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Ms. Marisa Button
Florida Housing Finance Corporation
227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Public Comment
RFA 2023-201 Housing Credit Financing for Affordable Housing
Developments Located in Medium and Small Counties (the "RFA")

Dear Ms. Button,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the RFA as presented in the Second Workshop regarding 2023/2024 Request for Applications Funding Cycle.

We recognize that Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) has made a policy shift to eliminate the preference for a Development that is part of the Local Government revitalization plan and to eliminate Local Government Area of Opportunity (LGAO) designated sites from automatically meeting the RECAP eligibility requirements.

Revitalization of RECAP census tracts are a priority for us to try to turn the tide on the exact issues that made it a RECAP. The use of LGAO allows us to target our designated revitalization areas located in RECAP and thus align with our efforts to reverse the concentration of poverty.

We respectfully request FHFC allow applicants that are designated as LGAO and provide evidence of being in a Revitalization area be allowed to automatically meet the RECAP eligibility requirements for this RFA.

Sincerely,

Jelani Marks
Housing Services Manager