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

Dear Ms. Button,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the upcoming RRLP RFA and for the wonderful opportunity provided through this funding source, to the Panama City Housing Authority in its effort to rebuild the destroyed and damaged public housing units which are in excess of 200. Hurricane Michael made a huge, negative impact on our community and we look forward to rebuilding better than before.

We are very appreciative of the goal added to fund a PHA property as that will afford us with a route to begin the long recovery effort for rebuilding. Due to the huge reduction in affordable housing in the area we have families living together in homes that would typically only house one family and it is with great relief that we are seeing a light at the end of a long tunnel.

Currently the language for this goal reads:

## Goals

The Corporation has a goal to fund one Application located in Bay County that has a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA as a Principal of the Applicant.

The current language for ranking the first two goals is as follows:

First, the Corporation will select the highest-ranking eligible Bay County Application that qualifies for the PHA/instrumentality of a PHA Funding Goal.

Next, the Corporation will select the next highest ranking eligible unfunded Tier 1 Applications, subject to the County Award Tally Bay County Application that does not qualify for the PHA/instrumentality of a PHA Funding Goal.

We respectfully request that the corporation consider adjusting the language to say something to this effect:

## Goals

The Corporation has a goal to fund one Application located in Bay County that has a family demographic and has a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA as a Principal of the Applicant.

First, the Corporation will select the highest-ranking eligible Bay County Application that qualifies for the <u>family demographic</u> and has a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA Funding Goal.

Next, the Corporation will select the next highest ranking eligible unfunded Tier 1 Applications, subject to the County Award Tally Bay County Application that does not qualify <u>as a family demographic</u> and has a PHA/instrumentality of a PHA Funding Goal.

This change would allow the PCHA to submit more than one application and compete within the regular pool while providing a priority within its own rebuilding plan for a family property first.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Executive Director