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Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
C/o Marisa Button  
227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Local Government Area of Opportunity Contribution

Dear Ms. Button,

The April 2, 2019 Workshop for the 2019-2020 Request for Applications (RFA) Funding Cycle indicated that Florida Housing was reviewing all Local Government Contribution amounts. Currently, contributions are only allowed in the form of a cash loan, or a grant from the local government.

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners respectfully recommends FHFC allow the appraised value of land donated to a developer to be considered as a Local Government Contribution in future RFA's.

St. Lucie County, in partnership with Blue Sky Communities, has an opportunity to develop over nine acres of property for multifamily housing. Allowing this change to the RFA process will further our common goal to create affordable housing opportunities in St. Lucie County and throughout the state.

The opportunity to provide public comment is sincerely appreciated.

Regards,

  
Howard N. Tipton

Cc: Diana Wesloski, Community Services Director  
Jennifer Hance, Housing Manager  
Shawn Wilson, President, Blue Sky Communities, LLC