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Good afternoon Marisa,

We propose adding Community Resource Centers as an alternative community service to public libraries in the Miami-Dade County GEO RFA. For many years, and even more so with recent events related to COVID, the focus and most valuable contributions to low-income communities are shifting more toward provision of community resources such as emergency assistance programs for rent, utility and medical bills; assistance with unemployment and food stamp applications; programs that offer grants, education/job training, access to internet, special events, etc. Accordingly, we recommend that the Corporation add, as an alternative option to libraries, local government sponsored Community Resource Centers which offer a wide variety of social services to economically-disadvantaged individuals and families interested in achieving self-sufficiency. Below are sample lists of local government community centers:

- Miami-Dade County Community Resource Centers - https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1542309305236810
- City of Miami Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) Offices - <https://www.miamigov.com/Government/Departments-Organizations/Neighborhood-Enhancement-Team-NET>
- City of North Miami Beach - <https://www.citynmb.com/496/Community-Centers>

Thank you, Liz

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