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Subject: FW: RFA Workshop - RFA 2016-102 for the development of Homeless, multifamily housing located in Medium and Large Counties.

Good AM Bill

I was recently informed that FHFC has Lake County linked with the Tampa Bay region, even though our coalition for Lake is filed as the Mid Fl Homeless Coalition? It doesn't make sense to include Lake County in Tampa Bay region since it touches Orange County, and our agency and others in Lake, collaborate with the Central Fl region. I suggest that Polk be moved from Tampa Bay into the Central region as the agencies in Polk are aligned with Tampa Bay, and not Central Fl. Polk touches Hillsborough, and Hillsborough is the core of Tampa Bay region. Whereas, Lake County has minimum interaction with Hillsborough County compared to neighboring Orange County, which is the core of Central Fl region. Thus, this change would provide a consistency in the number of Homeless shown on FHFC's regions. Besides the geographic logic of having Lake County being part of the Central region, Lake County shares much more economically, culturally, socially, homeless housing, etc. with Central Florida than with Tampa Bay as thousands of Lake County residents work in Central Fl. Hope this makes sense, and FHFC can correct Lake County's region so that would properly align with its collaborating neighbors. Looking forward to an informative Council meeting Wednesday.

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