

## **Attachment**

# **Revised Health & Safety Repair Program Guidelines**

# COUNTY OF TULARE

## Health & Safety Repair Program Guidelines

For:

Community Development Block Grant  
(CDBG) Program

Serving the unincorporated areas of  
County of Tulare

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**1.0. GENERAL**

The above-named entity, hereinafter referred to as the “Sponsor”, has entered into a contractual relationship with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) to administer Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded health & safety repair program. The repair program described herein and hereinafter referred to as the “Program” is designed to provide assistance to eligible homeowners for correction of health and safety items, as well as code violations, located within the Program’s eligible areas, as described in Section 3.0. The Program provides this assistance in the form of a grant used to finance the cost of necessary repairs that will provide the homeowner with a healthy, safe, sanitary and code compliant home, referred to herein as “housing unit”. The Program will be administered by Self-Help Enterprises, hereinafter referred to as the “Program Operator”.

**1.1. PROGRAM OUTREACH AND MARKETING**

All outreach efforts will be done in accordance with state and federal fair lending regulations to assure nondiscriminatory treatment, outreach and access to the Program. No person shall, on the grounds of age, ancestry, color, creed, physical or mental disability or handicap, marital or familial status, medical condition, national origin, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation, be excluded, denied benefits or subjected to discrimination under the Program. The Program Operator will ensure that all persons, including those qualified individuals with disabilities have access to the Program.

- A. The Fair Housing Lender logo and Accessibility logo will be placed on all outreach materials. Fair housing marketing actions will be based upon a characteristic analysis comparison (census data may be used) of the Program’s eligible area compared to the ethnicity of the population served by the Program (includes, separately, all applications given out and those receiving assistance) and an explanation of any underserved segments of the population. This information is used to show that protected classes (age, gender, ethnicity, race, and disability) are not being excluded from the Program. A Fair Housing Marketing Plan can be found as Attachment D. Flyers or other outreach materials, in English and any other language that is the primary language of a significant portion of the area residents, will be widely distributed in the Program-eligible area and will be provided to any local social service agencies. The Program may sponsor homeownership education classes to help educate homeowners about credit, budgeting, predatory lending, foreclosure prevention and home maintenance, as well as future responsibilities.
- B. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits the exclusion of an otherwise qualified individual, solely by reason of disability, from participation under any Program receiving Federal funds. The Program Operator will take appropriate steps to ensure effective communication with disabled housing applicants, residents and members of the public.

## 1.2. APPLICATION PROCESS AND SELECTION

### A. Waiting List/Homeowner Contact

The Program Operator will utilize a waiting list. In response to a homeowner's request, the homeowner is placed on the waiting list. Homeowners are offered the opportunity to qualify for assistance by waiting list priority (a first-come, first served basis). Assistance will be provided to eligible homeowners on a first-come, first served basis. Priority will be given to applicants who have not received prior assistance.

The Program Operator will contact homeowners by mail and/or by telephone to advise them of funding availability. The homeowner has 30 days to complete and return the grant application and supporting documentation. Should a homeowner fail to respond to the initial contact for assistance or to provide any of the required documentation within the 30-day period, the homeowner's name will be removed from the waiting list. If the homeowner desires assistance at a later time, he/she will be placed on the waiting list at that time.

Should the waiting list be exhausted, the Program will be marketed in accordance with the Marketing Plan. **See Attachment D.**

### B. Application/Interview

An application packet is provided to the homeowner for completion and submittal to the Program Operator, along with supporting documentation. An interview is scheduled with the applicant. The Program is fully explained; application forms and documentation are reviewed. Verifications are obtained for income, assets, employment, benefits, and mortgage. Title report is also obtained.

If the Program Operator encounters material discrepancies and/or misrepresentations, and/or there is income, asset, household composition, or other important questions that can't be resolved, the Program Operator reserves the right to deny assistance to the household. In this case, the applicant may re-apply after six months have elapsed from the time of written assistance denial.

### C. Household Selection

Households selected for participation in the Health & Safety Repair Program are those determined eligible upon completion of processes described in A. and B. above.

### D. Initial Inspection/Work Write-Up/Estimate

Prospective units are inspected by the Program Operator to determine eligibility and acceptability of properties for participation in the Program.

If the home is a pre-1978 unit and the assistance being requested will require disturbance of painted services, the initial inspection will also include paint testing by a certified Lead-Based Paint (LBP) inspector/assessor or presumption of LBP. Code deficiencies will be corrected and if presumption is used or lead hazards are found they will be properly treated according to HUD regulations (Section 6.1.E & F) and cleared by a certified LBP

inspector/assessor.

Measurements and observations are noted about the property, including special conditions with potential cost consequences (dilapidated outbuildings, absence of curb and gutter when required by code, etc.). A floor plan and site plan, as needed, are drawn for the home and property, including all appurtenances.

Findings are noted on an inspection form, and later used by the Program Operator to prepare the work write-up. Estimated costs are determined by the Program Operator who has years of experience in the building industry, and in reviewing contractor bids and verifying cost with materials suppliers. The homeowner reviews the completed work write-up and cost estimate, and the approved write-up is incorporated into bid documents.

#### E. Bid Solicitation

A bid walk-through date and time are scheduled. The homeowner may choose to solicit his/her own bids or request that the Program Operator solicit bids on his/her behalf. In an effort to obtain three reasonable bids, invitations to bid are sent to eligible contractors located in the Sponsor's County and selected by the homeowner from the Active Contractor List provided by the Program Operator. Homeowners are required to select a minimum of six contractors from the Active Contractor List and may add to the list as long as the contractor meets the requirements outlined in the Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program Contractor Guidelines and Information Sheet (see Attachment K). Contractors will be notified via telephone and/or in writing (email, fax, etc.) at least one week prior to each bid tour. Bid results will be provided to participating contractors.

Contractors must be licensed and bonded by the State of California Contractors Licensing Board. Contractors must also provide Program Operator with evidence of Workers' Compensation Insurance and Comprehensive General Liability and Property Damage Insurance with Combined Single Limits of at least \$1,000,000.

Recruitment for eligible contractors is done on an ongoing basis, via local advertising, website notification, and program marketing. It is the goal of the Program Operator to maintain an Active Contractor List of eligible, interested contractors located in the Sponsor's County. Applications are available for those seeking to participate by calling the Program Operator or visiting the Program Operator's website. The Program Operator will send notices to contractors on the Active Contractor List annually, which will request each contractor contact the Program Operator to confirm his or her interest in remaining on the Active Contractor List. Contractors who do not respond will be moved to the Inactive Contractor List.

Cost reasonableness is determined by comparing the bids received with the cost estimate prepared by the Program Operator. Bids should be within 10% of the Program Operator's cost estimate, otherwise an explanation must be provided to the file for any bid selected exceeding 10% of the estimate. The homeowner is encouraged to accept the lowest reasonable bid.

The Program Operator determines eligibility of the contractor by contacting the State

Contractors License Board and checking the Federal List of Debarred Contractors. The contractor is also required to provide a self-certification stating that he/she is not on the Federal debarred list. Once determined eligible, the contractor is then notified of provisional award of bid (pending loan approval). Notices of non-award are mailed to participating contractors.

**F. Pre-Construction Conference**

A pre-construction conference is scheduled with the homeowner, contractor, and Program Operator. The Program Operator reviews the Owner-Contractor Construction Contract, including the work write-up, anticipated start date, pay schedule, and anticipated date of completion, with the homeowner and contractor.

**G. Grant Request/Approval**

A report and grant request are prepared on behalf of the homeowner by the Program Operator. The grant request includes the cost of construction, a contingency fund, and other project costs (listed in Section 6.3.). A Grant Review Committee meeting is scheduled to hear the grant request. Section 1.3. provides additional information on the grant approval process. Once approved, grant documents are executed, and the grant is funded.

**H. Start-Up/Field Inspections**

Following grant approval, the construction contract and Notice to Proceed are executed. The Program Operator monitors date of start-up and performs field inspections on a regular basis. The Program Operator will visit the job site regularly in order to check the scope of work, inspect materials, and to confirm the job is on schedule and within budget. The Program Operator works with the Sponsor's Building Inspector to ensure the work meets building codes, while not exceeding funding limits.

The Program Operator reviews the work status with the homeowner and with the contractor in order to remedy any developing problems quickly and to ensure that both are satisfied with the construction process. At the completion of each phase, the Program Operator inspects the work, and the homeowner authorizes contractor payments.

The Program Operator will refer back to original plans and specifications to verify the work was completed as contracted.

**I. Change Orders**

Written change orders are required when the homeowner requests any changes in the write-up, such as eliminating an item completely, eliminating one item and substituting another, or adding items. The change order will state the change and dollar value for the change. The change order must be signed by both the contractor and the homeowner and submitted to the Program Operator for signature approval. If the change order exceeds the approved financing, the homeowner will be asked to provide additional funds or a report and request for additional funds may be presented to the Sponsor's Grant Review Committee for approval prior to Program Operator signing-off on the change order.

**J. Progress Payments**

Ninety percent (90%) of the contract amount is distributed to the contractor in the form of progress payments during construction. The final ten percent (10%) of the contract amount is set aside as a retention payment. The contractor requests a progress payment



from the homeowner and notifies the Program Operator that he/she has done so. Upon favorable inspection by the homeowner, Program Operator, and Sponsor or Sponsor's Building Inspector, the payment authorization is signed by the homeowner and submitted for payment.

**K. Final Inspections/Notice of Completion/Final Payment**

When the project is completed, the Program Operator inspects the work item by item with the homeowner, the contractor, and/or the Sponsor. The Sponsor's Building Inspector performs a final inspection. Any corrections or deficiencies are noted and corrected by the contractor. Upon favorable final inspections, a Notice of Completion is prepared, signed by the homeowner, and then recorded. The final ten percent (10%) retention payment is released 35 days after the recording of the Notice of Completion.

**1.3. GRANT PROCESS**

The Sponsor's Funding Review Committee must approve all grants. The Funding Review Committee may approve assistance with CDBG financing exceeding 100 percent of after-rehabilitation value as needed in cases where no other financial resources are available to cover the cost of the repairs and where clear and convincing documentation exists, justifying why the exception is needed.

In order to obtain financing, applicants must meet all property and eligibility guidelines in effect at the time the application is considered. Homeowners will be provided with written notification of approval or denial. Any reason for denial will be provided to the applicant in writing.

Applicants will only be eligible for a grant from the County once every 10 years and only if a County-funded housing rehabilitation loan has been repaid, or if a previous grant has been released.

**1.4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST REQUIREMENTS**

Since the Program is funded with Federal CDBG funds, the Conflict-of-Interest requirements of 24 CFR Section 570.489 (h) shall be followed.

**2.0. APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS**

**2.1. INCOME LIMITS**

All homeowners must certify that they meet the household income eligibility requirements for the Housing Repair Program and have their household income documented. The income limits in place at the time of loan approval will apply when determining applicant income eligibility. All applicants must have incomes at or below 80% of the County's area median income (AMI), adjusted for household size, as published by HUD each year. **See Attachment C.**

The link to the official HUD-maintained income limits for CDBG activities is: [www.hudexchange.info/resource/5334/cdbg-income-limits/](http://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5334/cdbg-income-limits/)

**Household:** means one or more persons who will occupy a housing unit and may include unborn children.

**Annual Income:** Generally, the gross amount of income of all adult household members that is anticipated to be received during the coming 12-month period.

## 2.2. INCOME QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Projected annual gross income of the applicant household will be used to determine whether they are above or below the published HUD income limits. Income qualification criteria will be followed to independently determine and certify the household's annual gross income. Income will be verified by reviewing and documenting tax returns, copies of wage receipts, subsidy checks, bank statements and third-party verification of employment forms sent to employers. All documentation shall be dated within six months prior to grant closing, kept in the applicant file and held in strict confidence.

### A. HOUSEHOLD INCOME DEFINITION:

Household income is the annual gross income of all adult household members that is projected to be received during the coming 12-month period and will be used to determine Program eligibility. Refer to Income Inclusions and Exclusions for further guidance regarding the types of incomes to be included or excluded when calculating gross annual income. For those types of income counted, gross amounts (before any deductions have been taken) are used. Two types of income that are not considered would be income of minors or income of live-in aides. Certain other household members living apart from the household also require special consideration. The household's projected income must be used, rather than past earnings, when calculating income.

Housing and/or debt ratios are not considered as the funding provided creates no additional monthly financial obligation. If a homeowner has a mortgage, creditworthiness is verified by ensuring that all payments are current and that no late payments have been received in the past twelve months.

The link to Annual Income Inclusions and Exclusions is:

[https://www.hudexchange.info/plugins/incomecalculator/assets/docs/HUD\\_P5\\_Inclusions\\_Exclusions.pdf](https://www.hudexchange.info/plugins/incomecalculator/assets/docs/HUD_P5_Inclusions_Exclusions.pdf)

### Attachment A: CDBG 24 CFR Part 5 Annual Income Inclusions and Exclusions

### B. ASSETS:

There is no asset limitation for participation in the Program. Income from assets is however, recognized as part of annual income under the Part 5 definition. An asset is a cash or non-cash item that can be converted to cash. The value of necessary items such as furniture and automobiles are not included. (*Note: it is the income earned – e.g. interest on a savings account – not the asset value, which is counted in annual income.*)

An asset's cash value is the market value less reasonable expenses required to convert the asset to cash, including penalties or fees for converting financial holdings and costs for selling real property. For CDBG, the cash value (rather than the market value) of an item is counted as an asset.

For CDBG, the Link to Asset Inclusions and Exclusions is:

[https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC\\_35701.PDF](https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_35701.PDF)

**See Attachment B: Part 5 Annual Income Net Family Asset Inclusions and Exclusions****2.3. HOMEOWNER ELIGIBILITY AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

The Health & Safety Repair Program allows for owner-occupied properties to participate under four defined activities based on income eligibility, property location and need. Owner-occupied units must be the owner's principal place of residence. A photocopy of a recent utility bill will verify proof of occupancy. No unit to participate in the Health & Safety Repair program will receive financial assistance if it is currently occupied by an over-income household or does not meet the eligibility standards outlined in these policies.

- A. Continued residency is monitored annually, for the term of the grant. Occupancy will be verified, reviewed, and certified by the submission of the following:
  - 1. Proof of occupancy in the form of a copy of a current utility bill; and
  - 2. Statement of unit's continued use as primary residence of the owner.
- B. In the event that the repaired home is sold, title is transferred, homeowner(s) pass away, home is converted to a rental unit, or the home is no longer occupied by the person(s) receiving the grant, the homeowner(s) or heir(s) must notify the Sponsor (County of Tulare) immediately. If a proven financial hardship exists, the County reserves the right to forgive the grant prior to the end of the 3-Year Grant Term.

**3.0. PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY****3.1. CONDITIONS**

- A. No unit will be eligible if a household's income exceeds the prescribed income limits listed in Attachment C.
- B. Units to be repaired must be located within the unincorporated areas of the Sponsor's jurisdiction.
- C. Property must contain a legal residential structure intended for continued residential occupancy.
- D. All repair work will meet Local Building Code standards. Priority will be the elimination of health and safety hazards and the elimination of code deficiencies.

**3.2. ANTI-DISPLACEMENT POLICY AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE**

Owner-occupants are not eligible for temporary relocation benefits unless health and safety threats are determined to exist by the Program Operator. In cases where relocation is determined to be necessary by the Sponsor/Program Operator, assistance may be provided for actual costs incurred from the applicant's grant proceeds, as a grant.

**3.3. NOTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURES**

- A. Occupants of units constructed prior to 1978 will receive proper notification of Lead-Based Paint (LBP) hazards as follows:

The Lead Hazard Information Pamphlet published by the EPA/HUD/Consumer Product Safety Commission will be given to all owners regardless of the cost of rehabilitation or paint test findings. If lead-based paint is found through testing or if presumed, a Notice of Lead Hazard Evaluation or Presumption will also be supplied. When Lead hazards are present, a Notice of Lead Hazard Reduction Activity and a Lead Hazard Evaluation Report will also be provided.

[https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/pyf\\_color\\_booklet\\_format\\_2017\\_508.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/pyf_color_booklet_format_2017_508.pdf)

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>

#### **4.0. HEALTH & SAFETY REPAIR PROGRAM SERVICES**

- A. Emergency Home Repairs - provides funding to homeowners for repair or replacement of a major household component that would require the homeowner to live without basic plumbing, electrical, heating, cooling, or security.
- B. Roofing Repair and Replacement – provides funding to homeowners for the repair or replacement of a roof.
- C. Minor Home Repair – provides funding to homeowners with problems related to the enforcement of government codes, ordinances or requirements that, due to financial hardship, the owner cannot correct. These violations include those that threaten a family's health, general well-being or safety.
- D. Lead Based Paint Removal - provides funding to test and abate owner occupied homes that test positive for Lead Based Paint.

#### **4.1. PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING**

Assistance will be provided as a grant to meet the needs of the homeowner as long as location and income eligibility requirements are met but may never exceed more than \$30,000 in total CDBG funding.

- A. All Repair Services are –
- Available to income eligible owner-occupied housing.
  - Property must be located in the unincorporated areas of Tulare County.
  - Provides up to \$30,000 as a grant.
  - Homeowners must have homeowners' insurance, and current property taxes but are not required to meet credit worthiness.

#### **4.2. AFFORDABILITY PARAMETERS FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION**

- A. Any bid within 10% of the Program Operator's estimate may be selected, otherwise an explanation must be provided to the file for a bid selected exceeding 10% of the estimate.

**4.3. RATES AND TERMS FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION**

- A. Homeowners are eligible for 100% grant funding secured by a Promissory Note and secured by a Deed of Trust, with no payback required unless the Borrower sells or transfers title or discontinues residence in the dwelling within 3 years.

**4.4. APPRAISAL**

Appraisals are not required, given that the assistance will be provided in the form of a grant and will not encumber the property.

**4.5. INSURANCE****4.5.1. FIRE INSURANCE**

The homeowner shall maintain fire insurance on the property for the duration of the Program grant(s). This insurance must be an amount adequate to cover all encumbrances on the property. The insurer must identify the Sponsor as Loss Payee for the amount of the Program grant(s). Evidence of this shall be provided to the Sponsor. Note: For CDBG, the premium may be paid by the Program grant for one year.

**4.5.2. FLOOD INSURANCE**

For homes in a 100-year flood zone, the owner is required to maintain flood insurance in an amount adequate to secure the Program grant and all other encumbrances. This policy must designate the Sponsor as Loss Payee and a binder shall be provided to the Sponsor and maintained in the Borrower's file. Note: For CDBG, the premium may be paid by the Program grant for one year.

**4.6. GRANT SECURITY**

- A. Grant security for all owner-occupied rehabilitation stick-built homes will be secured by the real property and improvements and will also include a 3-year Grant Agreement, and Promissory Note in favor of the Sponsor.
- B. Entering a subordinate lien is acceptable. However, the Sponsor will not subordinate a first lien position once established.

**5.0. CONSTRUCTION****5.1. STANDARDS**

- A. All repair work will meet Local Building Code standards. Priority will be the elimination of health and safety hazards and the elimination of code deficiencies.
- B. Contracting Process
  - 1. Contracting will be done on a competitive basis.
  - 2. The homeowner will be the responsible agent, but the Program Operator will prepare the work write-up, prepare and advertise the bid package, and assist the owner in negotiating the construction contract.

3. The Sponsor nor the Program Operator does not warrant any construction work or provide insurance coverage.

C. Approved Contractors

1. Contractors are required to be licensed with the State of California and be active and in good standing with the Contractors' License Board and the Sponsor.
2. Contractors will be checked against the Federal System for Award Management (SAM.gov) for debarred status. No award will be granted to a contractor on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS).
3. Contractors must have public liability and property damage insurance, and worker's compensation, unemployment, and disability insurance, to the extent required by State law.
4. Contractor must agree to comply with all federal and state regulations.

D. Sweat Equity Labor

The Sponsor does not allow sweat equity participation.

E. Occupants of units constructed prior to 1978 will receive proper notification of Lead-Based Paint (LBP) hazards as identified in Section 3.3.A.

F. Units constructed prior to 1978 will also be inspected according to the following HUD regulations.

1. If the total amount of Federal assistance or the total amount of rehabilitation hard cost is up to and including \$5,000, the following is required:
  - (a) Paint testing or presume LBP;
  - (b) Clearance of disturbed work areas; and
  - (c) Notifications listed in Section 3.3.A.
1. If the amount of Federal assistance or the total amount of rehabilitation hard cost is more than \$5,000 up to and including \$25,000, the following is required:
  - (a) Paint testing or presume LBP;
  - (b) Risk assessment; and
  - (c) Clearance of unit.

If LBP hazards are identified, interim controls will be implemented. This level will also require a notice of "Abatement of Lead Hazards Notification" at least five days prior to starting work.

2. If the amount of Federal assistance or the total amount of rehabilitation hard cost is more than \$25,000, the following is required:
  - (a) Items (a), (b), and (c) of 2. above;
  - (b) Abatement of all LBP hazards identified or produced;
  - (c) Use of interim controls on exterior surfaces not disrupted by rehab; and all notices listed above in Sections 3.3.A. and 6.1.F.2.
3. All paint tests that result in a negative finding of lead-based paint are exempt from any and all additional requirements. If defective paint surfaces are found, they will be properly treated or abated. A State-certified Inspector/Assessor will perform all paint

testing, risk assessments, and clearances. A trained supervisor may oversee interim controls; however, a certified supervisor and workers will perform all abatement.

## **5.2. ELIGIBLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

“Rehabilitation” means, in addition to the definition in Section 50096 of the Health and Safety Code, repairs and improvements to a manufactured home necessary to correct any condition causing the home to be substandard pursuant to Section 1704 of Title 25, California Code of Regulations. Rehabilitation does not include replacement of personal property. “Accessibility Modifications” means, repairs or modification that allow the occupant safe entry/exit of the unit and or access to areas within the home needed for daily living (bathroom, kitchen).

Temporary relocation benefits must be planned for and budgeted into the total allowable subsidy for the project, but if required would be in the form of a grant.

Allowable costs include:

- A. Cost of building permits and other related government fees.
- B. Cost of architectural, engineering, and other consultant services, which are directly related to the rehabilitation of the property.
- C. Costs associated with the repair, replacement, or abandonment of domestic water wells and/or associated costs (such as water pump lowering).
- D. Costs associated with Emergency Home Repairs
- E. Costs associated with Roofing Repair and Replacement
- F. Costs associated with Minor Home Repair – for addressing issues related to the enforcement of government codes, ordinances, or requirements that the owner cannot rectify due to financial hardship. These violations include those that threaten a family's health, general well-being, or safety.
- G. Costs associated with Lead Based Paint
- H. Exterior access ramps, accessible/roll-in showers, grab bars, comfort height commode, vanity and/or cabinet modifications, door widening, removal and/or replacement of carpet with smooth surface flooring. Other modifications may be allowed at the discretion of the Sponsor based on evaluation of occupant's physical limitations. All accessibility modifications have to be consistent with California law/Health and Safety Code and with HCD requirements.

## **5.3. ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS/ACTIVITY DELIVERY COSTS**

Examples of eligible project related costs include:

- Property Report/Title Insurance
- Building Plan
- Termite Report

- Land Survey
- Grading Plan
- Recording Fees
- Homeowners or Flood Insurance, as applicable
- Construction materials
- Labor associated with the project

Costs are based on charges currently incurred by the Sponsor, or the Program Operator, for these products and/or services. Any cost increases charged to the Sponsor/Program Operator for these products and/or services will be passed on to the homeowner and included in the grant. All fees are subject to change and are driven by the market.

#### **5.4. REPAIR CALLBACKS**

Contractors will comply with State law regarding all labor and material warranties. All labor and material shall meet FHA minimum specifications.

#### **6.0. EXCEPTIONS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

##### **6.1. AMENDMENTS**

The Sponsor may make amendments to these Participant Guidelines. Any changes made shall be in accordance with federal and state regulations, shall be approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

##### **6.2. EXCEPTIONS**

Any case to which a standard policy or procedure as stated, does not apply or an applicant treated differently from others of the same class would be an exception.

##### **6.2.1 PROCEDURES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

- A. The Sponsor or its Program Operator may initiate consideration of an exception and prepare a report. This report shall contain a narrative, including the Sponsor's/Program Operator's recommended course of action and any written or verbal information supplied by the applicant.
- B. The Sponsor shall make a determination of the exception based on the recommendation of the Program Operator. The request can be presented to the Sponsor's grant committee and/or governing body for decision.

#### **7.0. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND APPEALS PROCEDURES**

##### **7.1. PROGRAM COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURE**

Complaints concerning the Sponsor's Rehabilitation Program should be made to the Program Operator first. If unresolved in this manner, the complaint or appeal shall be made in writing and filed with the Sponsor. The Sponsor will then schedule a meeting with the Sponsor's



Grant Review Committee. Their written response will be made within thirty (30) working days. If the applicant is not satisfied with the committee's decision, a request for an appeal may be filed with the local governing body. Final appeal may be filed in writing with HUD within one year after denial or the filing of the Project Notice of Completion.

**7.2. GRIEVANCES BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR**

Contracts signed by the contractor and the participant include the following clause, which provides a procedure for resolution of grievances:

Any controversy arising out of or relating to this Contract, or the breach thereof, shall be submitted to binding arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the California Arbitration Law, Code of Civil Procedure 1280 et seq., and the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator shall have the final authority to order work performed, to order the payment from one party to another, and to order who shall bear the costs of arbitration. Costs to initiate arbitration shall be paid by the party seeking arbitration. Notwithstanding, the party prevailing in any arbitration proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the other all attorney's fees and costs of arbitration.

**ATTACHMENT A****24 CFR Part 5 ANNUAL INCOME INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS – FOR HOME & CDBG****24 CFR Part 5 Annual Income Inclusions****§5.609 Annual income.**

(a) *Annual income* means all amounts, monetary or not, which:

- (1) Go to, or on behalf of, the family head or spouse (even if temporarily absent) or to any other family member; or
- (2) Are anticipated to be received from a source outside the family during the 12-month period following admission or annual reexamination effective date; and
- (3) Which are not specifically excluded in paragraph (c) of this section.
- (4) Annual income also means amounts derived (during the 12-month period) from assets to which any member of the family has access.

(b) Annual income includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) The full amount, before any payroll deductions, of wages and salaries, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips and bonuses, and other compensation for personal services;
- (2) The net income from the operation of a business or profession. Expenditures for business expansion or amortization of capital indebtedness shall not be used as deductions in determining net income. An allowance for depreciation of assets used in a business or profession may be deducted, based on straight line depreciation, as provided in Internal Revenue Service regulations. Any withdrawal of cash or assets from the operation of a business or profession will be included in income, except to the extent the withdrawal is reimbursement of cash or assets invested in the operation by the family;
- (3) Interest, dividends, and other net income of any kind from real or personal property. Expenditures for amortization of capital indebtedness shall not be used as deductions in determining net income. An allowance for depreciation is permitted only as authorized in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Any withdrawal of cash or assets from an investment will be included in income, except to the extent the withdrawal is reimbursement of cash or assets invested by the family. Where the family has net family assets in excess of \$5,000, annual income shall include the greater of the actual income derived from all net family assets or a percentage of the value of such assets based on the current passbook savings rate, as determined by HUD;
- (4) The full amount of periodic amounts received from Social Security, annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits, and other similar types of periodic receipts, including a lump-sum amount or prospective monthly amounts for the delayed start of a periodic amount (except as provided in paragraph (c)(14) of this section);

(5) Payments in lieu of earnings, such as unemployment and disability compensation, worker's compensation and severance pay (except as provided in paragraph (c)(3) of this section);

(6) *Welfare assistance payments.*

(i) Welfare assistance payments made under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program are included in annual income only to the extent such payments:

(A) Qualify as assistance under the TANF program definition at 45 CFR 260.31; and

(B) Are not otherwise excluded under paragraph (c) of this section.

(ii) If the welfare assistance payment includes an amount specifically designated for shelter and utilities that is subject to adjustment by the welfare assistance agency in accordance with the actual cost of shelter and utilities, the amount of welfare assistance income to be included as income shall consist of:

(A) The amount of the allowance or grant exclusive of the amount specifically designated for shelter or utilities; plus

(B) The maximum amount that the welfare assistance agency could in fact allow the family for shelter and utilities. If the family's welfare assistance is ratably reduced from the standard of need by applying a percentage, the amount calculated under this paragraph shall be the amount resulting from one application of the percentage.

(7) Periodic and determinable allowances, such as alimony and child support payments, and regular contributions or gifts received from organizations or from persons not residing in the dwelling;

(8) All regular pay, special pay and allowances of a member of the Armed Forces (except as provided in paragraph (c)(7) of this section).

(9) For section 8 programs only and as provided in 24 CFR 5.612, any financial assistance, in excess of amounts received for tuition and any other required fees and charges, that an individual receives under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*), from private sources, or from an institution of higher education (as defined under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), shall be considered income to that individual, except that financial assistance described in this paragraph is not considered annual income for persons over the age of 23 with dependent children. For the purposes of this paragraph, "financial assistance" does not include loan proceeds for the purpose of determining income.

**24 CFR Part 5 Annual Income Exclusions**

(c) Annual income does not include the following:

- (1) Income from employment of children (including foster children) under the age of 18 years;
- (2) Payments received for the care of foster children or foster adults (usually persons with disabilities, unrelated to the tenant family, who are unable to live alone);
- (3) Lump-sum additions to family assets, such as inheritances, insurance payments (including payments under health and accident insurance and worker's compensation), capital gains and settlement for personal or property losses (except as provided in paragraph (b)(5) of this section);
- (4) Amounts received by the family that are specifically for, or in reimbursement of, the cost of medical expenses for any family member;
- (5) Income of a live-in aide, as defined in §5.403;
- (6) Subject to paragraph (b)(9) of this section, the full amount of student financial assistance paid directly to the student or to the educational institution;
- (7) The special pay to a family member serving in the Armed Forces who is exposed to hostile fire;
- (8)
  - (i) Amounts received under training programs funded by HUD;
  - (ii) Amounts received by a person with a disability that are disregarded for a limited time for purposes of Supplemental Security Income eligibility and benefits because they are set aside for use under a Plan to Attain Self-Sufficiency (PASS);
  - (iii) Amounts received by a participant in other publicly assisted programs which are specifically for or in reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred (special equipment, clothing, transportation, childcare, etc.) and which are made solely to allow participation in a specific program;
  - (iv) Amounts received under a resident service stipend. A resident service stipend is a modest amount (not to exceed \$200 per month) received by a resident for performing a service for the PHA or owner, on a part-time basis, that enhances the quality of life in the development. Such services may include, but are not limited to, fire patrol, hall monitoring, lawn maintenance, resident initiatives coordination, and serving as a member of the PHA's governing board. No resident may receive more than one such stipend during the same period of time;
  - (v) Incremental earnings and benefits resulting to any family member from participation in qualifying State or local employment training programs (including training programs not affiliated with a local government) and training of a family member as resident management staff. Amounts excluded by this provision must be

received under employment training programs with clearly defined goals and objectives, and are excluded only for the period during which the family member participates in the employment training program;

(9) Temporary, nonrecurring or sporadic income (including gifts);

(10) Reparation payments paid by a foreign government pursuant to claims filed under the laws of that government by persons who were persecuted during the Nazi era;

(11) Earnings in excess of \$480 for each full-time student 18 years old or older (excluding the head of household and spouse);

(12) Adoption assistance payments in excess of \$480 per adopted child;

(13) [Reserved]

(14) Deferred periodic amounts from supplemental security income and Social Security benefits that are received in a lump sum amount or in prospective monthly amounts, or any deferred Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits that are received in a lump sum amount or in prospective monthly amounts.

(15) Amounts received by the family in the form of refunds or rebates under State or local law for property taxes paid on the dwelling unit;

(16) Amounts paid by a State agency to a family with a member who has a developmental disability and is living at home to offset the cost of services and equipment needed to keep the developmentally disabled family member at home; or

(17) Amounts specifically excluded by any other Federal statute from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility or benefits under a category of assistance programs that includes assistance under any program to which the exclusions set forth in 24 CFR 5.609(c) apply. A notice will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and distributed to PHAs and housing owners identifying the benefits that qualify for this exclusion. Updates will be published and distributed when necessary. [See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2014/05/20/2014-11688/federally-mandated-exclusions-from-income-updated-listing> for most recent notice]

(d) *Annualization of income.* If it is not feasible to anticipate a level of income over a 12-month period (e.g., seasonal or cyclic income), or the PHA believes that past income is the best available indicator of expected future income, the PHA may annualize the income anticipated for a shorter period, subject to a redetermination at the end of the shorter period.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **PART 5 ANNUAL INCOME NET FAMILY ASSET INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

This table presents the Part 5 asset inclusions and exclusions as stated in the HUD Technical Guide for Determining Income and Allowances for HOME Program (Third Edition; January 2005).

Statements from 24 CFR Part 5 – Last Modified: January 2005

#### **Inclusions**

1. Cash held in savings accounts, checking accounts, safe deposit boxes, homes, etc. For savings accounts, use the current balance. For checking accounts, use the average 6-month balance. Assets held in foreign countries are considered assets.
2. Cash value of revocable trusts available to the applicant.
3. Equity in rental property or other capital investments. Equity is the estimated current market value of the asset less the unpaid balance on all loans secured by the asset and all reasonable costs (e.g., broker fees) that would be incurred in selling the asset. Under HOME, equity in the family's primary residence is not considered in the calculation of assets for owner-occupied rehabilitation projects.
4. Cash value of stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit and money market accounts.
5. Individual retirement, 401(K), and Keogh accounts (even though withdrawal would result in a penalty).
6. Retirement and pension funds.
7. Cash value of life insurance policies available to the individual before death (e.g., surrender value of a whole life or universal life policy).
8. Personal property held as an investment such as gems, jewelry, coin collections, antique cars, etc.
9. Lump sum or one-time receipts, such as inheritances, capital gains, lottery winnings, victim's restitution, insurance settlements and other amounts not intended as periodic payments.
10. Mortgages or deeds of trust held by an applicant.

#### **Exclusions**

1. Necessary personal property, except as noted in number 8 of Inclusions, such as clothing, furniture, cars and vehicles specially equipped for persons with disabilities.
2. Interest in Indian trust lands.
3. Assets not effectively owned by the applicant. That is, when assets are held in an individual's name, but the assets and any income they earn accrue to the benefit of someone else who is not a member of the household, and that other person is responsible for income taxes incurred on income generated by the asset.
4. Equity in cooperatives in which the family lives.
5. Assets not accessible to and that provide no income for the applicant.
6. Term life insurance policies (i.e., where there is no cash value).
7. Assets that are part of an active business. "Business" does not include rental of properties that are held as an investment and not a main occupation.

**ATTACHMENT C****CURRENT INCOME LIMITS FOR THE AREA (FOR HOME/CDBG)  
(CDBG effective 5/1/24)**

<i>Number of Persons in Household</i>								
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>80% of AMI</b>	\$49,250	\$56,250	\$63,300	\$70,300	\$75,950	\$81,550	\$87,200	\$92,800

\*Sponsor will insert the limits for the county in which the Program is located and will update the income limits annually as HUD provides new information. The link to the official, HUD-maintained, income limits is:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2020/2020summary.odn>  
[www.hudexchange.info/resource/5334/cdbg-income-limits/](http://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5334/cdbg-income-limits/)

**SPONSOR STANDARDS FOR BEDROOM AND BATHROOM ADDITIONS TO  
ALLEVIATE OVERCROWDING**

<b>Maximum No. of Persons in the Household</b>	<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>	<b>Number of Bathrooms</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>SRO</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>0-BR</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>1-BR</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>2-BR</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>3-BR</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>4-BR</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>5-BR</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>6-BR</b>	<b>4</b>

- Opposite sex children under 6 years of age may share a bedroom, up to 2 children per bedroom.
- Opposite sex children 6 years of age and older may have their own bedroom.
- Children shall be permitted a separate bedroom from their parents.
- Same sex children of any age may share a bedroom, up to 2 children per bedroom.
- Adults not in a partner relationship may have their own bedroom.
- 4 or more people – a second bathroom may be added.
- 8 or more people – a third bathroom may be added.
- Same rules apply to mobile home units.

**The chart above is used as a guide to overcrowding.**

**ATTACHMENT D****HEALTH & SAFETY REPAIR PROGRAM MARKETING PLAN****SUMMARY**

The Sponsor will continue its efforts to market the Health & Safety Repair Program in a manner that will reach all community members.

All marketing related to the Health & Safety Repair Program is publicized in both English and Spanish. All marketing materials include information identifying the Sponsor's commitment to fair housing laws and affirmative marketing policy and are widely distributed. Equal opportunity is emphasized in written materials and oral presentations. A record is maintained by the Sponsor identifying what marketing materials are used, and when and where they are distributed.

Forms of marketing may include fliers, brochures, newspaper ads, articles and public service announcements. Fliers and brochures are distributed at local government buildings, other public buildings and through the mail, as well as to businesses that assist those not likely to apply without special outreach. Advertisements and articles are published in newspapers that are widely circulated within the community.

Established working relationships with local lending agencies also aid in informing the public by facilitating the distribution of informational fliers to households seeking financial assistance for repairs that are unable to obtain conventional financing.

Informational meetings are offered to potential participants to explain Program requirements. Often, minimal formal outreach efforts are required as the need for assistance generally exceeds funds available. However, marketing measures are actively performed in order to maintain a healthy interest list.

Characteristics on all applicants and participants are collected and compared with the Sponsor's demographics. Should the Sponsor find that there are underserved segments of the population, a plan to better serve them will be developed and implemented.

**MARKETING FORMS**

- Fliers
- Brochures
- Newspaper Ads and Articles
- Public Service Announcements
- Public Informational Meetings

**MARKETING VENUES**

- Local Government Buildings
- Local Public Services Buildings
- Private Businesses
- Lending Agencies
- Real Estate Offices
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Mail



**ATTACHMENT E****RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND TEMPORARY RELOCATION PLAN  
Version 2**

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, require all grantees of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds or Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to follow a written Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (Plan) for any activities which could lead to displacement of occupants whose property is receiving funds from these or other federal funding source. Having been developed in response to both aforesaid federal legislations, this Plan is intended to inform the public of the compliance of the County of Tulare (Sponsor) with the requirements of federal regulations 24 CFR 570.606 under state recipient requirements and Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and 24 CFR 92 of the HOME federal regulations. The Plan will outline reasonable steps, which the Sponsor will take to minimize displacement and ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state relocation requirements. The Sponsor's governing body has adopted this plan via a formal resolution.

This Plan will affect rehabilitation activities funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the following Program titles: HOME, CDBG, Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG), Special Purpose Grants, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, and such other grants as HUD may designate as applicable, which take place within the Sponsor's jurisdiction limits.

The Sponsor will provide permanent relocation assistance to all eligible "displaced" households either owner occupied or rental occupied units which are permanently displaced by the housing rehabilitation Program (**See Section E below.**). In addition, the Sponsor will replace all eligible occupied and vacant occupiable low-income group dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than low-income group housing as a direct result of rehabilitation activities. This applies to all units assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and as described in the Federal Regulations 24 CFR 570.496(a), Relocation, Displacement and Acquisition: Final Rule dated July 18, 1990 (Section 104(d)) and 49 CFR Part 24, Uniform Relocation Assistance (URA) and Real Property Acquisition Regulations Final Rule and Notice (URA) dated March 2, 1989.

All Sponsor Programs/projects will be implemented in ways consistent with the Sponsor's commitment to Fair Housing. Participants will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, sex, familial status, or handicap. The Sponsor will provide equal relocation assistance available 1) to each HUD Low/Mod individual household displaced by the demolition or rehabilitation of housing or by the conversion of a HUD Low/Mod individual dwelling to another use as a direct result of assisted activities; and 2) to each separate class of HUD Low/Mod individual persons temporarily relocated as a direct result of activities funded by HUD Programs.

**A. Minimizing Permanent Displacement and Temporary Relocation Resulting from Housing Rehabilitation or Reconstruction Activities**

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, the Sponsor will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes during housing rehabilitation or reconstruction funded by HUD Programs:

1. Provide proper notices with counseling and referral services to all tenants so that they

understand their relocation rights and receive the proper assistance. When necessary, assist permanently displaced persons to find alternate housing in the neighborhood.

2. Stage rehabilitation of assisted households to allow owner occupants and/or tenants to remain during minor rehabilitation.
3. Encourage owner investors to temporarily relocate tenants to other available safe and sanitary vacant units on the project site area during the course of rehabilitation or pay expenses on behalf of replaced tenants.
4. Work with area landlords, real estate brokers, and/or hotel/motel managements to locate vacancies for households facing temporary relocation.
5. When necessary, use public funds, such as CDBG funds, to pay moving costs and provide relocation/displacement payments to households permanently displaced by assisted activities.

**B. Lead Based Paint Mitigation Which Causes Temporary Relocation:**

On September 15, 2000, the Final Rule for Lead Based Paint Hazard Control went into effect. Among other things, it requires that federally funded rehabilitation must use safe work practices so that occupants and workers can be protected from lead hazards. **At no time should the tenant-occupant(s) be present in work areas or designated adjacent areas while LHC activities are taking place in any dwelling unit interior, common area, or exterior.** As such, occupants may not be allowed to remain in their units during the time that lead-based paint hazards are being created or treated. Once work that causes lead hazards has been completed, and the unit passes clearance, the occupants can return. **The tenant-occupants may not reoccupy a work area or adjacent area until post-lead hazard reduction clearance standards have been achieved and verified with laboratory results.** The final rule allows for certain exceptions: Programs:

1. The work will not disturb lead-based paint, or create dust-lead or soil-lead hazard; or
2. The work is on exterior only and openings are sealed to prevent dust from entering the home, the work area is cleaned after the work is completed, and the residents have alternative lead-free entry; or
3. The interior work will be completed in one period of less than 8-daytime hours and the work site is contained to prevent the release of dust into other areas of the home; or
4. The interior work will be completed within five (5) calendar days, the work site is contained to prevent the release of dust, the worksite and areas within 10 feet of the worksite are cleaned at the end of each day to remove any visible dust and debris, and the residents have safe access to kitchen and bath and bedrooms.

If temporary relocation assistance is not provided because the Sponsor believes that the project meets one of the above criteria, then proper documentation must be provided in the rehabilitation project file to show compliance. It is up to the Sponsor to ensure that the owner occupant or tenant in the project does not get impacted by lead paint mitigation efforts. In most cases where lead paint mitigation is taking place, occupants (tenants or owners) will be strongly encouraged to relocate even for just a few days until a final lead clearance can be issued by a certified lead-based paint assessor. Occupants who are temporarily relocated because of lead based paint

mitigation are entitled to the same relocation assistance as those who are relocated because of substantial rehabilitation or reconstruction activities.

C. Temporary Relocation of Owner Occupants:

Owner occupants are not allowed to stay in units which are hazardous environments during lead-based paint mitigation. When their home is having lead-based paint mitigation work done which will not make it safe to live in, then they are eligible for temporary relocation assistance up to \$5,000, which will be provided as a grant. In the same way, a unit requiring substantial rehabilitation (with or without lead based paint mitigation) which will not allow the family to access a bath or kitchen facility, or if the unit is being demolished and reconstructed, then the family will be eligible for temporary relocation assistance up to \$5,000, which will be provided as a grant.

The housing rehabilitation loan specialist and/or the rehabilitation construction specialist will complete a temporary relocation assistance form (**See Appendix C**) to document that the owner occupant understands that they must relocate during the course of construction and what expenses they wish to be reimbursed for as part of their relocation. Relocation Assistance is a reimbursement of actual expenses and must be supported by invoices. In addition, all relocation costs must be allocable and reasonable. Multiple options related to moving expenses and rental units will be explored and the lowest cost option will be selected. Owner occupants are encouraged to seek free moving assistance. If free assistance is not available, the owner occupant's family and friends can be reimbursed as long as documentation exists in the participant file showing the cost to be less than the alternatives (i.e., moving company, moving/storage pod, etc.). Relocation for a rental unit will be based on reasonableness of accommodations and market rents.

At the time of doing the work write-up, the Sponsor and Owner occupant will estimate the cost for temporary relocation. If unforeseen circumstances make it appear that the estimated amount will not cover the cost of temporary relocation, written change orders will be required. The change order will state the change and dollar value for the change. The change order must be signed by both the contractor and the Owner occupant and submitted to the Program Operator and Sponsor for signature approval. If the change order exceeds the approved grant amount, a report and request for additional Temporary Relocation grant funds may be presented to the Sponsor's Grant Review Committee for approval prior to the Program Operator signing-off on the change order.

D. Temporary Relocation of Residential Tenants:

If continued occupancy during rehabilitation is judged to constitute a substantial danger to health and safety of the tenant or the public, or is otherwise undesirable because of the nature of the project, the tenant may be required to relocate temporarily. The contract administrator or rehabilitation specialist will make determination of the need for temporary relocation. The temporary relocation period will not exceed 180 days. All conditions of temporary relocation will be reasonable. Any tenant required to relocate temporarily will be helped to find another place to live which is safe, sanitary and of comparable value and they have the first right to move back into the original unit being rehabilitated at the same rent or lower. He or she may move in with family and friends and still receive full or partial temporary assistance based on eligible cost incurred. The housing rehabilitation loan specialist and/or the rehabilitation specialist will ensure

that each tenant-occupied unit under the Program will receive a General Information Notice (GIN) (as soon as possible after a grant application is received) and the tenant will receive a Notice of Non-displacement (after grant approval), and each tenant-occupied unit will have a temporary relocation assistance form completed for them. **(See Appendix C)**. These notices will document that each tenant understands what their relocation rights are, and if they must relocate during the course of construction, that they receive the proper counseling and temporary relocation assistance.

A tenant receiving temporary relocation shall receive the following:

1. Increased housing costs (e.g. rent increase, security deposits) and
2. Payment for moving and related expenses, as follows:
  - a. Transportation of the displaced persons and personal property within 50 miles, unless the grantee determines that farther relocation is justified;
  - b. Packing, crating, unpacking, and uncrating of personal property;
  - c. Storage of personal property, not to exceed 12 months, unless the grantee determines that a longer period is necessary;
  - d. Disconnection, dismantling, removing, reassembling, and reinstalling relocated household appliances and other personal property;
  - e. Insurance for the replacement value of personal property in connection with the move and necessary storage;
  - f. The replacement value of property lost, stolen or damaged in the process of moving (not through the fault of the displaced person, his or her agent, or employee) where insurance covering such loss, theft or damage is not reasonably available;
  - g. Reasonable and necessary costs of security deposits required to rent the replacement dwelling;
  - h. Any costs of credit checks required to rent the replacement dwelling;
  - i. Other moving related expenses as the grantee determines to be reasonable and necessary, except the following ineligible expenses:
    - 1) Interest on a loan to cover moving expenses; or
    - 2) Personal injury; or
    - 3) Any legal fee or other cost for preparing a claim for a relocation payment or for representing the claimant before the Grantee; or
    - 4) Costs for storage of personal property on real property already owned or leased by the displaced person before the initiation of negotiations.

**E. Rehabilitation Activities Requiring Permanent Displacement**

The Sponsor's rehabilitation Program will not typically trigger permanent displacement and permanent displacement activities fall outside of the scope of this plan. If a case of permanent displacement is encountered, then the staff responsible for the rehabilitation Program will consult with Sponsor's legal counsel to decide if they have the capacity to conduct the permanent displacement activity. If local staff does not have the capacity, then a professional relocation consultant will be hired to do the counseling and assistance determination and implementation. If

local staff does wish to do the permanent displacement activity, then they will consult and follow the HUD Relocation Handbook 1378.

**F. Rehabilitation Which Triggers Replacement Housing**

If the Sponsor's rehabilitation Program assists a property where one or more units are eliminated then under Section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Act of 1974, as amended applies and the Sponsor is required to replace those lost units. An example of this would be a duplex unit which is converted into a single-family unit. In all cases where rehabilitation activities will reduce the number of housing units in the jurisdiction, then the Sponsor must document that any lost units are replaced, and any occupants of reduced units are given permanent relocation assistance. (This does not apply to reconstruction or replacement housing done under a rehabilitation Program where the existing unit(s) is demolished and replaced with a structure equal in size without the loss in number of units or bedrooms.)

Replacement housing will be provided within three years after the commencement of the demolition or conversion. Before entering into a contract committing the Sponsor to provide funds for an activity that will directly result in such demolition or conversion, the Sponsor will make this activity public (through a noticed public hearing and/or publication in a newspaper of general circulation) and submit to the California Department of Housing and Community Development or the appropriate federal authority the following information in writing:

1. A description of the proposed assisted activity;
2. The location on a map and the approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as HUD Low/Mod individual dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
3. A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
4. The location on a map and the approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
5. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of the replacement dwelling units;
6. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a HUD Low/Mod individual dwelling unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy; and,
7. Information demonstrating that any proposed replacement of dwelling units with smaller dwelling units (e.g., a two-bedroom unit with two one-bedroom units) is consistent with the housing needs of HUD Low/Mod individual households in the jurisdiction.

The Program Operator for the Sponsor is responsible for tracking the replacement of housing and ensuring that it is provided within the required period. The Sponsor is responsible for ensuring requirements are met for notification and provision of relocation assistance, as described in Section 570.606, to any HUD Low/Mod individual displaced by the demolition of any dwelling unit or the conversion of a HUD Low/Mod individual dwelling unit to another use in connection with an assisted activity.

G. Record Keeping and Relocation Disclosures/Notifications

The Sponsor will maintain records of occupants of federally funded rehabilitated, reconstructed or demolished property from the start to completion of the project to demonstrate compliance with section 104(d), URA and applicable Program regulations. Each rehabilitation project, which dictates temporary or permanent or replacement activities, will have a project description and documentation of assistance provided. (See sample forms in HUD Relocation Handbook 1378, Chapter 1, Appendix 11, form HUD-40054)

Appropriate advisory services will include reasonable advance written notice of (a) the date and approximate duration of the temporary relocation; (b) the address of the suitable, decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling to be made available for the temporary period; (c) the terms and conditions under which the tenant may lease and occupy a suitable, decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling.

Notices shall be written in plain, understandable primary language of the persons involved. Persons who are unable to read and understand the notice (e.g. illiterate, foreign language, or impaired vision or other disability) will be provided with appropriate translation/communication. Each notice will indicate the name and telephone number of a person who may be contacted for answers to questions or other needed help. The notices and process below are only for temporary relocation. If permanent relocation is involved, then other sets of notice, noticing process, and relocation assistance must be applied. (See HUD relocation handbook 1378 for those forms and procedures.) The Temporary Relocation Advisory Notices to be provided are as follows:

1. General Information Notice: As soon as feasible when an owner investor is applying for Federal financing for rehabilitation, reconstruction, or demolition, the tenant of a housing unit will be mailed, or hand delivered a General Information Notice that the project has been proposed and that the tenant will be able to occupy his or her present house upon completion of rehabilitation. The tenant will be informed that the rent after rehabilitation will not exceed current rent or 30 percent of his or her average monthly gross household income. The tenant will be informed that if he or she is required to move temporarily so that the rehabilitation can be completed, suitable housing will be made available, and he or she will be reimbursed for all reasonable extra expenses. The tenant will be cautioned that he or she will not be provided relocation assistance if he or she decides to move for personal reasons. **See Appendix A for sample notice to be delivered personally or by certified mail.**
2. Notice of Non Displacement: As soon as feasible when the rehabilitation application has been approved, the tenant will be informed that they will not be permanently displaced and that they are eligible for temporary relocation assistance because of lead based paint mitigation or substantial rehabilitation, or reconstruction of their unit. The tenant will also again be cautioned not to move for personal reasons during rehabilitation, or risk losing relocation assistance. **See Appendix B for sample notice to be delivered personally or by certified mail.**
3. Disclosure to Occupants of Temporary Relocation Assistance: This form is completed to document that the Sponsor is following its adopted temporary relocation plan for owner occupants and tenants. **See Appendix C for a copy of the disclosure form.**

4. Other Relocation/Displacement Notices: The above three notices are required for temporary relocation. If the Sponsor is attempting to provide permanent displacement assistance, then there are a number of other forms which are required. Staff will consult HUD's Relocation Handbook 1378 and ensure that all the proper notices are provided for persons who are permanently displaced as a result of housing rehabilitation activities funded by CDBG or other federal Programs.

**APPENDIX A**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

On   (date)  ,  (property owner)  submitted an application to the \_\_\_\_\_ for financial assistance to rehabilitate the building which you occupy at  (address) .

This notice is to inform you that, if the assistance is provided and the building is rehabilitated, you will not be displaced. Therefore, we urge you not to move anywhere at this time. (If you do elect to move for reasons of your choice, you will not be provided relocation assistance.)

If the application is approved and Federal assistance is provided for the rehabilitation, you will be able to lease and occupy your present apartment (or another suitable, decent, safe and sanitary apartment in the same building) upon completion of the rehabilitation. Of course, you must comply with standard lease terms and conditions.

After the rehabilitation, your initial rent, including the estimated average monthly utility costs, will not exceed the greater of (a) your current rent/average utility costs, or (b) 30 percent of your gross household income. If you must move temporarily so that the rehabilitation can be completed, suitable housing will be made available to you for the temporary period, and you will be reimbursed for all reasonable extra expenses, including all moving costs and any increase in housing costs.

Again, we urge you not to move. If the project is approved, you can be sure that we will make every effort to accommodate your needs. Because Federal assistance would be involved, you would be protected by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

This letter is important and should be retained. You will be contacted soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions about our plans, please contact  (name) ,  (title) , at  (telphone number) ,  (address) .

Sincerely,

 (name) 

 (title)



**APPENDIX B**

(date)

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

On (date), we notified you that the owner of your building had applied for assistance to make extensive repairs to the building. On (date), the owner's request was approved, and the repairs will begin soon.

This is a notice of non-displacement. You will not be required to move permanently as a result of the rehabilitation. This notice guarantees you the following:

1. You will be able to lease and occupy your present apartment [or another suitable, decent, safe and sanitary apartment in the same building/complex] upon completion of the rehabilitation. Your monthly rent will remain until after construction is completed. If increased after construction is done, your new rent and estimated average utility costs will not exceed local fair market rents for your community. Of course, you must comply with all the other reasonable terms and conditions of your lease.
2. If you must move temporarily so that the repairs can be completed, you will be reimbursed for all of your extra expenses, including the cost of moving to and from the temporarily occupied unit and any additional housing costs. The temporary unit will be decent, safe and sanitary, and all other conditions of the temporary move will be reasonable.

Since you will have the opportunity to occupy a newly rehabilitated apartment, I urge you not to move. (If you do elect to move for your own reasons, you will not receive any relocation assistance.) We will make every effort to accommodate your needs. Because Federal assistance is involved, you are protected by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

If you have any questions, please contact (name), (title), at (phone #), (address). Remember; do not move before we have a chance to discuss your eligibility for assistance. This letter is important to you and should be retained.

Sincerely,

(name and title)

**APPENDIX C****DISCLOSURE TO OCCUPANT OF TEMPORARY RELOCATION ASSISTANCE***Top to be completed at time of grant application submittal or Home Visit*

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                     \_\_\_ Rental Unit                      \_\_\_ Owner/Occupied Unit

The rehabilitation loan specialist working on behalf of the County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 has explained the temporary relocation services and assistance available under the current rehabilitation Program  
 relocation plan.

I/we have been advised that the County of \_\_\_\_\_ rehabilitation construction specialist will inform me if I need  
 to be temporarily relocated and will to assist me with scheduling any necessary moves and answer any questions about  
 assistance as needed.

Acknowledged:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupant Signature      Date                      Occupant Signature                      Date

*Complete this at time of acceptance of Work Write Up with initials by occupant*

The rehabilitation construction specialist for the City of \_\_\_\_\_  
 has explained the Rehabilitation Scope of Work for our house and I/we agree that it will:  
 \_\_\_ Not require I/we to be relocated. **(If initialed then STOP here and sign bottom.)**  
 \_\_\_ Yes, I/we need to be temporarily relocated. **(Complete rest of form if initialed.)**

Start date and duration of relocation:

\_\_\_ Starting on or about \_\_\_\_\_ we will move for all or part of the rehabilitation project.  
 \_\_\_ Approximate length of temporary relocation: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of days.

For temporary relocation, I/We elect to (check all that apply):

\_\_\_ Relocate with friends and family.  
 \_\_\_ Relocate into a suitable temporary housing unit identified by rehab specialist.  
 \_\_\_ Relocate furnishings only into a temporary storage unit.

\_\_\_ I/We have been told what our relocation assistance is and elect **Not** to be reimbursed for any eligible relocation  
 expenses.

\_\_\_ I/We have been told what our relocation assistance is and want to be reimbursed for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, occupant(s) acknowledge receipt of copy of this form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupant Signature                      Date                      Occupant Signature                      Date

**ATTACHMENT F**

**CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY**

**COUNTY OF TULARE**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ declare as follows:  
(Please Print Occupant/Borrower's Name(s))

That I/we am/are currently occupying as my/our principal place of residence the real property commonly known as:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip code)

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, CA  
(Date) (City)

I/We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature(s) of all occupants:

Occupant: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupant: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupant: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupant: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupant: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupant: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT G

## LEAD-BASED PAINT

## VISUAL ASSESSMENT, NOTICE OF PRESUMPTION, AND HAZARD REDUCTION FORM

<b>Section 1: Background Information</b>			
Property Address:			No LBP found or LBP exempt <input type="checkbox"/>
Select one:	Visual Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>	Presumption <input type="checkbox"/>	Hazard Reduction <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Section 2: Visual Assessment.</b> Fill out Sections 1, 2, and 6. If paint stabilization is performed, also fill out Sections 4 and 5 after the work is completed.			
Visual Assessment Date:		Report Date:	
Check if no deteriorated paint found <input type="checkbox"/>			
Attachment A: Summary where deteriorated paint was found. For multi-family housing, list at least the housing unit numbers and common areas and building components (including type of room or space, and the material underneath the paint).			
<b>Section 3: Notice of Presumption.</b> Fill out Sections 1, 3, 5, and 6. Provide to occupant w/in 15 days of presumption.			
Date of Presumption Notice:			
Lead-based paint is presumed to be present <input type="checkbox"/> and/or Lead-based paint <i>hazards</i> are presumed to be present <input type="checkbox"/>			
Attachment B: Summary of Presumption: For multi-family housing, list at least the housing unit numbers and common areas, bare soil locations, dust-lead location, and or building components (including type of room or space, and the materials underneath the paint) of lead-based paint and/or hazards presumed to be present.			
<b>Section 4: Notice of Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Activity.</b> Fill out Sections 1, 4, 5, and 6. Provide to occupant w/in 15 days of after work completed.			
Date of Hazard Reduction Notice:			
Initial Hazard Reduction Notice? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Start & Completion Dates:	
If "No", dates of previous Hazard Reduction Activity Notices:			
Attachment C: Activity locations and types. For multi-family housing, list at least the housing unit numbers and common areas (for multifamily housing), bare soil locations, dust-lead locations, and/or building components (including type of room or space, and the material underneath the paint), and the types of lead-based paint hazard reduction activities performed at the location listed.			
Attachment D: Location of building components with <u>lead-based paint remaining</u> in the rooms, spaces or areas where activities were conducted.			
Attachment E: Attach clearance report(s), using DHS form 8552 (and 8551 for abatement activities)			
<b>Section 5: Resident Receipt of Notice for Presumption or Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Activity and Acknowledgement of Receipt of pamphlet <i>Protection Your Family from Lead in Your Home</i>.</b>			
Printed Name:		Signature:	Date:
<b>Section 6: Contact Information</b>		Organization:	
Contact Name:		Contact Signature:	
Date:	Address:	Phone:	

## ATTACHMENT H

**HEALTH & SAFETY REPAIR PROGRAM CONTRACTOR GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION SHEET****SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES  
Health & Safety Repair Program  
Contractor Guidelines and Information Sheet****Introduction**

The mission of Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) is to work together with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities.

Though known as a top agricultural production region, the San Joaquin Valley has among the highest poverty rates in the State of California with many rural, unincorporated communities lacking adequate housing, water and sewer services. In particular, the people who provide the source of labor for the agricultural fields can find little except substandard housing in existing stock, and have insufficient income to qualify for standard new home loans. Similarly, the low income, elderly, and handicapped often find themselves trapped in substandard housing. Through our programs, staff works with cities, counties and residents to help meet the needs of our participants and the communities they call home.

SHE appreciates your interest in improving the housing conditions of low-income families in the San Joaquin Valley. It is our hope that together we can realize the dream of safe and decent housing for the less fortunate in our community.

**A. General Program Information**

The aim of the Health & Safety Repair Program is to repair or replace houses making life-safety and sanitary upgrades under the standards of the California Building Code (CBC) and the requirements of the State and/or Federal funding sources.

To accomplish this, Self-Help Enterprises (SHE):

1. Assists the jurisdiction to apply for funds providing low-interest financing to eligible Owners so that they can afford to rehabilitate or reconstruct their home or rental unit;
2. Contracts with the jurisdiction to provide technical assistance for the financial and construction aspects of the program; and
3. Keeps jobs on schedule, running smoothly, and when problems arise, works with all parties to swiftly resolve those problems.

**B. Work Standards**

The work must meet all applicable building codes and be done in a competent manner. We expect professional quality. Everything must be functional, visually acceptable, and be built to California Building Performance Guidelines for Residential Construction Standards.

**C. Contractor Eligibility**

1. Contractors must be licensed in the State of California as a Class B General Contractor and their license must be in good standing with the Contractors' State Licensing Board;
2. California law requires Contractors have a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance, worker's compensation, and a valid Contractor Bond. ***Evidence of these must be provided prior***

***to entering into a Construction Contract and insurance must be in force throughout the term of the Contract;***

3. Contractors will be checked against the Federal System for Award Management (SAM.gov) for debarred status. Contractors listed on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) are ineligible;
4. Contractors must complete an application;
5. Contractors may be asked to participate in project orientation; and
6. Contractors will receive an evaluation after every job.

**D. Contractor Suspension/Elimination from Bid List**

A Contractor will be moved to the Inactive Contractor List for the reasons identified below and/or if a performance evaluation results in a Below Standard rating. If not permanently eliminated, a Contractor can submit a request to be reinstated to Active status upon correction of the issue or following the time period found in parenthesis by each reason.

1. Contractor fails to return the annual request for confirmation of interest in remaining on the Active Contractor List (Upon Receipt of Confirmation of Interest)
2. Contractor's license is no longer valid (Upon Proof of Correction)
3. Inability to acquire insurance (Upon Proof of Correction)
4. Failure to finish one or more jobs in the time specified in the Contract (One Year)
5. Failure to prove the knowledge and/or ability to perform the work required of any given Contract per the California Building Code (One Year AND Upon Proof of Correction)
6. Quality of work does not meet specifications in the Contract (One Year)
7. Failure to resolve legitimate complaints about the workmanship and/or materials (Permanent Elimination)
8. Evidence of financial problems (One Year AND Proof of Positive Credit/Credit Report)
9. Withdrawal of bids and/or failure to attend bid tours (Six Months)
10. Pressuring Owners to choose a specific Contractor; promising rebates, kickbacks, or additional work not included in the bid documents, or otherwise trying to circumvent the bid process in an unethical or illegal manner (Permanent Elimination)
11. Failure to disclose that the Contractor, or an employee of the Contractor, is the Owner of, or has a financial interest in, the property the Contractor is rehabilitating (Permanent Elimination)
12. Failure to comply with established jurisdiction guidelines and/or standards (Permanent Elimination)

**E. Federal/State Requirements**

The paperwork required (contracts, bid procedures, payment requisition, etc.) is designed to protect the Contractor's and Owner's interests, and it is far less complicated than the typical federally-funded project.

Three requirements to take note of are:

1. Equal opportunity laws govern the program. Discriminatory practices in the employment of individuals based on race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, or national origin are unacceptable;
2. No jurisdiction or SHE employee can have any direct or indirect financial interest in the work to be performed and cannot have any financial dealings with Contractors or Owners involved in the program; and
3. Neither a Contractor, nor their employee(s) can be the Owner of or have a financial interest in the property, except as an Owner-Builder.

**F. Scope of Work**

The Owner, working with SHE staff and jurisdiction inspectors, decides on the work. This is specified in the bid documents and any drawings needed.

#### **G. Bid/Contractor Selection**

When a home comes up for bid in the area(s) you requested, your name/company will be submitted with other contractors to the family for consideration. If the family selects your name, you will be contacted by a SHE Rehabilitation Specialist to attend a bid tour. Owners have the right to exclude Contractors from the list without justification, and they may request that other qualified Contractors be added. Contractors will be notified via telephone and/or in writing (email, fax, etc.) at least one week prior to each bid tour.

1. Contractors must develop a proven performance record to be awarded multiple contracts. A Contractor develops a proven performance record upon completion of the following steps:
  - a. All new Contractors who have been awarded their first contract under the Housing Rehabilitation Programs operated by SHE are not eligible to receive additional contracts until the awarded contract is completed and job performance is evaluated by the jurisdiction's building official or building inspector and SHE's Rehabilitation Construction Manager or Rehab Specialist (see attached Contractor Job Performance Evaluation).
  - b. After completion and positive evaluation of the first contract, a Contractor may be awarded two contracts but will not be eligible to receive additional contracts until one or both of the two awarded contracts are completed and evaluated.
  - c. Following the completion of three, positively evaluated contracts, a Contractor is considered to have established a proven performance record. Once a Contractor establishes a proven performance record, that Contractor is eligible to bid and receive multiple contracts.
2. Contractors cannot submit a bid on any property in which they have a vested interest. Such a Contractor may act as an Owner-Builder, subject to standard construction procedures. (Owner-Builders are reimbursed for purchased materials which are verified by invoice/receipt and used on the job, but they are not reimbursed for labor. Reimbursement occurs after the work is completed, inspected by the Building Department as required/applicable, and verified by a SHE Rehabilitation Specialist).
3. Homeowners are encouraged to accept the lowest reasonable bid. Reasonableness is determined by comparing the bids received with the cost estimate prepared by the SHE Rehab Specialist. Bids should be within 10% of SHE's cost estimate.
4. The total bid amount is **non-confidential** and available for everyone to see. However, the itemized amounts for each part of the work required with the bid are **confidential**.
5. Construction Contract is between the Owner and Contractor. Neither the jurisdiction nor SHE is a party to the Contract. The Owner pays for all work specified in the Contract from the grant which he or she has received.

#### **H. Change Orders**

All changes in the scope of work must be in writing and approved by the Owner, Contractor, SHE Rehab Specialist, and the jurisdiction. No changes to the scope of work should be handled without a written change order. It is not a sound business practice. The Contractor has no guarantee of payment without an approved, written change order.

#### **I. Grant Funds**

Grant funds are safe. A construction account is established with SHE for each job. Before the job starts, the grant funds are on deposit. Since no money can be withdrawn without authorization by the Owner and review by SHE, you can be assured that funds are available to cover the amount of the Contract.

**J. Payment**

Contractor submits an invoice for a progress payment based on work completed. The invoice must be inspected and approved by the Owner and SHE's Rehab Specialist prior to payment of the invoice. Generally, a contractor will receive payment by mail within two (2) to three (3) weeks after submitting an invoice.

Ten Percent (10%) of each invoice will be withheld and paid to the Contractor thirty-five days after the Notice of Completion has been recorded and all paperwork has been submitted and pick up/punch list work completed.

We look forward to talking to you more about this opportunity. Please feel free to call the office if you would like more information.



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## CONTRACTOR JOB PERFORMANCE EVALUATION INSTRUCTIONS

### I. Introduction

Contractor performance is defined as how a contractor carries out the obligations of the contract. This includes all requirements stated in the contract scope of work, provisions, and SHE's General Specifications, adherence to the budget or price, and the provision of customer service. The purpose of this document is to establish a standardized process for Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) to identify, document, and communicate performance with contractors and other programs, SHE, and City staff. The process used provides staff with the ability to identify performance issues, if any, as they arise. The performance evaluation and rating process provides feedback to contractors with below standard, standard, and above standard performance.

Performance evaluations will occur at the end of the life of the contract, no later than 30 calendar days following the final walk-through, clearance of any punch list items, or submission of the contractor's final invoice, whichever occurs later. SHE will email or mail a copy of the results of the evaluation to the contractor for review and comment. The evaluation process is NOT a collaborative process between the contractor and staff. Contractors do not participate in the evaluation and rating process. The purpose for sharing the evaluations with the contractor is to provide feedback to the contractor on performance.

All evaluation results will be recorded by SHE to determine eligibility, and Active or Inactive status, of the contractor for future contracting.

### II. General Instructions

#### A. Contractor Notification

Contractor should be made aware of the evaluation process prior to receiving the results of the evaluation. Contractors attending a bid tour will receive a copy of this document to explain the purpose of the evaluation, process, and rating system. Contractors requesting additional information about the evaluation process will be instructed to contact SHE directly.

#### B. Evaluation Timeline

Performance evaluations must be completed no later than 30 calendar days after the final walk-through, clearance of any punch list items, or submission of the contractor's final invoice, whichever occurs later. During the 30 calendar days, the evaluation is conducted, the results are sent to the contractor and the contractor is provided 14 calendar days to review the results and submit comments to SHE. There is some flexibility of this timeline for unforeseen or unusual circumstances (e.g., a death in the family).

### III. Evaluation Process

The staff member(s) conducting the evaluation must be familiar with the contract and the contractor's performance. Unless otherwise stated in writing, the jurisdiction's building official or building inspector and SHE's Rehabilitation Construction Manager or Rehab Specialist will perform the performance evaluation. These individuals are referred to as the "Evaluators" in performance evaluation related materials.

### IV. Below Standard Ratings & Disputes

Performance evaluations may result in a Below Standard rating. If this occurs, the Evaluators will move the contractor from the Active Contractor List to the Inactive Contractor List with reasons noted and send the contractor a letter of explanation along with a copy of his or her evaluation results.

Regardless of the rating given, a contractor may disagree with the evaluation/rating. A contractor must dispute his or her evaluation by submitting comments to SHE within 14 days of receiving his or her copy of the evaluation results. Upon receipt of a dispute, the Evaluators will review the contractor's comments and respond to the contractor by elaborating on the reasons for the rating given.

## V. Evaluation Category Definitions and Factors

The seven categories listed below are used by SHE to assess each contractor's performance during the contract period. Each evaluation category is described, and examples of possible factors provided. Factors listed below that are not applicable can be removed from the list and replaced with applicable factors developed by the Evaluators. While factors can be customized, the descriptions CANNOT.

Each contract is unique, and the Evaluators should utilize contract specific factors to evaluate performance under each category. This necessary flexibility may be confusing to contractors and will require thoughtful explanation. If the contractor requires clarification or additional information about the categories or evaluation process, they may contact SHE directly.

A. Quality: The contractor achieved desired outcomes with a minimum of avoidable errors and problems. Work met the requirements, expectations, or desired outcomes as set forth in the contract/scope of work. The work was accurate and complete. The work was done in an efficient and effective manner.

### **Factors:**

- Overall compliance – the contractor complied with the terms and conditions (to include program and funding requirements) of the contract and showed an understanding of agency's standards and expectations.
- Conformity to specifications – the product or service conformed to the specifications identified in the original solicitation and contractual agreement. The product performed and/or the services were provided as expected.
- Reliability – the rate of product failure was within reasonable limits or repairs and rework was acceptable.
- Durability – reasonable period of time lapses before replacement is necessary.
- Support – available from the contractor in a reasonable period of time and met the need for assistance.
- Warranty – reasonable length and provisions of warranty protection offered, and problems resolved in a timely fashion.
- State-of-the-art product/service – The contractor offered products and/or services consistent with industry standards. The contractor consistently refreshes product life by adding enhancements.

B. Timeliness: The contractor performed work within the time frames identified or specified in the contract/scope of work and kept the project on schedule.

**Factors:**

- The contractor delivered product and/or services by date agreed to in the contract.
- The contractor met timelines for the submission of deliverables such as reports, plans, invoices, etc.
- The contractor responded/replied to requests for information or assistance in a reasonable period of time.
- The contractor's average delivery time was comparable to that of other contractors for similar products and/or services.

- C. Price/Budget: The contractor effectively managed costs and the value of the product and/or services received supported the costs. The contractor adhered to budget as specified in the contract/scope of work.

**Factors:**

- Contractor's invoices were accurate with appropriate backup documentation.
- Estimates did not vary from the final invoice.
- There were a low number of variances from the initial agreed to prices and the costs stated on received invoices.
- The contractor was sensitive to costs and demonstrated respect for funding and the agency's needs.

- D. Business Relations/Customer Service: The degree to which the contractor was professional and respectful in its business approach and interactions with the agency.

**Factors:**

- The contractor was courteous, cooperative, and had a professional approach in all forms of communication.
- The contractor handled complaints efficiently and effectively.
- The contractor was knowledgeable about the project and/or had the expertise to provide assistance as requested.
- The contractor managed change effectively.
- The contractor attempted to resolve problems in a timely manner and followed up with a status report.
- The contractor provided technical support for maintenance, repair, and installation situations. Technical instructions, documentation, and general information was also provided.
- The contractor provided training on the effective use of its products or services.

- E. Deliverables/Requirements: The degree to which the contractor was compliant in meeting the standards of contract requirements and deliverables.

**Factors:**

- All deliverables submitted were complete, accurate, and submitted within the required timeline using required forms or format, if applicable.
- Requirements were demonstrated and/or documented.

- F. Safety: The degree to which the contractor mitigated and demonstrated freedom from risk of injury, danger, damage, or loss of life or property.

**Factors:**

- The contractor complied with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations concerning the health and safety of workers, the general public, and personal property.
- Contractor's safety record for the project.

G. **Dependability:** The degree to which contractor demonstrated trustworthiness and reliability.

**Factors:**

- The contractor was fair, honest, and reasonable in interactions with the agency.
- The contractor demonstrated consistency in business operations.
- The contractor was sincere in efforts to deliver a quality product and/or services.
- The contractor followed through on agreements made with the program/agency.

VI. Contractor Performance Rating Definitions and Factors

The following three ratings make up the evaluation rating structure. These rating definitions and factors CANNOT be customized.

A. **Below Standard:** Contractor performance has been less than standard or satisfactory. This rating encompasses contractors whose performance does not consistently meet expectations defined in the contract/scope of work.

**Factors:**

- Contractor performance does not consistently meet expectations defined in the contract.
- Close supervision of the contractor was required to progress the work.
- Work was unsatisfactory and consistently failed to meet expectations.
- Lack of cooperation.
- Most performance requirements were not met.
- Significant cost overruns.
- Many schedule slips with negative cost impact.
- Lack of user satisfaction.

B. **Standard:** Contractor has met all specifications and requirements. This rating includes a range of expected performance as stated in the contract/scope of work to support the project.

**Factors:**

- Contractor exhibits competency in the assignments and consistently meets the desired expectations of the project.
- Contractor meets standards and objectives and all performance requirements.
- Contractor sometimes exceeds expectations.
- Contractor met overall price.
- Contractor met expectations.
- Deliveries were on time.
- Project schedule was not impacted.
- Adequate user satisfaction.

- C. **Above Standard**: Contractor performance exceeds standard or satisfactory. This rating represents consistent and exceptional performance or consistently superior achievement beyond regular assignments and expectations as stated in the contract/scope of work.

**Factors:**

- Meeting and exceeding performance requirements.
- Significant positive impact to the project.
- Reduced costs while meeting contract requirements.
- All deliveries on time with some arriving early.
- Significantly exceeded expectations.
- High user satisfaction.
- Highly responsive and proactive.

## VII. CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

**CONTRACTOR JOB PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

File #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

		<b>Below Standard</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Above Standard</b>
<b>Overall Rating:</b>				
1.	Quality			
2.	Timeliness			
	Original Contract Completion Date:			
	Actual Contract Completion Date:			
3.	Price/Budget			
	Original Contract Amount: \$			
	Final Contract Amount: \$			
4.	Business Relations/Customer Service			
5.	Deliverables/Requirements			
6.	Safety			
7.	Dependability			

**Evaluator Information:**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**


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## PERFORMANCE FACTORS

**1. Quality:** The contractor achieved desired outcomes with a minimum of avoidable errors and problems. Work met the requirements, expectations, or desired outcomes as set forth in the contract/scope of work. The work was accurate and complete. The work was done in an efficient and effective manner.

**FACTORS:**

Overall compliance – the contractor complied with the terms and conditions (to include program and funding requirements) of the contract and showed an understanding of agency's standards and expectations

Conformity to specifications – the product or service conformed to the specifications identified in the original solicitation and contractual agreement. The product performed and/or the services were provided as expected

Reliability – the rate of product failure was within reasonable limits or repairs and rework was acceptable

Durability – reasonable period of time lapses before replacement is necessary

Support – available from the contractor in a reasonable period of time and met the need for assistance

Warranty – reasonable length and provisions of warranty protection offered, and problems resolved in a timely fashion

State-of-the-art product/service – The contractor offered products and/or services consistent with industry standards. The contractor consistently refreshes product life by adding enhancements

**2. Timeliness:** The contractor performed work within the time frames identified or specified in the contract/scope of work and kept the project on schedule.

**FACTORS:**

The contractor delivered product and/or services by date agreed to in the contract

The contractor met timelines for the submission of deliverables such as reports, plans, invoices, etc.

The contractor responded/replied to requests for information or assistance in a reasonable period of time

The contractor's average delivery time was comparable to that of other contractors for similar products and/or services

**3. Price/Budget:** The contractor effectively managed costs and the value of the product and/or services received supported the costs. The contractor adhered to budget as specified in the contract/scope of work.

**FACTORS:**

Contractor's invoices were accurate with appropriate backup documentation

Estimates did not vary from the final invoice

There were a low number of variances from the initial agreed to prices and the costs stated on received invoices

The contractor was sensitive to costs and demonstrated respect for funding and the agency's needs

**4. Business Relations/Customer Service:** The degree to which the contractor was professional and respectful in its business approach and interactions with the agency.

**FACTORS:**

The contractor was courteous, cooperative, and had a professional approach in all forms of communication

The contractor handled complaints efficiently and effectively

The contractor was knowledgeable about the project and/or had the expertise to provide assistance as requested

The contractor managed change effectively

The contractor attempted to resolve problems in a timely manner and followed up with a status report

The contractor provided technical support for maintenance, repair, and installation situations. Technical instructions, documentation, and general information was also provided

The contractor provided training on the effective use of its products or services

**5. Deliverables/Requirements:** The degree to which the contractor was compliant in meeting the standards of contract requirements and deliverables.

**FACTORS:**

All deliverables submitted were complete, accurate, and submitted within the required timeline using required forms or format, if applicable

Requirements were demonstrated and/or documented

**6. Safety:** The degree to which the contractor mitigated and demonstrated freedom from risk of injury, danger, damage, or loss of life or property.

**FACTORS:**

The contractor complied with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations concerning the health and safety of workers, the general public, and personal property

Contractor's safety record for the project

**7. Dependability:** The degree to which contractor demonstrated trustworthiness and reliability.

**FACTORS:**

The contractor was fair, honest, and reasonable in interactions with the agency

The contractor demonstrated consistency in business operations

The contractor was sincere in efforts to deliver a quality product and/or services

The contractor followed through on agreements made with the program/agency