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Subject: Public comment and request for RFA102 unit mix and subpopulations

Good afternoon Marisa.

Per the discussion in the workshop for RFA102, we would like to see an exception made to the unit mix requirements for developments serving families (in our case all would be homeless families) with special needs. The unit mix as it stands precludes serving this population who are particularly vulnerable given that they have minor children in the household and, in our case, are coming out of homelessness.

Also, while I am pretty sure you all are not in a position to change or make exceptions for the target subpopulations at this time, I urge you to consider adding a category for households where the special needs are those of a minor child. Parents in this circumstance often either cannot work or have significant restrictions on their employment due to caring for the child. They also have a need for accessible housing that is very difficult to find in the private market. They need permanent supportive housing options for their households that are very hard to find.

Thank you.

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