



**Mr. Nick Martinelli, Legislative Director
Office of Representative Corrine Brown
Appropriations Form Letter 2011**

Projects: Gateway Senior Housing Village – Priority #1

While North West Jacksonville is strategically located for new business development, preservation of assets is essential to stabilize and revitalize the communities impacted by foreclosures, and stimulate economic activity in the area. The addition of affordable housing to attract the seniors impacted by foreclosures and inadequate housing due to aged housing stock is necessary to support adequate safe housing for senior citizens. The rehabilitation/repair expenses to update homes exceed capacity of seniors on fixed income, limiting their ability to maintain housing and repair costs. The Gateway Senior Housing Village @ Gateway Town Center project will attract seniors to housing located near worksites, major transportation hub, social services and medical facilities, grocery and retail services, as well as will help build and preserve the rich assets of the North West Jacksonville community. The Gateway Senior Housing Village will be located in the Gateway Town Center. Gateway is in a Federal Empowerment Zone and State of Florida Enterprise Zone. Gateway Senior Housing Village will consist of 105 units of one-bedroom apartments. The Senior Village will have a central motor court and lobby, multipurpose rooms. The location of the Senior Village is located next to the proposed Gateway Town Center Inter-modal Station of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority.

Given the demographics and economic situation in the market area, the War on Poverty-Florida, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has sought to identify sufficient investment support for a transit-oriented development project to construct an affordable senior housing facility.

I am requesting funding Gateway Senior Housing Village in fiscal year 2011. The entity to receive funding for this project is War on Poverty-Florida, located at 5196-A Norwood Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32208. The funding would be used for gap financing. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.”

Sincerely,

Karen Landry

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Executive Director