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Subject: CDBG - DR Funds

Dear Ms. Muller/Mr. Price,

My name is Angela Lenore Jones, the local Housing In-Take Specialist for the City of Gainesville's housing agency. My past experience includes working in neighboring Levy County administrating their housing programs such as SHIP, CDBG and NSP3. One of the duties I now exercise with Gainesville's housing agency is coordinating the process for their public housing waiting lists. Most recently in fact we received over 2,500 applicants, about a 30% increase from the last time we opened up the process in 2016. There are many applicants we receive from other localities even outside of Florida as well given Gainesville's attraction of its well-known university, state-of-the-art VA system, and destination spot for retirees. Unfortunately due to the local student housing market, Gainesville's housing climate suffers from higher rental and housing costs that may not be as much of an issue in other similarly sized communities. I think it could certainly benefit the population in need if FHFC were to open up new funding streams for counties such as ours not only towards the working poor families but also for the elderly retirees who are on fixed income.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

