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Dear Sanibel City Council and City Manager,

Community Housing & Resources (CHR) is requesting that the Sanibel City Council approve a Resolution in support of our CDBG- DR grant application. CHR requested five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in CDBG-DR funding for a project that is currently estimated to cost ten million forty-three thousand three hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$10,043,366.00). CHR's grant application proposes to purchase the approximately 6.74-acre vacant parcel at 1874 Middle Gulf Dr. property and construct two (2) structures that would each provide ten (10) one bedroom, one bath units, for a total of twenty (20) new affordable housing units in Sanibel. If funding is received from Lee County's allocation of CDBG-DR funding for this project, the proposed project would increase the number of affordable housing units by nearly 25% over CHR's pre-Hurricane Ian below market rate housing inventory. It is important to note that CHR's application is the only application requesting CDBG-DR funding to construct new affordable housing units on Sanibel, which was one of the communities that received significant damage from Hurricane Ian.

In developing the CDBG-DR grant application, CHR staff worked with Craig Chandler, Carmella Cioffi (architect), a grant committee and a construction committee (consisting of 2 general contractors, 2 engineers) to ensure the application was accurate and met the grant eligibility requirements. CHR's application was considered ineligible after review by Lee County staff. On September 9, 2024, Lee County staff's project funding recommendations were presented to the Lee County Evaluation Committee for CDBG-DR Affordable Housing Projects (Committee). At that meeting the Committee chair and other members expressed concern that CHR's application was considered ineligible. The Committee agreed to give CHR an opportunity to address the issues that purportedly caused County staff to rank CHR's

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application low. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2024.

CHR was advised that a Resolution of support from the Sanibel City Council would help with the application review and approval process, which has prompted CHR's request for City support. CHR understands that City Council's support for CHR's CDBG-DR grant application will not preclude CHR from any requirements related to obtaining all necessary development and building permits once project funding is in place.

CHR values our long-term partnership with the City of Sanibel to provide below market rate housing to residents of Sanibel and are grateful for the City Council's consideration of our request for support.

Thank you,
Mike
Mike Decker - mHale