

Florida's Council on Homelessness

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Mr. Harold "Trey" Price Executive Director Florida Housing Finance Corporation 227 N. Bronough St, Suite 5000 Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Lowering Barriers to Entry for Extremely Low-Income Households

Dear Trey,

I am writing on behalf of the Council on Homelessness to thank you and the rest of Florida Housing for your important work in ensuring Floridians have access to safe and affordable housing.

In June, the Council unanimously voted to support the Lowering Barriers to Entry for Extremely Low-Income Households recommendations developed by the Corporation and its workgroup of cross-sector stakeholders. The Council is aware that many homeless households struggle to access housing due to issues with credit or background screening. The implementation of these policies will reduce these barriers; helping more individuals and family access housing and exit homelessness.

The Council looks forward to seeing these policy changes reflected in the 2019/2020 Request for Application cycle. We are confident these changes will bring benefit to Florida and our most vulnerable neighbors.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (904) 359-9650. You may also contact the Office on Homelessness at (850) 922-4691.

Respectfully,

Shannon Nazworth, Chairperson Florida Council on Homelessness