

April 9, 2020

Subject: Florida Housing's Response to Public Comment

This response is specifically related to the comment submitted on March 26, 2020, as well as during the Workshop on March 4, 2020, suggesting that Florida Housing Finance Corporation's (Florida Housing's) requirements for RFA 2019-105 would have a discriminatory impact on persons with developmental disabilities. Florida Housing unequivocally rejects such a suggestion. Florida Housing provides financing for a range of affordable and supportive housing options for persons with developmental disabilities in accordance with the intent of the Legislative appropriation in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Grant funding to finance affordable housing for persons with developmental disabilities, as appropriated by the Florida Legislature, has historically been administered by Florida Housing to fund potential applicants seeking to develop Community Residential Homes, Supported Living Units within Multifamily rental developments, as well as larger rental developments in conjunction with competitive low income housing tax credits for persons with a developmental disability. Florida Housing requires that at least 50 percent of the Supportive Living Unit development's units are set-aside for persons with developmental disabilities. The other units, within the development, may be leased for general occupancy.

Florida Housing expects to issue RFA 2020-105 Financing To Build Smaller Permanent Supportive Housing Properties For Persons With Developmental Disabilities on April 13, 2020.

Sincerely,



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