

Director Michael LIU

Miami Dade Housing Agency

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3/27/18

Dear MR. Liu,

The FY 2018 Eligible multifamily Rental New Construction Redevelopment and Rehabilitation activities partnership funding request for application for Liberty City and Brownsville area boundaries has a multiplicities of vacant residential and commercial vacant lots throughout the boundaries.

In order to eliminate the existing vacant properties, increase the tax base, provide new homes and business, throughout the boundaries, and please consider my recommendation.

Request the county tax department provide you with all the vacant properties within the boundaries, tax owed, liens, or any problem that exist in the property. If property is overgrown, on need to be clean, the tax department will maintain the property before transfer, surtax will maintain property until transferred.

Request the tax department to remove all existing issuers from property, then donate the properties to Miami Dade Housing Agency Surtax Program.

The Surtax program will bid out the properties in a group, or donate a group to a developer for new construction of a home or a business. The cost of the new construction (Home, Business) should be reduced to the buyer due to the developer did not have to pay for the cost of the land.

The Sur Tax Program will require the devepelor to complete the new construction within a required time, sign a contract that state if contractor do not complete the new construction within a required date and time set by the Surtax program, the contractor will have to return the donated properties to the Surtax program.

Identify funding for the developer that need assistant in the new construction, the funding can be recaptured if the developer fail to complete the new construction within the required time line.

If there are vacant lots in the surrounding communities, request staff consider requesting the tax department to review the properties to consider if there is a need to include in the redevelopment process.

This process can work if there are vacant homes and business in the boundaries, the tax department can research any vacant homes and business , remove all tax, liens, that can be rehab, or torn down and rebuilt.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Sincerely,


Cyrus McArthur

cc: C. Brown



April 4, 2018

Mr. Cyrus McArthur

Re: Response to your letter dated March 27, 2018
FY 2018 Surtax/SHIP RFA Comments

Dear Mr. McArthur,

We have received your letter dated March 27, 2018, asking Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) to consider your recommendations on the use of Surtax funding.

The following is offered as response to your suggestions:

- The FY 2018 Surtax/SHIP RFA provides funding for multi-family and homeownership activities. Applicants can access these funds to provide affordable housing through new construction or rehabilitation of existing housing.
- The current FY 2018 Surtax/SHIP RFA includes language that outlines the timeframe and penalties for completion of projects that are awarded Surtax funding;
- PHCD does not govern the process for assessing property taxes;
- The purchase of land for future use is considered land banking and PHCD is not considering this type of activity at this time;
- PHCD does not have a program to forgive lienholders of unpaid fines;
- Currently Surtax funds are used to provide financing for developers and builders that have land with site control.

Thank you for your suggestions and interest in affordable housing programs. Please be sure to complete our contact information so that you may stay in touch with our office and continue to dialogue with us on this very important issue.