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Subject: RFA 2020-201

Pursuant to the Florida Housing's definition of "Grocery Store" as shown below, we request additional language be added to better qualify a grocery store previously known as one of the named brand grocery stores and meeting all of the other requirements, but wherein the owner has changed the name to a local name and no longer part of the chain.

Perhaps, additional language could be:

"Any grocery store meeting all the listed requirements and previously legally known by one of the named/identified grocery chains, but now known by an individual name will also qualify for the grocery store points. Applicant shall provide proof the grocery store was previously known by one of the listed chain groceries either in the application or in underwriting".

Current language:

"Grocery Store" A retail food store consisting of 4,500 square feet or more of contiguous air conditioned space available to the public, that has been issued a food permit, current and in force as of the dates outlined below, issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service (FDACS) which designates the store as a Grocery Store or Supermarket within the meaning of those terms for purposes of FDACS-issued food permits. Additionally, it must have (i) been in existence and available for use by the general public since a date that is 6 months prior to the Application Deadline; (ii) been in existence and available for use by the general public as of the Application Deadline **AND** be one of the following: Albertson's, Aldi, Bravo Supermarkets, BJ's Wholesale Club, Costco Wholesale, Food Lion, Fresh Market, Harvey's, Milam's Markets, Piggly Wiggly, Presidente, Publix, Sam's Club, Sav – A – Lot, Sedano's, SuperTarget, Trader Joe's, Walmart Neighborhood Market, Walmart Supercenter, Whole Foods, WinnDixie; or (iii) been in existence and available for use by the general public as of March 1, 2020 but not available as of the Application Deadline because of temporary closures or service suspensions due to COVID-19 or other emergency suspension based on an official emergency declaration".