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Florida Housing Finance Corporation
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RE: RFA 2024-202 Housing Credit Financing for Affordable Housing
Developments Located In Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Orange,
Palm Beach, and Pinellas Counties

Dear Ms. Salmonsens,

This letter is to offer comment on Request for Applications (RFA) 2024-202 Housing Credit Financing for Affordable Housing Developments Located in Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Orange, Palm Beach, and Pinellas Counties.

The RFA provides a preference for projects located within an area covered by a Local Revitalization Plan. The criteria for what types of plans qualify appear to follow the requirements for community redevelopment plans set forth in Florida Statute. As such, the RFA revitalization preference is effectively limited to projects located in established Community Redevelopment Agency areas. There are various other local government revitalization and redevelopment plans whose inclusion would serve the apparent FHFC intent to prioritize Housing Credit development in geographic areas targeted by local revitalization initiatives and resources.

In order to allow the revitalization preference for projects located within additional local revitalization areas, FHFC should consider revising the associated verification form so that a revitalization plan need meet only three (3) of the standards listed on the form, as opposed to all of the standards listed.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment, and for all your good work delivering critical housing resources across the State of Florida.

Respectfully,

Jonathan B. Brown, Director
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Cc: Whitney Carroll, Executive Director, PBC Planning, Zoning, and Building Dept.
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