**Cone of Silence**

This RFP includes a Cone of Silence. The Cone of Silence will apply from the date the RFP is due back to the department, which is July 9, 2018 until the final Review and the HHA Executive Committee and the HHA approve Rankings on August 23, 2018.

All parties interested in submitting a proposal will be advised of the following:

**Lobbying- “Cone of Silence”**

Respondents are advised that his application will require a Cone of Silence. Respondents are advised that the "Palm Beach County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance" (Ordinance), a copy of which can be accessed at: [http://discover.pbcgov.org/legislativeaffairs/Pages/Lobbying_Regulations.aspx](http://discover.pbcgov.org/legislativeaffairs/Pages/Lobbying_Regulations.aspx) is in effect. The Respondent shall read and familiarize themselves with all of the provisions of said Ordinance, but for convenience, the provisions relating to the Cone of Silence have been summarized here. *"Cone of Silence" means a prohibition on any non-written communication regarding this RFP between any Respondent or Respondent’s representative and any County Commissioner or Commissioner's staff any member of a local governing body or the member’s staff, a mayor or chief executive officer that is not a member of a local governing body or the mayor or chief executive officer’s staff, or any employee authorized to act on behalf of the commission or local governing body to award a contract.* A Respondent's representative shall include but not be limited to the Respondent's employee, partner, officer, director or consultant, lobbyist, or any, actual or potential subcontractor or consultant of the Respondent.

The Cone of Silence is in effect as of the submittal deadline. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to oral communications at any public proceeding, including pre-bid conferences, oral presentations before selection committees, and contract negotiations during any public meeting. The Cone of Silence shall terminate at the time that the BCC awards or approves a contract, rejects all proposals or otherwise takes action, which end the solicitation process.

**Grievance Notice**

**Community Services Department- ESG Funding**

Grievances may be filed by an entity submitting an RFP (Proposer) that is aggrieved in connection with deviations from the established PROCESS for reviewing proposals and making recommended awards. The amount of recommended awards may not be grieved through this procedure.

If you wish to file a grievance of this Emergency Solutions Grant, this Grievance Notice Form must be completed, submitted, and received by the Director of the Department of Community Services within seven (7) business days of April 23, 2018, on May 2, 2018. You will receive a written response within fifteen (15) business days of the receipt of this form by the Director of the Department of Community Services. There is no administrative fee associated with filing this grievance.
When completed, submit this Grievance Notice Form via mail or email to:

Mr. James Green, Director
Department of Community Services
810 Datura Street, First Floor
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401
JGreen1@pbcgov.org

Entity Filing Grievance:

Which process was allegedly deviated from?

Describe in detail the alleged deviation; including how you were directly affected and what remedy you seek (add additional pages as needed):

Unified Grant Guidance
Subrecipients that receive ESG funding will be required to comply with 2 CFR Part 200-Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.