

## MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST



### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Michael Murawski, Advocate and  
Miriam Ramos, Deputy General Counsel

**FROM:** Sylvia Batista, Investigator

**DATE:** 04/04/13

**RE:** Martha Aladro/K13-048  
(complaint of lack of assistance by the City of Miami)

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On March 29, 2013, Martha Aladro (Aladro), a resident of the City of Miami, provided the COE with copies of several e-mails concerning her efforts to receive a federal grant through a City of Miami home rehabilitation program. The grant is called *Miami Rehabilitation Services*. Aladro explained that after months of working with Miriam Gomez of the City of Miami, she was advised that she does not qualify for the assistance because the combined earnings of her and her daughter is more than the maximum income allowed.

Aladro explained that she is a disabled widow and is in urgent need of having her house rehabilitated. Aladro feels that she was not properly assisted by City of Miami officials. She said that she expected her local government to be more helpful with her situation. Aladro feels that she should have been told that the incomes would be combined, and should have been given suggestions by City officials as to another course of action she could take.

Aladro provided the COE with copies of several e-mail communications she had with City officials. A review of the e-mails reveals that Alfredo Duran, Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, wrote a response to Aladro which was sent by Mayor Regalado's Office Manager, Eric Duran. In his response, Alfredo Duran points out the reasons why Aladro does not qualify for the program.

Aladro was advised that her allegation of lack of assistance by City of Miami officials does not fall within the jurisdiction of the COE and no evidence of wrongdoing by City of Miami officials was found. Therefore, this matter is closed with no further action.