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Mr. Steve Auger
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Re: Qualified Local Government Funding Preference

Dear Steve:

At the January 2016 meeting of the HFA of Hillsborough County, the Board voted unanimously to support the expansion of the Qualified Local Government Assistance Preference Program to Hillsborough County. The HFA is confident that it can work with the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County to coordinate the local government preference.

The pilot program version of this was implemented successfully in Duval County. Despite grumbling by some developers, the JHFA and the City coordinated a rational selection process which resulted in funding the development which best met City goals.

The HFA of Hillsborough County feels that this approach is much preferable to a system where a lottery determines winners. We have a track record of working with both the City and County, and would like the opportunity to implement this new approach. Additionally, Hillsborough is a good target for the approach, because there are only three municipalities (Tampa, Plant City, and Temple Terrace) and the County to coordinate.

Thank you for consideration of the HFA's request. We are happy to discuss this with you.

Sincerely,

Debra F. Koehler
Chair