarantor as set forth in the Applicant's organizational agreement (i.e., operating or limited partnership agreement) and, in the case of a Development with a Homeless or Persons with Special Needs Demographic Commitment, another operating deficit reserve whereby its final disposition remains under this same restriction. The actual direction of the disposition is at the Applicant's discretion so long as it is an option permitted by the Corporation. In no event, shall the payment of amounts to the Applicant or the Developer from any operating deficit reserve established for the Development cause the Developer fee or General Contractor fee to exceed the applicable percentage limitations provided for in this RFA.

e. Per Unit Construction Funding Preference

(1) The following Applications will qualify for this funding preference, as outlined in Section Five of the RFA:

- (a) Applications with a Development Category of New Construction or Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition, and
- (b) Applications with a Development Category of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition, that reflect an amount of at least \$32,500 per unit when the amount listed in the Total column of the Development Cost Pro Forma for the Development Cost line item A1.1 (Actual Construction Cost) is divided by the number of total units in the Development.

(2) The following Applications will not qualify for this funding preference:

Applications with a Development Category of Rehabilitation, with or without Acquisition that reflect an amount less than \$32,500 per unit, when the amount listed in the Total column of the Development Cost Pro Forma for the Development Cost line item A1.1 (Actual Construction Cost) is divided by the number of total units in the Development.

Indicate whether the proposed development qualifies for this funding preference in Exhibit A.

- f. Principal of the Applicant is a Public Housing Authority/or instrumentality of a PHA

The Applicant should state whether any Principals of the Applicant entity are a Public Housing Authority or an instrumentality of a PHA. To qualify for the “Add-On Bonus” described Section Five, A.1 of the RFA and in Item 1 of Exhibit C, the Public Housing Authority or instrumentality of a PHA must be reflected on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019). For purposes of the “Add-On Bonus”, the Public Housing Authority must not be disclosed as only the Investor Limited Partner of the Applicant or Investor Member of the Applicant.

11. Funding Goals

- a. Local Government Areas of Opportunity Funding Goal (Medium Counties Only):

Qualifications for a proposed Development to be considered a Local Government Areas of Opportunity are outlined in Section Four A.10.a.(4)(f) of the RFA.

Applicants that elect to compete for the Local Government Area of Opportunity Funding Goal will automatically meet the RECAP, Mandatory Distance and Proximity requirements outlined in this RFA.

The following counties (which includes jurisdictions within these counties) are not eligible to compete for the Local Government Areas of Opportunity Funding Goal: Alachua, Manatee, and Polk.

Jurisdictions that contribute to a proposed Development for this Goal and are awarded funding under this RFA are not eligible to contribute to a proposed Development for this funding Goal in a subsequent Housing Credit RFA cycle.

- b. Geographic Areas of Opportunity / SADDA Goal (All Counties)

Proposed Developments serving the Family Demographic that (i) are located entirely (including all Scattered Sites, if applicable) within a Geographic Areas of Opportunity (as outlined in Section Four A.10. of the RFA); (ii) are located entirely (included all Scattered Sites, if applicable) within a HUD-designated SADDA; or (iii) are located entirely (including all Scattered Sites, if applicable) in a combination of (i) and (ii) are eligible to compete for the Geographic Areas of Opportunity / SADDA Development Goal. For a Development that qualifies and is selected for the Goal, the Applicant’s answers Exhibit A will be confirmed during credit underwriting. If it is determined that the entire proposed Development site is not located in a SADDA ZCTA and/or a Geographic Areas of Opportunity, the Housing Credit award may be rescinded.

Proposed Developments that elect to compete for this goal that are located entirely in a HUD-designated SADDA will automatically qualify for the Proximity, Mandatory Distance, and RECAP requirements outlined in the RFA. If any part of the proposed Development is located in a Geographic Areas of Opportunity census tract, the proposed Development must meet all Proximity, Mandatory Distance, and RECAP

requirements, regardless of whether the proposed Development also qualifies as a Local Government Areas of Opportunity outlined in Section Four A.10.a.(4)(f) of the RFA.

c. Local Community Revitalization Initiative Goal (All Counties)

Applicants for proposed Developments that are part of a local revitalization plan may elect to compete for this goal. To qualify for this goal, the Applicant must submit the properly completed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government/Community Redevelopment Agency Verification That Development Is Part Of A Local Community Revitalization Plan form (Form Rev. 08-2019). The form is available on the RFA Website. Included with the form must be either (1) a link to the local community revitalization plan or (2) a copy of the local community revitalization plan.

B. Addenda

The Applicant may use the Addenda section of Exhibit A to provide any additional information or explanatory addendum for items described in Section Four, A. above. Please specify the particular item to which the additional information or explanatory addendum applies.

**SECTION FIVE
SCORING AND EVALUATION PROCESS**

A. Scoring the RFA

1. Determining Eligibility

Only Applications that meet all of the following Eligibility Items will be eligible for funding and considered for funding selection.

Eligibility Items
Submission Requirements met*
Demographic Commitment selected
Name of Applicant provided
Evidence Applicant is a legally formed entity provided
Principals for Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form provided
Authorized Principal Representative provided
Name of Each Developer provided
Evidence that each Developer entity is a legally formed entity provided
General Development Experience Requirement met
Name of Management Company provided
Prior General Management Company Experience requirement met
Name of Proposed Development provided
County identified
Address of Development Site provided
Question whether a Scattered Sites Development answered
RECAP Conditions met (if applicable)
Development Category selected
Development Category Qualifying Conditions met

Development Type provided
Total Number of Units provided and within limits
Number of new construction units and rehabilitation units provided
Occupancy Status of any existing units
Number of residential buildings provided
Evidence of Site Control provided
Appropriate Zoning demonstrated
Availability of Electricity demonstrated
Availability of Water demonstrated
Availability of Sewer demonstrated
Availability of Roads demonstrated
Unit Mix provided
Development Location Point provided
Latitude and Longitude Coordinates for any Scattered Sites provided, if applicable
Minimum Total Proximity Score met
Mandatory Distance Requirement met
Minimum Set-Aside election provided
Total Set-Aside Breakdown Chart properly completed
Minimum Additional Green Building Features selected
Minimum Resident Programs selected
Applicant's Housing Credit Request Amount provided
Development Cost Pro Forma provided (listing expenses or uses) and Construction/Rehab analysis and Permanent analysis (listing sources) – Sources must equal or exceed uses
Financial Arrearage Requirements met**
Previous Funding Requirements met ***
Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation met****

*** Submission Requirement**

To be eligible for funding, the following submission requirements must be met: (i) the Application must be submitted online by the Application Deadline, (ii) the required hard copy must be submitted by the Application Deadline, (iii) the Applicant's hard copy submission must be contained in a sealed package, and (iv) the required Application fee must be submitted as of the Application Deadline.

**** Financial Arrearage Requirement**

An Application will be deemed ineligible for funding if, as of close of business the day before the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board, there remains any financial obligations for which an Applicant or Developer or Principal, Affiliate or Financial Beneficiary of the Applicant or Developer is in arrears to the Corporation or any agent or assignee of the Corporation as reflected on the most recently published Past Due Report posted to the

Corporation's Website under the link Property Owners & Managers/Past Due Reports (also accessible by clicking [here](#)), but not more recently than five business days prior to the date the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board.

*** Previous Funding Requirement

An Application will be deemed ineligible to be considered for funding if, as of the close of business the day before the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board, an Applicant or Developer or Principal, Affiliate or Financial Beneficiary of the Applicant or Developer has received an award of any funding from any RFA issued by Florida Housing Finance Corporation but such funding has been de-obligated by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors within the 36 months prior to this RFA Application Deadline, with the exception of de-obligations that resulted from the termination of the Multifamily Energy Retrofit Program (MERP) funding awarded through RFA 2015-115, or de-obligation of National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) funding.

An Application will be deemed ineligible for funding if the Applicant has accepted an invitation to enter credit underwriting for the same Development in a previous RFA and, as of Application Deadline for this RFA, the funding has not been returned to the Corporation. If the acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting in a previous RFA occurs after the Application Deadline and before the Review Committee Meeting for this RFA, the proposed Development will be considered ineligible for funding in this RFA. If the acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting in a previous RFA occurs after the Review Committee Meeting for this RFA, the proposed Development will be considered ineligible for funding in this RFA and any funding awarded in this RFA will be rescinded and considered Returned Funding.

**** Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation

By submitting its Application, the Applicant agrees and acknowledges that the Application will be subject to the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation during the scoring, credit underwriting, and final Housing Credit allocation process.

The Corporation shall limit the Total Development Cost (TDC) per unit for all Developments categorized by the construction type of the units as indicated below and this limit is referred to as the TDC Per Unit Limitation. It is a limit based on TDC, but exclusive of land costs and exclusive of any operating deficit reserves that are part of the permanent phase (i.e., non-construction) financing for the Development which have not been included within the Developer fee, applying any applicable TDC multiplier and/or TDC add-on. The proposed Development's TDC will be tested against the TDC Per Unit Limitation during the scoring of the RFA, utilizing the Development Type, Development Category and ESS Construction determination made by the Applicant in the RFA and it will apply to all units in the proposed Development. During the credit underwriting

process, and during the final allocation process, the maximum TDC per unit will be recalculated for each unit type as described in Item 1 of Exhibit C, with consideration given to whether the Development consists one or more Development Types, a mix of both new construction and rehabilitation units, or a mix of wood and ESS Construction units.

Any Application that has an amount that exceeds these limitations during scoring will not be eligible for funding. These TDC Per Unit Base Limitation amounts, inclusive of any applicable TDC multiplier and/or TDC add-on, are effective during the scoring process. Item 1 of Exhibit C provides the TDC Per Unit Base Limitation amounts that account for an escalation factor to be incorporated for the credit underwriting process and final allocation process, as explained in the exhibit.

Total Development Cost Per Unit Base Limitations to be used during the scoring process

Measure	New Construction Units					Rehabilitation Units	
	Garden Wood*	Garden ESS*	Mid-Rise-Wood*	Mid-Rise-ESS*	High-Rise*	Garden*	Non-Garden*
Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation	\$212,200	\$255,400	\$255,400	\$282,200	\$322,000	\$178,200	\$250,300
Applicable TDC Multipliers (to be applied against the Development's TDC) and TDC Add-Ons (to be added to the Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation)							
TDC Multiplier for Elderly-ALF Developments					95%		
TDC Add-On for Applicants that have a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA as a Principal					\$5,000 of additional per unit costs will be added to the above Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation		

* Garden includes all Development Types other than Mid-Rise and High-Rise; Non-Garden includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories) and High-Rise (7 or more stories); Mid-Rise includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories); and High-Rise includes Development Type of High Rise (7 or more stories). ESS means Enhanced Structural Systems Construction.

** Exclusive of land costs and exclusive of any approved operating deficit reserves that are part of the permanent phase (i.e., non-construction) financing for the Development which have not been included within the Developer fee. When the term of operating deficit reserves (ODR) is mentioned in this TDC Per Unit Limitation section, the term shall refer to these particular operating deficit reserves. Examples of reserves which can be considered part of the operating deficit reserve for this calculation are provided in the Operating Deficit Reserve portion of the Funding section in the RFA. For purposes of land valuation, the Corporation uses the lesser of the appraised value, or the actual land cost. When land costs are referenced in this TDC Per Unit Limitation section, the reference shall be limited to the amount of the land cost approved by the Corporation to be provided in the final cost certification under the land owned cost line item. For Applicants that have a public housing authority/instrumentality of a PHA listed as a Principal on the Applicant's Principal Disclosure Form may also exclude demolition costs and tenant relocation costs from TDC PU Limitation calculations. The total amount of costs that are to be excluded from the TDC Per Unit Limitation process are the applicable land costs, operating deficit reserves and certain PHA costs described herein are referred to below in the congregate as applicable qualifying costs.

2. Awarding Points

Point Items	Maximum Points
Submission of Principal Disclosure Form stamped by Corporation as "Pre-Approved"	5
Development Experience Withdrawal Disincentive	5
Total Possible Points	10

B. Selection Process

1. Goals

- a. The Corporation has a goal to fund four Medium County Developments that qualify for the Local Government Areas of Opportunity Funding Goal outlined in Section Four A.11. of the RFA.
- b. The Corporation has a goal to fund two Developments with a Demographic commitment of Family that select and qualify for the Geographic Areas of Opportunity / SADDA Goal outlined in Section Four A.11. of the RFA..
- c. The Corporation has a goal to fund one (1) Development that qualifies for the Local Community Revitalization Initiative Goal outlined in Section Four A.11. of the RFA.

*Note: During the Funding Selection Process outlined below, Developments selected for these goals will only count toward one goal.

2. Application Sorting Order

The highest scoring Applications will be determined by first sorting together all eligible Applications from highest score to lowest score, with any scores that are tied separated as follows:

- (a) First, by the Application's eligibility for the Proximity Funding Preference (which is outlined in Section Four A.5.e. of the RFA) with Applications that qualify for the preference listed above Applications that do not qualify for the preference;
- (b) Next, by the Application's eligibility for the Per Unit Construction Funding Preference which is outlined in Section Four A.10.e. of the RFA (with Applications that qualify for the preference listed above Applications that do not qualify for the preference);
- (c) Next, by the Application's eligibility for the Development Category Funding Preference which is outlined in Section Four A.4.b.(4) of the RFA (with Applications that qualify for the preference listed above Applications that do not qualify for the preference);
- (d) Next, by the Application's Leveraging Classification, applying the multipliers outlined in Item 3 of Exhibit C of the RFA (with Applications having the Classification of A listed above Applications having the Classification of B);
- (e) Next, by the Application's eligibility for the Florida Job Creation Funding Preference which is outlined in Item 4 of Exhibit C of the RFA (with Applications that qualify for the preference listed above Applications that do not qualify for the preference);
- (f) And finally, by lottery number, resulting in the lowest lottery number receiving preference.

3. Funding Test

For purposes of this RFA, Funding Test means that Applications will be selected for funding only if there is enough funding available to fully fund the Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount.

4. County's Award Tally

As each Application is selected for tentative funding, the county where the proposed Development is located will have one Application credited towards the County's Award Tally. The Corporation will prioritize eligible unfunded Applications that meet the Funding Test and are located within counties that have the lowest County Award Tally above other eligible unfunded Applications with a higher County Award Tally that also meet the Funding Test, even if the Applications with a higher County Award Tally are higher ranked.

5. The Funding Selection Process

- a. The first Application selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Applications that qualifies for the Local Community Revitalization Initiative Goal.
- b. The next four Applications that will be considered for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Medium County Applications that qualify for the Local Government Area of Opportunity Funding Goal, subject to the Funding Test and the County Award Tally.
- c. The next two Applications select for funding will be the highest ranking eligible Family Applications that qualify for the Geographic Areas of Opportunity/ HUD-designated SADDA Goal, subject to the Funding Test and the County Award Tally.
- d. Once the Goals in a. through c. above are met, or if there are no eligible Applications that meets these goals, the next Applications selected for funding will be the highest ranking eligible unfunded Applications that (i) can meet the Funding Test and (ii) have a County Award Tally that is less than or equal to any other eligible unfunded Applications.
- e. If Housing Credit funding remains and no unfunded eligible Application can meet the Funding Test, no further Applications will be selected and the remaining funding will be distributed as approved by the Board.

6. Returned Funding

Funding that becomes available after the Board takes action on the Committee's recommendation(s), due to an Applicant withdrawing its Application, an Applicant declining its invitation to enter credit underwriting or the Applicant's inability to satisfy a requirement outlined in this RFA and/or Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., will be distributed as approved by the Board.

SECTION SIX AWARD PROCESS

Committee members shall independently evaluate and score their assigned portions of the submitted Applications, consulting with non-committee Corporation staff and legal counsel as necessary and appropriate.

The Committee shall conduct at least one public meeting during which the Committee members may discuss their evaluations, select Applicants to be considered for award, and make any adjustments deemed necessary to best serve the interests of the Corporation's mission. The Committee will list the Applications deemed eligible for funding in order applying the funding selection criteria outlined in Section Five above and develop a recommendation or series of recommendations to the Board.

The Board may use the Applications, the Committee's scoring, any other information or recommendation provided by the Committee or staff, and any other information the Board deems relevant in its selection of Applicants to whom to award funding. Notwithstanding an award by the Board pursuant to this RFA, funding will be subject to a positive recommendation from the Credit Underwriter based on criteria outlined in the credit underwriting provisions in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

The Corporation shall provide notice of its decision, or intended decision, for this RFA on the Corporation's Website the day of the applicable Board vote. After posting, an unsuccessful Applicant may file a notice of protest and a formal written protest in accordance with Section 120.57(3), Fla. Stat., et. al. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Fla. Stat., et. al. shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Fla. Stat.

After the Board's decision to select Applicants for funding in this RFA has become final action, the Corporation shall offer all Applicants within the funding range an invitation to enter credit underwriting. The Corporation shall select the Credit Underwriter for each Development.

Exhibit B – Definitions

“Geographic Factor Areas of Opportunity”	Census tracts identified by the Corporation which meet at least two out of the following three threshold criteria as designated by the Corporation based on the average of the three most recent 5-year averages of the American Community Survey: (a) census tract median income greater than the 40th percentile of all census tracts within the county; (b) educational attainment above the median of all tracts in the county, measured as the proportion of adults over 25 years old who have completed at least some college; and (c) tract employment rate greater than the statewide employment rate. The census tract list can be found at http://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/areas-of-opportunity (also available by clicking here).
“Grocery Store”	<p>A retail food store consisting of 4,500 square feet or more of contiguous air-conditioned space available to the public, that has been issued a food permit, current and in force as of the dates outlined below, issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service (FDACS) which designates the store as a Grocery Store or Supermarket within the meaning of those terms for purposes of FDACS-issued food permits.</p> <p>Additionally, it must have been open and available for use by the general public since a date that is 6 months prior to the Application Deadline with the exception of any of the following, which must be in existence and available for use by the general public as of the Application Deadline:</p> <p>Albertson’s, Aldi, Bravo Supermarkets, BJ’s Wholesale Club, Costco Wholesale, Earth Fare, Food Lion, Fresh Market, Harvey’s, Milam’s Markets, Piggly Wiggly, Presidente, Publix, Sam’s Club, Sav – A – Lot, Sedano’s, SuperTarget, Trader Joe’s, Walmart Neighborhood Market, Walmart Supercenter, Whole Foods, Winn-Dixie</p>
“Local Government Areas of Opportunity”	Developments receiving a high level of Local Government interest in the project as demonstrated by an irrevocable funding contribution that equals or exceeds 2.5 times the Total Development Cost Per Unit Base Limitation (exclusive of any add-ons or multipliers for the Development Type committed to for the proposed Development. The Minimum Local Government Areas of Opportunity Funding Amounts are outlined in Section Four A.11.a. of the RFA. A single jurisdiction (i.e., the county or a municipality) may not contribute cash loans and/or cash grants for any other proposed Development applying in the same competitive solicitation in an amount sufficient to qualify as Local Government Areas of Opportunity, per the competitive solicitation.
“Medical Facility”	A medically licensed facility that (i) employs or has under contractual obligation at least one physician licensed under Chapter 458 or 459, F.S. available to treat patients by walk-in or by appointment; and (ii) provides general medical treatment to any physically sick or injured person. Facilities that specialize in treating specific classes of medical conditions or specific classes of patients, including emergency

	<p>rooms affiliated with specialty or Class II hospitals and clinics affiliated with specialty or Class II hospitals, will not be accepted.</p> <p>Additionally, it must have been in existence and available for use by the general public as of the Application Deadline.</p>
“Pharmacy”	<p>A community pharmacy operating under a valid permit issued pursuant to s. 465.018, F.S., current and in force as of the dates outlined below and open to the general public at least five (5) days per week without the requirement of a membership fee.</p> <p>Additionally, it must have been open and available for use by the general public since a date that is 6 months prior to the Application Deadline with the exception of any of the following, which must be in existence and available for use by the general public as of the Application Deadline:</p> <p>Albertson’s, CVS, Harvey’s, Kmart, Navarro’s, Piggly Wiggly, Publix, Sav – A – Lot, Target, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Winn-Dixie</p>
“Private Transportation”	<p>At no cost to the residents, transportation provided by the Applicant or its Management Company to non-emergency medical appointments such as therapy, chemotherapy, dentistry, hearing, dialysis, prescription pick-ups, testing and x-rays, as well as shopping, public service facilities, and/or educational or social activities. The vehicle used for the residents’ transportation must accommodate at least six adult passengers, including the vehicle’s driver and at least one wheelchair position. Access to a program such as “Dial-A-Ride” will not meet this definition.</p>
“Public Bus Stop”	<p>A fixed location at which passengers may access one or two routes of public transportation via buses. The Public Bus Stop must service at least one bus route with the following number of scheduled stops within at 24 hour period Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, on a year-round basis, for the applicable county size:</p> <p>Small and Medium Counties: 12 scheduled stops</p> <p>Large Counties: 18 scheduled stops</p> <p>Bus routes must be established or approved by a Local Government department that manages public transportation. Buses that travel between states will not be considered.</p> <p>Additionally, it must have been in existence and available for use by the general public as of the Application Deadline.</p>
“Public Bus Transfer Stop”	<p>For purposes of proximity points, a Public Bus Transfer Stop means a fixed location at which passengers may access at least three routes of public transportation via buses. Each qualifying route must have the following number of scheduled stops at</p>

	<p>the Public Bus Transfer Stop within a 24 hour period Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, on a year-round basis, for the applicable county size:</p> <p>Small and Medium Counties: 12 scheduled stops</p> <p>Large Counties: 18 scheduled stops</p> <p>This would include bus stations (i.e., hubs) and bus stops with multiple routes. Bus routes must be established or approved by a Local Government department that manages public transportation. Buses that travel between states will not be considered.</p> <p>Additionally, it must have been in existence and available for use by the general public as of the Application Deadline.</p>
<p>“Public Bus Rapid Transit Stop”</p>	<p>A fixed location at which passengers may access public transportation via bus. The Public Bus Rapid Transit Stop must service at least one bus that travels at some point during the route in either a lane or corridor that is exclusively used by buses, and the Public Bus Rapid Transit Stop must service at least one route that has the following number of scheduled stops at the Public Bus Rapid Transit Stop during a 24 hour period Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, on a year-round basis, for the applicable county size:</p> <p>Small and Medium Counties: 12 scheduled stops</p> <p>Large Counties: 18 scheduled stops</p> <p>Additionally, it must have been in existence and available for use by the general public as of the Application Deadline.</p>
<p>“Public Rail Station”</p>	<p>For purposes of proximity points, a Public Rail Station means a fixed location at which passengers may access the scheduled public rail transportation on a year-round basis at a MetroRail Station located in Miami-Dade County, a TriRail Station located in Broward County, Miami-Dade County or Palm Beach County, or a SunRail Station located in the following counties: Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia</p>
<p>“Public School”</p>	<p>A public elementary, middle, junior and/or high school, where the principal admission criterion is the geographic proximity to the school. This may include a charter school, if the charter school is open to appropriately aged children in the radius area who apply, without additional requirements for admissions such as passing an entrance exam or audition, payment of fees or tuition, or demographic diversity considerations.</p> <p>Additionally, it must have been in existence and available for use by the general public as of the Application Deadline.</p>

<p>“RECAP” or “Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty”</p>	<p>Census tracts in which at least 40 percent of the population is living below the poverty line and in which a concentration of individuals who identify as other than non-Hispanic White exceeds 50 percent of the population of the census tract. RECAP tracts are designated using the average of the three most recent 5-yr averages of the American Community Survey, excluding high margin of error tracts. The RECAP census tract list can be found at http://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/racially-and-ethnically-concentrated-areas-of-poverty-(recap) (also available by clicking here).</p>
<p>“Regulated Mortgage Lender”</p>	<p>(a) A state or federally chartered entity authorized to transact business in this state that regularly engages in the business of making mortgage loans secured by real property in this state, whose mortgage lending activities subject it to the jurisdiction of the State of Florida Office of Financial Regulation, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the National Credit Union Administration, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; (b) A Fannie Mae-approved lender whose name appears on the Fannie Mae list of Delegated Underwriting and Servicing (DUS[®]) Lenders*; (c) A HUD-approved lender whose name appears on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) list of Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Approved Lenders*; (d) A RD-approved lender whose name appears on the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD), list of Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing approved lenders*; or (e) A Freddie Mac-approved multifamily lender whose name appears on Freddie Mac’s lists of Program Plus (Florida region) lenders, Targeted Affordable Housing lenders or Seniors Housing lenders*; or (f) a mortgage lender that is a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) in the State of Florida that has been awarded funding from the CDFI Fund in a cumulative amount of at least \$5,000,000, exclusive of New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) awards, whose name and CDFI awards can be confirmed on the CDFI Fund’s web site (Qualified CDFI, and the affiliate(s) of such Qualified CDFI. As used herein, the affiliate(s) of a Qualified CDFI means the parent, subsidiary or successor of the Qualified CDFI, or an entity that shares common ownership or management with the Qualified CDFI. If the lender is an affiliate of the Qualified CDFI, the funding letter(s) being considered by the Corporation must include the name of the Qualified CDFI and a statement that the lender is an affiliate of the Qualified CDFI.</p> <p>*These documents are available on the RFA Website.</p>
<p>“Set-Aside Unit”</p>	<p>When not committing to the Average Income Test, Set-Aside Units are units set aside at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income for the county in which the Development is located. For purposes of the Average Income Test, units may be set-aside at or below 80 percent of the Area Medium Income (AMI) in thy county in which the Development is located, but the average AMI shall not exceed 60 percent. The total number of Set-Aside Units is calculated as follows:</p>

	<p>The total number of units within the proposed Development multiplied by the highest Total Set-Aside Percentage the Applicant committed to as stated in the last row of the set-aside breakdown chart in the Set-Aside Commitment section of the Application. Results that are not a whole number will be rounded up to the next whole number.</p>
"Sister Stop"	<p>Sister Stop is defined as two (2) bus stops that (i) individually, each meet the definition of Public Bus Stop, (ii) are separated by a street or intersection from each other, (iii) are within 0.2 miles of each other, (iv) serve the same bus route(s), (v) and the buses travel in different directions.</p>

Exhibit C – Additional Information

1. Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation

- a. The Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation was reviewed during the scoring process as outlined in Section Five, A. During credit underwriting and final cost certification, the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation will be reviewed again using the values in the chart below.

Total Development Cost Per Unit Base Limitations

Measure	New Construction Units					Rehabilitation Units	
	Garden Wood*	Garden ESS*	Mid-Rise-Wood*	Mid-Rise-ESS*	High-Rise*	Garden*	Non-Garden*
Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation	\$212,200	\$255,400	\$255,400	\$282,200	\$322,000	\$178,200	\$250,300
Applicable TDC Multipliers (to be applied against the Development’s TDC) and TDC Add-Ons (to be added to the Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation)							
TDC Multiplier for Elderly-ALF Developments					95%		
TDC Add-On for Applicants that have a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA as a Principal					\$5,000 of additional per unit costs will be added to the above Maximum TDC Per Unit Limitation		

* Garden includes all Development Types other than Mid-Rise and High-Rise; Non-Garden includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories) and High-Rise (7 or more stories); Mid-Rise includes Development Types of Mid-Rise with elevator (4 stories, 5 stories, or 6 stories); and High-Rise includes Development Type of High Rise (7 or more stories). ESS means Enhanced Structural Systems Construction.

** Exclusive of land costs and exclusive of any approved operating deficit reserves that are part of the permanent phase (i.e., non-construction) financing for the Development which have not been included within the Developer fee. When the term of operating deficit reserves (ODR) is mentioned in this TDC Per Unit Limitation section, the term shall refer to these particular operating deficit reserves. Examples of reserves which can be considered part of the operating deficit reserve for this calculation are provided in the Operating Deficit Reserve portion of the Funding section in the RFA. For purposes of land valuation, the Corporation uses the lesser of the appraised value, or the actual land cost. When land costs are referenced in this TDC Per Unit Limitation section, the reference shall be limited to the amount of the land cost approved by the Corporation to be provided in the final cost certification under the land owned cost line item. For Applicants that have a public housing authority/instrumentality of a PHA listed as a Principal on the Applicant’s Principal Disclosure Form may also exclude demolition costs and tenant relocation costs from TDC PU Limitation calculations. The total amount of costs that are to be excluded from the TDC Per Unit Limitation process are the applicable land costs, operating deficit reserves and certain PHA costs described herein are referred to below in the congregate as applicable qualifying costs.

- b. Any Applicant that has the Credit Underwriter present a credit underwriting report with an amount that exceeds these limitations by more than 5 percent, after taking into consideration an escalation factor for development costs rising after the Application Deadline of either (i) 3.0 percent for any Development with the Development Category of New Construction, Redevelopment, or Acquisition and Redevelopment, or (ii) 2.3 percent for any Development with the Development Category of Rehabilitation or Acquisition and Rehabilitation, and incorporating any applicable TDC reduction and adjustments processes provided below will receive a negative recommendation by the Credit Underwriter.

Any Applicant that has the Credit Underwriter present a credit underwriting report with an amount that exceeds these limitations will require staff to review the credit

underwriting report for compliance to the TDC reduction and adjustment procedure provided below:

- (1) A TDC Per Unit Limitation is the maximum allowable and is determined by adding the applicable TDC Per Unit Base Limitation from the table above with respect to the Development as provided in this RFA to any applicable TDC add-on and multiplying that sum by the appropriate escalation rate, and then dividing by any applicable TDC multiplier and finally taking the resulting amount and multiplying it by the number of total units in the Development. If there are multiple unit types, this process is done for each unique unit type and then they are all added together.

The Developer fee will be limited to the maximum allowable within the TDC Per Unit Limitation, in all instances. A Developer fee can be earned on Development Cost as defined by Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., up to the maximum allowed within the TDC Per Unit Limitation, but it cannot be earned on costs in excess of said limitation. If the Development costs exceed the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, then the maximum allowable Developer fee will be adjusted as outlined below. The maximum allowable Developer fee limit can be determined by taking the TDC Per Unit Limitation amount and dividing by 1.16* and then multiply the result by 16 percent*. This will yield the maximum allowable Developer fee within the TDC Per Unit Limitation.

Prior to determining any necessary adjustment, if the Developer fee initially stated by the Applicant or Credit Underwriter is in excess of the maximum allowable Developer fee as provided in 1.b.(1) above, the stated Developer fee will be reduced to said maximum allowable Developer fee, and the TDC will be equally reduced to incorporate the cost reduction.

- (2) Subsequent to reducing the stated Developer fee to the maximum allowable amount provided above, additional adjustments may be necessary if the TDC Per Unit Limitation remains exceeded. An adjustment to the maximum allowable Developer fee limit shall be determined by reducing the maximum allowable Developer fee, as determined in 1.b.(1) above, dollar-for-dollar, for any costs in excess of the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, up to the lesser of (a) the actual amount of costs in excess of the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, (b) \$500,000, or (c) 25 percent of the initial maximum allowable Developer fee limit. If the stated Developer fee, inclusive of any necessary adjustments incorporated above, exceeds the maximum allowable Developer fee limit as adjusted herein, the stated Developer fee, inclusive of any necessary adjustments incorporated above shall be further adjusted to not exceed the new maximum allowable Developer fee limit, and the Applicant's TDC will be equally reduced to incorporate the cost reduction. If after following this Developer fee limitation process, the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs is reduced to be within the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, then the Developer fee adjustment calculation is complete. If the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs remains above the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit

Limitation, then there is an additional Developer fee adjustment process, as outlined in (3) below.

- (3) An additional Developer fee limitation adjustment will be initiated to further reduce the allowable maximum Developer fee limit in the event the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs (as adjusted above) exceeds the TDC Per Unit Limitation. The reduction will be determined by deriving a percentage amount that the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs (as adjusted above) exceeds the TDC Per Unit Limitation, and multiplying this excess percentage by the amount of the adjusted Developer fee, resulting in a product that is the additional adjustment to the Developer fee. For instance, if the Applicant's adjusted TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs exceeds the limitation by 4 percent, then the maximum allowable Developer fee limit is further reduced by 4 percent. If the stated Developer fee is greater than this limit, it must be reduced to be equal to the new limit. Once this step is complete, there is no further Developer fee adjustment or corresponding cost savings mandated to be incorporated into the Applicant's TDC for this process.

It is at this point that the Applicant's adjusted TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs are compared to the TDC Per Unit Limitation, and if the TDC Per Unit Limitation is exceeded by more than 5 percent (as presented in the opening paragraph of 1.b above), the credit underwriting report shall be presented with a negative recommendation by the Credit Underwriter.

As a note, if the Developer fee in the credit underwriting report is already at or below the maximum allowable Developer fee limit, then there is no additional adjustment mandated to be incorporated into the Developer fee. This also means there are no corresponding cost savings to reduce the Applicant's TDC since all TDC cost reductions stemming from this process are coming from reducing the Developer fee. If the Developer fee in the credit underwriting report needs to be reduced to incorporate any adjustment as provided above, then as the Developer fee is reduced, so is the Applicant's TDC in order to incorporate the reduced Developer fee cost.

For example:

A 110-unit Development located in Sarasota County had a Development Category of Acquisition and Redevelopment and Development Types comprised of Mid-Rise-ESSC (4 Stories) (NC) with 70 units and Garden-ESSC (NC) with 40 units. The credit underwriter initially reports the Applicant's TDC of \$33,160,000, inclusive of the Applicant's stated Developer fee of \$4,570,000, but exclusive of applicable qualifying costs at time of credit underwriting, and also prior to any adjustment. The Applicant does have a PHA as a Principal and qualifies for the TDC Add-On.

Calculate TDC Limitation for the Development and Maximum Allowable Developer fee

- 1.(a) TDC Per Unit Base Limitation (blended for two unique Unit types), inclusive of any applicable TDC Add-On (\$5,000), any applicable TDC Multiplier (100%), and the credit underwriting escalation rate (3.0%): [(\$282,200.00 Per Unit + \$5,000 TDC Add-On) x 70 Mid-Rise-ESSC (4 Stories) (NC) Units + (\$255,400.00 Per Unit +

$\$5,000 \text{ TDC Add-On} \times 40 \text{ Garden-ESSC (NC) Units} \times (1 + 3.0\%)] / 100\% \text{ TDC Multiplier} = \$31,435,600$. (To determine the blended final TDC PU Limitation, divide by total units: $\$31,435,600 / 110 \text{ Total Units} = \$285,778.18 \text{ Per Unit}$.)

- 1.(b) Implied maximum Development Cost per the limitation: $\$31,435,600 \div 1.16 = \$27,099,656$.
- 1.(c) Determine maximum allowable Developer Fee limit within the TDC limitation (prior to any applicable Developer Fee adjustment): $\$27,099,656 \times 16\% = \$4,335,944$.

(Note: The calculations in both 1.(b) and 1.(c) incorporates the requirement to round down the Developer fee to the next lower whole dollar.)

First Developer fee/TDC adjustment Calculation Methodology (If necessary)

- 2.(a)(i) Is the Applicant's initial Developer Fee (\$4,570,000) greater than the maximum allowable of \$4,335,944? $\$4,570,000 > \$4,335,944$; Yes.
- 2.(a)(ii) If the response to 2.(a)(i) is "Yes", then determine the excess: $\$4,570,000 - \$4,335,944 = \$234,056$ (initial excess Developer Fee).
- 2.(b) Reduce the Applicant's initial Developer Fee to the lesser of either the maximum allowable (\$4,335,944) or the Applicant's initial fee (\$4,570,000) and reduce the Applicant's initial TDC by an equal amount: $\$4,570,000 - \$234,056 = \$4,335,944$ (Applicant's initial adjusted fee); $\$33,160,000 - \$234,056 = \$32,925,944$ (Applicant's initial adjusted TDC).
- 2.(c) If the response to 2.(a)(i) is "No" or once the adjustment of 2.(b) has been completed, then determine if the Applicant's (adjusted) TDC remains in excess of the limitation and if so, the amount of the excess: $\$32,925,944$ (initial adjusted TDC) $> \$31,435,600$ (TDC limitation); $\$32,925,944 - \$31,435,600 = \$1,490,344$ (excess).
- 2.(d) Determine the components used to calculate an adjusted maximum allowable Developer Fee. Any adjustment will be the lesser of either (i) 100% of the excess TDC (\$1,490,344), (ii) \$500,000, or (iii) 25 percent of the maximum allowable Developer Fee limit ($25\% \times \$4,335,944 = \$1,083,986$): $\$500,000 < \$1,083,986 < \$1,490,344$.
- 2.(e) Apply the least amount of the three components in 2(d) above (\$500,000) to determine the maximum allowable Developer Fee limit, subject to this adjustment: $\$4,335,944 - \$500,000 = \$3,835,944$ (maximum fee limit at this stage).
- 2.(f) Determine if the Applicant's initial adjusted Developer Fee (as provided in 2.(b) above) is greater than the new maximum allowable Developer Fee limit (from 2.(e) above) and, if so, reduce the Applicant's initial adjusted fee appropriately: $\$4,335,944$ (Applicant's initial adjusted fee) $> \$3,835,944$ (maximum fee limit at this stage); Adjust the fee appropriately: Applicant's interim adjusted fee = \$3,835,944.

2.(g) Determine the Applicant's TDC reduction due to the Developer Fee adjustment in 2.(f) above and apply the adjustment accordingly: \$4,335,944 (Applicant's initial adjusted fee) - \$3,835,944 = \$500,000 (Applicant's TDC reduction); \$32,925,944 - \$500,000 = \$32,425,944 (Applicant's interim adjusted TDC). (As a note, this TDC is still greater than the TDC Per Unit Limitation so an additional adjustment to the maximum allowable Developer fee will need to be calculated.)

Second Developer fee/TDC adjustment Calculation Methodology (If necessary)

- 3.(a) Determine the percentage the Applicant's (adjusted) TDC without the applicable qualifying costs (as adjusted above in 2.(g)) that exceeds the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation: Amount of excess TDC: \$32,425,944 (Applicant's interim adjusted TDC) - \$31,435,600 (TDC limitation) = \$990,344 (excess TDC); Excess TDC as a percentage of TDC Limitation: $\$990,344 \div \$31,435,600 = 3.15\%$. (Note: This number is only rounded here for illustrative purposes. The actual calculation will not be rounded.)
- 3.(b) Determine the final maximum Developer Fee limit: $3.15\% \times \$3,835,944$ (maximum fee limit from 2.(e) above) = \$120,847; $\$3,835,944 - \$120,847 = \$3,715,097$ (final maximum allowable Developer Fee limit).
- 3.(c) Determine if the Applicant's interim adjusted Developer Fee (from 2.(f) above) is greater than the final maximum allowable Developer Fee limit (from 3.(b) above) and, if so, reduce the Applicant's interim adjusted Developer Fee appropriately: $\$3,835,944$ (Applicant's interim adjusted fee) > \$3,715,097 (final fee limitation); $\$3,835,944 - \$120,847 = \$3,715,097$ (Applicant's final adjusted Developer Fee).
- 3.(d) Determine the Applicant's final adjusted TDC at time of credit underwriting by taking the Applicant's interim adjusted TDC (as provided in 2.(g) above) and subtracting any adjustment to the Applicant's final adjusted Developer Fee (from 3.(c) above): $\$32,425,944 - \$120,847 = \$32,305,097$ (Applicant's final adjusted TDC).
- 3.(e) Verify the status of the 5% variance test: $(\$32,305,097 - \$31,435,600) / \$31,435,600 = 2.77\%$, which falls within the criteria of being less than or equal to 5% above of the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation. c. Any Applicant that presents a Final Cost Certification Application Package (FCCAP) **that has applicable TDC amounts that exceed the TDC Per Unit Limitation** will require staff to review the FCCAP for compliance to the procedure provided in (1), (2) and (3) below **if the Applicant did not have its Developer fee adjusted at credit underwriting as provided in 1.b. above**, either voluntarily or by the credit underwriter in order to get the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs to be in compliance with the TDC Per Unit Limitation requirements.
- (1) A TDC Per Unit Limitation is the maximum allowable and is determined by adding the applicable TDC Per Unit Base Limitation from the table above with respect to the Development as provided in this RFA to any applicable TDC add-on and multiplying that sum by the appropriate escalation rate, and then dividing by any applicable TDC multiplier and finally taking the resulting amount

and multiplying it by the number of total units in the Development. If there are multiple unit types, this process is done for each unique unit type and then they are all added together.

The Developer fee will be limited to the maximum allowable within the TDC Per Unit Limitation, in all instances. A Developer fee can be earned on Development Cost as defined by Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., up to the maximum allowed within the TDC Per Unit Limitation, but it cannot be earned on costs in excess of said limitation. If the Development costs exceed the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, then the maximum allowable Developer fee will be adjusted as outlined below. The maximum allowable Developer fee limit can be determined by taking the TDC Per Unit Limitation amount and dividing by 1.16* and then multiply the result by 16 percent*. This will yield the maximum allowable Developer fee within the TDC Per Unit Limitation.

Prior to determining any necessary adjustment, if the Developer fee initially stated by the FCCAP is in excess of the maximum allowable Developer fee as provided in 1.c.(1) above, the Developer fee will be reduced to said maximum allowable Developer fee, and the Applicant's TDC will be equally reduced to incorporate the cost reduction.

- (2) Subsequent to reducing the Developer fee to the maximum allowable amount, additional adjustments may be necessary if the TDC Per Unit Limitation remains exceeded. An adjustment to the maximum allowable Developer fee limit shall be determined by reducing the maximum allowable Developer fee limit as determined in 1.c.(1) above, dollar-for-dollar, for any costs in excess of the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, up to the lesser of (a) the actual amount of costs in excess of the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, (b) \$250,000, or (c) 10 percent of the initial maximum allowable Developer fee limit. If the stated Developer fee, inclusive of any necessary adjustments incorporated above, exceeds the maximum allowable Developer fee limit as adjusted herein, the stated Developer fee, inclusive of any necessary adjustments incorporated above, shall be further adjusted to not exceed the new maximum allowable Developer fee limit, and the Applicant's TDC will be equally reduced to incorporate the cost reduction. If, after following this Developer fee limitation process, the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs is reduced to be within the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, then the Developer fee adjustment calculation is complete. If the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs remains above the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, then there is an additional Developer fee adjustment process, as outlined in (3) below.
- (3) An additional Developer fee limitation adjustment will be initiated to further reduce the maximum allowable Developer fee limit in the event the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs (as adjusted above) exceeds the TDC Per Unit Limitation. The reduction will be determined by deriving a percentage amount that the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs (as adjusted above) exceeds the amount allowed by the TDC Per Unit Limitation, and multiplying this excess percentage by the amount of the adjusted Developer fee, resulting in a product that is the additional adjustment to the Developer fee. For instance, if the Applicant's adjusted TDC

exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs exceeds the limitation, by 4 percent, then the maximum allowable Developer fee limit is further reduced by 4 percent. If the stated Developer fee is greater than this limit, it must be reduced to be equal the new limit. Once this step is complete, there is no further Developer fee adjustment or corresponding cost savings to be incorporated into the Applicant's TDC as a result of this process.

If the Applicant already had its Developer fee adjusted at credit underwriting as provided in 1.b. above, either voluntarily or by the credit underwriter in order to get the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs to be in compliance with the TDC Per Unit Limitation requirements, **but the Applicant's TDC without the applicable qualifying costs in the FCCAP is now less than the Applicant's TDC without the applicable qualifying costs provided in the credit underwriting report**, then the Developer fee will be re-evaluated based on the procedure provided in 1.b. above, just as if it were going through the credit underwriting report process again.

If the Applicant already had its Developer fee adjusted at credit underwriting as provided in 1.b. above, either voluntarily or by the credit underwriter in order to get the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs to be in compliance with the TDC Per Unit Limitation requirements, **and the Applicant's TDC the applicable qualifying costs in the FCCAP exceeds the Applicant's TDC without the applicable qualifying costs provided in the credit underwriting report**, then the Developer fee will have an additional adjustment to be incorporated as provided in (4) below. For the adjustment process below, the maximum initial Developer fee (i.e., prior to any adjustments provided in (4) below) cannot exceed the final Developer's fee as stated in the credit underwriting report.

- (4) For an Applicant that already had its Developer fee adjusted at credit underwriting as provided in 1.b. above and whose TDC without the applicable qualifying costs in the FCCAP exceeds the Applicant's TDC without the applicable qualifying costs provided in the credit underwriting report, the maximum allowable Developer fee limit will incorporate an additional adjustment. This additional Developer fee adjustment will be the lesser of (a) the difference between the amount of the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs as reported in the FCCAP that is in excess of the Applicant's TDC exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs provided in the credit underwriting report, (b) \$250,000, or (c) 10 percent of the allowable Developer fee reported in the credit underwriting report. If the Developer fee in the FCCAP is already equal to or less than the maximum allowable Developer fee limit as determined with the incorporation of this additional Developer fee adjustment, then neither the Developer fee nor the Applicant's TDC is further reduced.

For example:

Assuming the Development in the example provided in 1.b. above provides an FCCAP with the Applicant's TDC, exclusive of the applicable qualifying costs, which is \$265,000 higher than the Applicant's TDC, exclusive of applicable qualifying costs, provided in the credit underwriting report, but the Developer Fee is the same as provided in the credit underwriting report of \$3,715,097. The additional Developer Fee adjustment will be the lesser of (a) \$265,000 (the new excess costs), (b) \$250,000 (the maximum dollar limit of

this additional Developer Fee adjustment), or (c) \$371,510 (10% of the allowable Developer Fee reported in the credit underwriting report). Since option (b) is the least amount of the three options, the allowable Developer Fee will be lowered by \$250,000. Since the Applicant’s Developer Fee initially reported in the FCCAP is equal to the allowable Developer Fee reported in the credit underwriting report, the Applicant’s Developer Fee will be adjusted in the same manner as the allowable Developer Fee. The allowable Developer Fee and the Applicant’s Developer Fee will be \$3,465,097 (the allowable Developer Fee reported in the credit underwriting report of \$3,715,097, less the adjustment of \$250,000). The Applicant’s TDC, exclusive of applicable qualifying costs, in the FCCAP would be adjusted to \$32,320,097 (\$32,305,097 from the credit underwriting report plus \$265,000 of new additional costs less \$250,000 for the reduction in allowable Developer Fee). As a note, if the Developer fee in the FCCAP is already at or below this allowable Developer fee, then there is no additional adjustment to be incorporated into the Developer fee. This also means there are no corresponding costs savings to reduce the Applicant’s TDC since all TDC cost reductions stemming from this process are coming from reducing the Developer fee. If the Developer fee in the FCCAP needs to be reduced to incorporate any adjustments provided above, then as the Developer fee is reduced, so is the Applicant’s TDC in order to incorporate the reduced Developer fee cost.

* These figures represent the applicable Developer fee percentage for the Development of 16% and one plus the applicable Developer fee percentage for the Development (1+16%).

2. Transit and Community Service Scoring Charts

(a) Transit Service Scoring Charts

Note: Section Four A.5.e outlines the Minimum Transit Service Score requirements.

Distances if using one or two Public Bus Stops	
Medium County Distance between the Development Location Point and the closest Public Bus Stop coordinates stated in Exhibit A	Number of Proximity Points Awarded for Eligible Service
if less than or equal to 0.30 miles	2.0
if greater than 0.30 and less than or equal to 0.40 miles	1.5
if greater than 0.40 and less than or equal to 0.50 miles	1.0
if greater than 0.50 miles	0.0

Distances if using three Public Bus Stops	
Medium County Distance between the Development Location Point and the furthest Public Bus Stop coordinates stated in Exhibit A	Number of Proximity Points Awarded for Eligible Service

if less than or equal to 0.30 miles	6.0
if greater than 0.30 and less than or equal to 0.50 miles	5.5
if greater than 0.50 and less than or equal to 0.75 miles	5.0
if greater than 0.75 and less than or equal to 1.00 miles	4.5

Public Rail Station, Public Bus Transfer Stop, or Public Bus Rapid Transit Stop	
Medium County Distance between the Development Location Point and Public Bus Transfer Stop or Public Bus Rapid Transit Stop coordinates stated in Exhibit A	Number of Proximity Points Awarded for Eligible Service
if less than or equal to 0.30 miles	6.0
if greater than 0.30 and less than or equal to 0.50 miles	5.5
if greater than 0.50 and less than or equal to 0.75 miles	5.0
if greater than 0.75 and less than or equal to 1.00 miles	4.5
if greater than 1.00 and less than or equal to 1.25 miles	4.0
if greater than 1.25 and less than or equal to 1.50 miles	3.5
if greater than 1.50 and less than or equal to 1.75 miles	3.0
if greater than 1.75 and less than or equal to 2.00 miles	2.5
if greater than 2.00 miles	0.0

(b) Community Services Scoring Charts

Grocery Store, Medical Facility and Pharmacy	
Medium County Distance between the Development Location Point and Grocery Store, Medical Facility and Pharmacy stated in Exhibit A	Number of Proximity Points Awarded for Eligible Service
if less than or equal to 0.30 miles	4.0
if greater than 0.30 and less than or equal to 0.50 miles	3.5
if greater than 0.50 and less than or equal to 0.75 miles	3.0
if greater than 0.75 and less than or equal to 1.00 miles	2.5
if greater than 1.00 and less than or equal to 1.25 miles	2.0
if greater than 1.25 and less than or equal to 1.50 miles	1.5
if greater than 1.50 and less than or equal to 1.75 miles	1.0
if greater than 1.75 and less than or equal to 2.00 miles	0.5
if greater than 2.00 miles	0.0

Public School	
Medium County Distance between the Development Location Point and Public School stated in Exhibit A	Number of Proximity Points Awarded for Eligible Service
if less than or equal to 0.50 miles	4.0
if greater than 0.50 and less than or equal to 1.00 miles	3.0
if greater than 1.00 and less than or equal to 1.50 miles	2.0
if greater than 1.50 and less than or equal to 2.00 miles	1.0
if greater than 2.00 miles	0

3. Leveraging Classification

All Eligible Applications will be classified as either Group A or Group B based on the amount of total Corporation funding per set-aside unit, as outlined below.

The Corporation will calculate the total Corporation funding per set-aside unit for each Application as follows:

- a. If the Development does not qualify for the basis boost, the Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount will be multiplied by 9.5. If the Development qualifies for the basis boost, the Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount will be multiplied by 9.5 and that product will be divided by 1.10.
- b. If the Applicant has a PHA as a Principal (disclosed in the Principal Disclosure form), a multiplier of 0.92 will be applied.
- c. If the proposed Development met the requirements to be considered ESS Construction, a multiplier of 0.88 will be applied.
- d. If the proposed Development does not meet the requirements to be considered ESS Construction, a multiplier of 0.98 will be applied.

Note: More than one of the above may apply. For instance, if a. and b. and c. apply and the Development qualifies for the basis boost, the Eligible Housing Credit Request will be multiplied by 9.5. divided by 1.10 and then multiplied by by 0.92 and then by 0.88. A proposed Development will qualify for either c. or d., above, but not both. All Applicants that selected the High-Rise Development Type will be considered to meet the requirements to be considered ESS Construction.

- e. The total Corporation Housing Credit funding amount will be adjusted further as follows:

- (1) If the proposed Development meets all of the following requirements, the total Corporation funding amount will be multiplied by 0.80:
- Applicant selected the High-Rise Development Type, and
 - Applicant selected the Development Category of New Construction or selected and qualified for the Development Category of Redevelopment or Acquisition and Redevelopment.
- or
- (2) If the proposed Development meets all of the following requirements, the total Corporation funding amount will be multiplied by 0.84:
- Applicant selected the Mid-Rise with Elevator (a building comprised of 5 or 6 stories) Development Type and at least 90 percent of the total units are in these Mid-Rise building(s), and
 - Applicant selected the Development Category of New Construction or selected and qualified for the Development Category of Redevelopment or Acquisition and Redevelopment;
- or
- (3) If the proposed Development meets all of the following requirements, the total Corporation funding amount will be multiplied by 0.90:
- Applicant selected the Mid-Rise with Elevator (a building comprised of 4 stories) Development Type and at least 90 percent of the total units are in these Mid-Rise building(s), and
 - Applicant selected the Development Category of New Construction or selected and qualified for the Development Category of Redevelopment or Acquisition and Redevelopment.

All Applications will be divided into two lists: the “New Construction List” consisting of the Applications with the Development Category of New Construction, Redevelopment, and Acquisition and Redevelopment, and the “Rehabilitation List” consisting of the Applications with the Development Category of Rehabilitation and Acquisition and Rehabilitation.

The New Construction List will be compiled as follows:

The Applications will be listed in ascending order beginning with the Application that has the lowest amount of total Corporation funding per set-aside unit and ending with the Application that has the highest amount of total Corporation funding per set-aside unit.

The total number of Applications on the New Construction List will be multiplied by 80 percent and the resulting figure will be rounded up to the next whole number (the resulting figure after rounding will be referred to as the “New Construction A/B Cut-Off”). A line will be drawn below the Application whose place on the list is equal to the New Construction A/B Cut-Off. If any Application(s) below the line has the same total Corporation funding request per set-aside unit as the Application immediately above the line, the line will be moved to a place immediately below that Application(s). Applications above the New Construction A/B Cut-Off will be classified as Group A and Applications below the New Construction A/B Cut-Off will be classified as Group B.

(b) The Rehabilitation List will be compiled as follows:

The Applications will be listed in ascending order beginning with the Application that has the lowest amount of total Corporation funding per set-aside unit and ending with the Application that has the highest amount of total Corporation funding per set-aside unit.

The total number of Applications on the Rehabilitation List will be multiplied by 80 percent and the resulting figure will be rounded up to the next whole number (the resulting figure after rounding will be referred to as the "Rehabilitation A/B Cut-Off"). A line will be drawn below the Application whose place on the list is equal to the Rehabilitation A/B Cut-Off. If any Application(s) below the line has the same total Corporation funding request per set-aside unit as the Application immediately above the line, the line will be moved to a place immediately below that Application(s). Applications above the Rehabilitation A/B Cut-Off will be classified as Group A and Applications below the Rehabilitation A/B Cut-Off will be classified as Group B.

The New Construction List and the Rehabilitation List will then be merged to form one list.

4. Florida Job Creation Funding Preference

Each Application will be measured to determine whether it qualifies for the Florida Job Creation Funding Preference. To determine eligibility for the preference, the Corporation will calculate the Application's Florida Job Creation score, which will reflect the number of Florida jobs per \$1 million of implied eligible housing credit equity. To qualify for the Florida Job Creation Funding Preference in Section Five of the RFA, all Applications must earn a Florida Job Creation score equal to or greater than 4.6.

Determination of the Florida Job Creation score will be based on the following information:

- The number of new construction and rehabilitation units committed to by the Applicant (as stated by the Applicant in Exhibit A);
- The applicable Florida job creation rate for the type of units:
 - Rate of 3.974 Florida Jobs per unit for proposed new construction units;
 - Rate of 1.910 Florida Jobs per unit for proposed rehabilitation units; and
- The Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount.

The score for the Florida Rate of Job Creation per \$1 million of implied eligible housing credit equity will be measured using one of the following calculations:

- a. Developments consisting of only new construction units

Number of new construction units x 3.974 Florida Jobs per unit x 1,000,000 / (the Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount x 9.5) = Florida Jobs per \$1 million of Housing Credit Allocation.

For example:

Application A consists of 80 new construction units and has an Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount of \$1,700,000.

$80 \times 3.974 \times 1,000,000 / (1,700,000 \times 9.5) =$ Florida Job Creation score of 19.69.

b. Developments consisting of only rehabilitation units

Number of rehabilitation units x 1.910 Florida Jobs per unit x 1,000,000 / (the Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount x 9.5) = Florida Jobs per \$1 million of Housing Credit Allocation.

For example:

Application A consists of 140 rehabilitation units, and has an Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount of \$1,660,000.

$140 \times 1.910 \times 1,000,000 / (1,660,000 \times 9.5) =$ Florida Job Creation score of 16.96.

c. Developments consisting of both new construction units and rehabilitation units

(Number of new construction units x 3.974 Florida Jobs per unit + number of rehabilitation units x 1.910 Florida Jobs per unit) x 1,000,000 / (the Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount x 9.5) = Florida Jobs per \$1 million of Housing Credit Allocation.

For example:

Application B consists of 20 new construction units and 64 rehabilitation units and has an Eligible Housing Credit Request Amount of \$1,500,000.

$[(20 \times 3.974) + (64 \times 1.910)] \times 1,000,000 / (1,500,000 \times 9.5) =$ Florida Job Creation score of 14.16.

In above examples, all Applications will qualify for the Job Creation Funding Preference because each has a Florida Job Creation score that is at least 4.9.

5. Fees

The Corporation and, if applicable, the Credit Underwriter shall collect via check or money order from the Applicant the following fees and charges in conjunction with this RFA. Failure to pay any fee shall cause the funding awarded to be withdrawn as outlined in the credit underwriting and program requirements outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

a. Application Fee

All Applicants requesting funding in this RFA shall submit to the Corporation as a part of the Application submission a non-refundable Application fee of \$3,000.

b. Credit Underwriting Fees

The following fees are not the fees that will be charged but are listed below for estimation purposes of completing the Development Cost Pro-Forma in the Application. The actual fees will be determined based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and the Credit Underwriter(s) in effect at the time underwriting begins.

- (1) Initial fee: \$12,705
- (2) Preliminary Recommendation Letter fee: \$1,612
- (3) Re-underwriting fee: \$181 per hour, not to exceed \$7,990.

If a Housing Credit Development involves Scattered Sites of units within a single market area, a single credit underwriting fee shall be charged. Any Housing Credit Development requiring further analysis by the Credit Underwriter pursuant to Section 42(m)(2) of the IRC will be subject to an hourly fee of \$181. All credit underwriting fees shall be paid by the Applicant prior to the performance of the analysis by the Credit Underwriter.

- (4) Extraordinary Services fee: \$181 per hour.
- (5) Credit Underwriting Extension Fees

Credit underwriting extension fees will be outlined in the Carryover Allocation Agreement.
- (6) Capital Needs Assessment Review (if applicable): \$2,140

c. Administrative Fees

With respect to the HC Program, each for-profit Applicant shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable administrative fee in the amount of 9 percent of the annual Housing Credit Allocation amount stated in the Preliminary Allocation. The administrative fee shall be 5.5 percent of the stated annual Housing Credit Allocation for Non-Profit Applicants. The administrative fee must be received by the Corporation as stated in the Preliminary Allocation.

d. Compliance Monitoring Fees

The following fees are not the fees that will be charged but are listed below for estimation purposes of completing the Development Cost Pro-Forma in the Application. The actual fees and percentage increases will be determined based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and the Compliance Monitor(s).

- (1) Pre-Final Allocation Fee –

Pre-final allocation compliance monitoring fee comprised of a base fee of \$2,016 + an additional fee per set-aside unit of \$10.30, subject to a minimum of

\$3,156, to be collected as stated in the Preliminary Housing Credit Allocation or Carryover Allocation Agreement.

(2) Compliance Monitoring Fee –

- (a) All Developments other than RD – The annual fee to be comprised of a base fee of \$168 per month + an additional fee per set-aside unit of \$10.30 per year, subject to a minimum of \$263 per month, and includes an automatic annual increase of 3 percent of the prior year’s fee. Since fees for the full Housing Credit Extended Use Period will be collected at final allocation, the fee amount is discounted at a rate of 2 percent and based upon the payment stream from the Corporation to the monitoring agent.
- (b) RD Developments - The annual fee is \$450 per year. Since fees for the full Housing Credit Extended Use Period will be collected at final allocation, the fee amount is discounted at a rate of 2 percent and based upon the payment stream from the Corporation to the monitoring agent

Note: Upon prepayment or repayment of the RD loan, the previously identified RD Development will be identified as a non-RD Development and the annual compliance monitoring fee will be adjusted accordingly. The compliance monitoring fee as described in (a) above for the remaining Housing Credit Extended Use Period will be due and payable in full upon billing sent directly to the Development.

(3) Follow-up Review - \$181 per hour.

e. Construction Inspection Fees

The following fees are not the fees that will be charged but are listed below for estimation purposes of completing the Development Cost Pro Forma in the Application. The actual fees will be based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and the Servicer(s).

On-site construction inspection - \$181 per hour, not to exceed \$1,793 per inspection.

f. Additional HC Fees

- (1) If the Applicant requests permission to return its HC allocation and receive a new HC allocation and such request is approved, whether by the Executive Director in accordance with the QAP or as approved by the Board, the Applicant will be charged a nonrefundable processing fee of \$15,000 per request.
- (2) HC Applicants shall be responsible for all processing fees related to the HC Program.

6. Additional Requirements

By submitting its Application, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that it will conform to the following requirements:

a. Progress Report - Form Q/M Report

Each Competitive Housing Credit Development shall be required to complete and submit to the Corporation progress reports, pursuant to Rule 67-48.028, F.A.C., using Form Q/M Report, effective January 2007.

The form is available on the RFA Website.

b. Eligible Reserve for Replacement Items

The replacement reserve funds required by section 67-48.0072(13), F.A.C., are not to be used by the Applicant for normal maintenance and repairs, but shall be used for structural building repairs, major building systems replacements and other items included on the Eligible Reserve for Replacement Items list, effective October 15, 2010.

The list is available on the RFA Website.

c. Final Cost Certification Application Package (Form FCCAP)

In accordance with Rule 67-48.023, F.A.C., the Final Cost Certification Application Package (Form FCCAP), Rev. April 2019, shall be used by an Applicant to itemize all expenses incurred in association with construction or Rehabilitation of a Housing Credit Development, including Developer and General Contractor fees as described in Rule 67-48.0072, F.A.C., and shall be submitted to the Corporation by the earlier of the following two dates:

- (1) The date that is 90 Calendar Days after all the buildings in the Development have been placed in service, or
- (2) The date that is 30 Calendar Days before the end of the calendar year for which the Final Housing Credit Allocation is requested.

The Corporation may grant extensions for good cause upon written request.

The FCCAP shall be completed, executed and submitted to the Corporation in both hard copy format and electronic files of the Microsoft Excel spreadsheets for the HC Development Final Cost Certification (DFCC) and the General Contractor Cost Certification (GCCC) included in the form package, along with the executed Extended Use Agreement and appropriate recording fees, IRS Tax Information Authorization Form 8821 for all Financial Beneficiaries (if requested by the Corporation), a copy of the syndication agreement disclosing the rate and all terms, the required certified public accountant opinion letter for both the DFCC and GCCC, an unqualified audit report prepared by an independent certified public accountant for both the DFCC and GCCC, photographs of the completed Development, the monitoring fee, and documentation of

the placed-in-service date as specified in the Form FCCAP instructions. The Final Housing Credit Allocation will not be issued until such time as all required items are received and processed by the Corporation.

Form FCCAP, Rev. April 2019, is available on the RFA Website.

d. Financial Reporting Form SR-1

Pursuant to subsection 67-48.023(9), F.A.C., annually, within 151 Calendar Days following the Applicant's fiscal year end, the Applicant shall provide the Corporation with an audited financial statement and a fully completed and executed Financial Reporting Form SR-1, Rev. 05-14. The audited financial statement and a copy of the signed Form SR-1, with Parts 1, 2, and 5 completed, shall be submitted in both PDF format and in electronic form as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to the Corporation at the following web address: financial.reporting@floridahousing.org.

The Financial Reporting Form SR-1 is available on the Corporation's Website <https://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/compliance/forms> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)). **Exhibit D – Timeline**

The Applicant acknowledges and certifies that the following information will be provided by the due date outlined below, or as otherwise outlined in the invitation to enter credit underwriting. Failure to provide the required information by the stated deadline may result in the withdrawal of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, unless an extension is approved by the Corporation:

1. Within seven Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting:
 - a. Respond to the invitation and submit the credit underwriting fee(s) as outlined in Item 5 of Exhibit C, pursuant to subparagraph 67-48.0072(4)(a)1, F.A.C.;
 - b. Provide the name and address of the chief elected official of the local jurisdiction where the proposed Development is located;
 - d. Provide notification of the Applicant's eligibility for acquisition credits per Section 42 of the IRC, if applicable;
 - e. Anticipated placed in service date, which must be in compliance with Section 42 of the IRC;
 - f. Provide the Applicant's Federal Identification Number. If the number has not yet been obtained, the Applicant will be required to provide a copy of the completed, submitted application for that number; and
 - g. Verification that the Development qualifies as a USDA-eligible rural address, if applicable. Addresses can be verified by visiting <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>

2. Within 14 Calendar Days, if requested by the Corporation, the Applicant must submit IRS Form 8821 for all Financial Beneficiaries, as defined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. in order to receive a recommendation for a Housing Credit Allocation.
3. Within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting:
 - a. Provide the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Environmental Safety Phase I Environmental Site Assessment form* and, if applicable, the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Environmental Safety Phase II Environmental Site Assessment form*. Note: If a Phase II ESA is required, but has not been completed by the stated deadline, the Applicant must contact Corporation staff to request an extension for submission of the Phase II ESA form;
 - b. Provide the identity of the remaining members of the Development Team (i.e., inexperienced co-Developer(s), General Contractor, Architect, Attorney, Accountant, and for Elderly ALF only, Service Provider), as outlined below. The team members so identified, and any future replacement thereof, must be acceptable to the Corporation and the Credit Underwriter;
 - (1) Identify any inexperienced co-Developer(s) by providing the name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail address, and the relationship of the co-Developer to the Applicant.
 - (2) Identify the General Contractor by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation General Contractor or Qualifying Agent of General Contractor Certification form*. Note: The Applicant must also provide the prior experience chart, as outlined in the form.
 - (3) Identify the Architect by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Architect Certification form*.
 - (4) Identify the Attorney by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Attorney Certification for Housing Credits form*.
 - (5) Identify the Accountant by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Certification of Accountant form*.
 - (6) Identify the Service Provider by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Service Provider or Principal of Service Provider Certification form (for Elderly ALF Developments only)*.

* The certification forms (Forms Rev. 07-2019) which are available on the RFA Website. Note: The use of any prior version of these forms will not be acceptable to meet this requirement.
 - c. Provide confirmation that all construction features committed to and proposed by the Applicant shall be located on the Development site;

- d. Confirmation that, if the proposed Development meets the definition of Scattered Sites, all Scattered Sites requirements that were not required to be met in the Application will be met, including that all features and amenities committed to and proposed by the Applicant that are not unit-specific shall be located on each of the Scattered Sites, or no more than 1/16 mile from the Scattered Site with the most units, or a combination of both. If the Applicant indicates that the proposed Development does not consist of Scattered Sites, but it is determined during credit underwriting that the proposed Development does meet the definition of Scattered Sites, all of the Scattered Sites requirements must have been met as of Application Deadline and, if all Scattered Sites requirements were not in place as of the Application Deadline, the Applicant's funding award will be rescinded;
- e. Provide notification of the percentage of ownership of the Principals of the Applicant. Upon the Applicant's acceptance of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, the Corporation will return the Principals of the Application and Developer(s) Disclosure Form that was part of the Applicant's uploaded Application. The Applicant will be required to enter the applicable percentages on the form and return the completed form to the Corporation;
- f. Provide confirmation that the proposed equity amount to be paid prior to or simultaneous with the closing of construction financing is at least 15 percent of the total proposed equity to be provided (the 15 percent criteria), subject to the following:
 - (1) If syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, there are two exceptions to the preceding sentence. First, if there is a bridge loan proposal within the equity proposal that provides for bridge loan proceeds that equal at least 15 percent of the amount of total proposed equity to be provided to be made available prior to or simultaneous with closing of construction financing, the 15 percent criteria will be met. Second, if there is a separate bridge loan proposal from either the equity provider, any entity that is controlled directly or indirectly by the equity provider, or a subsidiary of the equity provider's parent holding company, and the proposal explicitly proposes an amount to be made available prior to or simultaneous with the closing of construction financing that equals at least 15 percent of the total proposed equity to be paid stated in the equity proposal, the 15 percent criteria is met. Bridge loan proposals that are not within the equity proposal, though, must meet the criteria previously stated for debt financing with the exception that evidence of ability to fund does not have to be provided. The Applicant may include the proposed amount of the bridge loan as equity proceeds on the Construction or Rehabilitation Analysis and on the Permanent Analysis (Note: this 15 percent criteria must be reflected in the limited partnership agreement or limited liability company operating agreement); or
 - (2) If not syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, proceeds from a bridge loan will not count toward meeting the 15 percent criteria;
- g. If the Applicant selected the Development Category of New Construction or Redevelopment, with or without Acquisition, the Applicant must advise the Corporation

of the specific Green Building Certification Program that it commits to achieve: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC); ICC 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS); or Enterprise Green Communities;

- h. If there are existing occupied units as of Application Deadline, the Applicant must provide to the Credit Underwriter a plan for relocation of existing tenants. The plan shall provide information regarding the relocation site; accommodations relevant to the needs of the residents and length of time residents will be displaced; moving and storage of the contents of a resident's dwelling units; as well as the approach to inform and prepare the residents for the rehabilitation activities;
 - i. If the Applicant indicated that the proposed Development is the first phase of a multiphase Development, the Applicant must submit to the Corporation an opinion letter by a licensed attorney that the Development meets the definition of a "multiphase project" as defined in the Federal Register. The letter must also include: (a) the name of the declared first phase Development and the Corporation-assigned Application number, (b) the total number of phases and the projected Development name for each phase, (c) the total number of buildings in each phase, (d) the expected completion date for each phase, and (e) any other information as determined by the Corporation and stated in the invitation to enter credit underwriting.
 - j. If the Applicant indicated that the proposed Development is a subsequent phase of a multiphase Development, the Development's status as a subsequent phase will be verified in credit underwriting. If the Development does not qualify and the Applicant's Housing Credit request is based on such contention and, during the credit underwriting process it is determined that the proposed Development does not meet the criteria for such distinction, the Applicant's Competitive Housing Credit award will be rescinded.
4. The Preliminary Recommendation Letter (PRL) for this Development will be due to the Corporation no later than 12 weeks from the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting. Pursuant to paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(c), F.A.C., the Applicant is responsible for providing the Credit Underwriter with the information necessary to complete the PRL. If the 12 week deadline cannot be met due to any delay caused by the Applicant, the Applicant must request an extension by submitting a written request and payment of the applicable processing fee to the Corporation;
5. By Certificate of Occupancy, the Applicant commits to participate in the statewide housing locator system, as required by the Corporation.
6. The Credit Underwriter will provide an itemized list for additional documentation including, but not limited to the following:
- a. Information outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48.0072, F.A.C.;
 - b. If the Applicant indicated that the proposed Development will be assisted with funding under the RD 538 Program and expects to use such funding as a source of financing, the Section 538 Selection Letter sent to the Applicant by RD must be provided;

- c. The Construction Consultant engaged by the Corporation's credit underwriter must provide the properly completed and executed Americans with Disabilities Act Certification forms certifying that the design of the proposed Development and the completed Development includes the applicable accessibility, adaptability, Visitability and universal design features required by the Corporation and proposed by the Applicant (Forms Rev. 10-14) which are available on the RFA Website.
 - d. For Developments with a Housing Assistance Payment Contract and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD: Submission to the Corporation of the waiting list section of the Tenant Selection Plan for review and preliminary approval before sending to HUD. Such waiting list section shall establish selection preferences or a section for special admissions specifically for individuals or families that are referred by a designated Referral Agency serving the county where the Development is located; HUD approval of the Tenant Selection Plan shall be demonstrated to the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.
7. The Applicant will submit the fully executed Link MOU for the Corporation's approval, as described in Exhibit E;
8. The Credit Underwriter will also verify information submitted by the Applicant, including, but not limited to the following:
- a. The Applicant's Non-Profit status, if applicable;
 - b. Each Scattered Site meets the requirements of this RFA and Section 42 of the IRC, if applicable;
 - c. The proposed Development's ability to meet the ESS Construction qualifications;
 - d. Calculation of eligible basis which may cause a reduction in the Housing Credit Allocation. This may include review of the location of buildings and whether all buildings are eligible for the eligible basis boost, if applicable;
 - e. The proposed Development's first phase or subsequent phase's status;
 - f. Review of the Total Development Cost and its effect on the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation; and
- If any of these cannot be verified, all funding awarded under this RFA may be reduced or may be rescinded if the award or the Application's eligibility status was based on such information, and/or the Applicant may be determined to have made a material misrepresentation.
9. For 9% HC, the Carryover Allocation Agreement will provide deadlines for additional documentation.

Exhibit E – Additional requirements for the Link Units for Persons with Special Needs

The Link to Permanent Housing Strategy (Link) enhances the ability of extremely low-income (ELI) households with special needs to access and retain affordable rental housing in their communities. The Corporation requires Developers to provide a specified percentage of a Development's ELI Set-Aside units for special needs households receiving community based supportive services who are referred by a designated supportive services agency in the community where the Development is located. All Link units must do the following:

I. Link Set-Aside Requirements

With the exception of Developments financed with HUD Section 811 or a United States Department of Agriculture RD program, and Applicants that select the Elderly ALF Demographic Commitment, for the entire Compliance Period as specified in both the regulatory agreement and as stated in the RFA, the Development shall set aside the required percentage of the ELI Set-Aside units as Link Units for Persons with Special Needs. At least one member of each Link unit's household shall be referred by a Special Needs Household Referral Agency (Referral Agency) with which the owner executes a Link Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved by the Corporation.

II. Link Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Corporation has established and maintains a list of supportive service agencies or organizations serving each county, each of which is designated as a Referral Agency. The Referral Agency list is available on the Corporation's Website at <http://apps.floridahousing.org/StandAlone/SpecialNeeds/ContentPage.aspx?PAGE=Link%20Initiative%20Page> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)). These agencies are statewide, regional or local organizations that administer community-based supportive services to the populations served by Link.

The MOU is a formal agreement between the owner and a Referral Agency that specifies the intent of the Link Strategy and describes the roles and responsibilities of each party to the MOU. The MOU form to be executed shall be the version most recently provided on the RFA Website.

- A. The owner shall execute an MOU with at least one designated Referral Agency serving the county and intended population where the Development will be located and rent units to households referred by the Referral Agency with which the MOU is executed.
- B. The deadline for receipt of the fully-executed MOU by the Corporation shall be established in the invitation to enter into credit underwriting but shall be within nine months from the date of the invitation to enter into credit underwriting but no later than the date the first building is placed in service. If the owner is unable to meet the deadline, an extension may be requested from the Corporation, and a non-refundable processing fee of \$5,000 shall be charged to the owner.
- C. Prior to execution of the MOU, but not later than 10 Calendar Days before the deadline by which the fully-executed MOU shall be received by the Corporation, the MOU form stipulated in the applicable RFA shall be completed and reviewed by the owner and

Referral Agency, and then submitted by the owner to the Corporation for review and preliminary approval.

- D. For Developments with a Housing Assistance Payment contract and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD: The waiting list section of the Tenant Selection Plan shall establish selection preferences or a section for special admissions specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a designated Referral Agency. The Tenant Selection Plan shall be submitted by the owner to the Corporation for review and preliminary approval before sending to HUD. HUD approval may take several months. HUD approval shall be demonstrated to the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.
- E. Owners that have a Housing Assistance Payment Contract and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD shall maintain a separate waiting list for referred applicants and prioritize these individuals for any available Link units. During and after lease-up, Referral Agency referrals must be moved in first, regardless of chronological order of the general waiting list, until all Link units are occupied with Referral Agency referrals.
- F. After review and preliminary approval of the MOU by the Corporation, and no later than the deadline established in the invitation to enter into credit underwriting, the owner shall provide one original fully-executed hard copy of the MOU to the Corporation. Once approved by the Corporation, the owner shall arrange for a copy of the approved MOU to be maintained on file at the site of the Development's records for compliance monitoring purposes.
- G. When the owner is noncompliant because no Referral Agency that serves the county where the Development is located is available to execute an MOU, the noncompliance shall be held in a correction period status until the earlier of (i) approval by the Corporation of an MOU executed with a new Referral Agency, or (ii) the passage of 45 Calendar Days following placement of a Referral Agency that serves the Development's county onto the Corporation's Referral Agency list.
- H. When a Referral Agency notifies the owner of its intent to terminate an MOU, the owner shall notify the Corporation of the MOU termination by email, at Link@floridahousing.org, within five Calendar Days of receiving the notification from the Referral Agency. The owner shall then select another Referral Agency for the Development's county and obtain approval from the Corporation for the MOU executed with the new Referral Agency no later than 45 Calendar Days after receipt of notification from the prior Referral Agency of its intent to terminate the MOU.
- I. When an owner intends to terminate an MOU, the owner shall repeat the process outlined in all of the steps above to obtain approval from the Corporation for a new MOU executed with another Referral Agency before termination of the prior MOU may become effective.
- J. The Corporation may require the owner to terminate an MOU with a Referral Agency if that partnership is not effective in meeting the intent of the Link Set-Aside Requirement. The owner shall execute another MOU with a new Referral Agency before

terminating the MOU. The owner shall follow the process outlined in all of the steps above to obtain approval from the Corporation.

III. Notification of the Availability of Units for Referral of Intended Link Households

- A. The owner shall meet with the chosen Referral Agency to review the Link roles and responsibilities of each party, the household income limitation and other eligibility criteria for tenancy, household move-in expenses and on-going monthly rental payments. The meeting shall be held no less than 45 Calendar Days before the anticipated commencement of any activities related to the leasing of any unit in the Development. The owner shall maintain documentation of the meeting with the Referral Agency and shall provide a copy for review by the Corporation upon its request.
- B. Leasing Activity (Lease-up and Pre-leasing): During leasing activities, the owner shall make all units available for the intended Link households referred by the Referral Agency, until the Development's Link Set-Aside Requirement has been met. If the Development has not met its Link Set-Aside Requirement by the passing of 30 Calendar Days after the last unit is actually available for occupancy, the owner may lease the units to any eligible household. To the extent that an ELI-unit requirement coincides with a Link Set-Aside Requirement, for a period not to exceed nine months, a failure to meet the ELI-unit requirement shall not cause noncompliance during the lease-up or 30 Calendar Day hold period.
- C. Once the Development's leasing activity is completed, a vacant unit formerly occupied by a Link household shall be held open for intended households referred by the Referral Agency for a period of 30 Calendar Days starting from the date the vacated unit is suitable for occupancy and ready to lease. The owner shall notify the Referral Agency that a unit is available on or before the date that the vacated unit becomes suitable for occupancy and ready to lease, but no more than 30 Calendar Days before the unit is anticipated to be ready to lease. The vacated unit shall retain the Link classification until next occupied, at which time the classification of the new household shall be applied to the unit.
- D. When the Development is an Acquisition/Rehabilitation Development that is occupied at the earlier of the site acquisition or the date of the Carryover Allocation Agreement, all units (at any AMI set-aside level) that become available and are suitable for occupancy and ready to lease shall be prioritized for intended households referred by the Referral Agency until the Link requirement has been met.
- E. Communication between the owner and the Referral Agency's designated contact person related to activities in this section shall be conducted via email. Activities that must be conducted by email are as follows:
 - 1. Requests to develop MOU with Referral Agency;
 - 2. Draft reviews of MOUs between the parties;
 - 3. Final version of executed MOU;

4. Current contact information for the contact staff designated by the owner and Referral Agency and listed in the MOU;
 5. Notifications of unit availability;
 6. Number of Calendar Days unit will be held open for referrals;
 7. Information about rental policies and eligibility criteria;
 8. Outcome of referrals;
 9. Notifications of issues or concerns that may adversely affect the tenancy of the household; and
 10. Requests for termination of MOU.
- F. The owner shall maintain a Link communication tracking log that documents: (i) the unit number of each offered unit; (ii) the date each unit was suitable for occupancy; (iii) the date of the email notice to the Referral Agency that each unit was available for rent to a Link household, including the dates of required follow up; (iv) date of response from Referral Agency, (v) Referral Agency response, (vi) outcome of referral, and (vii) number of days the unit was held open.
- G. If an owner notifies a Referral Agency that a unit is available, and the Referral Agency does not respond, the owner shall contact the Referral Agency at least three times, at intervals of no less than seven Calendar Days, during the 30-day period after the initial notice of unit availability was sent to the Referral Agency. The owner shall document all notification activity on its Link communication tracking log.
- H. The owner shall notify the Referral Agency regarding the outcome of each referral within one business day after a determination is made regarding the household's eligibility to occupy the available unit.
- I. If a referral does not result in occupancy by the referred household, the 30-day holding period shall continue to allow the Referral Agency the opportunity to refer another household. The owner shall follow up with the Referral Agency at intervals of no less than seven Calendar Days during the remainder of the 30-day holding period. The owner shall document all notification activity on its Link communication tracking log.

IV. Link Compliance Monitoring Documentation

- A. The owner shall cause the following documentation to be maintained on file for compliance monitoring purposes. Such documents shall be made available for inspection by Corporation personnel or its monitoring agents at any reasonable time. The owner shall provide copies of such documents, either electronic or paper, to the Corporation within three business days of any request by the Corporation for such copies.
1. A copy of all active MOUs approved by the Corporation;

2. A copy of all terminated MOUs. Terminated MOUs shall be retained for seven years beyond the period of tenancy for any household referred under the particular MOU;
 3. A copy of any current correction period extensions granted by the Corporation; and
 4. Email communication with the Referral Agency demonstrating timely notification regarding the availability of units for the intended Link household, outcome of each referral, and, when an available unit was not rented to a Link household, the number of days the available unit was held open for intended Link household.
- B. The monthly Program Report submitted to the Corporation by the Development shall reflect the number of Link households residing in an ELI Set-Aside unit.
- C. The Compliance Period committed to in the RFA also includes the units set aside for the Demographic Commitments, which includes the commitments for Link and ELI Households. The affordability period committed to in the RFA includes the units set aside for ELI Households. Although the percentage of units committed to must remain in effect for the entire Compliance Period, the units designated for the Demographic Commitment and AMI commitment must not be limited to the same units throughout the Compliance Period. Doing so may cause the Development to be in non-compliance with Section 42.

Exhibit F - Rehabilitation Scoping Process with a Capital Needs Assessment

The following is the procedure by which the scope of the rehabilitation will be determined for Applicants rehabilitating units as part of the proposed Application. This may include those with the Development Category of New Construction or Redevelopment (with or without acquisition), if the plan includes rehabilitation of at least one existing unit.

The Flowchart attached to this Exhibit has been designed to graphically illustrate the steps described below.

1. The Pre-Application Stage (Steps 1-2)

Prior to submitting an Application, Applicants should conduct appropriate due diligence to determine whether it is physically and financially feasible to comply with the minimum requirements contained in Section Four A.8., for proposed Developments choosing Rehabilitation or Acquisition and Rehabilitation. Applicants receiving a preliminary award who are found (through the Capital Needs Assessment and Rehabilitation scoping process further described below) to be unable to meet all of the requirements of Section Four A.8.a. and c. with the sources available for the Rehabilitation, will have their preliminary award of funding rescinded.

At the time of Application, Applicants proposing any rehabilitation of units will be required to certify that the contemplated budget and available sources are adequate to meet all requirements outlined in Section Four A.8. of this RFA.

2. The Capital Needs Assessment (CNA) Stage (Steps 3-7)

- a. Once the invitation to Credit Underwriting has been accepted, all Rehabilitation Developments (with or without acquisition) shall have a CNA prepared. Due to closing deadlines outlined in Rule Chapters 67-48 and 67-21, F.A.C., the CNA process will run concurrently with the Credit Underwriting process (which includes the market study and PRL, if applicable).
- b. The CNA shall be ordered by the Credit Underwriter, no later than 7 Calendar Days after receiving the credit underwriting fee(s) and CNA fee. The choice of the CNA provider will be left solely up to the Credit Underwriter and shall be chosen from the Corporation's approved list of qualified providers.
- c. Once the CNA has been ordered, the CNA provider will contact the Applicant to obtain basic information regarding the current physical condition of the property. The Applicant (or designee) shall answer the CNA provider's request for information within 7 Calendar Days of receipt. Further, a physical inspection of the property shall be scheduled to take place between the CNA provider, the Applicant (or designee), the Corporation (if desired) and the Credit Underwriter (if desired), no later than 30 Calendar Days from the ordering of the CNA. No less than 7 Calendar Days prior to the physical inspection, the Applicant shall ensure that original construction plans, if available, and a history of major repair expenditures covering at least the most recent 5 years, have been delivered to the CNA provider.

- d. At a minimum, the CNA provider will:
- (1) Review available documentation from the original construction and previous rehabilitations and current or planned improvements to the greatest extent possible:
 - Site survey;
 - Appraisals;
 - As-built drawings or record drawings;
 - Previous accessibility surveys;
 - Planned Capital Improvements;
 - Planned maintenance or replacement;
 - Previous reports on Property condition;
 - Existing Physical Deficiencies and pending work;
 - Warranties for construction products, appliances and equipment;
 - Preventative maintenance requirements;
 - Operations and maintenance plans;
 - Maintenance reports and contracts; and
 - Previous repairs, improvements or replacements.
 - (2) Make all appropriate inquiries to obtain and review any relevant information relating to the Property from the local governmental agencies and departments having jurisdiction over the Property. Documentation should include, to the greatest extent possible:
 - Certificates of Occupancy;
 - Inspection records and certificates;
 - Reports of existing building / fire code violations;
 - Reports of existing regulatory, health or zoning violations; and
 - Documentation of ongoing or pending litigation on Physical Conditions of the Property.
 - (3) Interview Applicant's point of contact and/or maintenance staff via a Pre-Site Visit questionnaire (Appendix E of the CNA Guide) to acquire information about preceding or pending repairs, replacements and their costs, level of preventive maintenance exercised;
 - (4) Conduct a review of the expected useful life of all equipment and building components using the Corporation's Estimated Useful Life Tables (Appendix F of the CNA Guide);
 - (5) Physically inspect the property via visual observation unless specified otherwise;

- (6) Develop a 15-year replacement reserve table to be used in credit underwriting and post-rehabilitation asset management in the prescribed format indicated in Appendix K of the CNA Guide;
 - (7) Review the Corporation requirements in Section Four A.8. of the RFA; and
 - (8) Consider the Applicant's scope of work preferences. (Note: The CNA provider will use his/her professional judgement in the appropriateness of items included in the Applicant's scope.)
- e. At a minimum, the physical inspection will include:
- (1) All vacant and out-of-service units;
 - (2) At least 25% of all occupied units;
 - (3) All units set aside to meet Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as outlined in Section Four, A.8.a. of the RFA;
 - (4) At least one unit in each building;
 - (5) At least one unit of each bedroom-size configuration;
 - (6) All common areas; and
 - (7) For scattered sites, at least one unit from each site, but no less than the percentages specified above.
- f. The CNA provider will independently evaluate every aspect of the property including basic development information, evaluation of the Corporation's required construction features (if present), site conditions, building components and systems, amenities and program features and hazardous materials and conditions as indicated in Appendix A of the CNA Guide. The CNA provider should document representative conditions with photographs as prescribed in the CNA Guide and use reasonable efforts to document typical conditions present including material physical deficiencies, if any.
- g. The CNA provider shall also identify any known or observed deficiencies with the property, considering both individual units and common areas. The CNA provider should separately list in the CNA any existing conditions which threaten the life and safety of residents. Exigent needs of this nature should be brought to the attention of the property management, the Credit Underwriter, and the Corporation through the CNA report.
- h. The CNA Provider shall conduct an accessibility survey using the format prescribed in Appendix B of the CNA Guide and the FHFC Accessibility requirements outlined in Section Four A.8.a. and c. of the RFA. i. After the inspection and evaluation is complete, the CNA provider will deliver a CNA report to the Credit Underwriter and the Corporation. The CNA report shall follow the requirements and content as described in

section 3.3 of the CNA Guide, and will reflect the CNA provider’s independent professional opinion in regard to:

- (1) A summary of all exigent needs which threaten health or life safety;
- (2) A summary of all known or observed deficiencies pursuant to the FHFC Accessibility requirements outlined in Section Four A.8.a. and c. of the RFA, FHA, and/or ADA requirements, as well as outstanding and/or recorded building or fire code violations;
- (3) Confirmation that all items committed to in the Application (including all items required by the Corporation as outlined in Section Four A.8. of the RFA) are physically and financially feasible within the contemplated budget, which shall include the appropriateness of the rehabilitation measures selected by the Applicant, considering the remaining useful life and the current condition of the subject features;
- (4) A list of and associated costs **immediate** repair items, critical repair items and deferred maintenance items for needs to be addressed in less than 12 months from the completion of the CNA in a format prescribed in Appendix J of the CNA Guide;
- (5) A list and associated costs of all long-term physical needs between years 1 and 15 from completion of the CNA in a format prescribed in Appendix K of the CNA Guide. The cost estimate will include both current replacement cost and inflation adjusted replacement costs using a 3% annual inflation factor;
- (6) An estimate of the “reserves necessary for replacements”;
- (7) An estimate of the cost of rehabilitation based on one or more of the following sources;
 - (a) Applicant or Owner provided unit costs;
 - (b) Owner’s historical experience costs;
 - (c) Consultant’s cost database or cost files;
 - (d) Commercially available cost information or published commercial data;
 - (e) Third-party cost information from contractors, vendors, or suppliers; and/or
 - (f) Other qualified sources that the Corporation determines appropriate.
- (8) An executive summary as described in section 3.3 of the CNA Guide;
- (9) An evaluation of site conditions (as applicable) as indicated in Appendix A section III of the CNA guide;
- (10) An evaluation of building components and systems conditions (as applicable) as indicated in Appendix A section IV of the CNA guide;
- (11) An evaluation of conditions of any existing FHFC required construction features as indicated in Appendix A section II of the CNA guide;

- (12) An evaluation of fixtures, casework and equipment conditions (as applicable) as indicated in Appendix A Section V of the CNA guide;
 - (13) Evaluation of conditions of any amenities and program features on the property as indicated in Appendix A section VI of the CNA guide;
 - (14) A description of directly observed or potential on-site hazardous materials and conditions as indicated in Appendix A section VII of the CNA guide;
 - (15) An analysis of the estimated remaining useful life of the property, which shall be in the format prescribed by Appendices H and I of the CNA Guide;
 - (16) The basis for identifying any item for repair or replacement;
 - (17) Appendices (photographs, site plans, maps, etc.); and
 - (18) Certification of the CNA provider's qualifications and acknowledgments of who prepared the report, when the report was prepared, and for whom the report was prepared.
- j. The CNA provider will confirm that it is physically feasible to meet the requirements of Section Four. A.8.a., and A.8.c. of the RFA within the contemplated budget and provide an estimated cost for meeting those requirements.
 - k. The CNA provider will opine as to the physical and financial feasibility of the inclusion of full-size ranges and ovens in all rehabilitation units in Elderly Developments. The CNA provider shall include supporting documentation (plan sketch with dimensions, photographs, etc.) that support their conclusion.
 - l. The CNA provider will opine as to the physical and financial feasibility of all of the Green Features required in Section Four A.8.d. of the RFA.
 - m. Where appropriate, the CNA provider will comment on the proportions of physical needs that have resulted from accumulated deferred maintenance, and from ordinary use and decline of a properly maintained property. If, in the CNA provider's expert opinion, the deterioration of the property has been accelerated by poor management practices, that information must be disclosed to the Credit Underwriter and the Corporation.
 - n. The CNA provider will also comment on whether rehabilitation of a particular feature ordinarily requires relocation of the tenant.
3. The Scoping Stage (Steps 8-11)
- a. Once the CNA report is completed by the CNA provider, the report will be sent to the Credit Underwriter and the Corporation as soon as practicable. From this CNA report, the Provider will prepare the draft Rehabilitation Scope of Work using the Worksheet (rev. 8-2017) attached to this Exhibit.
 - b. Each Rehabilitation Scope of Work must include the measures listed below.

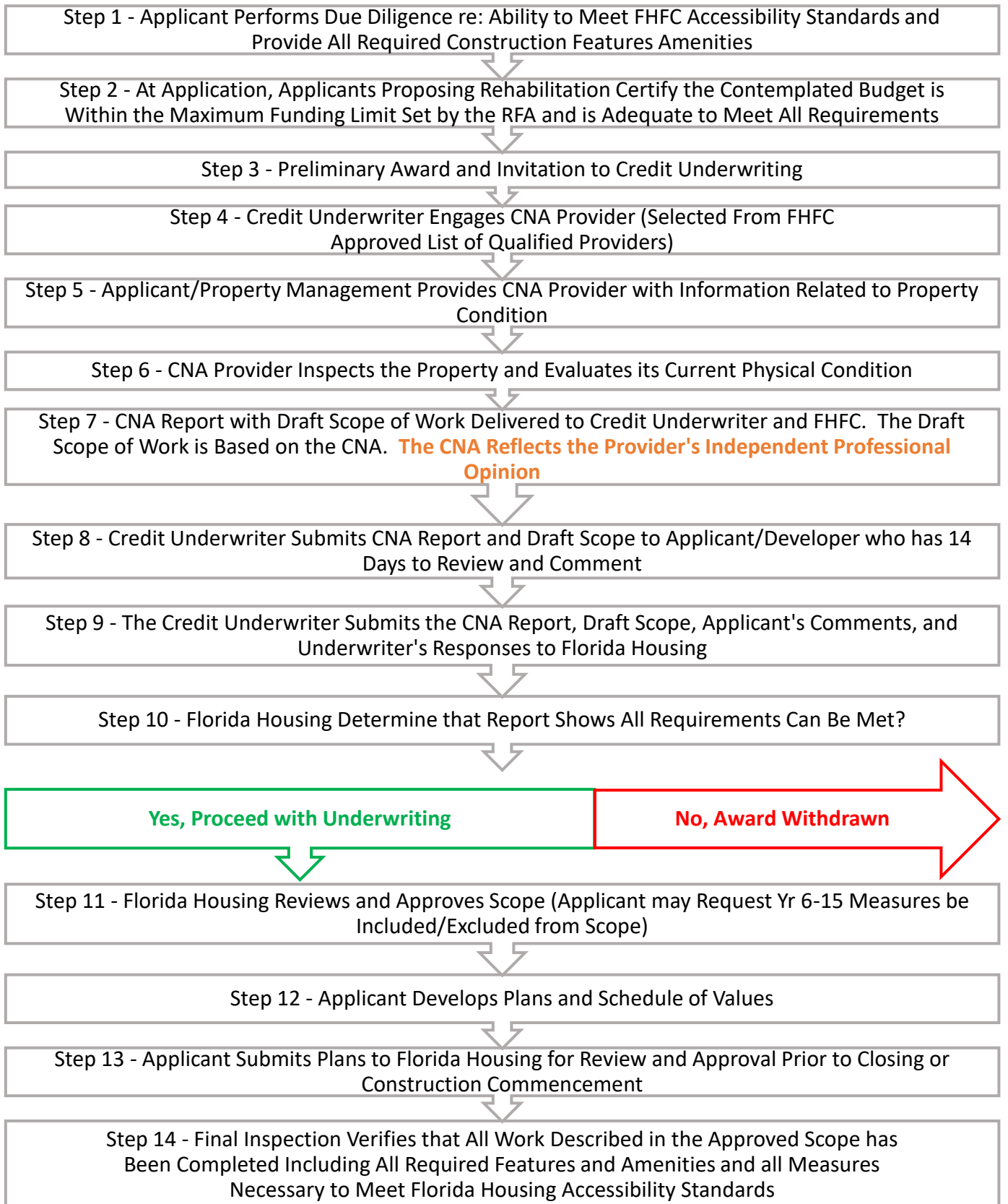
- (1) A minimum per unit hard cost budget of non-luxury improvements as specified in the RFA.
 - (2) Corrective actions for all exigent needs noted in the CNA including all deficiencies which threaten health and life safety, as well as observed and recorded building or fire code issues.
 - (3) The replacement of any component of the building or site with an effective remaining useful life, according to the Corporation's Estimated Useful Life Tables (Appendix F of the CNA Guide), of less than 5 years. The CNA will be used to determine which components meet this criterion.
 - (4) The replacement of any component of the building or site with an effective remaining useful life, according to the Corporation's Estimated Useful Life Tables (Appendix F of the CNA Guide), of less than 15 years, if determined appropriate for this rehabilitation and if there is remaining funding available. The CNA will be used to determine which components meet this criterion.
 - (5) Substantially the same scope of work in all units of the same type.
 - (6) Compliance with this Exhibit, the requirements of the applicable RFA, the Florida Administrative Code, and any other Florida Housing guidance upon completion of work.
 - (7) Compliance with applicable Florida building code and local fire code regulations, as well as FHA and ADA requirements upon completion of work.
 - (8) Compliance with all applicable Florida Housing accessibility requirements upon completion of work.
 - (9) Compliance with Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) upon completion of work.
- c. The CNA Provider will populate the Scope of Rehabilitation Worksheet with the measures identified in the CNA in the following order:
- (1) All exigent needs noted in the CNA including all deficiencies which threaten health and life safety (Exigent Needs in the template), needs required to conform with applicable Florida building code and local fire code regulations, as well as FHA and ADA requirements;
 - (2) All work required to meet FHFC accessibility requirements (Accessibility Requirement in the worksheet);
 - (3) Any item required in the applicable RFA, or promised by the Applicant at the time of Application (RFA Requirement in the worksheet);
 - (4) Any component of the building or site with an effective remaining useful life of less than 5 years (5 yr Need in the worksheet);

- (5) To the extent that funding is available, replacement of any component of the building or site with an effective remaining useful life of less than 15 years (6-15 yr Need in the worksheet); and
 - (6) Enhancements required to make the property marketable (Marketability in the worksheet).
- d. Systems and components with more than 5, but less than 15 years of remaining useful life should be prioritized in the following order:
- (1) Site improvements;
 - (2) Structural components and building envelope;
 - (3) Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems;
 - (4) Unit improvements including fixtures and finishes;
 - (5) Common area improvements; and
 - (6) Other improvements.
- e. Upon reception of the draft Scope of Work, the Applicant shall have a 14 Calendar Day review period in which the Applicant may provide addition information and comment on the draft Scope of Work.
- f. Upon the close of the Applicant’s 14 Calendar Day review and comment period, the Credit Underwriter shall have a 7 Calendar Day review period in which the Credit Underwriter may craft opinions and recommendations to the Corporation regarding the Applicant’s comments on the Draft Scope of Work. No later than the end of this 7 Calendar Day period, the Credit Underwriter shall submit the CNA report, the draft Scope of Work, the Applicant’s comments (on the draft scope) and the Credit Underwriter’s opinions and recommendations to the Corporation.
- g. The Corporation shall review the material provided by the Credit Underwriter to first determine that all of the requirements of Section Four A.8.a.and c. have been met within available sources for the proposed Rehabilitation of the Development. If the Corporation determines the above requirements cannot be met with available sources, the preliminary award will be rescinded.
4. Credit Underwriting and Beyond (Steps 12–15)
- a. If the Corporation determines that all of the requirements of Section Four A.8.a. and c. can be met, and that there are no other issues that would disqualify the Applicant, then the Credit Underwriting process may proceed.
 - b. During the Credit Underwriting process, the Corporation will review and approve the final Scope of Work for the project.
 - c. Once the Corporation has approved the final Scope of Work for the Development, the Applicant must develop construction plans and the schedule of values for the

Development. These construction plans shall be submitted to the Corporation for review and approval during the credit underwriting process.

- d. As with any funding, the Corporation will conduct a final inspection to verify that all work in the approved Scope of Work has been completed, including delivery of all required features, amenities and measures needed to meet the Corporation's Housing Accessibility Standards.

Flowchart



Scope of Rehabilitation Worksheet

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2017 REHABILITATION WORK SCOPE

APPLICATION NUMBER:

RFA NUMBER:

DEMOGRAPHIC:

DEVELOPMENT NAME:

DEVELOPMENT LOCATION:

DEVELOPER:

APPLICANT NAME:

YEAR BUILT:

RESIDENTIAL UNIT COUNT:

GROSS SQUARE FOOTAGE:

NUMBER OF LINK UNITS:

TRADE ITEM	Need Category (Select from drop-down menu)	Describe scope: materials, performance specifications	QUANTITY (Enter # of Units)	UNIT DESCRIPTION (sf, ea, etc.)	UNIT COST (Enter Cost Per Unit)	TOTAL COSTS (quantity * unit cost)
Accessibility						
convert existing units to UFAS-complaint units						\$0.00
retrofit existing units for Fair Housing compliance						\$0.00
retrofit existing common areas to meet UFAS, Fair Housing, & ADA						\$0.00
retrofit existing site to meet Fair Housing, ADA						\$0.00
additional Florida Housing accessibility requirements						\$0.00
Total (Accessibility)						
Demolition						
site						\$0.00
bdg interiors: ceilings, walls, floor, plumbing, HVAC, elec						\$0.00
bdg exteriors: siding, roofing, patios, decks, stairs, breezeways						\$0.00
Total (Demolition)						
Unusual site conditions (such as lead, asbestos, mold abatement)						
lead abatement						\$0.00
asbestos abatement						\$0.00
mold abatement						\$0.00
Total (Unusual site conditions (such as lead, asbestos, mold abatement))						
Site Improvements						
lighting						\$0.00
parking Surfaces						\$0.00
fencing						\$0.00
retaining walls						\$0.00
Total (Site Improvements)						
Landscaping & Irrigation						
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
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Total (Landscaping & Irrigation)						
Structure & Building Envelope						
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
Total (Structure & Building Envelope)						
Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing						
DHW						\$0.00
HVAC						\$0.00
						\$0.00
Total (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing)						
Utilities						
water service						\$0.00
fire service						\$0.00
storm water piping						\$0.00
sewer service						\$0.00
electrical service						\$0.00
gas service						\$0.00
Total (Utilities)						
Common Area Interior Elements						
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
Total (Common Area Interior Elements)						
Unit Interior Elements						
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
Total (Unit Interior Elements)						
Total Costs						\$0
Total Costs Per Residential Unit						\$0.00
Total Costs Per Gross Square Foot						\$0.00
Total Costs for Specific Need Category						
Total Costs for Specific Need Category		Exigent Need			0.0%	\$0
Total Costs for Specific Need Category		RFA Requirement			0.0%	\$0
Total Costs for Specific Need Category		Accessibility Requirement			0.0%	\$0
Total Costs for Specific Need Category		Need in Years 1-5			0.0%	\$0
Total Costs for Specific Need Category		Need in Years 6-15			0.0%	\$0
Total Costs for Specific Need Category		Marketability			0.0%	\$0
Total Costs for Specific Need Category		Other			0.0%	\$0

Exhibit G - Tenant Application and Selection Requirements

Extremely-Low Income (ELI) Household's Tenant Selection Criteria

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant selection criteria when evaluating the eligibility of a household applying for tenancy in a unit set aside for Extremely-Low Income (ELI) Households:

- The credit history related to medical expenses, cable and internet services will not be taken into consideration when conducting credit checks.
- ELI Household's Income Requirement Policy – The household monthly income must not be required to be more than two times the monthly rent. (e.g., If the monthly rent is \$500, the household monthly income will not be required to exceed \$1,000.)
- The eviction history look-back period will not be more than 5 years. A household is permitted one eviction during the 5-year look-back period, unless the eviction was due to causing physical harm to development staff, tenants or intentional property damage.

Additional Tenant Selection Criteria for All Household's

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant selection criteria when evaluating the eligibility of all households applying for tenancy.

- The arrest record of a household member will not be considered when determining any household's application for tenancy.
- For households with publicly funded rental assistance, the income requirement will be based on the household's paid portion of the rent. Tenant Application Fees and Deposits

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant application fees and deposits requirements for a household applying for tenancy in a unit set aside for extremely-low income households:

- It is prohibited to charge a fee to a household that is applying for tenancy in a unit that is set-aside for extremely low-income households for the purposes of reserving or holding a unit.
- The application for tenancy fee will be no more than \$35 per adult in a household.
- A security deposit for new tenants will be not more than the amount of one month's rent.

Application for Tenancy

The Applicant must include and prominently place the following information in the Development's application for tenancy packet that is provided to all interested households:

- The tenant selection approach and criteria used to evaluate and determine a household's application for tenancy. The criteria under which a household was screened and evaluated, as well as the determination, must be included in each tenant household's file.

The approach regarding a household's notification and appeal process and timeline, if the household's application is rejected or determined ineligible.

- A description of reasonable accommodations or reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities, pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The description shall include accommodations that must be considered by the Development such as physical dwelling unit modifications for greater accessibility and use, as well as individualized assessments of mitigating factors related to a disability that adversely affected a household's credit, eviction or criminal history. The description shall also include the process for requesting a reasonable accommodation, the determination approach, and decision-making timelines.

A description of an applying household's or existing tenant's housing protections pursuant to the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA). The description will include that applying households may request that the Development conduct an individualized assessment of mitigating factors related to being a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that adversely affected the household's credit, eviction, or criminal history. Notification of Rejection or Ineligibility for Tenancy

The Applicant must, at a minimum, notify any household that their application for tenancy was rejected or determined ineligible through a documented process such as a written letter or email to the address provided by the household.

The notification will be provided to a household within 5 business days from the day the determination is made.

The notice must include information regarding:

- The reasons a household's application for tenancy was rejected or determined ineligible.
- A household's right to appeal the Development's decision, as well as complete instructions regarding how a household may appeal the decision.

Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement Form

1. The Applicant and all Financial Beneficiaries have read all applicable Corporation rules governing this RFA and have read the instructions for completing this RFA and will abide by the applicable Florida Statutes and the credit underwriting and program provisions outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. The Applicant and all Financial Beneficiaries have read, understand and will comply with Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and all related federal regulations.
2. The Applicant has reviewed subsection 67-48.023(1), F.A.C., and certifies to its eligibility to apply for the funding offered in this RFA.
3. The Applicant certifies that the proposed Development can be completed and operating within the development schedule and budget submitted to the Corporation.
4. The Applicant acknowledges and certifies that it will abide by all commitments, requirements, and due dates outlined in the RFA, inclusive of all exhibits. Failure to provide the required information by any stated deadlines may result in the withdrawal of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, unless an extension is approved by the Corporation.
5. By submitting the Application, the Applicant acknowledges and certifies that the proposed Development will meet all state building codes, including the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction, adopted pursuant to Section 553.503, F.S., the Fair Housing Act as implemented by 24 CFR Part 100, including the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan; Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2013; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as outlined in Section Four, A.8. of the RFA; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as implemented by 28 CFR Part 35, incorporating the most recent amendments, regulations and rules.
6. The Applicant acknowledges that any funding preliminarily secured by the Applicant is expressly conditioned upon any independent review, analysis and verification of all information contained in this Application that may be conducted by the Corporation, the successful completion of credit underwriting, and all necessary approvals by the Board of Directors, Corporation or other legal counsel, the Credit Underwriter, and Corporation staff.
7. If preliminary funding is approved, the Applicant will promptly furnish such other supporting information, documents, and fees as may be requested or required. The Applicant understands and agrees that the Corporation is not responsible for actions taken by the undersigned in reliance on a preliminary commitment by the Corporation. The Applicant commits that no qualified residents will be refused occupancy because they have Section 8 vouchers or certificates. The Applicant further commits to actively seek tenants from public housing waiting lists and tenants who are participating in and/or have successfully completed the training provided by welfare to work or self-sufficiency type programs.

8. The success of an Applicant in being selected for funding is not an indication that the Applicant will receive a positive recommendation from the Credit Underwriter or that the Development Team's experience, past performance or financial capacity is satisfactory. The past performance record, financial capacity, and any and all other matters relating to the Development Team (which consists of Developer, Management Company, General Contractor, Architect, Attorney, and Accountant) will be reviewed during credit underwriting. The Credit Underwriter may require additional information from any member of the Development Team including, without limitation, documentation on other past projects and financials. Development Teams with an unsatisfactory past performance record, inadequate financial capacity or any other unsatisfactory matters relating to their suitability may result in a negative recommendation from the Credit Underwriter.
9. The Applicant's commitments will be included in an Extended Use Agreement for the Housing Credits and must be maintained in order for the Development to remain in compliance, unless the Board approves a change.
10. The Applicant certifies that there are no agreements, other than the letter of intent provided with this Application or the Limited Partnership Agreement, between the Applicant and the Housing Credit Syndicator/equity provider.
11. The Applicant certifies that the complete Limited Partnership Agreement, including any amendments thereto, will be divulged to the Corporation and the credit underwriter.
12. The Applicant understands and agrees that it will ensure that (i) none of the General Contractor duties to manage and control the construction of the Development are subcontracted; (ii) none of the construction or inspection work that is normally performed by subcontractors is performed by the General Contractor; (iii) no construction cost is subcontracted to any entity that has common ownership or is an Affiliate of the General Contractor or the Developer, as further described in subsection 67-48.0072(17); and (iv) a provision is provided in the contract with General Contractor that it will comply with subsection 67-48.0072(17).
13. The Applicant, the Developer and all Principals are in good standing among all other state agencies and have not been prohibited from applying for funding.
14. In eliciting information from third parties required by and/or included in this Application, the Applicant has provided such parties information that accurately describes the Development as proposed in this Application. The Applicant has reviewed the third-party information included in this Application and/or provided during the credit underwriting process and the information provided by any such party is based upon, and accurate with respect to, the Development as proposed in this Application.
15. During the credit underwriting process, the Applicant must demonstrate that the Development meets the requirements of this RFA and Section 42 of the IRC.
16. The invitation to enter credit underwriting will be rescinded if it is determined that the proposed Development was placed in-service prior to the year in which it received its allocation.

- 17. The Applicant understands and agrees to cooperate with any audits conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 20.055(5), F.S.
- 18. The Applicant has read, understands, and will comply with the Capital Needs Assessment requirements outlined in Exhibit F.
- 19. The Applicant has read, understands and will comply with the Lowering Barriers to Entry requirements outlined in Exhibit G.
- 20. The undersigned is authorized to bind the Applicant entity to this certification and warranty of truthfulness and completeness of the Application.

Under the penalties of perjury, I declare and certify that I have read the foregoing and that the information is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Authorized Principal Representative Name (typed or printed)

Title (typed or printed)

NOTE: The Applicant must provide this form as Attachment 1 to the RFA. This form must be signed by the Authorized Principal Representative stated in Exhibit A.