



HOUSING FIRST, INC.  
the homeless coalition

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October 18, 2017

An Open Letter To:  
The City of Mobile  
Mobile and Baldwin Counties  
The AL-501 CoC General Membership

**RE: Conclusion of Housing First Investigation**

To Whom It May Concern,

Based on an **anonymous complaint** made to HUD's Office of Inspector General approximately two years ago, HUD OIG opened an investigation into Housing First's stewardship of its HUD grant funds. No doubt many of you, as our community partners and stakeholders, have heard the rumors.

Today, Housing First is proud to publicly announce that the investigation is over. Through a report obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, we have learned that HUD OIG's review showed "**no evidence of grant fraud**" and that "**no further investigation is warranted and this case is closed.**" (See the attached excerpts from the redacted OIG Final Report of Investigation).

On behalf of Housing First, I want to thank everyone who supported this organization in the face of the rumors and false allegations. We are so proud to serve this great community, and will continue to secure resources to reduce homelessness through advocacy and community collaboration.

Sincerely,

Eric Barnett Jefferson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Housing First, Inc.





U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



Case Number: (b) (7)(C)

Region/Office: Region 4 -  
 (b) (7)(C)

Title: Housing First of Mobile

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Mobile, Alabama 36609

**Narrative:**

**BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:**

This investigation was initiated based on an anonymous complaint received by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Inspector General (OIG) on September 6, 2015.

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**SYNOPSIS:**

(b) (7)(C)

Finally, a review of HFI's grant programs revealed corresponding receipts, checks, receipts and invoices that were equal to the amount of the LOCCS drawdown request which indicated no evidence of grant fraud. Furthermore,

(b) (7)(C)

denied any wrong doing (b) (7)(C).

**SUBJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

<b>Report by:</b> (b) (7)(C)	<b>Approved by:</b> (b) (7)(C)	<b>Date:</b> 05/11/2017 09:31:43 AM
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Case Number: [REDACTED]

## DISPOSITION:

On [REDACTED] (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] declined this case  
and no further investigation is warranted and this case is closed.

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