Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) has issued RFA 2016-115 SAIL Financing for Smaller Permanent Supportive Housing Developments for Persons with Special Needs. This Request for Applications (RFA) is open to Non-Profit Applicants proposing new construction or acquisition and Substantial Rehabilitation to create new Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Special Needs as defined in Section 420.0004(13). The Application Deadline is 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on Thursday, January 19, 2017

F.S. Section 420.0004(13), F.S., defines “Person with special needs” as an adult person requiring independent living services in order to maintain housing or develop independent living skills and who has a Disabling Condition; a young adult formerly in foster care who is eligible for services under Section 409.1451(5), F.S.; a survivor of domestic violence as defined in Section 741.28, F.S.; or a person receiving benefits under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or from veterans’ disability benefits. Applicants may choose at their own discretion to serve “Person with special needs” households that also meet the “Homeless” definition as defined in Section 420.621(5), F.S., although the Corporation is not prioritizing Homeless households with special needs for funding in this RFA.

FHFC expects to offer an estimated $16,100,000, comprised of the Persons with Special Needs Demographic portion of the State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) funding appropriated by the 2016 Florida Legislature. This includes funding for ELI gap loans associated with the units that must be set aside for Extremely Low-Income (ELI) Households.

This RFA limits Developments in small counties to between 4 and 15 units, and Developments in medium and large counties to between 10 and 30 units. Group homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and other specialized licensed residential facilities, as well as units within a condominium complex or any single room occupancy developments, are not eligible for funding under this RFA.

Interested parties may access the complete RFA and the online Application to apply for funding at http://www.floridahousing.org/Developers/MultiFamilyPrograms/Competitive/2016-115/