

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS 2025-206

HOME AND LIVE LOCAL SAIL FINANCING TO BE USED FOR RENTAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CERTAIN HURRICANE-IMPACTED RURAL AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

Issued By:

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

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SECTION ONE INTRODUCTION

This Request for Applications (RFA) is open to Applicants proposing the construction of affordable housing in counties with damage from hurricane-impacted areas due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton utilizing HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funding for Developments in a Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO) as defined by Florida Commerce.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation (the Corporation) expects to have an estimated \$28 million in HOME funding and \$7 million in State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) appropriated by the Live Local Act set forth in Section 420.50871, F.S., created by the Florida Legislature under Section 32 of the Live Local Act of 2023 (Live Local SAIL) available for award.

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.

Applicants that are selected to receive funding will be invited to enter credit underwriting and will be expected to complete the credit underwriting process, including Board approval of the credit underwriting report, and execute a HOME written agreement within twelve months of the date of the invitation to enter into credit underwriting.

SECTION TWO DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms within this RFA shall have the meaning as set forth in this RFA, in Exhibit B, Rule Chapters 67-48, F.A.C. (effective August 27, 2024) and Rule Chapter 67-60, F.A.C., (effective October 23, 2024) or in applicable federal regulations.

SECTION THREE PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS

Unless otherwise stated within the RFA, the Application package, forms and other information related to this RFA may be found on the RFA Webpage at <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/2025/2025-206> (also available by clicking [here](#)).

A. Submission Requirements

1. Application Deadline

The Application Deadline is **3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on February 18, 2025.**

2. Completing the Application Package

a. Downloading and completing the documents provided by the Corporation

Download and complete the following documents found on the RFA Webpage:

- (1) The Application/Development Cost Pro Forma (Exhibit A of the RFA); and
- (2) The Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) in Excel (“Principals Disclosure Form”). If a Principals Disclosure Form was approved during the Advance Review Process, which is described in Section Four A.3.c. of the RFA, the stamped "Approved" Principals Disclosure Form should be used to satisfy this requirement.

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

b. Creating the All Attachments Document

In addition to the 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”).

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.

As described in Section Four, B.2., to be awarded 5 points, bookmark the pdf of the All Attachments Document before uploading. It is not necessary to bookmark the individual documents within the Application Package (e.g. the Exhibit A document or the Principals Disclosure Form). Acrobat Standard DC or Acrobat Pro DC are the programs required to create bookmarks.

Note: The Corporation has provided instructions on how to bookmark the Attachments as well as sample pages that may be used to separate the attachments on the RFA Webpage. 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

To upload the Application Package described in 2.a. above:

- a. Go to the RFA Webpage.
- 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, click “Upload Application Package.” Enter the Development Name and click “Browse” to locate the following completed saved documents:

- (1) The Application (Exhibit A) in Excel format;
- (2) 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);
- (3) The All Attachments Document in a pdf format.

The average file size is 1.0 MB and may take a few minutes to upload. Larger files may take longer to upload. There is a file size limit of 15 MB, but this may 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 documents are displayed in the Upload webpage, 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.

For scoring purposes, the Corporation will not consider any documentation beyond the Application Package that is uploaded as described above.

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. Submitting the Application Fee

a. Application Fee

By the Application Deadline, provide to the Corporation the required non-refundable \$3,000 Application fee, payable to Florida Housing Finance Corporation via check, money order, ACH, or wire transfer.

To ensure that the Application Fee is processed for the correct online Application, the following is **strongly recommended**: (i) whether paying by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer, include the Development Name, RFA number with the payment; and (ii) if paying by wire, include the Federal Reference Number, or if paying by ACH, include the Trace Number at question B.1 of Exhibit A.

To ensure that the Application Fee is received prior to the Application Deadline, the following is **strongly recommended**: (i) provide the Application Fee at least

two business days prior to the Application Deadline; (ii) if paying by check or money order, provide the payment in person or via method requiring signature upon delivery, (iii) if paying by wire or ACH, ensure with banking institution that funding has been received by Florida Housing.

At least 24 hours prior to the Application Deadline, the Corporation expects to post a list of the check numbers and wire/ACH reference numbers for all Applications that follow the above recommendation. If the online submission is not received by the Application Deadline, the payment will be refunded.

ACH Instructions:

BANK NAME: Wells Fargo
One Independent Drive, 8th Floor
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

ABA #: 121000248

ACCOUNT NAME: FHFC

ACCOUNT #: 4967822909

Wire Transfer Instructions:

BANK NAME: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
420 MONTGOMERY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 94104
United States of America (US)

ABA #: 121000248

ACCOUNT NAME: FHFC

ACCOUNT #: 4967822909

Check or Money Order Instructions:

Payable to: Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Mailing Address: Attn: Finance and Accounting
Florida Housing Finance Corporation
227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

5. Assigning Lottery Numbers

After 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the Application Deadline, each Application for which an electronically submitted copy is 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.

6. Withdrawing an Application

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. The Corporation 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 via e-mail at RFA_2025-206_Questions@floridahousing.org (also accessible by clicking [here](#)) with "Questions regarding RFA 2025-206" as the subject of the email. All inquiries are due by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on January 28, 2025. 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 January 31, 2025, and will post a copy of all inquiries received, and their answers, on the RFA Webpage. 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), F.S., and Rule Chapter 28-110, F.A.C. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), F.S., shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S.

- 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. Section 119.071(1)(b)2, F.S. authorizes the Corporation to exempt this material from disclosure requirements; however, the Corporation intends to post the Applications to the RFA Webpage sooner than 30 days after the Application Deadline.
 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 and all provisions of Rule Chapters 67-48, F.A.C., 67-60, 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.
- To the extent that a modification gives rise to a protest, failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), F.S., shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S.
- 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. Unless stated otherwise, all information requested in the RFA pertains to the Development proposed in this Application upon completion of the work.

A. Exhibit A Items

1. Review of Application

During the Review Committee scoring process, the Corporation (i) may rely on the answers submitted by the Applicant in Exhibit A, the Development Cost Pro Forma, and the Principals Disclosure Form; and (ii) may, but is not obligated to, review the substance of the documentation that is submitted as Attachments to the Application.

If it is determined that the Attachments do not meet the RFA requirements or the Applicant submitted materially incorrect information in the Application, the Corporation may take any or all of the following actions, even if the Application was not selected for funding, was deemed ineligible, or was withdrawn: deem the Application ineligible, rescind the award, and consider all Principals of the Applicant to have made a material misrepresentation subject to Section 420.518, F.S.

2. Demographic Commitment

Select one of the following Demographic Commitments:

- a. Family – The proposed Development will serve the general population.
- b. Elderly, non-Assisted Living Facility.

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

Per subsection 67-48.002(94), F.A.C., the Applicant, Developer(s) and all Principals of the Applicant and Developers that are not a natural person must be a legally formed entity as of the Application deadline.

- 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. Include, as **Attachment 1** 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.

The Corporation is aware of the May 1st deadline for filing the annual report with the Division of Corporations and will accept a Certificate of Good Standing for the Applicant that reflects an expiration date of December 31 of either the current year or previous year.

(3) Non-Profit Applicant Qualifications

Indicate whether the Applicant is applying as a Non-Profit. Applicants that apply as a Non-Profit and provide the proper documentation during credit underwriting will not be charged a fee for the environmental review.

As described in Exhibit D, during credit underwriting, documentation must be submitted demonstrating (a) how the Non-Profit entity is materially and substantially participating in the predevelopment, management, and operation of the proposed Development throughout the compliance period, within the meaning of material participation as defined in 26 USC §469, 26 USC §42; and (b) the Non-Profit entity meets the IRS and Section 42 qualifications

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. 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 funding awarded under this RFA may be rescinded.

(4) HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

There is a goal to fund one CHDO Application, with a preference that it be in a Tier 1 County. To qualify as a CHDO Application and be eligible for the CHDO funding goal outlined in Section Five, answer the questions at 3.a.(4) of Exhibit A and the following requirements must be met:

(a) A properly completed FHFC CHDO Checklist, along with all appropriate exhibits, must be provided as **Attachment 3*** to Exhibit A. The CHDO Checklist must be provided by both CHDOs that have been previously designated by the Corporation and by any new organizations seeking CHDO designation. The service area of the CHDO must include the area in which the proposed Development site is to be located. The CHDO checklist is available on the RFA Website. To be considered a CHDO, all required information must be provided in the Application.

and

(b) The CHDO must be organized and structured according to the standards provided in the HOME regulations, and its role must be to develop, own or sponsor the HOME-assisted housing (24 CFR §92.300), as outlined

below. Documentation evidencing the CHDO's role and eligibility will be required during the credit underwriting process.

(i) Developer

Rental housing is "developed" by the community development housing organization if the CHDO is the owner of multifamily or single-family housing in fee simple absolute (or has a long term ground lease) and the developer of new housing that will be constructed or existing substandard housing that will be redeveloped for rent to low-income families in accordance with 24 CFR §92.252. To be the "developer", the community development housing organization must be in sole charge of all aspects of the development process, including obtaining zoning, securing non-HOME financing, selecting architects, engineers and general contractors, overseeing the progress of the work and determining the reasonableness of costs. At a minimum, the CHDO must own the housing during development and for a period at least equal to the period of affordability in 24 CFR §92.252.

(ii) Owner

Rental housing is "owned" by the CHDO if the CHDO is the owner in fee simple absolute of multifamily or single-family housing (or has a long-term ground lease) for rental to low-income families in accordance with 24 CFR §92.252. If the housing is to be redeveloped or constructed, the CHDO hires and oversees the developer that redevelops or constructs the housing. At a minimum, the CHDO must hire or contract with an experienced project manager to oversee all aspects of the development, including obtaining zoning, securing non-HOME financing, selecting a developer or general contractor, overseeing the progress of the work and determining the reasonableness of costs. The CHDO must own the rental housing during development and for a period at least equal to the period of affordability in 24 CFR §92.252. If the CHDO acquires housing that meets the property standards in 24 CFR §92.251, the CHDO must own the rental housing for a period at least equal to the period of affordability in 24 CFR §92.252.

(iii) Sponsor

Rental housing is "sponsored" by the community development housing organization if it is rental housing "owned" or "developed" by a subsidiary of a CHDO, a limited partnership of which the CHDO or its subsidiary is the sole general partner, or

a limited liability company of which the CHDO or its subsidiary is the sole managing member.

***Attachment 2 intentionally omitted in this RFA.**

b. Developer Information

- (1) State the name of each Developer, including all co-Developers.
- (2) Each Developer entity identified (that is not a natural person, Local Government, or Public Housing Authority) 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, Local Government, or Public Housing Authority, 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.

The Corporation is aware of the May 1st deadline for filing the annual report with the Division of Corporations and will accept a Certificate of Good Standing for the Developer(s) that reflects an expiration date of December 31 of either the current year or previous year.

(3) Developer Experience

(a) Previous Affordable Housing Experience Funding Preference

To qualify for this funding preference, at least one natural person Principal of at least one experienced Developer entity, which must be disclosed as a Principal of the Developer on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) outlined below, must have completed* at least one affordable rental housing development consisting of a total number of units no less than 50 percent of the total number of units in the proposed Development.

The individual meeting the required experience must be disclosed as a Principal of the Developer on the Principals Disclosure Form. If providing experience acquired from a previous affordable housing Developer entity, the person stated in the chart below must have been a Principal of that Developer entity as the term was defined at that time.

(b) HOME Funding Experience Preference

To qualify for this funding preference, at least one development that meets the Previous Affordable Housing Experience Funding Preference must consist of at least 12 total units funded with HOME Funding.

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.

(4) General Contractor Experience

(a) Required General Contractor Experience for all Developments

To be eligible for funding, the General Contractor or qualifying agent of the General Contractor must have all of the following:

- Must have the requisite skills, experience and credit worthiness to successfully produce the units proposed;
- Must construct the proposed Development in accordance with the design plans and specifications as prepared by the licensed Architect;
- Must not have allowed required insurance to lapse and/or had insurance force-placed by a lender on any Florida Housing Development funded within the past five years;
- Must not be a General Contractor on a Development that was awarded HOME funding from any RFA issued by the Corporation in 2017 or earlier that has not had the final HOME draw of loan funds by Application Deadline;
- Must have been the General Contractor on the completion* of at least two developments, where each Development consists of a total number of units of no less than 50 percent of the total number of units in the proposed Development; and
- Either (i) must have Davis-Bacon experience using federal funding in at least one project**; or (ii) at least one of the completed developments described in (b) below must have been subject to Davis Bacon Requirements.

Successful Applicants must submit the Florida Housing Finance Corporation HOME Funding - General Contractor or Qualifying Agent of General Contractor Certification for HOME Loans form (Rev. 12-2022) during credit underwriting, as outlined in Exhibit D of this RFA.

- (b) To demonstrate these requirements have been met, provide the information for each of the completed* developments in the Application and, if applicable, experience using federal funding in at least one project.**

*Completion means the certificate of occupancy has been issued for at least one building.

**Experience with using any federal funding that includes Davis-Bacon Requirements such as CDBG funding on an infrastructure project.

c. Principals Disclosure for the Applicant and for each Developer

(1) Eligibility Requirements

To meet the submission requirements, upload the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019) (“Principals Disclosure Form”) as outlined in Section Three above.

To meet eligibility requirements, the Principals Disclosure Form must identify, pursuant to subsections 67-48.002(94), 67-48.0075(8) and 67-48.0075(9), F.A.C., the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) as of the Application Deadline. 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. Per subsection 67-48.002(94), F.A.C., any Principal other than a natural person must be a legally formed entity as of the Application deadline.

(2) Approval during Advance Review Process (5 Points)

Applicants will receive 5 points if the uploaded Principals Disclosure Form is stamped “Received” by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped “Approved” prior to the Application Deadline.

To document these dates, the Corporation will stamp the Principals Disclosure Form on the date it is received and the date it is approved. If a Principals Disclosure Form has been approved, but the Applicant must change the form for any reason, the form may be edited and resubmitted for approval, but the form will receive a new stamp reflecting the date the Corporation received the revised form. Likewise, if a form is returned to the Applicant for correction, the Applicant may make corrections and resubmit the form, but the date of the resubmission will be reflected as the date received. If a Principals Disclosure Form is submitted for an RFA with a “Received” date that is within 14 Calendar Days of the Application Deadline, the Applicant will not be eligible for the 5 Advance Review points.

The Advance Review Process for Disclosure of Applicant and Developer Principals is available on the RFA Webpage 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) Material and non-material changes to the Applicant entity or Developer entity

(a) The name of the Applicant entity or Developer entity stated in the Application may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to

Corporation staff and approval of the Corporation after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting.

(b) Changes to the Applicant entity

The Applicant entity shall be the borrowing entity and cannot be changed in any way (materially or non-materially*) until after loan closing. After loan closing, (i) any material* change will require review and approval of the Credit Underwriter, as well as approval of the Board prior to the change, and (ii) any non-material* change will require review and approval of the Corporation, as well as approval of the Corporation prior to the change. The Applicant must comply with Principal disclosure requirements outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. for the duration of the Compliance Period. Changes to the Applicant entity (material or non-material) prior to the loan closing or without Corporation or Board approval, as applicable, after the loan closing may result in disqualification from receiving funding and may be deemed a material misrepresentation. Changes to the officers or directors of a Public Housing Authority or officers or directors of a non-profit entity will not result in disqualification, however, the change must be approved by the Corporation. An updated Principals Disclosure Form is required for all change requests.

*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.

(c) 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 Corporation after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting as outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. 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. Management Company Information

Identify the Management Company and complete the prior experience section of Exhibit A for the 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.

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 Principals Disclosure Form; (b) must have signature authority to bind the Applicant entity; (c) must sign the Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement section of Exhibit A; and (d) 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

- a. State the name of the proposed Development.
- b. Development Category

Development Category must be new construction, with or without acquisition. All units must consist entirely of new construction units. Rehabilitation of existing units is not allowed. Demolition of current structures is allowed, subject to Davis Bacon regulations and, if occupied, Uniform Relocation Act as described in Section Four, A.11. of this RFA.

- c. Characteristics of Development

- (1) 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.

- Single Family Homes including HUD-approved modular homes that are installed by certified contractors
- Duplexes
- Quadraplexes
- Townhouses
- Garden Apartments (a building comprised of 1, 2 or 3 stories, with or without an 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, commercial, parking, utility, or residential.

Note: Any dwelling unit that consists of more than one story, (e.g. Townhouse), is prohibited for Elderly Developments. A residential building that consists of more than one story is not prohibited for Elderly Developments if there is a

minimum of one elevator per residential building provided for all Elderly units that are located on a floor higher than the first floor.

Also, Group homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and other specialized licensed residential facilities, or units within a condominium complex are not eligible for funding in this RFA.

(2) Enhanced Structural Systems (“ESS”) Construction Qualifications

To qualify as “Enhanced Structural Systems Construction” or “ESS Construction” for purposes of the Total Development Cost Limitation test, the proposed Development 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.

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 (a), (b), or (c) above.

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

ESS units must be designated on the Unit Characteristic Chart described below. This will be verified during the credit underwriting process. If this cannot be verified the units will no longer be considered ESS Construction, and funding awarded under this RFA may be rescinded.

d. Unit Characteristic Chart

Complete the chart in Exhibit A of the RFA reflecting the appropriate breakdown reflecting the number of units within each of the Development Types or ESS/non-ESS Construction, for purposes of the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation test.

e. Applicants must state whether construction has commenced as of Application Deadline. Note: If “Yes”, all rules and regulations in 24 CFR Part 92, which includes cross-cutting Federal Regulations, will apply.

5. Location of Proposed Development

a. County

Indicate the county where the proposed Development will be located. This RFA is open to proposed Developments located within a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) in a Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 County, with the highest preference for Developments that are located within Tier 1 Counties.

(1) Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAOs)

The following areas are deemed RAOs per the Department of Florida Commerce webpage <https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/rural-areas-of-opportunity> (also available by clicking [here](#)):

(a) Northwest RAO

Calhoun, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, and Washington counties, and the area within the city limits of Freeport and Walton County north of the Choctawhatchee Bay and intercoastal waterway

(b) South Central RAO

DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties, and the cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay (Palm Beach County), and Immokalee (Collier County).

(c) North Central RAO

Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties.

There is a goal to fund at least one Application in each RAO, with a preference that it is a Tier 1 Application.

Note: Although Franklin County is also considered a Northwest RAO, it is not eligible in this RFA because it has been deemed a Limited Development Area (LDA) for both the Family and Elderly Demographic Commitments. Information about LDAs can be found on the webpage <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/lda-information> (also available by clicking [here](#)).

(2) Tier Levels

Each county is assigned a tier, based on estimates of damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, as well as other factors such as changes in population growth and the expectation of new units from recently funded developments.

(a) Tier 1 Counties

Columbia, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Wakulla

(b) Tier 2 Counties

Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hendry, Lafayette, Levy, Okeechobee

(c) Tier 3 Counties

Baker, Bradford, Collier, Dixie*, Jefferson, Madison*, Palm Beach, Putnam, Suwannee*, Taylor*, Union

In the funding selection process, Tier 1 Applications will receive higher priority than Tier 2 Applications. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Applications will receive higher priority than Tier 3 Applications.

*Because these counties were awarded in RFA 2024-206, they are designated Tier 3 for purposes of this RFA.

b. Address of the Development site

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. Scattered Sites

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 for all Scattered Sites; and
- (3) All Scattered Sites must be located within the same county.

d. Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

- (1) 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 that is in addition to the Development Location Point information provided in (1) above, 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.

6. Number of Units and Buildings

a. Number of Units

State the total number of units that will be in the proposed Development upon completion.

All proposed Developments must consist of a minimum of 10 total units and a maximum of 50 units. The total units include all Set-Aside Units, Manager Units as described in Rule Chapter 67-53, F.A.C., and if applicable, market rate units.

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 if the number of HOME-Assisted units required by HUD will still be met, subject to written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Corporation.

b. Set-Aside Commitments

(1) Minimum HOME-Assisted Units

The minimum number of HOME-Assisted Units must meet the minimum requirements of 24 CFR Part 92.

(2) Total Number of HOME-Assisted Units Committed for HOME

Low HOME Rent units must be equal to or greater than 20 percent of the total HOME-Assisted units to which the Applicant committed. All remaining HOME-Assisted units will be High HOME Rent units.

High and Low HOME Rent charts are available on the Corporation's Website at <https://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/Compliance/rent-limits> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

The Excel version of Exhibit A will include a section that will automate the calculation of the minimum number of HOME-Assisted Units, Low HOME rent units and High HOME Rent Units. In the event of a discrepancy between the amounts entered by the Applicant at question 6.a. of Exhibit A and those shown elsewhere within the Application, the HOME loan request amount stated at question 10.a.(1) of Exhibit A shall be deemed to be the requested amount and the total number of units stated at question 6.a. of Exhibit A shall be deemed to be the total number of units for the Development.

(3) Additional Live Local SAIL Set-Aside Commitments for proposed Developments

In addition to the HOME Set-Aside commitments in (1) and (2), Applicants must also set aside a total of at least 80 percent of the Development's total units at 60 percent AMI or less.

(4) Tenant Selection Plan

Unless the Development meets an exception outlined in (i) below, a Tenant Selection Plan must be submitted to the Corporation for approval within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting. The Tenant Selection Plan must be approved by the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

(a) Exceptions to Tenant Selection Plan requirements

- Developments financed with HUD Section 811;
- Developments financed with a United States Department of Agriculture RD program.

All other Applications must achieve Corporation approval and, if required, HUD approval prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

(b) Achieving Corporation approval

To achieve approval by the Corporation, the Tenant Selection Plan must be submitted by the owner to the Corporation for approval within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting. Approval must be achieved prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

The Tenant Selection Plan Guidelines and Tenant Selection Plan Checklist can be found on the webpage <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive> (also available by clicking [here](#)). Exhibit G of the RFA also describes requirements for tenant selection policies.

(c) Achieving HUD approval, if required

In addition to the Corporation's approval, if HUD approval is required because a Development has a Housing Assistance Payment and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD, HUD approval of the Tenant Selection Plan must be demonstrated to the Corporation prior to the completion of the final credit underwriting report.

HUD's approval process may take several months. Owners should send the Corporation-approved Tenant Selection Plan to the local HUD field office for approval as soon as possible to meet this requirement.

The above ELI and all other set-aside commitments must be taken into account during any pre-leasing and leasing activities.

c. Unit Mix

(1) Completing the Unit Mix Chart

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 Low HOME Rent Units and High HOME Rent Units. All units in the proposed Development must be listed, including all manager/employee units and all market rate units, if applicable.

During credit underwriting, the credit underwriter will verify that the Low HOME Rent Units are distributed across the unit mix on a pro-rata basis.

(2) Unit Mix Requirements for Each Demographic

(a) Family Development Unit Mix Requirements

If the Family Demographic Commitment is selected not more than 25 percent of the total units in the Development may consist of Zero Bedroom units.

(b) Elderly Development Unit Mix Requirements

If Elderly Demographic is selected, at least 50 percent of the total units must be comprised of one-bedroom units or Zero Bedroom Units, and no more than 15 percent of the total units can be larger than two-bedroom units.

d. Number of Buildings

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.

e. Compliance Period

All Applicants are required to set aside the units for 50 years. This includes the HUD affordability period of 20 years for new construction plus a minimum 30-year extended affordability period, for a total affordability period of 50 years. Applicants that wish to qualify for an exemption from ad valorem tax pursuant to 196.1978(4), F.S. may also choose to commit to an additional minimum 49-year extended affordability period, for a total affordability period of 99 years ("Perpetuity"), which will only be applied to the SAIL and Bond LURAs, as applicable..

The Compliance Period committed to in this section includes the units set aside for the Demographic Commitments made in this RFA.

7. Readiness to Proceed

a. Site Control

Demonstrate site control by providing, as **Attachment 6*** to Exhibit A, 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.

*Attachment 5 was intentionally omitted from this RFA.

Note: The Corporation has no authority to, and will not, evaluate the validity or enforceability of any site control documentation.

(1) Eligible Contract

An eligible contract must meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) It must have a term that does not expire before May 31, 2025 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 May 31, 2025;
- (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) Proof of Ownership through a recorded document such as a Deed or Certificate of Title

The documentation must be recorded in the county in which the property is located and show the Applicant as the sole Grantee.

(3) Lease

- (a) If providing a 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.
- (b) If there is an existing Declaration of Trust recorded on the subject property, the Applicant may provide an Option to Enter into a Ground Lease Agreement ("eligible agreement") between the Applicant and the owner of the property. An eligible agreement must meet the following conditions:
 - (i) It must have a term that does not expire before May 31, 2025 or that contains extension options exercisable by the Applicant and conditioned solely upon payment of additional monies which, if exercised, would extend the term to a date that is not earlier than May 31, 2025;
 - (ii) The Applicant must be a party to the eligible agreement unless there is an assignment of the eligible agreement, signed by the assignor and the assignee, which assigns all of the lessor's rights, title and interests in the eligible agreement to the Applicant; and
 - (iii) The owner of the subject property must be a party to the eligible agreement, 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 lease the property to the lessor. Any intermediate agreement must meet the criteria for an eligible agreement in (a) and (b) above.

b. Ability to Proceed

All successful Applications will be required to 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 are provided on the RFA Webpage. Note: The Applicant may include the Florida Housing Ability to Proceed Verification forms that were included in a previous RFA submission for the same

proposed Development, provided (i) the form(s) are the correct versions posted to the RFA Webpage and as outlined in Exhibit C, (ii) the forms are dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline, (iii) none of the information entered on the form and certified to by the signatory has changed in any way, and (iv) the requirements outlined in this RFA are met.

(1) Appropriate Zoning

As of the Application Deadline*, the entire proposed Development site, including all Scattered Sites, must be appropriately zoned and consistent with local land use regulations regarding density and intended use or that the proposed Development site is legally non-conforming.

(2) Availability of Infrastructure (water, sewer, electricity and roads).

As of the Application Deadline*, water, sewer, electricity and roads must be available to the entire proposed Development site, including all Scattered Sites.

(3) Environmental Site Assessment

As of the Application Deadline*, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), and if required or recommended, a Phase II ESA, must have been performed for the entire proposed Development site, including all Scattered Sites.

*** Successful Applicants will be required to demonstrate that all of these requirements were met by providing documentation outlined in Exhibit D of this RFA within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter into credit underwriting. To demonstrate that these were in place as of the Application Deadline, the documents must be dated on or before the Application Deadline. The Corporation will rescind the award of any Applications that fail to meet this requirement.**

8. Construction Features

All units are expected to meet all requirements as outlined below. 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, including the following, incorporating the most recent amendments, regulations and rules:

- Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction as adopted pursuant to Section 553.503, F.S.;
- The Fair Housing Act as implemented by 24 CFR 100;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*; and

- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as implemented by 28 CFR 35.

The above documents are available on the RFA Webpage.

*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. All of the accessible units must be equally distributed among different unit sizes and Development types and must be dispersed on all accessible routes throughout the Development.

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.

b. General Features

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

- Broadband infrastructure which includes cables, fiber optics, wiring, or other infrastructure, as long as the installation results in at least 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload accessibility in each unit;
- Termite prevention;
- Pest control;
- Window covering for each window and glass door inside each unit;
- Wireless, 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 open 7 days a week 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 or commercial grade 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;
 - At least one washing machine and one dryer shall be front loading that meets the accessibility standards of Section 504;
 - 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 units;
- Bathtub with shower in at least one bathroom in at least 90 percent of the non-Elderly units; and
- Elderly Developments must have 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.

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

c. Required Accessibility Features, regardless of the age of the Development

Federal and state law and building code regulations requires that programs, activities, and facilities be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. The Corporation 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) whichever 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, (including all dwelling units that can be accessed by elevators), 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. If a pool is made available for residents' use, it must meet accessibility requirements under federal regulation, which include a securely anchored pool lift.

(1) Required Accessibility Features in all Units

- Primary entrance doors on an accessible route 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) In addition to the 5 percent mobility requirement outlined above, all Family Demographic Developments must provide reinforced walls for future installation of horizontal grab bars in place around each tub/shower and 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.

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 and toilet in the dwelling unit. The product specifications and installation must meet or exceed 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 and toilet, 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 Demographic must also provide the following features:
- 20 percent of the 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;
 - All bathrooms in all units must have vanity cabinets with at least one roll-out shelf or drawer in bottom of cabinet;
 - 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 all the 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. Emergency Operations for all Elderly Developments

The following Emergency Operations Features must be provided in all Elderly Developments:

- There must be a community building/dedicated space within the Development; and
- There must be a minimum of one permanent, standby generator in good working order, to operate at least one elevator per residential building serving residents that are located on a floor higher than the first floor in addition to the lights, HVAC and other electrical appliances in the community room/dedicated space, throughout the duration of a power outage. The generators must be maintained in good working order and the Applicant must maintain an executed written contract with a vendor certified to service and test the installed generator and system; the generator and system shall be serviced and tested at least annually.

e. Required Green Building Features in all Developments

(1) All units and, as applicable, all common areas must have the features listed below:

- 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 = 0.95 EF or 0.92 UEF; or
 - More than 55 gallons = Energy Star certified; or
 - Tankless = 0.97 EF and Max GPM of ≥ 2.5 over a 77° rise or 0.87 UEF and GPM of ≥ 2.9 over a 67° rise;
 - 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 and living rooms;
- Air Conditioning (in-unit or commercial):
 - Air-Source Heat Pumps – Energy Star certified:
 - ≥ 7.8 HSPF2/ ≥ 15.2 SEER2/ ≥ 11.7 EER2 for split systems
 - ≥ 7.2 HSPF2 ≥ 15.2 SEER2/ ≥ 10.6 EER2 for single package equipment including gas/electric package units
 - Central Air Conditioners – Energy Star certified:
 - ≥ 15.2 SEER2/ ≥ 12.0 EER2 for split systems
 - ≥ 15.2 SEER2/ ≥ 11.5 EER2* 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) / Package Terminal Heat Pumps (PTHPs) are allowed in studio and one-bedroom units.

- (2) In addition to the required Green Building features outlined in (1) above, proposed Developments must select one of the following Green Building Certification programs: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC); Enterprise Green Communities; or ICC 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS).

9. Resident Programs

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 Family Demographic is selected, provide at least two of the resident programs outlined below. 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) Health and Wellness Program

Applicant or its Management Company must provide, at no cost to the resident, on-site health and wellness services quarterly. Services should include, but not be limited to, clinical health care needs such as blood pressure monitoring, pulse, temperature, cholesterol, glucose and other wellness screenings, as well as health education and nutrition. Applicant or its Management Company must partner with community health care providers and provide the space for services to be delivered, including offices for a service coordinator, nurse and

other health or social services providers. Space must also be provided for group health education.

(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.

If the training is not provided on-site, transportation at no cost to the resident must be provided. Electronic media, if used, must be used in conjunction with live instruction.

(4) 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.

- (5) Homeownership Opportunity Program - Applicant commits to provide a financial incentive which includes the following provisions:
- The incentive must be applicable to the home selected and may not be restricted to or enhanced by the purchase of a home in which the Applicant, Developer, or other related party has an interest;
 - the incentive must be not less than 5 percent of the rent received by the owner for the unit during the entire occupancy by the household (Note: The incentive will be paid for all months for which the household 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 household as a condition of participation in this program.

b. Elderly Demographic Commitment

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

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 Demographic, must provide at least three of the resident programs outlined below:

(a) Financial Management for Elderly Residents

Applicant or its Management Company must provide, at no cost to the resident, a series of classes to provide residents training in various aspects of personal financial management on issues appropriate to elderly households. 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. The topics should include, but not be limited to:

- Tax issues for elders and retirees
- Budgeting tips for fixed income households
- Avoiding scams that target elders
- Strategies to maximize Social Security benefits
- Preparing a will and estate planning

(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

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) HOME Request Amount

State the amount of HOME funding it is requesting.

The maximum HOME Request Amount is limited to the lesser of (i) the Total Maximum Per Unit HOME Rental FHFC Subsidy Limit; or (ii) \$7,000,000.

The interest rate is set forth in Section 67-48.020, F.A.C.

Calculation of the Total Maximum Per Unit HOME Rental FHFC Subsidy Limits

The HOME Request Amount cannot exceed the applicable HOME Rental FHFC Subsidy Limits. The actual dollar amount of these limits is based on the number of bedrooms in each unit and the county in which the Development is located. HOME funds are not available for units that are not set-aside units. See the HOME Rental FHFC Subsidy Limits chart provided below.

Per Unit FHFC Maximum Subsidy Limits					
	0 BR	1BR	2 BR	3 BR	4BR
All Counties	\$163,340	\$187,244	\$227,695	\$294,564	\$323,337

FHFC's subsidy limits are based on 90% of HUD's 2024 maximum subsidy limits.

For example, if a proposed Development will consist of 25 total units, 20 of which are HOME-assisted set-aside units, calculate the maximum allowed HOME funding request as follows:

Unit Size (Number of Bedrooms)	Number of Set-Aside Units for each Unit Size		Appropriate Dollar Limit based on unit size, total number of units in Development, and County in which it is located		HOME Subsidy Allowed
0	0	x	\$163,340	=	\$0
1	15	x	\$187,244	=	\$2,808,660
2	5	x	\$227,695	=	\$1,138,475
3	0	x	\$294,564	=	\$0
4	0	x	\$323,337	=	\$0
Total Maximum HOME Subsidy Allowed				=	\$3,947,135

The Application will include a section that will automate the calculation of the minimum number of HOME-Assisted Units, Low HOME rent units and High HOME Rent Units. In the event of a discrepancy between the amount shown in this section and that shown elsewhere within the Application, the amount shown in this section shall be deemed to be the requested amount.

If the request amount is greater than the allowable limit, the Corporation will reduce the amount down to the maximum amount eligible to be requested. The amount resulting from the lesser of the Applicant’s HOME Request Amount and the adjusted amount described above, if any, will be deemed to be the “Eligible HOME Request Amount.”

(2) Live Local SAIL Funding

Each successful Application will also be awarded \$1,500,000 in Live Local SAIL. This will be represented as a source on the Development Cost Pro Forma. The funding amount may increase or decrease in credit underwriting, based on overall awards. The Live Local SAIL will be a separate loan and will follow the terms and conditions outlined in Section 67-48.010, F.A.C.

b. 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, 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 provided as **Attachment 10*** 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.

***Attachments 7 - 9 were intentionally omitted.**

(1) 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.

Each financing proposal shall contain:

- Amount of the construction loan, if applicable;
- Amount of the permanent loan, if applicable;
- Specific reference to the Applicant as the borrower or direct recipient; and
- 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 above if the Applicant provides the properly completed and executed Local Government Verification of Contribution – Grant Form (Form 07-2022) and/or the Local Government Verification of Contribution – Loan Form (Form 07-2022), the form must be dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline, and such grant and/or loan is effective at least through June 30, 2025. 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. Either the "Loan" or the "Grant" verification forms can be used. The grant and loan forms (Form 07-2022) are available on the RFA Webpage. 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.

If the loan form is used to document a source of funding from a local government, the space for entering the loan amount (and not the net present value of the loan) will be considered as a source of financing (if the form is appropriately completed).

Note: The Applicant can also use this loan form for purposes of documenting the Match calculation. For purposes of documenting the Match calculation, the Applicant will be required to provide a schedule showing the net present value calculation. Please see Section Four A.10.d. below for further limitations and instructions regarding a Match.

- (2) Financing that has closed:
- (a) 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.
- (b) Except for HUD 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, 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.
- If the debt being assumed is provided by HUD, 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; and
 - Applicable HUD program.
- (3) 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 (or lessor) of the Development's property is providing a seller's or lessor's note (purchase money mortgage or

equivalent) to help finance the Applicant's acquisition of the property, evidence of its ability to fund the amount of the note is not needed so long as the Application includes a letter from the seller or lessor that meets the financing proposal criteria outlined in (2)(a) above and the amount of the note is equal to or less than the purchase price of the property.

- (4) 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.
- (5) The loan amount may be conditioned upon an appraisal or debt service coverage ratio or any other typical due diligence required during credit underwriting.
- (6) Financing proposals may be conditioned upon the Applicant receiving the funding from the Corporation for which it is applying.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 if the commitment is properly executed and, if applicable, evidence of ability to fund is provided.

Note: No mortgage will be allowed to have a senior lien position to Corporation funding.

c. Development Cost Pro Forma

All Applicants must complete the Development Cost Pro Forma listing the anticipated costs, 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. If a funding source is not considered, if the Applicant's funding Request Amount is adjusted downward, and/or if the anticipated costs or uses are adjusted upward, this may result in a funding shortfall. If the Application has a funding shortfall in either the Construction/Rehab and/or the Permanent Analysis of the Applicant's Development Cost Pro Forma, the amount of the adjustment(s), to the

extent needed and possible, will be offset by increasing the deferred Developer Fee up to the maximum eligible amount as provided below. If it is demonstrated that an Applicant failed to disclose anticipated costs, the Applicant will be deemed ineligible if those undisclosed costs cause a funding shortfall.

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.”

Within the General Development Costs section of the Development Cost Pro Forma, there are line items for Professional Fees, Insurance(s), Local Government Fees & Taxes, FHFC Costs& Fees, and Tenant Relocation Costs. The following are examples of these costs:

- Professional Fees may include Accounting Fees, Appraisal, Architect’s Fees, Capital Needs Assessment, Engineering Fees, Environmental Report, Green Building Certification/HERS Inspection Costs, Inspection Fees, Legal Fees, Market Study, Marketing/Advertising, Soil Test Report, Survey and Title Insurance & Recording Fees.
- Insurance(s) may include Builder’s Risk Insurance.
- Local Government Fees & Taxes may include Building Permit, Impact Fees, Property Taxes and Utility Connection Fee.
- FHFC Costs & Fees may include the Corporation’s fees such as Administrative Fee, Application Fee, Compliance Fee and PRL/Credit Underwriting 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, contingency reserve or operating deficit reserve that exceeds the stated Application limits, the Corporation will adjust the fee to the maximum allowable.

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 (a) and (b) below shall not exceed the respective amounts described below:

- (a) 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

- (b) 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 (a) or (b) 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 (a) above, AND if the amount of Developer Fee on Non-Acquisition Costs is less than the amount allowed in (b) 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 (b) above, AND if the amount of Developer Fee on Acquisition Costs is less than the amount allowed in (a) 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 5 percent of hard and soft costs, 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 can be included as part of Development Costs, but cannot be used in determining the maximum Developer Fee. Applicants may enter an operating deficit reserve amount that does not exceed \$3,500 per unit 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. If any reserve other than the permitted contingency reserve(s) or the maximum operating deficit reserve is identified and included in the Development Cost Pro Forma, the Corporation will reduce it to the maximum allowed 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) 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.

d. Match Amount

Applicants with a higher percentage of Match compared to the Applicant's Eligible HOME Request Amount will receive a funding preference in the Funding Selection process described in Section Five, B. below. Forgone Developer Fee and seller's notes (purchase money mortgages) cannot be used as Match funding for purposes of this funding preference.

For purposes of this RFA, eligible forms of Match are cash contributions from nonfederal external sources (related party Match contributions are not allowed). Cash contributions must be permanently contributed to the HOME project and will be a part of the final Sources and Uses. Cash contributions may include donations made by individuals (except for owners or Developers or prospective owners or Developers of the HOME project), private entities, or other public entities for the express purpose of affordable housing.

Cash contributions may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) State appropriations;
- (2) State or local general revenues;
- (3) Housing trust funds;
- (4) Foundation grants and private donations; and
- (5) Below-market interest rate loans from private lending institutions.

Because owner equity is not an eligible form of Match, the investment in a project of a Non-Profit organization's general funds will not count as Match. However, funds that a Non-Profit organization obtains from individuals or other entities through fundraising for a specific project are considered private donations and, thus, are eligible as Match.

24 CFR §92.220 requires that the Corporation match funds for each HOME dollar spent on a Development. For purposes of Match calculation of interest that is forgiven for future years, the value of the Match is the present discounted cash value, based on the discount rate of 6.22 percent.

For a project that is not 100 percent HOME Units, if more than 50 percent of the units in the project are HOME-Assisted, then the contribution to the non-assisted units may be counted as Match. Additionally, for mixed-use projects, if at least 51 percent of the floor space in a HOME-Assisted, mixed-use building is residential and at least 50 percent of the residential dwelling units are HOME-Assisted, then the contribution to the commercial space and the non-assisted units may be counted as Match. In all other cases, Match will be calculated on a pro-rata basis on the number of HOME-Assisted units.

List the amount of each source of Match at question 10.d. of Exhibit A and provide the required documentation as **Attachment 11** to Exhibit A.

Match documentation requirements

The documentation for cash contributions must state the source, form and value of the cash contribution. Additionally, the documentation should explicitly state that the cash contribution has not been used for Match for any other program.

For loans that will be counted as Match, the documentation must include the calculation used to determine the value of the Match contribution.

Calculating Match for Below-Market Interest Rate Loans

The Match contribution is the present discounted cash value of the yield foregone (i.e., the difference between payments received on the below-market interest rate loan and the payments that would have been received had the loan been made at the market interest rate). In determining the yield foregone the discount rate is 6.76 percent.

For example, a private lending institution is providing a fully amortizing loan of \$50,000 for 180 months to the Development with the following interest schedule: Months 1 to 60 at 0.00%; Months 61 to 120 at 2.50% and Months 121 to 180 at 3.5%. The yield foregone at 6.76% for Months 1 through 60 is calculated to be \$164.95 per month; Months 61 to 120 is \$128.50 per month; Months 121 to 179 is \$120.63 per month and the last payment in month 180 is \$121.12. The net present value of the yield foregone for the 15-year life of the loan calculated using the discount rate of 6.76% is \$16,160.00. \$16,160.00 is the calculated Match contribution in this example.

In another example, a private lending institution is providing a loan of \$50,000 for 180 months that is interest only over the term with a balloon payment at maturity to the Development with the following interest schedule: Months 1 to 60 at 0.00%; Months 61 to 120 at 2.50% and Months 121 to 180 at 3.50%. The yield foregone at 6.76% for Months 1 through 60 is calculated to be \$281.67 per month; Months 61 to 120 is \$177.50 per month; Months 121 to 179 is \$135.83 per month and the last payment in month 180 is \$135.83. The net present value of the yield foregone for the 15-year life of the loan calculated using the discount rate of 6.76% is \$24,258.30. \$24,258.30 is the calculated Match contribution in this example.

e. **Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority**

If a Public Housing Authority has one of the above-described relationships with the Applicant, provide the following information in Exhibit A if at least one of the following is met:

- (1) The Applicant has either entered into a land lease with a Public Housing Authority on property where the proposed Development is to be located or the Applicant provided an Option to Enter into a Ground Lease Agreement on property where the proposed Development is to be located; AND the property has an existing Declaration of Trust between the Public Housing Authority and HUD and/or has a HUD RAD Transfer of Assistance Restrictive Covenant; or

- (2) The Applicant is associated with a Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority in the ownership structure. The Applicant should state whether any Principals of the Applicant entity are a Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority and the Public Housing Authority and/or instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority must be reflected on the Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-2019).

Note: For purposes of this RFA, the Public Housing Authority and/or instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority must not be disclosed as only the Investor Limited Partner of the Applicant or Investor Member of the Applicant.

If a Public Housing Authority has one of the above-described relationships with the Applicant, state the name of the Public Housing Authority.

11. Uniform Relocation Act

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA) is government-wide legislation which establishes minimum standards for federally-funded programs or projects requiring the acquisition of real property or displacement of persons from the homes, businesses, or farms as a direct result of: Acquisition, Rehabilitation or Demolition. Applicants should be prepared to familiarize themselves with URA & Section 104(d) statues and regulations at 49 CFR 24 (URA), 24 CFR 42 (104(d), 24 CFR 570 (CDBG) and Section 414 of the Stafford Act.

The URA is triggered at site identification or intended use of federal funds.

A General Information Notice (GIN) should be issued to all occupants at such time there exists the following:

- Documented legal intent of a project triggered by project pre-application/application, AND
- Site identification.

For land proposed for acquisition that may have occupied residential dwellings, compliance begins at the GIN issuance. Successful Applicants will be required to provide the issued GIN within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting as outlined in Exhibit D. The questions in Exhibit A must be answered and the following required Uniform Relocation Act information must be obtained prior to application deadline. The information must be provided to the Corporation with the GIN if the Applicant is successful as outlined below:

a. Occupied Units

At question 11.a. of Exhibit A, select "Yes" if any units are occupied as of the Application Deadline.

b. Tenant Relocation Information for Existing Properties

At question 11.b.(1) through (4) of Exhibit A, answer all applicable questions.

- (1) State how many total units exist as of the Application Deadline in the proposed Development.
- (2) State how many units are occupied as of the Application Deadline.
- (3) State whether or not permanent relocation (displacement) is anticipated during or after the construction period. If “Yes”, state how many units are affected.
- (4) State whether or not temporary relocation of any tenants will be required. If “Yes”, state how many tenants will require temporary relocation.

Successful Applicants will be required to provide the following information within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting as outlined in Exhibit D:

- (5) Within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, provide a list of all units occupied as of Application Deadline and tenant income certifications. The income of persons and households who, as of the Application Deadline, are occupying a unit that will receive assistance must be provided to determine whether they are income eligible. For all units that are occupied as of the Application Deadline, provide a summary list of all residents and income certifications for those residents in occupied units that will be assisted units. If, as of the Application Deadline, the existing residents and/or Development is/are participating in a federally subsidized program (such as Project-based Section 8, Section 8 Existing or Section 8 Voucher Programs), the residents’ income certification forms required for that program may be used to meet this requirement.
- (6) Within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, provide a brief description of how the Development will meet the set-aside requirements. The description must indicate whether, as of the Application Deadline, the existing residents are eligible residents, or whether the residents will be evicted and replaced with income eligible residents in order to meet the set-aside requirements committed to in this Application.
- (7) Within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, provide a description of how the cost of relocation will be covered. Detail how the temporary and permanent relocation will be handled.

c. Uniform Relocation Act Acquisition Information

In addition to answering the questions in Exhibit A, successful Applicants will be required to provide the following information within 21 Calendar Days of the invitation to enter credit underwriting:

- (1) If the Applicant owns the Development site (i.e., holds a deed or currently has a lease with a minimum 50-year term), provide a narrative describing the acquisition. This narrative must describe how, when, and from whom the property was acquired and whether or not the property was vacant when acquired.

- (2) If the Applicant is a private company and is acquiring the property or will have a lease with a minimum 50-year term for the property, the Applicant (buyer) must provide the seller with a notice that the buyer does not have the power of eminent domain to obtain the property and a determination of market value will estimate the value of the property. This must be done prior to execution of the contract or proposed lease (with a minimum 50-year term) or may be attached as an addendum to the contract or proposed lease (with a minimum 50-year term). A copy of the required notice and confirmation of the current owner's/seller's receipt of notice must be provided.
- (3) If the Applicant is a public (government) Applicant, respond to all applicable remaining questions in this relocation section.
- (4) Eminent Domain:
 - (a) If the buyer has the power of eminent domain, the buyer must notify the seller in writing that it has such power and the determination of market value for the property is being waived. Provide a copy of the required notice.
 - (b) If the Applicant is a public (government) Applicant and does not have the power of eminent domain, provide the following: (i) notice of interest, (ii) determination of fair market value, (iii) appraisal of the property, and (iv) written offer of just compensation which includes a statement of just value, property description, and identification of buildings. Provide all required documentation.

The GIN and accompanying information set forth above will be required only after the Application is selected for funding, as outlined in Exhibit D and also in Item 6 of Exhibit C.

B. Additional Information

1. Verifying Application Fee Payment

To ensure that the Application Fee is processed for the correct online Application, the following is ***strongly recommended***: (i) provide the Application Fee at least two business days prior to the Application Deadline; and (ii) whether paying by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer, include the Development Name, RFA number with the payment.

Additionally, include the following at question B.1. of Exhibit A:

- If submitting a check or money order, provide the check or money order number.
- If submitting an ACH, provide the trace number.
- If submitting a wire transfer, provide the wire service reference number (i.e. Fed/CHIPS/SWIFT Reference Number) and the Fed Wire Transfer Number.

2. Bookmarking the All Attachments Document before uploading (5 points)

To be awarded 5 points, bookmark the pdf of the All Attachments Document before uploading. Instructions are provided on the RFA Webpage. Acrobat Standard DC or Acrobat Pro DC are the programs required to create bookmarks.

3. Addenda

Use the Addenda section of Exhibit A to provide any additional information or explanatory addendum for items described in the Application. Please specify the particular item to which the additional information or explanatory addendum applies.

C. Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form

The Authorized Principal Representative must execute the Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form to indicate the Applicant’s certification and acknowledgement of the provisions and requirements of the RFA.

**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 qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline provided
Name of Each Developer provided
Evidence that each Developer entity is a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline provided
Prior General Contractor experience requirement met
Principals for Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form provided and meets requirements
Contact information for Management Company provided
Prior Management Company Experience requirement met
Authorized Principal Representative provided and meets requirements
Name of Proposed Development provided
Development Type selected
Unit Characteristic Chart reflecting the breakdown of number of units associated with each Development Type and ESS/Non-ESS provided

Question whether physical construction activity has commenced answered
County identified
Address of Development Site provided
Question whether a Scattered Sites Development answered
Development Location Point provided
Latitude and Longitude Coordinates for any Scattered Sites provided, if applicable
Total Number of Units provided and within limits
Unit Mix provided and meets requirements
Number of residential buildings provided
Evidence of Site Control provided
Green Building Certification selected
Minimum Resident Programs selected
Applicant's HOME Funding Request Amount provided
Applicant's HOME Subsidy Calculation Chart provided
Development Cost Pro Forma provided reflecting that sources equal or exceed uses
Units occupied question answered
HOME Uniform Relocation Act questions answers
Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement signed by Authorized Principal Representative
Financial Arrearage Requirement met**
Verification of no prior acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting for the same Development ***
Verification of no recent de-obligations ****

* 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, and (ii) 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 **two business days*** 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.

The most recently published Past Due Report is posted to the Corporation's Website under the link <https://www.floridahousing.org/data-docs-reports/past-due-reports> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)), but not more recently than seven

business days prior to the date the Committee meets to make a recommendation to the Board.

* For example, if a review committee meeting is held on a Wednesday, regardless of the time of the meeting, the arrearages must be paid by Monday close of business.

*** Previous Funding Requirements

Requirement that there can be no prior acceptance to an invitation to enter credit underwriting for the same Development

An Application will be deemed ineligible for funding if the Applicant has accepted an invitation to enter credit underwriting for the same Development (with the exception of funding awarded under the Predevelopment Loan Program (PLP) and/or the Elderly Housing Community Loan (EHCL) program) 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 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 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.

**** Verification of no recent de-obligations

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 ten years 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.

2. Awarding Points

Point Items	Maximum Points
Submission of Principals Disclosure Form that is stamped "Received" by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped "Approved" prior to the Application Deadline	5
Bookmarking Attachments prior to submission	5

Total Possible Points	10
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B. Selection Process

1. Application Sorting Order

Within each Tier, 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 in the following order:

- a. First, preference will be given to Applications that qualify for the HOME Funding Experience Preference described in Section Four, A.3.b.(3)(b) of the RFA;
- b. Next, preference will be given to Applications that qualify for the Previous Affordable Housing Experience Funding Preference described in Section Four, A.3.b.(3)(a) of the RFA;
- c. Next, by percentage resulting from the Applicant's Eligible HOME Request Amount divided by the maximum award amount the Applicant is eligible to request (rounded to two (2) decimal places of the percentage). Applications will be listed in ascending order beginning with the Application with the lowest percentage and ending with the Application that has the highest percentage;
- d. Next, by the percentage of Match compared to the Applicant's Eligible HOME Request Amount, (rounded to 2 decimal places of the percentage), by dividing the total Match Amount stated at question 10.d. of Exhibit A by the Eligible HOME Request Amount. Applications will be listed in descending order beginning with the Application with the highest percentage and ending with the Application that has the lowest percentage;
- e. Next, preference will be given to Applications that qualify for the Florida Job Creation Funding Preference which is outlined in Item 4 of Exhibit C (with Applications that qualify for the preference listed above Applications that do not qualify for the preference);
- f. Finally, by lottery number, with Applications that have a lower lottery number listed above Applications with a higher lottery number.

2. Tier Levels

Tier 1 Applications will receive higher priority than Tier 2 Applications. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Applications will receive higher priority than Tier 3 Applications.

3. Goals

- a. There is a goal to fund one CHDO Application proposing a Development with a preference that it is located in a Tier 1 County.
- b. There is a goal to fund at least one Application in each RAO, with a preference that it is a

Tier 1 Application.

4. County Test

a. County Test used in selection of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Counties

If an Application proposing a Development in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 County is selected for tentative funding, the county where the proposed Development is located will have one Application credited towards the county. After a county is credited with one award, no other Applications proposing Developments within the same county will be selected for funding until all Tier 1 and Tier 2 Counties with eligible Applications have received one award (“County Test”).

Once all Tier 1 and Tier 2 Counties with eligible Applications have received one award, the process will continue, and each Tier 1 and Tier 2 county will be eligible for a second award in the selection process. This pattern will continue, subject to the Funding Test.

b. County Test used in selection of Tier 3 Counties

If there are no eligible unfunded Applications proposing Developments in Tier 1 and Tier 2 that can meet the Funding Test, Developments in Tier 3 may be selected for funding, subject to the County Test and Funding Test. If an Application proposing a Development in a Tier 3 County is selected for tentative funding, the county where the proposed Development is located will have one Application credited towards the county. After a county is credited with one award, no other Applications proposing Developments within the same county will be selected for funding until all Tier 3 Counties with eligible Applications have received one award (“County Test”).

Once all Tier 3 Counties with eligible Applications have received one award, the process will continue and each Tier 3 county will be eligible for a second award in the selection process. This pattern will continue, subject to the Funding Test.

5. Funding Test

a. HOME Funding

An estimated \$28,000,000 will be made available for award. Applications will be selected for funding only if there is enough funding available to fully fund the Eligible HOME Funding Request Amounts (“Funding Test”).

b. Live Local SAIL Funding

An estimated \$7,000,000 will be made available for award. The Live Local SAIL funding amount may increase or decrease in credit underwriting, based on overall awards.

6. Selection Process

a. Goal to fund one CHDO Application

The first Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible CHDO Application proposing a Development in a Tier 1 County.

If there are none, the first Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible CHDO Application proposing a Development in a Tier 2 County.

If there are none, the first Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible CHDO Application proposing a Development in a Tier 3 County.

b. Goal to fund one Application in each RAO

(1) Northwest RAO

The next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Application proposing a Development in a Tier 1 County within the Northwest RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test. If there are no eligible Applications proposing Developments within Tier 1 Counties, then the next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 2 County within the Northwest RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test. If there are no eligible Applications proposing Developments within Tier 1 or Tier 2 Counties, then the next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 3 County within the Northwest RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test.

(2) South Central RAO

The next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Application proposing a Development in a Tier 1 County within the South Central RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test. If there are no eligible Applications proposing Developments within Tier 1 Counties, then the next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 2 County within the South Central RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test. If there are no eligible Applications proposing Developments within Tier 1 or Tier 2 Counties, then the next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 3 County within the South Central RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test.

(3) North Central RAO

The next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Application proposing a Development in a Tier 1 County within the North Central RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test. If there are no eligible Applications proposing Developments within Tier 1 Counties, then the next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 2 County within the North Central RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test. If there are no

eligible Applications proposing Developments within Tier 1 or Tier 2 Counties, then the next Application selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 3 County within the North Central RAO, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test.

- c. If funding remains and no eligible unfunded Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 1 County can meet the County Test and the Funding Test, then the next Applications selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 2 County, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test.
- d. If funding remains and no eligible unfunded Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 2 County can meet the County Test and the Funding Test, then the steps b. – c. will be repeated, with each county eligible for an additional award until there are no eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 County that can be fully funded.
- e. If funding remains and no eligible unfunded Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 1 or Tier 2 County can meet the Funding Test, then the next Applications selected for funding will be the highest-ranking eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 3 County, subject to the County Test and the Funding Test. This will be repeated until there are no eligible Applications proposing a Development in a Tier 3 County that can be fully funded.
- f. If funding remains and no eligible unfunded Applications can be fully funded, no further Applications will be considered for funding and any remaining funding will be distributed as approved by the Board.

7. Returned Funding

Funding that becomes available after the Board takes action on the Committee's recommendation(s), due to an Applicant withdrawing, an Applicant declining its invitation to enter credit underwriting or the Applicant's inability to satisfy a requirement outlined in this RFA, and/or provisions outlined in 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 A to RFA 2025-206 – HOME Financing to be used for Rental Developments in Certain Hurricane Idalia Impacted Counties

Unless stated otherwise, all information requested pertains to the Development proposed in this Application upon completion of the work.

1. Review of Attachments

Provide all attachments as required below. If it is determined that the Attachments do not meet the RFA requirements or the Applicant submitted materially incorrect information in the Application, the Corporation may take any or all of the following actions, even if the Application was not selected for funding, was deemed ineligible, or was withdrawn: deem the Application ineligible, rescind the award, and consider all Principals of the Applicant to have made a material misrepresentation subject to Section 420.518, F.S.

2. Demographic Commitment

Select one of the following Demographic Commitments:

[Choose an item.](#)

3. Applicant, Developer, Management Company, and Contact Person

a. Applicant

(1) Name of Applicant

[Click here to enter text.](#)

(2) Provide the required documentation to demonstrate that the Applicant is a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline as **Attachment 1**.

(3) Non-Profit Applicant qualifications

Does the Applicant or the General Partner or managing member of the Applicant meet the definition of Non-Profit as set forth in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. and wish to apply as a Non-Profit Applicant?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes”, provide the required information for the Non-Profit entity during the credit underwriting process as outlined in Exhibit D.

(4) HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO):

To qualify as a CHDO and be eligible for the CHDO funding goal, state the CHDO name and provide the required CHDO Checklist along with all appropriate exhibits thereto as **Attachment 3**.

Does the Applicant qualify as a CHDO?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes”, state CHDO Name:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

b. Developer Information

(1) Name of each Developer (including all co-Developers)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

(2) For each Developer entity listed in question (1) above (that is not a natural person, Local Government, or Public Housing Authority), provide, as **Attachment 4**, the required documentation demonstrating that the Developer is a legally formed entity qualified to do business in the state of Florida as of the Application Deadline.

(3) Developer Experience Funding Preferences

(a) Previous Affordable Housing Experience Funding Preference

Does 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, meet the requirements to qualify for the Previous Affordable Housing Experience Funding Preference?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes”, in order to qualify for the preference, complete the following information:

At least one Developer entity named in (1) above must meet the Developer experience outlined in Section Four of the RFA.

Name of the 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 and state): _____

Affordable Housing Program that Provided Financing (e.g., Housing Credits, Tax-Exempt Bonds, HOME, SAIL, etc.) _____

Total Number of Units in Development: _____

Number of Units in Development funded with HOME funding:

(b) HOME Funding Experience Preference

To qualify for this funding preference, the prior experience chart outlined in (3)(a) above must reflect that the Development consisted of at least 12 total units that was funded with HOME Funding.

(4) General Contractor Experience

(a) General Contractor Required Experience

At least one natural person Principal of the General Contractor or Qualifying Agent of the General Contractor must meet the eligibility requirements.

Choose an item.

(b) General Contractor Experience Chart

If “Yes”, complete information below for the completed affordable rental housing development that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.3.b.(4) of the RFA:

Name of Development: _____

Location (city and state): _____

Affordable Housing Program that Provided Financing (e.g., Housing Credits, Tax-Exempt Bonds, HOME, SAIL, etc.) _____

Total Number of Units: _____

Was property subject to Davis-Bacon requirements or does General Contractor meet experience requirement because of experience using any federal funding that includes Davis-Bacon Requirements such as CDBG funding on an infrastructure project? _____

c. Principals Disclosure for the Applicant and for each Developer

(1) Eligibility Requirement

The Principals of the Applicant and Developer(s) Disclosure Form (Form Rev. 05-19) (“Principals Disclosure Form”) must be uploaded with the Application, as outlined in Section Three of the RFA, and meet the requirements of Section Four of the RFA.

(2) Advance Review of Principals Disclosure Form (5 points)

Applicants will receive five points if the uploaded Principals Disclosure Form was stamped “Received” by the Corporation at least 14 Calendar Days prior to the Application Deadline AND stamped “Approved” prior to the Application Deadline.

d. Management Company

(1) Contact Information

First Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)
Middle Initial: [Click here to enter text.](#)
Last Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)
Management Company: [Click here to enter text.](#)
Street Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)
City: [Click here to enter text.](#)
State: [Choose a state.](#)

Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)
Telephone: [Area Code 7 digit number extension](#)
E-Mail Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(2) The Management Company named in (1) above used must meet the experience outlined in Section Four of the RFA.

Name of the Management Company with the required experience:

(a) First completed affordable rental housing development that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.3.d. of the RFA:

Name of Development: _____

Location (city and state): _____

Currently Managing or Formerly Managed? _____

Length of time (number of years): _____

Total Number of Units: _____

- (b) Second completed affordable rental housing development that meets the experience requirement outlined in Section Four, A.3.d. of the RFA:

Name of Development: _____

Location (city and state): _____

Currently Managing or Formerly Managed? _____

Length of time (number of years): _____

Total Number of Units: _____

e. Contact Person

- (1) Provide the contact information for the person that meets the Authorized Principal Representative criteria outlined in Section Four (required).

First Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Middle Initial: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Last Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Organization: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Street Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#)

State: [Choose a state.](#)

Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Telephone: [Area Code 7 digit number extension](#)

E-Mail Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (2) Operational Contact Person information (optional)

First Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Middle Initial: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Last Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Organization: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Street Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#)

State: [Choose a state.](#)

Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Telephone: [Area Code 7 digit number extension](#)

E-Mail Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

4. General Proposed Development Information

- a. Name of the proposed Development

[Click here to enter text.](#)

b. Development Category must be new construction, with or without acquisition. All units must consist entirely of new construction units.

c. Characteristics of Development

(1) Development Type

[Choose an item.](#)

(2) Enhanced Structural Systems (“ESS”) Construction Qualifications are outlined in Section Four, A.4.c.(2) of RFA.

d. Unit Characteristic Chart

Complete the chart below reflecting the number of units for each of the Development Types or ESS/non-ESS Construction, for purposes of the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation calculation.

Measure		Enter the applicable number of units
New Construction Units	Other Dev. Type, ESS Construction, NC Units	Enter the number of units
	Other Dev. Type, Non-ESS Construction, NC Units	Enter the number of units
	Garden, ESS Construction, NC Units	Enter the number of units
	Garden, Non-ESS Construction, NC Units	Enter the number of units

Other Development Type means any Development Type that is not listed in the chart.

e. Has any physical construction activity commenced on the proposed Development?

[Choose an item.](#)

Note: If “Yes”, all rules and regulations in 24 CFR Part 92, which includes cross-cutting Federal Regulations, will apply.

5. Location of proposed Development

a. County: [Choose a county.](#)

b. Development Location

(1) Address of Development Site:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

(2) City of Development Site*:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

*If the proposed Development is located in the unincorporated area of a county, provide that information.

- c. Does the proposed Development consist of Scattered Sites?

[Choose an item.](#)

- d. Latitude and Longitude Coordinates

- (1) Development Location Point

Latitude in decimal degrees, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Longitude in decimal degrees, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- (2) If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, for each Scattered Site that is in addition to the Development Location Point information provided in (1) above, identify the latitude and longitude coordinate, rounded to at least the sixth decimal place:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

6. Number of Units and Buildings

- a. Total number of units that will be in the proposed Development upon completion: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- b. If there are existing occupied units and if the Development is funded, a plan for relocation of existing tenants will be required to be provided to the Credit Underwriter, as outlined in Exhibit D.
- c. Set-Aside Commitments

The Exhibit A will include a section that will automate the calculation of the minimum number of HOME-Assisted Units, Low HOME rent units and High HOME Rent Units.

- d. Unit Mix Chart

- (1) Complete the chart below:

Number of Bedrooms/Bathrooms per Unit	Number of Units per Bedroom Type
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Choose an item.	Enter Number
Choose an item.	Enter Number
Choose an item.	Enter Number
Choose an item.	Enter Number
Choose an item.	Enter Number
Choose an item.	Enter Number

- e. Number of Buildings

Number of anticipated residential buildings: [Enter Number](#)

- f. Compliance Period

All Applicants are required to set aside the units for 50 years. This includes the HUD affordability period of 20 years for new construction plus a minimum 30 year extended affordability period, for a total affordability period of 50 years. The Compliance Period committed to in this section includes the units set aside for the Demographic Commitments made in this RFA.

7. Readiness to Proceed

- a. Site Control

The attachments must be provided as **Attachment 6** to demonstrate site control as of Application Deadline.

- b. Ability to Proceed documents

All successful Applications will demonstrate availability of water, sewer, electricity, and roads within 21 Calendar Days of the date of an invitation to enter credit underwriting as outlined in Exhibit D.

8. Construction Features

- a. Federal requirements and State Building Code requirements for all Developments are outlined in Section Four.
- b. General feature requirements for all Developments are outlined in Section Four.
- c. Accessibility feature requirements for all Developments are outlined in Section Four.
- d. Emergency Operation requirements for all Elderly Developments
- e. Green Building Features

- (1) Green Building feature requirements for all Developments are outlined in Section Four.
- (2) Select one of the following Green Building Certification programs described in Section Four.

[Choose an item.](#)

9. Resident Programs

- a. Applicants that select the Family Demographic must commit to provide at least two of the following resident programs:
 - After School Program for Children
 - Health and Wellness Program
 - Employment Assistance Program
 - Family Support Coordinator
 - Financial Management Program
 - Homeownership Opportunity Program
- b. Developments serving the Elderly Demographic:
 - (1) Required Resident Programs for all Applicants that select the Elderly Demographic are outlined in Section Four.
 - (2) Applicants that select the Elderly Demographic must commit to at least three of the following resident programs, in addition to the required resident programs stated in Section Four:
 - Financial Management for Elderly Residents
 - Computer Training
 - Daily Activities
 - Assistance with Light Housekeeping, Grocery Shopping and/or Laundry
 - Resident Assurance Check-In Program

10. Funding

- a. Corporation Funding
 - (1) HOME Funding
 - (a) HOME Request Amount: \$ [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - (b) Calculating the Maximum Per Unit HOME Subsidy Amount

To calculate the Maximum Per Unit HOME Subsidy Amount applicable for the proposed Development, complete the HOME-Assisted Set-Aside Units section that has been included in the Exhibit A.

- (2) Each successful Application will also be awarded \$1,500,000 in Live Local SAIL.
- b. Non-Corporation Funding Proposals

Attach all funding proposals executed by the lender(s) or by any other source as **Attachment 10**.

- c. Development Cost Pro Forma
Complete the Development Cost Pro Forma tab of Exhibit A.
- d. Match Amount

To qualify for the funding preference described in Section Five B.1, list the amount of each source of Match and provide the required documentation as **Attachment 11**:

(1)	Source(s)	Amount
	Click here to enter text.	\$ Click here to enter text.
	Click here to enter text.	\$ Click here to enter text.
	Click here to enter text.	\$ Click here to enter text.
	Click here to enter text.	\$ Click here to enter text.
	Click here to enter text.	\$ Click here to enter text.
(2)	Total Match Amount:	\$ Click here to enter text.

- e. Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority

(1) Has the Applicant entered into a land lease with a Public Housing Authority on property where the proposed Development is to be located or the Applicant provided an Option to Enter into a Ground Lease Agreement on property where the proposed Development is to be located; AND the property has an existing Declaration of Trust between the Public Housing Authority and HUD?

[Choose an item.](#)

(2) Is the Applicant associated with a Public Housing Authority and/or an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority in the ownership structure?

[Choose an item.](#)

If the Principal of the Applicant Entity is an instrumentality of a Public Housing Authority, state the name of the Public Housing Authority:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

11. Uniform Relocation Act

- a. Are there any units occupied?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes” – Go to question b. below.

If “No” – Go to question c. below.

- b. Tenant Relocation Information for Existing Properties

- (1) How many total units now exist in the development? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (2) How many units are occupied? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (3) Is permanent relocation (displacement) anticipated during or after the construction/redevelopment period?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes”, how many units are affected? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- (4) Will temporary relocation of any tenants be required?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes”, how many tenants will require temporary relocation? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- c. Uniform Relocation Act (URA) Acquisition Information

- (1) Does the Applicant own the Development site?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes” - skip questions (2) through (4) below.

If “No” - Answer question (2) below.

- (2) Is Applicant a private company?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes” - skip questions (3) and (4) below.

If “No” - Answer question (3) below.

- (3) Is the Applicant a public (government) Applicant?

[Choose an item.](#)

If “Yes” - Answer question (4) below.

If “No” - Skip question (4) below.

- (4) Does the Applicant have eminent domain power?

[Choose an item.](#)

B. Other Information

1. Verifying Application Fee Payment

To ensure that the Application Fee is processed for the correct online Application, the following is **strongly recommended**: (i) provide the Application Fee at least two business days prior to the Application Deadline; and (ii) whether paying by check, money order, ACH or wire transfer, include the Development Name, RFA number with the payment.

Additionally, include the following:

- If submitting a check or money order, provide the check or money order number.
- If submitting an ACH, provide the trace number.
- If submitting a wire transfer, provide the wire service reference number (i.e. Fed/CHIPS/SWIFT Reference Number) and the Fed Wire Transfer Number.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

2. Bookmarking the All Attachments Document before uploading (5 points)

To be awarded 5 points, bookmark the pdf of the All Attachments Document before uploading.

3. Addenda

Use the space below to provide any additional information or explanatory addendum for items in the Application. Please specify the particular item to which the additional information or explanatory addendum applies.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

C. 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 section 67-48.004, F.A.C., and subsections 67-48.009(5), and 67-48.018, 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.
8. 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 authority 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.

9. 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.
10. The Applicant's commitments will be included in a Land Use Restriction Agreement(s) for the loan and must be maintained in order for the Development to remain in compliance, unless the Board approves a change.
11. 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) no construction or inspection work is performed by the General Contractor, with the following exceptions: (a) The General Contractor may perform its duties to manage and control the construction of the Development; and (b) the General Contractor may self-perform work of a de minimis amount, defined for purposes of this subparagraph as the lesser of \$350,000 or 5 percent of the construction contract; (iii) no construction cost is subcontracted to any entity that has common ownership or is an Affiliate of the General Contractor, Applicant, or the Developer, as further described in subsection 67-48.0072(17), F.A.C.; and (iv) a provision is provided in the contract with General Contractor that it will comply with subsection 67-48.0072(17), F.A.C.
12. The Applicant, the Developer and all Principals are in good standing among all other states' housing agencies and have not been prohibited from applying for funding.
13. 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.
14. During the credit underwriting process, demonstrate that the Development meets the requirements of this RFA .
15. 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.
16. No mortgage will be allowed to have a senior lien position to Corporation funding.
17. The Applicant has read, understands and will comply with the tenant selection requirements outlined in Exhibit G.

- 18. The undersigned is authorized to bind the Applicant entity to this certification and warranty of truthfulness and completeness of the Application.
- 19. The Applicant understands and acknowledges that Florida Housing may make all Applications in this RFA public sooner than 30 days after the Application Deadline.
- 20. The Corporation has included several warning messages throughout the Excel-based application to help alert an Applicant that there may be an issue with the data. This is a helpful guide but is not intended to be an all-inclusive list. Eligibility, points awarded, qualifications for goals, preferences, etc., are all solely determined by the criteria outlined in the RFA. If there are any inconsistencies between the Exhibit A and the RFA itself, such as formulas used in calculations or the warning messages, Applicants are instructed to rely solely on the RFA.

Under the penalties of perjury, I declare and certify that the Application for the proposed Development meets all applicable requirements of the RFA. I have read the foregoing and the information is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Authorized Principal Representative*

Name (typed or printed)

Title (typed or printed)

* The Authorized Principal Representative must type their name indicating the acknowledgement and certification of these requirements.

Exhibit B – Definitions

<p>“Florida Designated Rural Area of Opportunity” or “RAO”</p>	<p>Per section 288.0656(2)(d), F.S., a rural community, or a region composed of rural communities, designated by the Governor, which has been adversely affected by an extraordinary economic event, severe or chronic distress, or a natural disaster or that presents a unique economic development opportunity of regional impact.</p> <p>(e) “Rural community” means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A county with a population of 75,000 or fewer. 2. A county with a population of 125,000 or fewer which is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or fewer. 3. A municipality within a county described in subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. 4. An unincorporated federal enterprise community or an incorporated rural city with a population of 25,000 or fewer and an employment base focused on traditional agricultural or resource-based industries, located in a county not defined as rural, which has at least three or more of the economic distress factors identified in paragraph (c) and verified by the department. A map is available on the Department of Florida Commerce webpage https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/rural-areas-of-opportunity (also available by clicking here)
<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>

	*These documents are available on the RFA Webpage.
"Set-Aside Units"	For purposes of this RFA, Set-Aside Units are HOME-Assisted Units.

Exhibit C – Additional Information

1. Total Development Cost Limitation Test

There is a maximum Developer Fee that can be earned which is tailored for the characteristics of each Development.

a. Overview

(1) Maximum Developer Fee based on Percentage of Development Cost as outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

(2) Maximum Developer Fee Amount based on Maximum Development Cost

The Corporation will calculate the Maximum Developer Fee for each proposed Development, then compare it to the proposed Development's stated Developer Fee. The Maximum Developer Fee Amount will be the sum of the maximum Developer Fee on non-Acquisition Costs calculated in (a) below and, if applicable, the maximum Developer Fee on Building Allocation portion of Acquisition Costs ("Building Allocation") as calculated in (b) below.

(a) Maximum Development Cost upon which a Developer Fee can be Earned when there are no Building Allocation Costs

(i) Hard Cost Factor Per Unit Chart plus estimate of Soft Costs Per Unit

The Non-Acquisition Costs for purposes of determining the maximum Developer Fee are calculated by first selecting the applicable hard cost factor for each unit in the chart below then incorporating an estimate of soft costs per unit.

Hard costs are defined as the total of the actual construction costs (includes the General Contractor Construction Contract and any construction costs to be incurred outside of the General Contractor Construction Contract), the General Contractor Fee and the approved Hard Cost Contingency. These costs are representative of what is normally reported on lines A1.3 and A1.4 in the Development Cost Pro Forma in the Application. The Hard Cost Factor per Unit amounts in the chart are not a limit of the actual hard costs allowed in each Development. Each Development's actual costs may exceed these amounts, but these are the maximums used in the Developer Fee calculation.

Measure	Hard Cost Factor per New Construction Unit	
	Garden Non-ESS*	Garden ESS*
Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for all counties except Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties	\$233,000	\$258,000
Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties	\$258,000	\$283,000

If there is only one unit type for the entire proposed Development, the number in the chart associated with the unit type is the Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for the Development.

If there are multiple unit types, the amount associated for each unique unit type is multiplied by the number of units for that unit type, added together, and then divided by the total number of units (i.e. pro rata distribution). The result of that calculation is the Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for the Development.

Incorporate an Estimate of Soft Costs Per Unit

The Hard Cost Factor Per Unit for the Development is then divided by 75 percent (resulting in a maximum of hard costs and soft costs per unit when calculating the Maximum Developer Fee, prior to Add-Ons, Multipliers, and Escalation Rate.)

- (ii) Then divide the result of (ii) above by the applicable TDC Multiplier(s)

Non-Geographic TDC Multiplier – For Applications receiving funding from the Corporation which are directly generating expenses related to Davis-Bacon costs, if applicable	89%
Geographic TDC Multiplier – Developments located north of Plantation Key (i.e., north of Tavernier Creek) in the Florida Keys Area	65%
Geographic TDC Multiplier – Developments located south of Plantation Key (i.e., north of Tavernier Creek) in the Florida Keys Area	50%*

*If the proposed Development consists of Scattered Sites, the 50% TDC Multiplier applies only if all the sites are located south of Tavernier Creek.

- (iv) Then multiply the result of (iii) above by the sum of 1 plus 6 percent, which represents the Escalation Factor
- (v) Then multiply this result by the total number of units within the proposed Development to achieve the Maximum Development Cost upon which a Developer Fee can be Earned when there are no Building Allocation Costs (“**Maximum Non-Acquisition Development Cost for Developer Fee**”).

To obtain the **Maximum Developer Fee Amount on non-Acquisition Costs**, multiply the result of (v) by the maximum Developer Fee percentage allowed in the RFA as described below:

- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 16 percent, the result of the calculation above is then multiplied by 16 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.
- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 18 percent, the result of the calculation above is then multiplied by 18 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.
- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 21 percent, the result of the two calculations below are added together:
 - the result of the calculation is then multiplied by 16 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar; AND
 - the result of the calculation is then multiplied by 5 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

If there is no Building Allocation costs, this **Maximum Developer Fee Amount on non-Acquisition Costs** is also the **Development's Maximum Developer Fee**. If there is Building Allocation costs, the result of the fee calculation above is added to the result of the fee calculation below to determine the **Development's Maximum Developer Fee**.

- (b) Maximum Developer Fee Amount on Building Allocation costs, if applicable

The Building Allocation costs are comprised of a Building Allocation plus Other building acquisition related costs of the existing Development, together are typically represented by line B. in the Development Cost Pro Forma in the Application. The maximum Building Allocation is a structured calculation. Start by taking the lesser of either the appraised value of the entire property or the actual property purchase price. The lowest land cost allocation is then subtracted from this amount. The lowest land cost allocation methodology is determined as follows:

- (i) Appraised "as is" market value of the land, as if vacant;
- (i) Assessed value of the land as provided by the county property appraiser; or
- (iii) Discount the value provided in the option (a) above to account for the LURA/EUA rent restrictions existing on the property. This is done by taking the lesser of the subject property's acquisition price, or the subject property's appraised "as is" restricted value and dividing this amount by the "as is" market value of the property as if unrestricted. The resulting discount factor is then multiplied by the value provided in option (a).

The lesser of the result of this maximum Building Allocation calculation or the Applicant's stated Building Allocation is then added to any other

separate acquisition costs associated with the Building Allocation and this total is multiplied further based on the maximum Developer Fee percentage allowed in the RFA as described below to obtain the Maximum Developer Fee Amount on Building Allocation:

- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 16 percent, the result of the calculation above is then multiplied by 16 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.
- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 18 percent, the result of the calculation above is then multiplied by 18 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.
- If the maximum Developer Fee percentage stated in the RFA is 21 percent, the result of the two calculations below are added together:
 - the result of the calculation is then multiplied by 16 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar; AND
 - the result of the calculation is then multiplied by 5 percent, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

(3) Maximum TDC Component

The Maximum TDC Component equals the Maximum Non-Acquisition Development Cost for Developer Fee (as calculated in (2)(v) above) plus the maximum Developer Fee amount on non-acquisition costs (as calculated in (a) above) and then adding, if applicable, the maximum Developer Fee amount on Building Allocation (as calculated in (b) above). The Maximum TDC Component is unique to each Development and will not change once it is calculated. It will be used for calculations described in b. below. However, the maximum Developer Fee amount on Building Allocation costs, if applicable, can be updated at time of Final Cost Certification Application Package review when the Other building acquisition related costs of the existing Development have changed since credit underwriting. At no time will the proposed Developer Fee be allowed to exceed the total maximum Developer Fee.

b. Determining whether adjustments to the Developer Fee and the Total Development Cost of the proposed Development are needed during Credit Underwriting

The Total Development Cost of the proposed Development (“TDC of the Proposed Development”) is often adjusted during credit underwriting and Final Cost Certification process. The steps below are performed first during the credit underwriting process and then a similar process is completed during the Final Cost Certification process as presented in c. below. Any such adjustments that occurred during these processes may affect the maximum Developer Fee allowed for the proposed Development to fluctuate.

(1) First Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development

To review the maximum Developer Fee for the proposed Development, the Corporation will first determine if the stated Developer Fee is in compliance with the percentage Developer Fee limit and then compare the results of the calculation in a. above to the Developer Fee stated by the Applicant.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated by the percentage Developer Fee on stated Development Costs and the maximum Developer Fee calculated in a. above is equal to or greater than the proposed Development's stated Developer Fee, there will be no resulting deduction to the stated Developer Fee or the TDC of the Proposed Development from this first review.

If this step creates a maximum Developer Fee that is less than the proposed Development's stated Developer Fee, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee provided in this step, and the TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate this mandated cost reduction.

(2) Second Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development

The second review will compare the proposed Development's Maximum TDC Component and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development for these limitation purposes.

Calculating the Net TDC of the Proposed Development

The Net TDC of the Proposed Development is determined by taking the TDC of the Proposed Development (after any reduction in the initially stated Developer Fee as provided above) and deducting the following qualifying costs:

- the property acquisition price (building and land, which are subject to their own limits)
- demolition costs
- tenant relocation costs
- construction costs associated with the delivery of commercial/retail space, and
- any approved operating deficit reserves (ODR) that are part of the permanent phase (i.e., non-construction) financing for the Development which have not been included within the Developer fee.

Comparison of the Development's Maximum TDC Component and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development

If the proposed Development's Maximum TDC Component is equal to or greater than the Net TDC of the Proposed Development, the review of the Developer Fee is complete and no other reduction to the proposed Development's Developer Fee is required.

If the proposed Development's Maximum TDC Component is less than the Net TDC of the Proposed Development, the maximum Developer Fee will be reduced by the lesser of:

- (a) the actual amount that the Net TDC of the Proposed Development exceeds the Maximum TDC Component,
- (b) \$750,000, or
- (c) 25 percent of the Maximum Developer Fee calculated in a. above.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step is equal to or greater than the proposed Development's Developer Fee calculated in b.(1) above, there will be no resulting deduction to the proposed Development's Developer Fee after step b.(1) nor to the Net TDC of the Proposed Development from this second review.

If this step causes the maximum Developer Fee to be less than the proposed Development's Developer Fee calculated in b.(1) above, the proposed Development's Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate the second mandated cost reduction.

This is the final review of the Developer Fee during credit underwriting.

- c. Reviewing the Developer Fee and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development stated in the Final Cost Certification Application Package ("FCCAP")

The Developer Fee and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development may be further adjusted when the FCCAP is processed. Any such adjustments that occur with the FCCAP may cause the maximum Developer Fee allowed for the proposed Development to either increase, as described in (3) below, or decrease, as described in (2) and (4) below. Any increase or decrease to the proposed Development's Developer Fee will cause the Net TDC of the Proposed Development to be equally increased or decreased, respectively.

Before each item below, the stated/updated Developer Fee will be tested to make sure it doesn't exceed the amount determined by multiplying the proposed Development's stated Development Costs by the maximum Developer Fee percentage, rounded down to the nearest dollar.

- (1) First Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development

Policy when the Developer Fee was not reduced by the process described in b. above

The proposed Development's Developer Fee initially presented in the FCCAP will be tested for compliance with the maximum Developer Fee percentage requirement.

- (a) If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP (after any Developer Fee compliance adjustments from above) is less than or equal to the Maximum TDC Component calculated in a. above, no adjustment to the proposed Development's Developer Fee will be required and there will not be a need for the second review.
- (b) If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP (after any Developer Fee compliance adjustments from above) is greater than the Maximum TDC Component calculated in a. above there will be a need for the second review process below.

Policy when the Developer Fee was reduced by the credit underwriting process described in b. above

- (c) If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is less than or equal to the TDC reported in the final credit underwriting report, the calculations in b. above will be repeated using the Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP. This may result in an increase to the final Developer Fee from the limit imposed at time of credit underwriting during steps b.(1)-(2).
- (d) If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development preliminarily stated in the FCCAP is greater than the Net TDC of the Proposed Development reported in the final credit underwriting report, the Developer Fee stated in the FCCAP is initially capped at the maximum Developer Fee determined in b.(2) above. If the Developer Fee stated in the FCCAP is greater than the maximum Developer Fee determined in b.(2) above, the Developer Fee will be reduced to match the maximum Developer Fee and any reduction in the stated Developer Fee will have a corresponding reduction in the Net TDC of the Proposed Development. There will be a need for the second review process below.

(2) Second Review of the Developer Fee and the TDC of the Proposed Development

After the applicable step above in c.(1)(b) or c.(1)(d) is complete, the calculations described below will determine the final Developer Fee.

If the Net TDC of the Proposed Development after step (1) above is greater than the Maximum TDC Factor calculated in a. above, the maximum Developer Fee determined in b.(2) above, will be reduced by the lesser of:

- (i) the actual amount that the Net TDC of the Proposed Development exceeds the Maximum TDC Factor,
- (ii) \$350,000, or
- (iii) 10 percent of the Maximum Developer Fee calculated in (b) above.

If the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step is equal to or greater than the Developer Fee stated in the FCCAP after c.(1) above, there will be no resulting deduction to the stated Developer Fee or the Net TDC of the Proposed Development from this review.

If this step causes the maximum Developer Fee to be less than the Developer Fee stated in the FCCAP after c.(1) above, the stated Developer Fee will be reduced to the maximum Developer Fee calculated in this step, and the Net TDC of the Proposed Development will be equally reduced to incorporate this cost reduction.

A template and training video regarding the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation have been made available. A link has been added to the RFA Webpage called "Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation Information Used In RFAs". This link will take users to a new webpage with examples of this process, as well as a template, training video, and, for assistance after the review and evaluation process as explained in Section Three, F.2. of this RFA, contact information for available Florida Housing staff.

2. intentionally omitted

3. intentionally omitted**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 HOME funding. 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 the minimum requirement of 13.50.

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

- The number of new construction 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 4.374 Florida Jobs per unit for proposed new construction units; and
- The Eligible HOME Request Amount.

The score for the Florida Rate of Job Creation per \$1 million of HOME funding will be measured using one of the following calculations:

Number of new construction units x 4.374 Florida Jobs per unit x 1,000,000 / (the HOME Request Amount x 8.5) = Florida Jobs per \$1 million of HOME funding.

For example:

Application A consists of 25 new construction units and has an Eligible HOME Request Amount of \$3,700,000.

$25 \times 4.374 \times 1,000,000 / 3,700,000 \times 8.5 =$ Florida Job Creation score of 29.55.

In above example, the Application will qualify for the Job Creation Funding Preference because it has a Florida Job Creation score that is equal to or greater than the minimum required.

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) Program fee

Programs	Primary Program Fee		Multiple Program Fees	Total
HOME Loan funding and SAIL Funding	\$15,821	+	\$5,300– HOME Loan funding	\$21,121

(2) Re-underwriting fee: \$204 per hour, not to exceed \$8,976.

Any HOME Development* requiring further analysis by the Credit Underwriter pursuant to Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., and this RFA will be subject to a fee based on an hourly rate determined pursuant to contract between the Corporation and the Credit Underwriter. All credit underwriting fees shall be paid by the Applicant prior to the performance of the analysis by the Credit Underwriter.

*HOME Applicants that do not state they are a Non-Profit Applicant in the Application and qualify as a Non-Profit entity under Rule 67-48.002, F.A.C. will be responsible for the fees set out in (1) and (2) above, as well as fees resulting from further analysis pursuant to Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., and this RFA.

(3) Extraordinary Services fee: \$204 per hour.

(4) Credit Underwriting Extension Fees

Credit underwriting extension fees are outlined in subsection 67-48.0072(21), F.A.C.

c. 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) Program Fees

Programs	Primary Program Fee	Multiple Program Fees
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HOME Loan funding and SAIL Funding	A total annual fee comprised of a base fee of \$188 per month + an additional fee per set-aside unit of \$11.58 per year, subject to a minimum of \$295 per month, and subject to an annual increase of 3 percent of the prior year's fee.	+	\$1,054
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(2) Follow-up Review/Extraordinary Services Fee – \$204 per hour

d. Credit Underwriting and Loan Closing Extension Fees

In the event the firm commitment is not issued, or the loan does not close within the prescribed timeframes, extension fees will be assessed. The firm commitment must be issued with the timeframes outlined in subsection 67-48.0072(21). Loans must close within the timeframes outlined in subsection 67-48.0072(26), F.A.C.

The Corporation shall charge an extension fee of 1 percent of each Corporation loan amount if the Board approves the request to extend the loan closing(s).

e. Permanent Loan Servicing Fees

The Permanent Loan Servicing Fee to be paid annually. The following fee is listed for estimation purposes only; the actual fees will be determined based on the current contract, including any addendum, for services between the Corporation and Servicer(s) in effect at the time of loan closing.

Annual fee of 25 bps of the outstanding loan amount, with a minimum monthly fee of \$243 and a maximum monthly fee of \$964, and an hourly fee of \$204 for extraordinary services.

Additional legal, cost of issuance, bond underwriting, credit enhancement, liquidity facility and servicing fees associated with the financing shall also be paid by the Applicant.

f. Additional HOME Fees

HOME Applicants that do not state they are a Non-Profit Applicant in the Application and qualify as a Non-Profit entity will be charged fees for environmental review and legal counsel based on the current contract for services between the Corporation, the Environmental Provider(s), and legal counsel.

g. 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 - \$204 per hour, not to exceed \$2,015 per inspection.

h. Assumption/Renegotiation/ Subordination Fees

For all loans, where the Applicant is requesting a sale and/or transfer and assumption of the loan, the borrower or purchaser shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable assumption fee of one-tenth of one percent of the loan amount.

For all loans, where the Applicant is requesting a renegotiation of the loan, the borrower shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable renegotiation fee of one-half of one percent of the loan amount.

For all loans, where the Applicant is requesting an extension of the loan term, the borrower shall submit to the Corporation a non-refundable extension fee of one-tenth of one percent of the loan amount. If the extension is associated with a renegotiation of the loan, then only the renegotiation fee will be charged.

For all regulatory agreements, the Corporation shall charge a non-refundable subordination fee of \$1,000 for each regulatory agreement to be subordinated.

4. Additional Requirements

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

a. Eligible Reserve for Replacement Items

The replacement reserve funds required by subsection 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 Webpage.

b. Financial Reporting Form SR-1

Pursuant to paragraph 67-48.010(8)(a), F.A.C, by the date that is 151 Calendar Days after the Applicant's fiscal year end of each year of the SAIL loan term, the Applicant shall provide the Corporation's servicer with a certification detailing the information needed to determine the annual payment to be made. The Applicant shall complete and execute the annual reporting form, Financial Reporting Form SR-1, Rev. 01-23, and shall submit the form to the Corporation's servicer in both PDF format and electronic form as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.

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

c. Part IIIA, Sections 401 through 408 and 410, of the Fannie Mae Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide, in effect as of June 10, 2015

The financial statements and information provided for review (pursuant to paragraph 67-48.0072(14)(b), F.A.C. for HOME should be in satisfactory form (inclusive of the

substitution of the Multifamily Underwriting Certificate referenced in Section 407 with a similar certification meeting the same criteria) and shall be reviewed in accordance with Part IIIA, Sections 401 through 408 and 410, of Fannie Mae’s Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide, in effect as of June 10, 2015, which is available on the RFA Website.

When referring to the Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide, any references to “Lender” means the “Corporation-assigned Credit Underwriter” and any references to “Fannie Mae” means “Florida Housing Finance Corporation.”

d. Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) Insurance Guide

Pursuant to subsection 67-48.010(13), F.A.C, the Corporation shall require adequate insurance to be maintained on the Development as determined by the first mortgage lender, the Corporation, or the Corporation’s servicer, sufficient to meet the standards established in the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) Insurance Guide (and as amended from time to time). The most recently published FHFC Insurance Guide is available on the Corporation’s Website <http://www.floridahousing.org/owners-and-managers/Compliance/forms> (also accessible by clicking [here](#)).

e. General Information Notice

In accordance with the Uniform Relocation Act (URA), as part of 24 CFR Part 92, a Development receiving HOME funds must provide a notice to all tenants informing them of their rights under the URA in accordance with Chapter 2 of the HUD Handbook 1378*. The proper manner of notice is provided in this Handbook. A copy of each General Information Notice must be provided to each tenant, not just tenants in HOME-Assisted Units. By the due date outlined in the invitation to enter credit underwriting, provide to the Corporation a copy of each General Information Notice for each occupied unit. Each notice must include proof of delivery by certified letter or by signed copy of the notice when hand delivered.

f. HOME Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

In order to be eligible for HOME funding, during the credit underwriting process the Applicant will be required to provide evidence demonstrating that the proposed Development is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan. Developments located in entitlement jurisdictions should request a certification of consistency letter from the appropriate authorities in that jurisdiction (typically, the community development staff). Developments located in non-entitlement jurisdictions (e.g. small non-entitlement cities or unincorporated areas of counties) should request a certification of consistency letter from the state. To request a certification of consistency letter from the state (or if you are not sure which Consolidated Plan applies to the location of your proposed HOME Development), please contact:

Florida Housing Finance Corporation
HOME staff
850-488-4197

g. HOME Other Federal Requirements

(1) Federal Labor Requirements (Davis-Bacon)

Owners of a building or buildings which consist of 12 or more HOME-Assisted Units which are to be constructed or redeveloped by the same contractor under a single contract (including Scattered Site Developments) must comply with the Federal Labor Standards requirements as identified in 24 CFR Part 92 and Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

Federal Labor Standards require that all persons working on the site be paid an hourly rate not less than the minimum rate specified in the Wage Determination issued by HUD for each particular property. The owner will be required to submit to the Corporation, or its representative servicer, payroll reports and certifications to verify wage payments. Conformance with Labor Standards will be monitored during the construction/redevelopment period in conjunction with the draw inspections by the consulting engineer/architect engaged by the underwriter/servicer.

If the Development contains 12 or more HOME-Assisted Units to be redeveloped or constructed under a single contract, the Corporation will require, prior to the start of construction, certification by the Applicant that it has been advised by the Corporation of its responsibilities and obligations regarding the federal labor and wage requirements and that it agrees to comply with the guidelines.

(2) HUD Environmental Requirements

Applicant will be required to comply with the HUD environmental requirements as provided in 24 CFR Part 92 and 24 CFR Part 58. Applicants that qualify as Non-Profit Applicants will not be charged a fee for the environmental review.

(3) Debarment and Suspension

Owners and contractors are prohibited from employing, awarding contracts, or funding any contractors or subcontractors that have been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment or placed on ineligibility status by HUD. In addition, any owners who are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or ineligible will be ineligible for funding. Therefore, a certification must be executed by the contractor for Compliance with debarment and suspension regulations. During the credit underwriting process the Applicant will be required to provide the executed certification form*.

(4) Lead Based Paint

If the Development was built before 1978, Lead Based Paint Regulations may apply. See 24 CFR Part 35 for exemptions. During the credit underwriting

process, the Applicant must certify that it understands the requirements of the current HUD lead based paint regulations as identified in 24 CFR Part 92 and Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.

If the Applicant is purchasing the property and the Development was built before 1978, provide a copy of the executed Disclosure of Information on Lead Based Paint and Lead Based Paint Hazards form*, signed by both the buyer and the seller.

(5) Section 3

The Section 3 program requires recipients of HUD funding to direct employment, training, and contracting opportunities to low-income individuals and the businesses that employ these persons within their community. Section 3 is a provision of the HUD Act of 1968 and is found at 12 U.S.C. 1701u. The regulations are found at 24 CFR Part 75.

Applicants are to ensure “to the greatest extent feasible,” when certain HUD funds are used to assist housing and community development projects, preference for construction-related training, jobs, and contracting opportunities go to low- and very-low income people and to businesses that are owned by low- and very-low income persons or businesses that hire them.

(6) Flood

The Applicant shall comply with the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, 42 USC 4012a, as applicable.

(7) Historic Preservation

The Applicant shall comply with the Historic Preservation requirements set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, codified in title 54 of the United States Code, as applicable. In general, this requires concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer for all rehabilitation and demolition of historic properties that are fifty years old or older or that are included on a Federal, state, or local historic property list.

h. CHDO Checklist, effective 8-31-2012

In order to apply under the CHDO set-aside, the CHDO must have at least 51 percent ownership interest in the Development held by the general partner entity and meet all other CHDO requirements as defined by HUD in 24 CFR Part 92 and other Corporation requirements identified in the CHDO Checklist available on the RFA Webpage.

i. Term of the Loan, Affordability Period, and Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA)

(1) Rule Chapter 67-48 applies to all loans.

- (2) Affordability Commitment and Compliance Period will be 50 years for all Applicants as set forth in the LURA.

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, respond to the invitation by accessing the development work center through the Procorem secure portal. Applicants that do not qualify as a Non-Profit Applicant must submit the credit underwriting fee(s) as outlined in Item 3 of Exhibit C, pursuant to subparagraph 67-48.0072(4)(a)1, F.A.C.; and
2. Within 14 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, if requested by the Corporation, submit IRS Form 8821 for all Financial Beneficiaries as defined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.
3. Within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting, submit all of the following. Submission of all documents should be provided electronically to the Corporation at one time.
 - 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 (Forms Rev. 07-2022) which are available on the RFA Webpage. Note: If a Phase II ESA is required, but has not been completed by the stated deadline, contact Corporation staff to request an extension for submission of the Phase II ESA form;
 - b. For all successful Applications, demonstrate the following elements are available to the entire proposed Development site **as of the Application Deadline*** by providing the following:
 - (1) Appropriate Zoning. Demonstrate that 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 **as of the Application Deadline*** by providing 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. 06-2023); or
 - (b) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Local Government Verification that Permits are Not Required for this Development form (Form Rev. 07-2022).

Note: With regard to the terms “Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO)” and “Building Permit Allocation System (BPAS),” as used by different jurisdictions within the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern, for purposes of the

verification forms outlined in (a) and (b) above, all references on these forms to “Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO)” shall be considered by the Corporation to have the same meaning as “Building Permit Allocation System (BPAS).”

- (2) Demonstrate that water, sewer, electricity, and roads are available to the entire proposed Development site **as of the Application Deadline*** by providing the following:
 - (a) The properly completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Verification of Availability of Infrastructure form which is available on the RFA Webpage. Water and sewer forms have a revision date of 07-2022 and electricity and roads have a revision date of 08-2020; or
 - (b) Documentation from the service provider that contains the Development location and is dated within 12 months of the Application Deadline. The documentation 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) Environmental Site Assessment. 07-2022) which are available on the RFA Webpage. Note: If a Phase II ESA is required, but has not been completed by the stated deadline, contact Corporation staff to request an extension for submission of the Phase II ESA form;

*** To demonstrate that these were in place as of the Application Deadline, the documents must be dated on or before the Application Deadline. The Corporation will rescind the award of any Applications that fail to meet this requirement.**

- c. Provide the identity of the remaining members of the Development Team (i.e., inexperienced co-Developer(s), General Contractor, Architect, Attorney, and Accountant), 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 for HOME Loans form. Note: 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 MMRB, SAIL, HOME and/or other Gap Loans form.*
- (5) Identify the Accountant by providing the completed and executed Florida Housing Finance Corporation Certification of Accountant form.*

*The certification forms (Forms Rev. 08-2022) are available on the RFA Webpage.

- d. Provide a Tenant Selection Plan to the Corporation for review and approval. The Tenant Selection Plan Guidelines and Tenant Selection Plan Checklist can be found on the webpage <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive> (also available by clicking [here](#)). Exhibit G of the RFA also describes requirements for tenant selection policies. If a Development has a Housing Assistance Payment and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with 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. Provide confirmation that all construction features committed to and proposed by the Applicant shall be located on the Development site;
- f. 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; and
- g. 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 Applicant 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.
- h. If the Applicant applied as a Non-Profit Applicant, provide the following:
 - (i) Demonstration of how the Non-Profit entity is materially and substantially participating in the predevelopment, management, and operation of the proposed Development throughout the compliance period, within the meaning of material participation as defined in 26 USC §469, 26 USC §42, by submitting the Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Entity Material Participation form (Rev. 09-2022); and

(ii) Demonstration of Non-Profit entity qualifications

(A) The IRS determination letter* demonstrating that the Non-Profit is organized under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(B) The articles of incorporation demonstrating that one of the purposes of the Non-Profit entity is to foster low-income housing.

*In the event the Non-Profit entity is subject to a group exemption under the Internal Revenue Code, provide the IRS determination letter for the parent corporation, and the list of exempt entities from the IRS which includes the Non-Profit entity in this Application. If the list of exempt entities has not yet been issued by the IRS, provide a copy of the request from the parent corporation to the IRS requesting group exemption status for the Non-Profit entity named in this Application. The IRS determination letter for the parent corporation must meet the requirements of (ii)(A) above.

4. The credit underwriting process must be complete within the timeframe outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C.;
5. Applicants are required to execute a HOME written agreement within twelve (12) months of the date of the invitation to enter into credit underwriting. To meet this requirement, all Applicants that are invited to enter credit underwriting will be expected to complete the credit underwriting process and receive Board approval of the credit underwriting report prior to that date;
6. By Certificate of Occupancy, the Applicant commits to participate in the statewide housing locator system, as required by the Corporation; and
7. 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. Confirmation of the proposed Development's eligibility for HOME funding in the event that construction has commenced;
 - 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. The Americans with Disabilities Act Certification forms (Rev. 02-20) are available on the RFA Webpage;
 - d. Provide to the Corporation a copy of each General Information Notice for each occupied unit, as outlined in Item 4.e. of Exhibit C. Each notice must include proof of delivery by certified letter or by signed copy of the notice when hand delivered;

- e. Provide evidence demonstrating that the proposed Development is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, as outlined in Item 4.f. of Exhibit C;
 - f. The Applicant will be required to comply with the Federal Labor Requirements, as outlined in Item 4.g.(1) of Exhibit C;
 - g. Comply with the HUD environmental requirements as provided in 24 CFR 93.301(f)(1) and (2). Non-Profit Applicants will not be charged a fee for the environmental review, as stated in Item 4.g.(2) of Exhibit C;
 - h. Provide a certification that must be executed by the contractor for compliance with debarment and suspension regulations, as outlined in Item 4.g.(3) of Exhibit C;
 - i. Certify that it understands the requirements of the current HUD lead based paint regulations as identified in 24 CFR Part 92 and Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., as outlined in Item 4.g.(4) of Exhibit C; and
 - j. The Applicant will be required to comply with the Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 Requirements, as outlined in Item 4.g.(5) of Exhibit C.
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, if applicable;
 - c. The proposed Development's ability to meet the Enhanced Structural Systems Construction qualifications, if applicable;
 - d. With the exception of Developments financed with HUD Section 811 or United States Department of Agriculture RD program, Developments that have a Housing Assistance Payment and/or an Annual Contributions Contract with HUD, must demonstrate HUD approval within a Tenant Selection Plan for an owner-adopted preference or special admissions preference specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a designated Referral Agency serving the county where the Development is located; and
 - e. Review of the Total Development Cost and its effect on the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation.

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.

Exhibit E – intentionally omitted

Exhibit F – intentionally omitted

Exhibit G - Tenant Selection Requirements

A written Tenant Selection Plan must be provided that reflects the requirements described in this Exhibit which addresses the following:

- Federal Accessibility Requirements
- Tenant Selection Criteria for All Households
- Tenant Selection Criteria for Extremely Low Income (ELI) Household

Federal Accessibility Requirements

The Tenant Selection Plan must include a statement that the Development meets the following accessibility federal requirements, incorporating the most recent amendments, regulations, and rules:

- The Fair Housing Act as implemented by 24 CFR 100
- 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

Tenant Selection Criteria for All Households

Screening criteria for all households

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

- Arrest Record: The arrest record of a household member will not be considered when determining any household's application for tenancy.
- Rental Assistance: For households with publicly funded rental assistance, the income requirement will be based on the household's paid portion of the rent.

Application for Tenancy

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.

Tenant Selection Criteria for Extremely Low Income (ELI) Households

Screening criteria for ELI households

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:

- Credit History: The credit history related to medical expenses, cable and internet services will not be taken into consideration when conducting credit checks.
- 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.)
- Evictions: The eviction history look-back period must 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.

ELI 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 tenant households will be not more than the amount of one month's rent.

For Development with requirements for Link/Special Needs requirements

The Tenant Selection Plans must include a Preference in their Waiting List section. Owners must create a preference specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a Florida Housing-designated Special Needs Referral Agency. The Tenant Selection Plan must include the following language:

This Development has adopted a preference to house X number of units of the Extremely Low Income (ELI) units within the Development to be set aside for Persons with Special Needs as defined in 420.0004(13) Florida Statutes. These set aside units are known as Link units. These units shall be set aside specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a Florida Housing-designated Referral Agency. The Development must prioritize these referred individuals for an available Link unit.

- 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.
- The Tenant Selection Plan shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Corporation for approval within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting.

Properties with HUD assistance, including Project-Based Assistance, Public Housing Agencies, and those administering Public Housing Programs

Properties that have contracts with HUD or Public Housing Authorities' rental assistance programs and also have the Florida Housing Link/Special Needs requirement must handle their waiting list to reflect both HUD and Florida Housing requirements. In order to do this, Florida Housing has determined that establishing an owner-adopted preference with a Florida Housing-designated Special Needs Referral Agency is the correct method for complying with Florida Housing and HUD requirements.

- The Waiting List section of the Tenant Selection Plan must include a preference for Special Needs households that are referred by a Florida Housing-designated Special Needs Household Referral Agency.
- HUD regulations require Tenant Selection Plans that implement preferences to have HUD approval. This is the case if there are new Plans in new properties, as well redevelopment, RAD conversions, or substantially rehabilitated properties.
- If a Development has an existing Tenant Selection Plan, Applicant must amend the Plan. Applicants are required to submit the amended Plan with the preferences to their account manager in the field office. The Plan must be sent to the Corporation for preliminary approval before sending to HUD.