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Mark Finigan  
Finance Director  
City of Key West

RE: Habitat for Humanity of Key West request to extend deadline for Tax Increment Funds in the Bahama Village CRA beyond the September 30, 2017 fiscal year deadline

Dear Mr. Finigan,

Prior to the advent of Hurricane Irma, we had requested a meeting to discuss this request by email. Understandably, circumstances interfered with a timely response.

As you recall, Commissioner Lopez, you and I met to discuss this funding deadline and we agreed that Habitat would expend the remaining funds prior to the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year.

The Tax Increment Funds allocated to Habitat for its repair program in the Bahama Village CRA have been effectively utilized to eliminate blight and have lived up to the high ratings the BVCRA Advisory Boards awarded our applications over a three year period.

Delays in obtaining other funding have occurred. Funders agree with the merit of this critical home repair for the Campbell family at 209 Olivia, but struggle to formulate language to protect their funds over what time and for what composition of the family. Habitat is innovating in taking on this type of project with a variety of funds to leverage all of the sources. The other delay results from a necessary reduction in the scope of the work where the family will now remain in residence during the work. We have coordinated and sought the permission of the Building Chief Official to do so. The final delay has been to obtain the construction documents from the architect whose firm was experiencing staffing issues.

Please advise me as to how we proceed to protect this funding beyond the pending fiscal year deadline. Thank you in advance for your assistance,

CC: Commissioner Lopez

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Moss".

Respectfully,

Mark Moss, Executive Director