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Subject: Small Counties Tax Credit

Good afternoon Ms. Salmonsens my name is Lester McKellum, I am a not profit 501 (C) (3) Community Developer and we are in the process of building 84 affordable housing units, which is much need in our community. We are developing affordable housing in a small county, our affordable housing needs are just as great as any large counties. We have three generations of families living in one unit, there are families living in sub-standard housing as well because of the lack of affordable housing. We think it is unfair for Monroe county to be the only small county to receive the 9% tax credit, it cost just as much pre-square foot to build in small counties as it does in large counties.

We need to know how we can receive some of the senate "Bill 102" funding that is made available to all counties in the state of Florida. We are in Columbia County a small county, why has it been pre-determined that we are not eligible for the 9% affordable housing revenue?

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