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Subject: Comments reference : RFA 2021-208 SAIL And Housing Credit for Workforce Housing

Dear Jean,

I hope my email finds you well.

I'm commenting on the current draft of RFA 2021-208 SAIL And Housing Credit Financing For The Construction Of Workforce Housing. I would like to highlight the importance of including St. Lucie County as rental prices continue to climb.

As of 2020, Saint Lucie Counties 80% AMI for 2, 3 and 4 person limits are \$44,480, \$50,080, and \$55,600 respectively. In the same manner, we know market rates for 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms are \$1,295, \$1,490, and \$1,680.

The difference between households earning as much as 80% of the AMI are paying more than 30% of their income towards rent. In fact, market rates for 2, 3, and 4 person households looking for 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms are 34.9%, 35.7%, and 36.3%.

Given the increased demand for housing coupled with a decreasing supply due to congestion in South Florida and Northerners relocating, Saint Lucie County would be a great workforce County to include in your RFA guidelines.

Please let me know if any additional information may help include Saint Lucie county; I am happy to provide it.

Respectfully,
Sami