

**GROUND LEASE**  
**(967 Mission)**

This Ground Lease is dated as of [ \_\_\_\_\_ ], 2026 (the “**Agreement Date**”), by and between the CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a municipal corporation (the “**City**” or “**Landlord**”), acting by and through its Real Estate Division and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (“**MOHCD**”), and 967 Mission, LP, a California limited partnership, as tenant (the “**Tenant**”).

**RECITALS**

A. The City is the fee owner of that certain land described in Attachment 1 and the existing improvements located thereon (“**Land**”). The Land is held under MOHCD’s jurisdiction.

B. MOHCD issued a Multi-Site Request for Proposals for (“**RFP**”) on November 20, 2020, to solicit qualified affordable housing developers for the Land. In response to the RFP, MOHCD selected the John Stewart Company, a California corporation, acting by and through its wholly owned affiliate, JSCo Development Services LLC, a California limited liability company (“**JSCo**”), and Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (“**BHPMSS**”, and together with JSCO, the “**Developer**”) to develop and construct an affordable housing development for Senior households and lease the Land for the purpose of such new affordable housing. Developer formed the Tenant for the purpose of undertaking the activities described in the RFP.

C. On October 17, 2025, the Citywide Affordable Housing Loan Committee made a recommendation to approve MOHCD’s financing of Tenant’s plan to develop the Land and construct thereon a multifamily residential building consisting of ninety-five (95) rental units, including one (1) unrestricted manager’s unit, of affordable Senior housing for low, very-low, and extremely low-income persons, including twenty-four (24) LOSP units reserved for Seniors experiencing homelessness of which twenty-four (24) units will be targeted to residents who qualify under the HOME-ARP (as defined herein) program, including forty (40) SOS units set aside for Seniors who must income qualify and meet the age requirement of 62 years or older to receive to receive the SOS subsidy, and five (5) Plus Housing units set aside for persons living with HIV/AIDS, who currently live in San Francisco and who meets the program eligibility criteria (the “**Project**”).

D. On January 13, 2026, the City’s Board of Supervisors and the Mayor approved Resolution [No. \_\_\_\_\_], authorizing the City to enter into a ground lease with the Tenant to construct and operate the Project on the Land.

E. On January 24, 2025, the Tenant and the City, represented by MOHCD, entered into that certain Option to Ground Lease whereby the City granted to the Tenant the option to ground lease the Land and construct the Project to be located thereon (the “**Option**”). The Tenant is now exercising its Option to enter into this Ground Lease, under which City agrees to lease the Land to the Tenant to develop and construct the Project. The Tenant will construct and operate

the Project to serve the needs of low income, very low income, and extremely low-income Senior residents and will restrict rents for all units in accordance with the terms described herein.

F. The City believes that the fulfillment of the terms and conditions of this Ground Lease are in the vital and best interests of the City and the health, safety, morals, and welfare of its residents, and in full accord with the public purposes and provisions of applicable Laws.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual obligations of the parties to this Ground Lease, the City hereby leases to the Tenant, and the Tenant hereby leases from the City, the Land for the Term (as defined in ARTICLE 2) to construct and operate the Project, and subject to the terms, covenants, agreements, and conditions set forth below, each and all of which the City and the Tenant mutually agree.

## ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Terms used herein have the meanings given them when first used or as set forth in this ARTICLE 1, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. Whenever an Attachment is referenced, it means an attachment to this Ground Lease unless otherwise specifically identified. Whenever a section, article, or paragraph is referenced, it is a reference to this Ground Lease unless otherwise specifically referenced.

**“Agreement Date”** means the date first set forth above.

**“Annual Rent”** has the meaning set forth in the Section 4.01(a).

**“Area Median Income”** (or **“AMI”**) means median income as published annually by MOHCD for the City and County of San Francisco, adjusted solely for household size, and derived in part from the income limits and area median income determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the San Francisco area, but not adjusted for a high housing cost area.

**“Change”** has the meaning set forth in Section 12.02.

**“City”** means the City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation.

**“Effective Date”** means the close of escrow date for all financing required to construct the Project [\_\_\_\_\_, 2026] but in no event will the date be before the date of approval of the Ground Lease by the City’s Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.

**“Extension Notice”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.03.

**“Extremely Low-Income Households”** (or **“ELI”**) means: (a) for a term of fifty-five (55) years from the date on which a final Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the Project, a tenant household with combined initial income that does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of MOHCD Area Median Income; and (b) for any period of the Term thereafter, a tenant household with combined initial income that does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of MOHCD Area Median Income.

**“First Lease Payment Year”** means the year in which the earlier of: (i) the date the first certificate of occupancy of the Project is issued evidencing completion of construction activities are completed on the Project, or (ii) the third (3rd) anniversary of the Effective Date.

**“First Mortgage Lender”** means any lender and its successors, assigns, and participants or other entity holding the senior leasehold deed of trust on the Leasehold Estate.

**“Ground Lease”** means this Ground Lease, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms herein.

**“HOME-ARP”** means HOME American Rescue Plan from HUD appropriated under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), intended for homelessness and supportive services assistance under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §§ 12701 et seq. and promulgated under the regulations at Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations §§ 92, as amended from time to time), and implemented under HUD Notice CPD-21-10 (including the Appendix of the HOME-ARP Notice, as amended from time to time by HUD), issued September 13, 2021, as may be further amended from time to time (**“HUD HOME-ARP Requirements”**).

**“HUD”** means the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**“Improvements”** means all physical improvements to be constructed and/or rehabilitated on the Land, including all structures, fixtures, and other improvements, including but not limited to the Project.

**“Land”** has the meaning set forth in Recital A.

**“Landlord”** means the City and County of San Francisco, a municipal corporation.

**“Laws”** means all applicable statutes, laws, ordinances, regulations, rules, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees, or awards of the United States or any state, county, municipality, or governmental agency.

**“Lease Year”** means each calendar year during the Term, beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31, provided that the first Lease Year will commence on the Effective Date and continue through December 31st of that same calendar year and the last Lease Year will end upon the expiration of the Term.

**“Leasehold Estate”** means the Tenant’s leasehold estate in the Land created by and pursuant to this Ground Lease.

**“Leasehold Mortgage”** means any mortgage, deed of trust, trust indenture, letter of credit, or other security instrument, and any assignment of the rents, issues, and profits, that constitutes a lien on the Leasehold Estate and is approved in writing by the City.

**“Lender”** means any entity holding a Leasehold Mortgage.

**“Loan Documents”** means those certain loan agreements, notes, deeds of trust, declarations, and any other documents executed and delivered in connection with the construction financing for the Project.

**“LOSP”** means the local operating subsidy provided by the City to the Tenant for the operation of the Project, the amount of which is sufficient to permit Tenant to operate the Project

with residential units for Qualified Households with income levels below those set forth in the MOHCD Declaration of Restrictions.

**“LOSP Program”** means the program administered by MOHCD that regulates the distribution of LOSP.

**“Low-Income Households”** means: (a) for a term of fifty-five (55) years from the date on which a final Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the Project, a tenant household with combined initial income that does not exceed sixty percent (60%) of MOHCD Area Median Income; and (b) for any period of the Term thereafter, a tenant household with combined initial income that does not exceed sixty percent (60%) of MOHCD Area Median Income

**“MOHCD”** means the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development for the City.

**“MOHCD Loan”** means the loan of the original principal amount of \$44,318.00.00 evidenced by that certain Amended and Restated Secured Promissory Note executed by Tenant in favor of the City.

**“MOHCD Loan Agreement”** means that certain Amended and Restated and Consolidated Loan Agreement, dated current herewith, by and between City and Tenant.

**“Partnership Fees”** means (i) an annual asset management fee in the amount of \$25,000.00, with no annual escalation, payable to the Tenant’s general partner, and (ii) an annual investor service fee also known as the LP asset management fee in the amount of \$7,500.00 with no annual escalation, payable to the Tenant’s Permitted Limited Partner.

**“Permitted Limited Partner”** means FM Enterprise 967 Mission MTE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company as investor limited partner, and its successors and assigns as approved (to the extent such approval is required under this Ground Lease) by the City.

**“Permitted Use”** has the meaning set forth in Section 9.01.

**“Personal Property”** means all fixtures, furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery, supplies, software and other tangible personal property that is located in, on, or about the Premises and that can be removed from the Premises without substantial economic loss to the Premises or substantial damage to the Premises and that is incidental to the ownership, development, or operation of the Improvements or the Premises, belonging to the Tenant, any Residential Occupant, or any subtenant or other occupant of the Premises and/or in which the Tenant, Residential Occupant, or any subtenant or other occupant has an ownership interest, together with all present and future attachments, replacements, substitutions, and additions thereto or therefor.

**“Plus Housing”** means a waitlist program administered by MOHCD for units set aside for persons living with HIV/AIDS, who currently live in San Francisco and who meets the program eligibility criteria.

**“Premises”** means the Land and all Improvements.

**“Project”** is defined in Recital C.

**“Project Expenses”** means the following costs related to the Project, which may be paid from Project Income in the following order of priority to the extent of available Project Income: (a) all charges incurred in the operation of the Project for utilities, real estate and/or possessory

interest taxes, assessments, and liability, fire, and other hazard insurance premiums; (b) salaries, wages, and other compensation due and payable to the employees or agents of the Tenant who maintain, administer, operate, or provide services in connection with the Project, including all withholding taxes, insurance premiums, Social Security payments and other payroll taxes or payments required for such employees; (c) required payments of interest, principal, or annual servicing fees, if any, on any construction or permanent financing secured by the Project that has been approved by the City; (d) annual monitoring fee and all other expenses actually incurred by the Tenant to cover routine operating and services provision costs of the Project, including maintenance and repair and the reasonable fee of any managing agent; (e) annual Base Rent payments; (f) deposits to reserves accounts required to be established under the MOHCD Loan Agreement and by the Permitted Limited Partner; (g) the approved annual asset management fees indicated in the Annual Operating Budget and approved by the City; (h) any extraordinary expenses as approved in advance by the City; and (i) supportive services. Partnership Fees are not Project Expenses.

**“Project Income”** means all income and receipts in any form received by the Tenant from the operation of the Premises, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) rents, fees, charges, and deposits (other than tenant’s refundable security deposits); (b) Section 8 or other rental subsidy payments received for the Project, supportive services funding (if applicable); (c) price index adjustments and any other rental adjustments to leases or rental agreements; (d) proceeds from vending and laundry room machines; (e) the proceeds of business interruption or similar insurance; (f) any accrued interest disbursed from any reserve account required under the MOHCD Loan Agreement for a purpose other than that for which the reserve account was established; (g) reimbursements and other charges paid to Tenant in connection with the Project; and (h) other consideration actually received from the operation of the Project, including non-residential uses of the residential portion of the Project. Project Income does not include interest accruing on any portion of the MOHCD Loan, if applicable, or refundable security deposits from Residential Occupants.

**“Public Benefit Purposes”** means activities or programs that primarily benefit low-income persons, are implemented by one or more nonprofit 501(c)(3) public benefit organizations, or have been identified by a City agency or a community planning process as a priority need in the neighborhood in which the Project is located.

**“Qualified Households”** means Senior households whose income does not exceed the maximum permissible annual income level allowed under the MOHCD Declaration of Restrictions, subject to ARTICLE 9 below. For purposes of this Ground Lease, Qualified Households has the same meaning as “Qualified Tenants” in the MOHCD Declaration of Restrictions.

**“Residential Occupant”** means any residential household authorized by the Tenant to occupy a Residential Unit on the Premises, whether or not a Qualified Household.

**“Residential Unit”** has the meaning set forth in Section 9.01.

**“Residual Receipts”** means all Project Income in any given Lease Year remaining after payment of Project Expenses and Partnership Fees. The amount of Residual Receipts will be based on figures contained in audited financial statements.

**“Senior”** means a person at least sixty-two (62) years of age or older.

**“Senior Operating Subsidy”** (or “SOS”) means an operating subsidy provided to Borrower by the City, the amount of which is sufficient to permit Borrower to operate the Project

in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the MOHCD Loan Agreement with Qualified Households.

**“Subsequent Owner”** means any successor (including a Lender or an affiliate or assignee of a Lender as applicable) to the Tenant’s interest in the Leasehold Estate and the Improvements who acquires that interest as a result of a foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure, or transfer from a Lender, its affiliate, and any successors to any such person or entity.

**“TCAC”** means the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.

**“Tenant”** means 967 Mission, LP, a California limited partnership, whose managing general partner is BHPMSS 967 Mission LLC, a California limited liability company (**“MGP”**), and whose administrative general partner is JSCo 967 Mission, LLC, a California limited liability company (**“AGP”**). Tenant shall include its successors and assigns (or a Subsequent Owner, where appropriate).

**“Term”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01, as extended pursuant to Section 2.02 or earlier terminated as provided in this Ground Lease.

**“Very Low-Income Households”** means: (a) for a term of fifty-five (55) years from the date on which a final Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the Project, a tenant household with combined initial income that does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of MOHCD Area Median Income; and (b) for any period of the Term thereafter, a tenant household with combined initial income that does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of MOHCD Area Median Income.

## ARTICLE 2 TERM

2.01 Term. The term of this Ground Lease will commence upon the Effective Date and will expire seventy-five (75) years from that date (**“Term”**), unless extended under Section 2.02 below or earlier terminated as provided in this Ground Lease.

2.02 Option for Extension. Provided that the Tenant is not in default under the terms of this Ground Lease and the Loan Documents beyond any notice, grace, or cure period either at the time of giving of an Extension Notice under Section 2.03 below, or on the last day of the Term (the **“Initial Termination Date”**), Tenant is granted an option to extend the Term for one twenty-four (24) year period, as provided in this Article. If the Term is extended pursuant to this Section, all references in this Ground Lease to the **“Term”** will mean the Term as extended by such extension period. Upon Tenant’s written exercise of this option under Section 2.03, the Term will automatically be extended for twenty-four (24) years from the Initial Termination Date for a Term not to exceed ninety-nine (99) years, provided that Tenant is not in default under the terms of this Ground Lease and the Loan Documents beyond any notice, grace, or cure period on the Initial Termination Date.

2.03 Notice of Extension. By no later than one hundred eighty (180) days before the Initial Termination Date, the Tenant may notify the City in writing that it is exercising its option to extend the Term under Section 2.02 above (an **“Extension Notice”**).

2.04 Rent During Extended Term. Rent for any extended term will be as set forth in ARTICLE 4.

2.05 Holding Over. Any holding over after the expiration or earlier termination of the Term without the City’s written consent will constitute a default by the Tenant and entitle the City to exercise any or all of its remedies as provided in this Ground Lease, even if the City elects to accept one or more payments of Annual Rent. Failure to surrender the Premises in the condition required by this Ground Lease will constitute holding over until the conditions of surrender are satisfied.

### ARTICLE 3 FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

In accordance with the dates specified in the Schedule of Performance (Attachment 2), the Tenant will submit to the City for approval evidence satisfactory to the City that the Tenant has sufficient equity capital and commitments for construction and permanent financing, and/or such other evidence of capacity to proceed with the construction of the Project in accordance with this Ground Lease, as is acceptable to the City. City hereby acknowledges that as of the Agreement Date, the Tenant has satisfied this requirement.

### ARTICLE 4 RENT

#### 4.01 Annual Rent

4.01(a) Tenant will pay to the City up to Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) (the “**Annual Rent**”) per year for each year of the Term of this Ground Lease. Annual Rent consists of Base Rent and Residual Rent, as defined in Section 4.02 below, without offset of any kind (except as otherwise permitted by this Ground Lease) and without necessity of demand, notice or invoice. Annual Rent will be re-determined on the fifteenth (15th) anniversary of the date of the first payment of Base Rent pursuant to Section 4.02(a) below and every fifteen (15) years thereafter, and will be equal to ten percent (10%) of the appraised fair market value of the Land as determined by an MAI appraiser selected by and at the sole cost of the Tenant. Any such adjustment will be made to the Residual Rent and not to the Base Rent.

4.01(b) If the Tenant elects to extend the term of this Ground Lease pursuant to ARTICLE 2 above, Annual Rent (along with any potential future adjustments) during any such extended term will be set by mutual agreement of the parties; provided, however, that Annual Rent during the extended term will in no event be less than the Annual Rent set forth in Section 4.01(a) above. If the parties cannot agree on Annual Rent for the extended term, either party may invoke a neutral third-party process and the parties will agree on a neutral third-party appraiser to set the Annual Rent at fair market rent in accordance with the then-prevailing practice for resolving similar rent determination disputes in San Francisco or, in the event that there is no then-prevailing practice, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after the neutral third-party process, Tenant, in its sole discretion, may rescind the Extension Notice prior to the Initial Termination Date if it does not wish to extend the Term of this Ground Lease.

#### 4.02 Base Rent

4.02(a)“**Base Rent**” means, in any given Lease Year, Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) per annum; provided, however, that if the Tenant or any Subsequent Owner fails, after notice and opportunity to cure, to comply with the provisions of Section 9.01, then Base Rent will be increased to the full amount of Annual Rent. Base Rent will be due and payable in arrears on January 31st of each Lease Year; provided that the first Base Rent payment will not be due until January 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year following the First Lease Payment Year. Additionally, if a Subsequent Owner elects under Section 26.06(b) to operate the Project without being subject to Section 9.01, then Annual Rent will be adjusted as provided in Section 26.07.

4.02(b)If the Project does not have sufficient Project Income to pay Base Rent in any given Lease Year after the payment of (a) through (d) in the definition of Project Expenses, above, and the City has received written notice from Tenant regarding its inability to pay Base Rent from Project Income at least sixty (60) days before the Base Rent due date, along with supporting documentation for Tenant’s position that it is unable to pay Base Rent from Project Income, then the unpaid amount will be deferred and all deferred amounts will accrue at the long-term applicable federal rate as of the Effective Date until paid, compounding annually (“**Base Rent Accrual**”). The Base Rent Accrual will be due and payable each year from and to the extent Residual Receipts is available. Any Base Rent Accrual will be due and payable on the earlier of (i) sale of the Project and Leasehold Estate (but not a refinancing or foreclosure of the Project and Leasehold Estate); or (ii) termination of this Ground Lease (unless a new lease is entered into with a mortgagee under Section 26.09 below).

4.02(c)If Tenant has not provided City with the required written notice and documentation under Section 4.02(b)in connection with its claim that it cannot pay Base Rent due to insufficient Project Income, and/or the City has reasonably determined that Tenant’s claim that it is unable to pay Base Rent is not supported by such documentation, the City will assess a late payment penalty of two percent (2%) for each month or any part thereof that any Base Rent payment is delinquent. This penalty will not apply to Base Rent Accrual that has been previously approved by the City under Section 4.02(b). The Tenant may request in writing that the City waive such penalties by describing the reasons for Tenant’s failure to pay Base Rent and Tenant’s proposed actions to ensure that Base Rent will be paid in the future. The City may, in its sole discretion, waive in writing all or a portion of such penalties if it finds that Tenant’s failure to pay Base Rent was beyond Tenant’s control and that Tenant is diligently pursuing reasonable solutions to such failure to pay.

4.03 Residual Rent. “**Residual Rent**” means, in any given Lease Year, Eight Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$885,000), subject to any periodic adjustments under Section 4.01(a). Residual Rent will be due in arrears on May 15th following each Lease Year. Except as otherwise provided in Section 26.07(a), Residual Rent will be payable only to the extent of



Residual Receipts as provided in Section 6.02(g) below after full repayment of the MOHCD Loan, and any unpaid Residual Rent up to \$885,000 in any given Lease Year shall accrue on an annual basis if Residual Receipts are not available Residual Rent shall only be payable after full repayment of any residual receipts Project financing provided by MOHCD. In the event that in any year Residual Receipts is insufficient to pay the full amount of the Residual Rent, Tenant will certify to the City in writing by May 15th that available Residual Receipts is insufficient to pay Residual Rent and Tenant will provide to City any supporting documentation reasonably requested by the City to allow City to verify the insufficiency.

4.04 Triple Net Lease. This Ground Lease is a triple net lease and the Tenant will be responsible to pay all costs, charges, taxes, impositions, and other obligations related to the Premises accruing after the Effective Date. If the City pays any such amounts, whether to cure a default or otherwise protect its interests hereunder, the City will be entitled to be reimbursed by Tenant the full amount of such payments as additional rent within thirty (30) days of written demand by the City. Failure to timely pay the additional rent will be a default by Tenant of this Ground Lease. No occurrence or situation arising during the Term, or any Law, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and however extraordinary, relieves Tenant from its liability to pay all of the sums required by any of the provisions of this Ground Lease, or otherwise relieves Tenant from any of its obligations under this Ground Lease, or gives Tenant any right to terminate this Ground Lease in whole or in part.

4.05 Tenant's Compliance with City Business and Tax and Regulations Code. Tenant acknowledges that under Section 6.10-2 of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code, the City Treasurer and Tax Collector may require the withholding of payments to any vendor that is delinquent in the payment of any amounts that the vendor is required to pay the City under the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code. If, under that authority, any payment City is required to make to Tenant under this Ground Lease is withheld, then City will not be in breach or default under this Ground Lease, and the Treasurer and Tax Collector will authorize release of any payments withheld under this paragraph to Tenant, without interest, late fees, penalties, or other charges, upon Tenant coming back into compliance with its San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code obligations.

## **ARTICLE 5 CITY COVENANTS**

The City is duly created, validly existing and in good standing under the Law, and has full right, power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Ground Lease. The City covenants and warrants that, during the Term, Tenant and its Residential Occupants will have, hold and enjoy peaceful, quiet, and undisputed possession of the Land, leased without hindrance or molestation by or from anyone so long as the Tenant is not in default under this Ground Lease.

## **ARTICLE 6 TENANT COVENANTS**

Tenant covenants and agrees for itself and its successors and assigns that:

6.01 Authority. Tenant is a duly formed, validly existing California limited partnership under California law, is in good standing with the California Secretary of State and has the full rights, power, and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Ground Lease.

6.02 Use of Premises and Rents. During the Term of this Ground Lease, Tenant and its successors and assigns will comply with the following requirements:

6.02(a)Permitted Uses. Except as provided in Sections 26.06 and 26.07 of this Ground Lease, Tenant will devote the Premises to, exclusively and in accordance with, the uses authorized by this Ground Lease, as specified in ARTICLE 9 below, which are the only uses permitted by this Ground Lease. Tenant acknowledges that a prohibition on the change in use contained in Section 9.01 is expressly authorized by California Civil Code section 1997.230 and is fully enforceable.

6.02(b)Non-Discrimination. Tenant will not discriminate against or segregate any person or group of persons on account of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, gender identity, marital or domestic partner status, sexual orientation, or disability (including HIV or AIDS status) in the sale, lease, rental, sublease, transfer, use, occupancy, tenure, or enjoyment of the Premises, or any part thereof, and Tenant or any person claiming under or through it will not establish or permit any such practice or practices of discrimination or segregation with reference to the selection, location, number, use or occupancy, of Residential Occupants, subtenants or vendees on the Premises, or any part thereof, except to the extent permitted by Law or required by funding source. Tenant will not discriminate against Residential Occupants with certificates or vouchers under the Section 8 program or any successor rent subsidy program.

6.02(c)Non-Discriminatory Advertising. All advertising (including signs) for sublease of the whole or any part of the Premises must include the legend "Equal Housing Opportunity" in type or lettering of easily legible size and design, or as required by applicable Law.

6.02(d)Access for Disabled Persons. Tenant will comply with all applicable Laws providing for access for persons with disabilities, including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

6.02(e)Equal Opportunity Marketing and Selection Plan. No later than twelve (12) months before completion of the Project, Tenant will deliver to MOHCD for MOHCD's review and approval an affirmative plan for initial and ongoing marketing of the Residential Units and a written Residential Occupant selection procedure for initial and ongoing renting of the Residential Units based on MOHCD's then-current form of marketing and tenant selection plan (the "**Marketing and Tenant Selection Plan**"), all in compliance with the restrictions set forth in Section 9.01 and in form and substance acceptable to the City. Any Marketing and Tenant Selection Plan must follow the City's marketing

requirements for such plans and comply with all federal and state fair housing laws.

6.02(f) Lead Based Paint. Tenant will comply with the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 35 and all applicable rules and orders issued thereunder which prohibit the use of lead-based paint in certain residential structures undergoing federally assisted construction and require the elimination of lead-based paint hazards.

6.02(g) Permitted Uses of Residual Receipts. All annual Project Income, before the calculation of Residual Receipts, will be used to pay Project Expenses, including, but not limited to, Base Rent, and Partnership Fees. If the Tenant is in compliance with MOHCD's Residual Receipts Policy, as amended from time to time, and all applicable requirements and agreements under this Ground Lease, Tenant will then use any Residual Receipts to make the following payments in the following order of priority:

- i. First to Base Rent Accrual payments, if any;
- ii. Second, to replenish the operating reserve account, if necessary, up to the amount required by Lenders or the Permitted Limited Partner;
- iii. Third, two-thirds (2/3) of remaining Residual Receipts to the City; provided, however, if the construction of the Project includes a deferred developer fee and Tenant is in compliance with the MOHCD Loan Agreement and MOHCD's policies, then fifty percent (50%) of remaining Residual Receipts to the City beginning on the initial Payment Date (as such term is defined in the MOHCD Loan Agreement) until and including the earlier of the year (i) of the fifteenth (15th) Payment Date, or (ii) in which all deferred developer fees have been paid to Developer. The City's portion of Residual Receipts will be applied first to repayment of the MOHCD Loan according to the terms of the MOHCD Loan Agreement, then to annual Residual Rent, then to accrued Residual Rent, if any;
- iv. Then, any remaining Residual Receipts may be used by Tenant for any purposes permitted under the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Tenant, as it may be amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Tenant and the City agree that the distribution of Residual Receipts may be modified based on the requirements of other Lenders.

6.03 City Deemed Beneficiary of Covenants. In amplification, and not in restriction, of the provisions of the preceding subsections, it is intended and agreed that the City will be deemed beneficiary of the agreements and covenants provided in this ARTICLE 6 for in its own right and also for the purposes of protecting the interests of the community and other parties, public or private, in whose favor or for whose benefit such agreements and covenants have been provided. Those agreements and covenants will run in favor of the City for the entire term of those agreements and covenants, without regard to whether the City has at any time been, remains, or is an owner of any land or interest therein, or in favor of, to which such agreements and

covenants relate. The City will have the exclusive right, in the event of any breach of any such agreements or covenants, in each case, after notice and the expiration of cure periods, to exercise all the rights and remedies and to maintain any actions at law or suits in equity or other proper proceedings to enforce the curing of such breach of covenants, to which it or any other beneficiaries of such agreements or covenants may be entitled.

#### **ARTICLE 7 ANNUAL INCOME COMPUTATION, AND CERTIFICATION**

Upon written request by the City, Tenant will furnish to the City a list of the persons who are Residential Occupants, the specific unit that each person occupies, the household income of the Residential Occupants of each unit, the household size and the rent being charged to the Residential Occupants of each unit along with an income certification, in the form set forth in Attachment 5, for each Residential Occupant. In addition, each Residential Occupant must be required to provide any other information, documents, or certifications deemed necessary by the City to substantiate the Residential Occupant's income. If any state or federal agency requires an income certification for Residential Occupants containing the above-referenced information, the City will accept such certification in lieu of Attachment 5 as meeting the requirements of this Ground Lease. In addition to such initial and annual list and certification, Tenant will provide the same information and certification to the City regarding each Residential Occupant by no later than twenty (20) business days after such Residential Occupant commences occupancy.

#### **ARTICLE 8 CONDITION OF LAND—“AS IS”**

8.01 Tenant acknowledges and agrees that Tenant is familiar with the Land, the Land is being leased and accepted in its “as-is” condition, without any changes or alterations by the City, without representation or warranty of any kind, and subject to all applicable Laws governing their use, development, occupancy, and possession. Tenant further represents and warrants that Tenant has investigated and inspected, independently or through agents of Tenant's choosing, the condition of the Land and the suitability of the Land for Tenant's intended use. Tenant acknowledges and agrees that neither the City nor any of its agents have made, and the City hereby disclaims, any representations or warranties, express or implied, concerning the rentable area of the Land, the physical or environmental condition of the Land, or the present or future suitability of the Land for Tenant's use, or any other matter whatsoever relating to the Land, including, without limitation, any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose; it being expressly understood that the Land is being leased in an “AS IS” condition with respect to all matters.

8.02 Accessibility Disclosure. California Civil Code Section 1938 requires commercial landlords to disclose to tenants whether the property being leased has undergone inspection by a Certified Access Specialist (“CASp”) to determine whether the property meets all applicable construction-related accessibility requirements. The law does not require landlords to have the inspections performed. Tenant is advised that the Land has not been inspected by a CASp.

8.03 Presence of Hazardous Substances. California law requires landlords to disclose to tenants the presence of certain Hazardous Substances.

Tenant is advised that a Phase 1 Environmental Report, dated August 25, 2023, and an updated Phase 1 Environmental Report, dated April 15, 2025, were completed by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services (the “**Phase 1 Report**”) and a Phase 2 Soil Characterization Report, dated October 9, 2023, were completed by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services (the “**Soil Report**”).

Tenant is advised that the Phase 1 Report identified fill material ranging from five to fifteen feet below ground surface (bgs). Tenant is also advised that based on the presence of this layer of undocumented fill material, the Land main contain elevated concentrations of heavy metals and petroleum hydrocarbons may be present beneath the subject property. Langan considers the presence of potentially contaminated fill material to be a REC for the 967 Mission property.

Tenant is also advised that the Soil Report indicated that the Land is underlain by fill material containing elevated concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons and low concentrations of select VOCs and SVOCs and will likely be disposed as Class II non-hazardous material. Additionally, because of the presence of ethyl benzene, xylenes, and naphthalene in the Land’s soil vapor, the proposed structure at the Site has been designed to mitigate against potential vapor intrusion from soil gas into indoor air.

## **ARTICLE 9 PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES**

9.01 Permitted Uses and Occupancy Restrictions. The permitted uses of the Project (in each instance, a “**Permitted Use**” and collectively, “**Permitted Uses**”) are limited to the construction and operation of ninety-five (95) units, including one (1) unrestricted manager’s unit, of affordable rental housing for Low-Income, Very Low-Income, and Extremely Low-Income Households, including twenty-four (24) LOSP units reserved for formerly homeless households as long as the LOSP subsidy is provided to the Project (collectively, the “**Residential Units**”).

9.01(a) Residential Permitted Use. Upon the completion of construction of the Project, one hundred percent (100%) of the Residential Units, with the exception of the one (1) manager’s unit, in the Project will be occupied by or available for rental by Residential Occupants certified as Qualified Households, as set forth in MOHCD’s Declaration of Restrictions and any amendments thereto mutually agreed upon by the parties. In addition, twenty-four (24) of the Residential Units will be set aside for homeless households under LOSP, for so long as the LOSP subsidy is provided to the Project. Residential Units must be occupied and rented in accordance with all applicable restrictions imposed on the Project by this Ground Lease and by Lenders for so long as such restrictions are required by the applicable Lender.

9.01(b) HUD HOME-ARP Requirements. The Project will also comply with the program requirements and restrictions applicable to HOME-ARP funds, including, without limitation, the HUD HOME-ARP Requirements for twenty-four (24) Residential Units whereby occupancy will be restricted to households with at least one member who is homeless, as incorporated into the MOHCD Declaration of Restrictions and the MOHCD Loan Agreement, for fifty-five (55) years.

9.02 Prohibited Uses. The following activities, by way of example only and without limitation, and any other use that is not a Permitted Use (in each instance, a “**Prohibited Use**” and collectively, “**Prohibited Uses**”), are inconsistent with this Ground Lease, are strictly prohibited and are considered Prohibited Uses:

9.02(a) any activity, or the maintaining of any object, that is not within the Permitted Use;

9.02(b) any activity, or the maintaining of any object, that will in any way increase the existing rate of, affect or cause a cancellation of, any fire or other insurance policy covering the Premises, any part thereof or any of its contents;

9.02(c) any activity or object that will overload or cause damage to the Premises;

9.02(d) any activity that constitutes waste or nuisance, including, but not limited to, the preparation, manufacture or mixing of anything that might emit any objectionable odors, noises, or lights onto adjacent properties, or the use of loudspeakers or sound or light apparatus that can be heard or seen outside the Premises;

9.02(e) any activity that will in any way injure, obstruct, or interfere with the rights of owners or occupants of adjacent properties, including, but not limited to, rights of ingress and egress;

9.02(f) any auction, distress, fire, bankruptcy or going out of business sale on the Premises without the prior written consent of the City, which consent may be granted, conditioned, or withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of the City;

9.02(g) any vehicle and equipment maintenance, including but not limited to, fueling, changing oil, transmission or other automotive fluids;

9.02(h) the storage of any and all excavated materials, including but not limited to, dirt, concrete, sand, asphalt, and pipes, except as necessary for construction of the Improvements;

9.02(i) the storage of any and all aggregate material, or bulk storage, such as wood or of other loose materials, except as necessary for construction or repair of the Improvements; or

9.02(j) the washing of any vehicles or equipment, except as necessary during construction of the Improvements; and

9.02(k) bars, retail liquor sales, marijuana sales, or any other uses the cater exclusively to adults.

## ARTICLE 10 CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS

10.01 Schedule of Performance. Tenant will undertake and complete all physical construction of the Improvements, as approved by MOHCD, in accordance with the Schedule of Performance attached hereto as Attachment 2.

10.02 Reserved.

10.03 General Requirements and Rights of the City. All construction documents, including, but not limited to, preliminary and final plans and specifications for the construction of the Improvements by Tenant (collectively the “**Construction Documents**”) will be prepared by a person registered in and by the State of California to practice architecture and will be in conformity with this Ground Lease, including any limitations established in MOHCD’s reasonable approval of the schematic drawings, if any, preliminary construction documents, and final construction documents for the Premises, and all applicable Laws. The architect will use, as necessary, members of associated design professions, including engineers and landscape architects.

10.04 MOHCD Approvals and Limitation Thereof. The Construction Documents will be approved by MOHCD, on behalf of the City as Landlord under this Ground Lease, in the manner set forth below:

10.04(a)Compliance with Ground Lease. MOHCD’s approval with respect to the Construction Documents is limited to determination of their compliance with this Ground Lease. The Construction Documents will be subject to general architectural review and guidance by MOHCD as part of this review and approval process, which, per Section 10.06, has been completed.

10.04(b)MOHCD Does Not Approve Compliance with Construction Requirements. MOHCD’s approval is not directed to engineering or structural matters or compliance with local building codes and regulations, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other applicable Law relating to construction standards or requirements. Tenant further understands and agrees that the City, through MOHCD, is entering into this Ground Lease in its capacity as a property owner with a proprietary interest in the Land and not as a regulatory agency with police powers. Nothing in this Ground Lease will limit in any way Tenant’s obligation to obtain any required regulatory approvals from the City’s officials, departments, boards, or commissions having jurisdiction over the Premises. By entering into this Ground Lease, the City is in no way modifying or limiting Tenant’s obligation to cause the Premises to be used and occupied in accordance with all applicable Laws.

10.05 Construction to be in Compliance with Construction Documents and Law.

10.05(a)Compliance with MOHCD Approved Documents. The construction of the Improvements will be in compliance with the MOHCD-approved Construction Documents.

10.05(b) Compliance with Local, State and Federal Laws. The construction of the Improvements must be in strict compliance with all applicable Laws. Tenant understands and agrees that Tenant's use of the Premises and the construction of the Improvements permitted under this Ground Lease will require authorizations, approvals, or permits from governmental regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the Premises, including, without limitation, the City's agencies. Tenant will be solely responsible for obtaining any and all such regulatory approvals. Tenant may not seek any regulatory approval without first obtaining the written consent of MOHCD under this Ground Lease. Tenant will bear all costs associated with applying for and obtaining any necessary or appropriate regulatory approval and will be solely responsible for satisfying any and all conditions imposed by regulatory agencies as part of a regulatory approval; provided, however, any such condition that could affect use or occupancy of the Premises or the City's interest therein must first be approved by MOHCD in its sole discretion. Any fines or penalties levied as a result of Tenant's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any regulatory approval will be immediately paid and discharged by Tenant, and the City will have no liability, monetary or otherwise, for any such fines or penalties. Tenant will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City and the other Indemnified Parties hereunder against all Claims (as such terms are defined in ARTICLE 21 below) arising in connection with Tenant's failure to obtain, or failure by Tenant, its agents, or invitees to comply with, the terms and conditions of any regulatory approval, except to the extent such Claims are caused by the City's or an Indemnified Party's (acting in its or their proprietary capacity as or related to City as landlord under this lease) gross negligence or willful misconduct.

10.06 Approval of Construction Documents by the City. Tenant will submit and MOHCD will approve or disapprove the Construction Documents referred to in this Ground Lease within the times established in the Schedule of Performance attached hereto as Attachment 2, so long as each set of the applicable Construction Documents are complete and properly submitted within the time frames set forth in the Schedule of Performance attached hereto as Attachment 2. Failure by MOHCD either to approve or disapprove within the times established in the Schedule of Performance attached hereto as Attachment 2 will entitle Tenant to a day-for-day extension of time for completion of any activities delayed as a direct result of MOHCD's failure to timely approve or disapprove the Construction Documents. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this ARTICLE 10, the City hereby acknowledges that, as Landlord under this Ground Lease, as of the Agreement Date, MOHCD has approved the Construction Documents for the Project for purposes of this Ground Lease.

10.07 Disapproval of Construction Documents by MOHCD. If MOHCD disapproves the Construction Documents in whole or in part as not being in compliance with this Ground Lease, Tenant will submit new or corrected Construction Documents which are in compliance within thirty (30) days after written notification to it of disapproval, and the provision of this section relating to approval, disapproval and re-submission of corrected Construction Documents will continue to apply until the Construction Documents have been approved by the City; provided, however, that in any event Tenant must submit satisfactory Construction Documents (*i.e.*,



approved by MOHCD) no later than the date specified therefor in the Schedule of Performance attached hereto as Attachment 2.

10.08 Issuance of Building Permits. Tenant will have the sole responsibility for obtaining all necessary building permits and will make application for such permits directly to the City's Department of Building Inspection. The City understands and agrees that Tenant may use the Fast Track method of permit approval for construction of the Improvements.

10.09 Performance and Payment Bonds. Before commencement of construction of the Improvements, Tenant will deliver to the City performance and payment bonds, each for the full value of the cost of construction of the Improvements, which bonds will name the City as co-obligee, or such other completion security which is acceptable to the City. The payment and performance bonds may be obtained by Tenant's general contractor and name Tenant and the City as co-obligees.

10.10 City Approval of Changes after Commencement of Construction. Tenant will not approve or permit any change to the Construction Documents approved by the City without the City's prior written consent. Tenant will provide adequate and complete backup documentation for analysis of the appropriateness of any requested change to the Construction Documents (each, a "**Change Order**") to the City. This backup documentation will include confirmation that the Change Order has been reviewed, vetted or negotiated, and accepted by (with modifications where appropriate) the Tenant and architect/engineer prior to submission to the City. Questions, comments or requests for additional information will be provided by the City within five (5) business days of receipt of Change Order. City will promptly review and accept or deny the Change Order within ten (10) business days of a complete submission by Tenant. In the event the City requests further information, the City will have no less than five (5) business days from receipt of such information to accept or deny the Change Order. In the event the City fails to accept, deny or issue request for further information related to the Change Order within the later of 10 business days from submission of the Change Order or, if applicable, 5 business days of receipt of additional information, the Change Order will be deemed accepted. If the City denies the Change Order, City will specify the reasons for the denial in writing. Tenant will submit on a monthly or more frequent basis or as requested by MOHCD, a contingency balance report (in Excel format or equivalent) which documents all Change Orders as approved, pending, or under review.

10.11 Times for Construction. Tenant agrees for itself, and its successors and assigns to or of the Leasehold Estate or any part thereof, that Tenant and such successors and assigns will promptly begin and diligently prosecute to completion the construction of the Improvements on the Land, and that such construction will be completed no later than the dates specified in the Schedule of Performance attached hereto as Attachment 2, subject to force majeure, pursuant to Section 10.12 below, unless such dates are extended by the City.

10.12 Force Majeure. For the purposes of any of the provisions of this Ground Lease, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary, neither the City nor Tenant, as the case may be, will be considered in breach or default of its obligations, and there will not be deemed a failure to satisfy any conditions with respect to the beginning and completion of construction of the Improvements, or progress in respect thereto, in the event of enforced delay in the performance

of such obligations or satisfaction of such conditions, due to unforeseeable causes beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, including, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, terrorism, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, general scarcity of materials, unusually severe weather, acts of government or other party, or delays of subcontractors due to unusual scarcity of materials or labor or unusually severe weather; it being the purposes and intent of this provision that the time or times for the satisfaction of conditions to this Ground Lease including those with respect to construction of the Improvements, will be extended for the period of the enforced delay; provided, however, that the party seeking the benefit of the provisions of this paragraph must have notified the other party of the delay and its causes in writing within thirty (30) days after the beginning of any such enforced delay and requested an extension for the reasonably estimated period of the enforced delay; and, provided further, that this paragraph does apply to, and nothing contained in this paragraph will extend or will be construed to extend, the time of performance of any of Tenant's obligations to be performed before the commencement of construction, and the failure to timely perform pre-commencement of construction obligations will not extend or be construed to extend Tenant's obligations to commence, prosecute, and complete construction of the Improvements in the manner and at the times specified in this Ground Lease.

10.13 Reports. Beginning when construction of the Improvements commences and continuing until completion of construction of the Improvements, Tenant will make a report in writing to the City every month, in such detail as may reasonably be required by the City, as to the actual progress of the Tenant with respect to the construction. The MOHCD Monthly Project Update required under the MOHCD Loan Agreement will satisfy this requirement.

10.14 Access to Premises. As of the Effective Date and until the City issues a final certificate of occupancy for the Project, Tenant will permit access to the Premises to the City whenever and to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the provisions of this Ground Lease, at reasonable times and upon reasonable advance notice, and on an emergency basis without notice whenever the City believes that emergency access is required. After the City's issuance of a final certificate of occupancy, access to the Premises will be governed by ARTICLE 24, below.

10.15 Notice of Completion. Promptly upon completion of the construction of the Improvements in accordance with the provisions of this Ground Lease, Tenant will file a Notice of Completion ("NOC") and record the approved NOC in the San Francisco Recorder's Office. Tenant will provide the City with a copy of the recorded NOC.

10.16 Completion of Improvements by New Developer. In the event a Lender forecloses, obtains a deed in lieu of foreclosure, or a Subsequent Owner otherwise realizes on the Premises and undertakes construction of the Improvements ("**New Developer**") (a) the New Developer will not be bound by the provisions of the Schedule of Performance attached hereto as Attachment 2 with respect to any deadlines for the completion of the Improvements but will only be required to complete the Improvements with due diligence and in conformance with a new Schedule of Performance as agreed upon by the New Developer and the City; (b) the New Developer will only be required to complete the Improvements in accordance with all applicable building codes and ordinances, and the approved Construction Documents with such changes that are mutually agreed upon by the City and the New Developer under the following clause (c); and (c) the City and the New Developer will negotiate in good faith such reasonable amendments

and reasonable modifications to ARTICLE 10 of this Ground Lease as the parties mutually determine to be reasonably necessary based on the financial and construction conditions then existing.

## **ARTICLE 11 RESERVED.**

## **ARTICLE 12 CHANGES TO THE IMPROVEMENTS**

12.01 Post-Completion Changes. The City has a particular interest in the Project and in the nature and extent of the permitted changes to the Premises. Accordingly, it imposes the following control on the Premises: during the term of this Ground Lease, neither Tenant, nor any voluntary or involuntary successor or assign, may make or permit any Change (as defined in Section 12.02) in the Premises, unless and until the express prior written consent for any change has been requested in writing from the City and received, and, if received, on such terms and conditions as the City may reasonably require. The City will not unreasonably withhold or delay its response to such a request.

12.02 Definition of Change. “**Change**” means any alteration, modification, addition, and/or substitution of or to the Land, the Improvements, and/or the density of development that differs materially from that which existed upon the completion of construction of the Improvements in accordance with this Ground Lease. For purposes of the foregoing, “exterior” includes the roof of the Improvements. “Change” does not include any repair, maintenance, cosmetic interior alterations (e.g., paint, carpet, installation of moveable equipment and trade fixtures, and hanging of wall art) in the normal course of operation of the Project, or as may be required in an emergency to protect the safety and well-being of the Project’s Residential Occupants.

12.03 Enforcement. Subject to ARTICLE 19 below, the City will have all remedies in law or equity (including, without limitation, restraining orders, injunctions, and/or specific performance), judicial or administrative, to enforce the provisions of this ARTICLE 12, including, without limitation, any threatened or actual breach or violation of this ARTICLE 12.

## **ARTICLE 13 TITLE TO IMPROVEMENTS**

The City acknowledges that fee title to the Improvements will be vested in Tenant for the Term of this Ground Lease. It is the intent of the Parties that this Ground Lease and the Memorandum of Ground Lease will create a constructive notice of severance of the Improvements from the Land without the necessity of a deed from Lessor to Lessee. The City and Tenant agree that fee title to the Improvements will remain vested in Tenant during the Term, subject to Section 14.01 below; provided, however, that, subject to the rights of any Lenders and as further consideration for the City entering into this Ground Lease, at the expiration or earlier termination of this Ground Lease, fee title to all the Improvements will vest in the City without further action of any party, without any obligation by the City to pay any compensation to Tenant, and without the necessity of a deed from Tenant to the City. Without limiting the effectiveness of the previous sentence, upon the City’s written request, on expiration or sooner termination of this Ground Lease, Tenant will execute and deliver to the City an acknowledged and good and sufficient grant deed conveying to the City Tenant’s fee interest in the Improvements. Tenant shall have the exclusive right to deduct, claim, retain and enjoy any

and all rental income appreciation, gain, depreciation, amortization, tax credits for federal and State tax purposes relating thereto, substitution therefor, fixtures therein and other property relating thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 14 ASSIGNMENT, SUBLEASE, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE**

14.01 Assignment, Sublease, or Other Conveyance by Tenant. Tenant will not sell, assign, convey, sublease, or transfer in any other mode or form all or any part of the Leasehold Estate or its interest in the Premises or any portion thereof, other than to Lender(s) or affiliates of Lender(s) as provided in this Ground Lease, or allow any person or entity to occupy or use all or any part of the Land, other than leases to Residential Occupants in the ordinary course of business, and it may not contract or agree to do any of the foregoing, without the prior written approval of the City, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Tenant will provide any background or supporting documentation that the City may require in assessing Tenant's request for approval.

14.02 Permitted Transfers.

Tenant will not cause or permit any voluntary transfer, assignment, or encumbrance of its Leasehold Estate or its interest in the Premises or of any ownership interests in Tenant, or lease or permit a sublease on all or any part of the Premises, other than: (a) leases, subleases, or occupancy agreements to Residential Occupants or (b) security interests for the benefit of lenders securing loans for the Project as approved by the City on terms and in amounts as approved by the City in its reasonable discretion, (c) transfers of the administrative general partner's interest in Tenant to the John Stewart Company, or an affiliate thereof or to a nonprofit public benefit corporation approved in advance by the City; (d) transfers of any limited partnership or membership interest in Tenant to an investor; (e) the grant or exercise of an option or right of first refusal agreement between Tenant and either of Tenant's general partners or any of its affiliates where such agreement has been previously approved in writing by the City; (f) transfer to Lender(s) or affiliates of Lender(s) through foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure as provided in this Ground Lease; or (g) to remove or replace a General Partner in accordance with the terms of the Partnership Agreement, (h) a transfer of any general partnership interest to a new general partner approved in advance by the City. Any other transfer, assignment, encumbrance, or lease without the City's prior written consent will be voidable and, at the City's election, constitute a default under this Agreement. The City's consent to any specific assignment, encumbrance, lease, or other transfer will not constitute its consent to any subsequent transfer or a waiver of any of the City's rights under this Ground Lease. Tenant will provide any background or supporting documentation that the City may require in assessing Tenant's request for approval.

14.03 Assignment, Sublease, or Other Conveyance by the City. The parties acknowledge that any sale, assignment, transfer, or conveyance of all or any part of the City's interest in the Land, the Improvements, or this Ground Lease, is subject to this Ground Lease. The City will require that any purchaser, assignee, or transferee expressly assume all of the obligations of the City under this Ground Lease by a written instrument recordable in the Official Records of the City. This Ground Lease will not be affected by any such sale, and Tenant will attorn to the purchaser

or assignee. For the avoidance of doubt, Landlord will not mortgage its fee estate unless there is an express subordination of the fee mortgage to Tenant's Leasehold Estate. If Landlord mortgages its interest in the fee estate during the term of any Lender's loan, Tenant may not subordinate the Ground Lease to the lien of that mortgage.

## **ARTICLE 15 TAXES**

Subject to any available exemption, Tenant will pay, or cause to be paid, before delinquency to the proper authority, any and all valid taxes, assessments, and similar charges on the Premises that become effective after the Effective Date of this Ground Lease, including all real and personal property taxes, real property transfer taxes, general and special assessments, real property transfer taxes, license fees, permit fees and all other governmental charges of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, all penalties and interest thereon, levied or assessed on the Premises, on Tenant's Property, the leasehold or sublease hold estate or Tenant's use of the Premises, or any transfer of a leasehold interest or sublease hold interest in the Premises (including but not limited to, any transfer of the leasehold interest in the Premises pursuant to this Ground Lease) whether under Laws in effect at the time this Ground Lease is entered into or that become later effective, and all taxes levied or assessed on the possession, use, or occupancy of the Premises. Tenant will not permit any taxes, assessments, or other similar charges to become a defaulted lien on the Premises; provided, however, that in the event any tax, assessment, or similar charge is payable in installments, Tenant may make, or cause to be made, payment in installments; and, provided further, that Tenant may contest the legal validity or the amount of any tax, assessment, or similar charge, through any proceeding Tenant considers reasonably necessary or appropriate, and Tenant may defer the payment so long as the validity or amount is contested by Tenant in good faith and without expense to the City. If Tenant contests a tax, assessment, or other similar charge, then Tenant will protect, defend, and indemnify the City against all Claims resulting from the contest, and if Tenant is unsuccessful in the contest, Tenant will immediately pay, discharge, or cause to be paid or discharged, the tax, assessment, or other similar charge. The City will furnish any information Tenant may reasonably request in connection with a contest, so long as that information is in the City's possession or control or is otherwise available to the public. The City consents to and will reasonably cooperate and assist with Tenant applying for and obtaining any applicable exemptions from taxes, or assessments, or other similar charges levied on the Premises, or on Tenant's interest therein. Tenant will have no obligation under this Section before the Effective Date, including, but not limited to, any taxes, assessments, or other similar charges levied against the Land that are incurred before the Effective Date.

## **ARTICLE 16 UTILITIES**

From and after the Effective Date, Tenant will procure water and sewer service from the City and electricity, telephone, natural gas, and any other utility service from the City or utility companies providing such services, and will pay all connection and use charges imposed in connection with such services. From and after the Effective Date, as between the City and Tenant, Tenant will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all facilities required in connection with such utility services to the extent not installed or maintained by the City or the utility providing such service. All electricity necessary for operations in the Premises must be purchased from San Francisco Public Utilities Commission ("SFPUC"), at SFPUC's standard

rates charged to third parties, unless SFPUC determines, in its sole judgment, that it is not feasible to provide such service to the Premises. SFPUC is the provider of electric services to City property, and the Interconnection Services Department of SFPUC's Power Enterprise coordinates with Pacific Gas and Electric Company and others to implement this service. To arrange for electric service to the Premises, Tenant will contact the Interconnection Services Department in the Power Enterprise of the SFPUC.

## **ARTICLE 17 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION**

17.01 Maintenance. Tenant, at all times during the Term, will maintain or cause to be maintained the Premises in good condition and repair to the reasonable satisfaction of the City, including the exterior, interior, substructure, and foundation of the Improvements and all fixtures, equipment, and landscaping from time to time located on the Premises or any part of them. The City will not be obligated to make any repairs, replacements, or renewals of any kind, nature, or description whatsoever to the Premises or any buildings or improvements now or later located on the Land. Tenant will, at its sole expense, maintain any sidewalk and sidewalk area adjacent to the Premises in a good and safe condition in accordance with San Francisco Public Works Code Section 706 or any successor ordinance concerning the sidewalk maintenance within the City and County of San Francisco. Tenant will be considered an "owner" under Public Works Code Section 706 regarding the maintenance of any sidewalk and sidewalk area adjacent to the Premises. Tenant waives all rights to make repairs at the City's expense under Sections 1932(1), 1941 and 1942 of the California Civil Code or under any similar Law now or later in effect.

17.02 City's Consent for Work Requiring a Permit. Following completion of the Improvements, Tenant will not make, or cause or suffer to be made, any repairs or other work for which a permit is required by any applicable building code, standard, or regulation without first obtaining the City's prior written consent and the required permit.

17.03 Capital Needs Assessment. Every five (5) years beginning on the fifth anniversary date of the issuance of the final certificate of occupancy, Tenant will deliver to MOHCD a 20-year capital needs assessment ("CNA") or analysis of the Premises and replacement reserve requirements as set forth in MOHCD's Policy For Capital Needs Assessments dated November 5, 2013, as it may be amended from time to time (the "**CNA Policy**"). In accordance with the CNA Policy, Tenant must deliver to MOHCD an updated CNA every five (5) years after the issuance of the final certificate of occupancy for approval.

17.04 City's Right to Inspect. Without limiting ARTICLE 24 below, the City may make periodic inspections of the Premises and other areas for which Tenant has obligations and may advise Tenant when maintenance or repair is required, but such right of inspection will not relieve Tenant of its independent responsibility to maintain the Premises and other areas as required by this Ground Lease in a condition as good as, or better than, their condition at the completion of the Improvements, excepting ordinary wear and tear.

17.05 City's Right to Repair. If Tenant fails to maintain or to promptly repair any damage as required by this Ground Lease, the City may repair the damage at Tenant's sole cost and expense and Tenant will immediately reimburse the City for all costs of the repair.

17.06 Operation. Following completion of the Improvements, Tenant will maintain and operate the Project consistent with the maintenance and operation of a safe, clean, well-maintained residential project located in San Francisco. Tenant will be exclusively responsible, at no cost to the City, for the management and operation of the Premises, including, but not limited to, the Residential Units. In connection with managing and operating the Premises, Tenant will provide (or require others to provide), services as necessary and appropriate to the uses to which the Project are put, including (a) repair and maintenance of the Improvements; (b) utility and telecommunications (including internet/Wi-Fi) services to the extent, if any, customarily provided by equivalent projects located in San Francisco; (c) cleaning, janitorial, pest extermination, recycling, composting, and trash and garbage removal; (d) landscaping and groundskeeping; (e) security services with on-site personnel for the Premises; and (f) sufficient lighting at night for pedestrians along pathways. Tenant will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that the Premises are used continuously during the Term for the Permitted Use and not allow any portion of the Premises to remain unoccupied or unused without the prior written consent of the City, which consent may be withheld in the City's sole and absolute discretion.

## **ARTICLE 18 LIENS**

Tenant will use its best efforts to keep the Premises free from any liens arising out of any work performed or materials furnished by itself or its subtenants. If a lien is filed, Tenant will have the right, upon posting of an adequate bond or other security, to contest any lien, and Tenant will satisfy or discharge the lien within ten (10) days after the final determination of the validity of the lien. If Tenant contests a lien, then Tenant will protect, defend, and indemnify the City against all Claims resulting therefrom. If Tenant does not cause a lien to be released of record or bonded around within twenty (20) days following written notice from the City of the imposition of the lien, or, if Tenant contests the lien but does not cause the lien to be satisfied or discharged as required under this Section, then the City will have, in addition to all other remedies provided in this Ground Lease and by Law, the right (but not the obligation) to cause the lien to be released by any means as it deems proper, including payment of the claim giving rise to such lien. All sums paid by the City for such purpose, and all reasonable expenses incurred by it in connection therewith, will be payable to the City by Tenant on demand. The provisions of this Section will not apply to any liens arising before the Effective Date that are not the result of Tenant's contractors, consultants, or activities.

## **ARTICLE 19 GENERAL REMEDIES**

19.01 Application of Remedies. The provisions of this ARTICLE 19 govern the parties' remedies for breach of this Ground Lease.

19.02 Breach by the City. If Tenant believes that the City has materially breached this Ground Lease, Tenant will first notify the City in writing of the purported breach, giving the City one hundred twenty (120) days from receipt of such notice to cure the breach. If the City does not cure the breach within the 120-day period, or, if the breach is not reasonably susceptible to cure within that one hundred twenty (120) day period, begin to cure within one hundred twenty (120) days and diligently prosecute then cure to completion, then Tenant will have all of its rights at law or in equity by taking any or all of the following remedies: (i) terminating in writing this entire Ground Lease with the written consent of each Lender; (ii) prosecuting an action for

damages; (iii) seeking specific performance of this Ground Lease; or (iv) any other remedy available at law or equity.

### 19.03 Breach by Tenant.

#### 19.03(a)Default by Tenant

Subject to the notice and cure rights under Sections 19.03(b) and 19.04, the following events each constitute a basis for the City to take action against Tenant:

- (i) Tenant fails to comply with the Permitted Uses and Occupancy Restrictions set forth in Section 9.01;
- (ii) Tenant voluntarily or involuntarily assigns, transfers, or attempts to transfer or assign this Ground Lease or any rights in this Ground Lease, or in the Improvements, except as permitted by this Ground Lease or otherwise approved by the City;
- (iii) From and after the Effective Date, Tenant, or its successor in interest, fails to pay real estate taxes or assessments or other similar charges on the Premises or any part thereof before delinquency, or places on the Premises any encumbrance or lien unauthorized by this Ground Lease, or suffers any levy or attachment, or any material supplier's or mechanic's lien or the attachment of any other unauthorized encumbrance or lien, and the taxes or assessments or other similar charges not have been paid, or the encumbrance or lien removed or discharged within the time period provided in ARTICLE 18; provided, however, that Tenant has the right to contest any tax or assessment or encumbrance or lien as provided in ARTICLE 15 and ARTICLE 18;
- (iv) Tenant is adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent or makes a transfer to defraud its creditors, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or brings or is brought against Tenant any action or proceeding of any kind under any provision of the Federal Bankruptcy Act or under any other insolvency, bankruptcy, or reorganization act and, in the event such proceedings are involuntary, Tenant is not dismissed from the proceedings within sixty (60) days thereafter; or, a receiver is appointed for a substantial part of the assets of Tenant and such receiver is not discharged within sixty (60) days;
- (v) Tenant breaches any other material provision of this Ground Lease;
- (vi) Tenant fails to pay any portion of Annual Rent when due in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Ground Lease.

19.03(b) Notification and City Remedies. Upon the happening of any of the events described in Section 19.03(a) above, and before exercising any



remedies, the City will notify Tenant, the Permitted Limited Partners, and each Lender in writing of the Tenant's purported breach, failure, or act in accordance with the notice provisions of ARTICLE 38, giving Tenant sixty (60) days from the giving of the notice to cure such breach, failure, or act. If Tenant (or the Permitted Limited Partner on behalf of Tenant) does not cure or, if the breach, failure, or act is not reasonably susceptible to cure within that sixty (60) day period, begin to cure within sixty (60) days and diligently prosecute such cure to completion, then, subject to the rights of any Lender and Permitted Limited Partner and subject to Section 19.04 and ARTICLE 26, the City will have all of its rights at law or in equity, including, but not limited to

(i) the remedy described in Section 1951.4 of the California Civil Code (a landlord may continue the lease in effect after a tenant's breach and abandonment and recover rent as it becomes due, if the tenant has the right to sublet and assign subject only to reasonable limitations) under which it may continue this Ground Lease in full force and effect and the City may enforce all of its rights and remedies under this Ground Lease, including the right to collect rent when due. During the period Tenant is in default, subject to the leases to residential tenants and such tenants' rights' thereunder and applicable landlord-tenant laws, the City may enter the Premises without terminating this Ground Lease and relet them, or any part of them, to third parties for Tenant's account. Tenant will be liable immediately to the City for all reasonable costs that the City incurs in reletting the Premises, including, but not limited to, broker's commissions, expenses of remodeling the Premises required by the reletting and like costs. Reletting can be for a period shorter or longer than the remaining Term, at such rents and on such other terms and conditions as the City deems advisable, subject to any restrictions applicable to the Premises. Tenant will pay the City the rent due under this Ground Lease on the dates the rent is due, less the rent the City receives from any reletting. If the City elects to relet, then rentals received by the City from the reletting will be applied in the following order: (1) to reasonable attorneys' and other fees incurred by the City as a result of a default and costs if suit is filed by the City to enforce its remedies; (2) to the payment of any costs of maintaining, preserving, altering, repairing, and preparing the Premises for reletting, the other costs of reletting, including but not limited to brokers' commissions, attorneys' fees and expenses of removal of Tenant's Personal Property and Changes; (3) to the payment of rent due and unpaid; (4) the balance, if any, will be paid to Tenant upon (but not before) expiration of the Term. If that portion of the rentals received from any reletting during any month that is applied to the payment of rent, is less than the rent payable during the month, then Tenant must pay the deficiency to the City. The deficiency will be calculated and paid monthly. No act by the City allowed by this Section will terminate this Ground Lease unless the City notifies Tenant that the City elects to terminate this Ground Lease. After Tenant's default and for as long as the City does not terminate Tenant's right to possession of the Premises by written notice, if Tenant obtains the

City's consent Tenant will have the right to assign or sublet its interest in this Ground Lease, but Tenant will not be released from liability and the assignment or subletting will not serve to cure the default;

(ii) the City may terminate Tenant's right to possession of the Premises at any time, subject to the leases to residential tenants and such tenants' rights' thereunder and applicable landlord-tenant laws. No act by the City other than giving notice of termination to Tenant will terminate this Ground Lease. Acts of maintenance, efforts to relet the Premises, or the appointment of a receiver on the City's initiative to protect the City's interest under this Ground Lease will not constitute a termination of Tenant's right to possession. If the City elects to terminate this Ground Lease, then the City has the rights and remedies provided by California Civil Code Section 1951.2 (damages on termination for breach), including the right to terminate Tenant's right to possession of the Premises and to recover the worth at the time of award of the amount by which the unpaid Annual Rent, and any additional charges for the balance of the Term after the time of award exceeds the amount of rental loss for the same period that Tenant proves could be reasonably avoided, as computed pursuant to subsection (b) of such Section 1951.2. The City's efforts to mitigate the damages caused by Tenant's breach of this Ground Lease will not waive the City's rights to recover damages upon termination;

(iii) The right to have a receiver appointed for Tenant upon application by the City to take possession of the Premises and to apply any rental collected from the Premises and to exercise all other rights and remedies granted to the City under this Ground Lease;

(iv) seeking specific performance of this Ground Lease; or

(v) in the case of default under Section 19.03(a)(i), increasing the Base Rent to the full amount of the Annual Rent.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) during the 15-year tax credit "compliance period" (as defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended) for the Project (the "**Compliance Period**"), the City may only terminate this Ground Lease for a default by Tenant under Section 19.03(a)(vi) above, and (ii) during the Term, the City's ability to collect accrued and unpaid Residual Rent and any accrued and unpaid interest on unpaid Residual Rent will be limited to the City's rights and remedies against the Premises and Project, and Tenant and its partners will not be personally liable for Tenant's repayment of such accrued and unpaid Residual Rent and interest.

#### 19.04 Rights of Permitted Limited Partner.

19.04(a) If a Permitted Limited Partner cannot cure a default due to an automatic stay in Bankruptcy court because the general partner of the Tenant is in bankruptcy, any cure period will be tolled during the pendency of such automatic stay.

19.04(b) The City will not exercise its remedy to terminate this Ground Lease if a Permitted Limited Partner is attempting to cure the default and the cure requires removal of the MGP, so long as the Permitted Limited Partner is proceeding diligently to remove the MGP in order to effect a cure of the default.

19.04(c) Unless otherwise provided for in this Ground Lease, any limited partner that is not the Permitted Limited Partner identified in ARTICLE 38 wishing to become a Permitted Limited Partner must provide five (5) days written notice to the City in accordance with the notice provisions of this Ground Lease, setting forth a notice address and providing a copy of such notice to the Tenant and all of the Tenant's partners. The limited partner will become a Permitted Limited Partner upon the expiration of the five-day period. A limited partner will not be afforded the protections of this Section with respect to any default occurring before the limited partner becomes a Permitted Limited Partner.

19.05 City's Right to Cure Tenant's Default. If Tenant defaults in the performance of any of its obligations under this Ground Lease, the City may at any time thereafter after notice and expiration of the applicable cure period (except in the event of an emergency as reasonably determined by the City, in which case the City may act when the City determines necessary), remedy the default for Tenant's account and at Tenant's expense. Tenant will pay to the City as additional Base Rent, promptly upon demand, all sums expended by the City, or other costs, damages, expenses, or liabilities incurred by the City, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in remedying or attempting to remedy the default. Tenant's obligations under this Section will survive the termination of this Ground Lease. Nothing in this Section implies any duty of the City to do any act that Tenant is obligated to perform under any provision of this Ground Lease, and the City's cure or attempted cure of Tenant's default will not constitute a waiver of Tenant's default or any rights or remedies of the City on account of the default.

19.06 Waiver of Redemption. Tenant hereby waives, for itself and all persons claiming by and under Tenant, redemption or relief from forfeiture under California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1174 and 1179, or under any other pertinent present or future Law, in the event Tenant is evicted or the City takes possession of the Premises by reason of any default of Tenant hereunder.

19.07 Remedies Not Exclusive. The remedies set forth in Section 19.03(b) are not exclusive; they are cumulative and in addition to any and all other rights or remedies of the City now or later allowed by Law. Tenant's obligations hereunder will survive any termination of this Ground Lease.

## **ARTICLE 20 DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION**

20.01 Insured Casualty. If the Premises or any part thereof are damaged or destroyed by any cause covered by any policy of insurance required to be maintained by Tenant under this Ground Lease, subject to the provisions of the senior Leasehold Mortgage, Tenant will promptly commence and diligently complete the restoration of the Premises as nearly as possible to the condition thereof before such damage or destruction; provided, however, that if more than fifty percent (50%) of the Improvements are destroyed or are damaged by fire or other casualty and if

the insurance proceeds do not provide at least ninety percent (90%) of the funds necessary to complete the restoration, then Tenant, with the prior written consent of Lender, may terminate this Ground Lease within thirty (30) days after the date on which Tenant is notified of the amount of insurance proceeds available for restoration. If Tenant is required or elects to restore the Premises, then all proceeds of any policy of insurance required to be maintained by Tenant under this Ground Lease will, subject to any applicable rights of Lenders, be used by Tenant for that purpose and Tenant will make up from its own funds or obtain additional financing as reasonably approved by the City any deficiency between the amount of insurance proceeds available for the work of restoration and the actual cost, with any proceeds remaining after such restoration paid to Tenant. If Tenant elects to terminate this Ground Lease as provided under this Section 20.01, or elects not to restore the Premises, then the insurance proceeds will be divided in the order set forth in Section 20.03.

20.02 Uninsured Casualty. If (i) more than 50% of the Improvements are damaged or destroyed and ten percent (10%) or more of the cost to complete the restoration is not covered by insurance required to be carried under this Ground Lease; and (ii) in the reasonable opinion of Tenant and Lender, the undamaged portion of the Improvements cannot be completed or operated on an economically feasible basis; and (iii) there is not available to Tenant any feasible source of third party financing for restoration reasonably acceptable to Tenant; then Tenant may, with the written consent of each Lender, other than the City, terminate this Ground Lease upon ninety (90) days written notice to the City. If it appears that the provisions of this Section 20.02 may apply to a particular event of damage or destruction, Tenant will notify the City promptly and not consent to any settlement or adjustment of an insurance award without the City's written approval, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. If Tenant terminates this Ground Lease under this Section 20.02, then all insurance proceeds and damages payable by reason of the casualty will be divided among City, Tenant, and Lenders in accordance with the provisions of Section 20.03. If Tenant does not have the right, or elects not to exercise the right, to terminate this Ground Lease as a result of an uninsured or underinsured casualty, then Tenant will promptly commence and diligently complete the restoration of the Premises as nearly as possible to their condition before the damage or destruction in accordance with the provisions of Section 20.01 and will, subject to any applicable rights of Lenders, be entitled to all available insurance proceeds to do so.

20.03 Distribution of the Insurance Proceeds. If Tenant elects to terminate and surrender as provided in either Sections 20.01 or 20.02, then the priority and manner for distribution of the proceeds of any insurance policy required to be maintained by Tenant hereunder will be as follows:

20.03(a) First to the Lenders, in order of their priority, to control, disburse or apply to any outstanding loan amounts in accordance with the terms their respective Leasehold Mortgages and applicable Law;

20.03(b) Second, to pay for the cost of removal of all debris from the Premises or adjacent and underlying property, and for the cost of any work or service required by any Law, for the protection of persons or property from any risk, or for the abatement of any nuisance, created by or arising from the casualty or the damage or destruction caused thereby;

20.03(c) Third, to compensate City for any diminution in the value (as of the date of the damage or destruction) of the Land caused by or arising from the damage or destruction; and

20.03(d) The remainder to Tenant.

20.04 Clean-up of Premises. If Tenant terminates this Ground Lease under the provisions of Sections 20.01 or 20.02, then Tenant will clean up and remove all debris from the Premises and adjacent and underlying property and leave the Premises in a clean and safe condition and in compliance with all Laws upon surrender, as described in in Section 20.03(b). If the proceeds of any insurance policy are insufficient to pay the clean-up and other costs described in Section 20.03(b), then Tenant will pay the portion of the costs not covered by the insurance proceeds after payment of all outstanding loan amounts secured by the Leasehold Mortgages (in their order of priority).

20.05 Waiver. Tenant and the City intend that this Ground Lease fully govern all of their rights and obligations in the event of any damage or destruction of the Premises, subject to the terms of the Leasehold Mortgages and the other Loan Documents. Accordingly, the City and Tenant each hereby waive the provisions of Sections 1932(2), 1933(4), 1941 and 1942 of the California Civil Code, as such sections may from time to time be amended, replaced, or restated.

## **ARTICLE 21 DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY; HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES; INDEMNIFICATION**

21.01 Damage to Person or Property—General Indemnification. City will not in any event whatsoever be liable for any injury or damage to any person happening on or about the Premises, for any injury or damage to the Premises, or to any property of Tenant, or to any property of any other person, entity, or association on or about the Premises, unless arising from the active gross negligence or willful misconduct of the City or any of its commissioners, officers, agents, or employees. Tenant will defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City including, but not limited to, its boards, commissions, commissioners, departments, agencies, and other subdivisions, officers, agents, and employees (each, an “**Indemnified Party**” and collectively the “**Indemnified Parties**”), of and from all claims, loss, damage, injury, actions, causes of action, and liability of every kind, nature and description (collectively, “**Claims**”) incurred in connection with or directly or indirectly arising from the Premises, this Ground Lease, Tenant’s tenancy, its or their use of the Premises, including adjoining sidewalks and streets, and any of its or their operations or activities thereon or connected thereto; all regardless of the active or passive negligence of, and regardless of whether liability without fault is imposed or sought to be imposed on, the Indemnified Parties, except to the extent that the indemnity is void or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Law in effect on or validly retroactive to the date of this Ground Lease and further excepting only such Claims that are caused exclusively by the willful misconduct or active gross negligence of the Indemnified Parties. The foregoing indemnity will include, without limitation, reasonable fees of attorneys, consultants, and experts and related costs and the City’s costs of investigating any Claim. Tenant specifically acknowledges and agrees that it has an immediate and independent obligation to defend the City from any claim that actually or potentially falls within any indemnity provision set forth in this Ground Lease even if such allegation is or may be groundless, fraudulent, or false, which obligation arises at

the time such claim is tendered to Tenant by the City and continues at all times thereafter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Article 21 shall not be deemed or construed to and shall not impose any obligation to indemnify and save harmless the Indemnified Parties from any claim, loss, damage, liability or expense of any nature whatsoever, arising from or in any way related to or connected with any willful misconduct or gross negligence by an Indemnified Party. Tenant's obligations under this Article will survive the termination or expiration of this Ground Lease.

21.02 Hazardous Substances—Indemnification.

21.02(a) Tenant will indemnify, defend, and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless from and against any and all Claims of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel and engineering consultants) incurred by or asserted against any Indemnified Party in connection with, arising out of, in response to, or in any manner relating to violation of any Environmental Law, or any Release, threatened Release, and any condition of pollution, contamination or Hazardous Substance-related nuisance on, under or from the Site, provided, however that this Section 21.02(a) shall not be deemed or construed to, and shall not impose any obligation on Tenant to indemnify and save harmless the Indemnified Parties from any claim, loss, damage, liability or expense arising from any willful misconduct or active gross negligence by any Indemnified Party.

21.02(b) For purposes of this Section 21.02, the following definitions apply:

(i) **“Hazardous Substance”** has the meaning set forth in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended as of the date of this Ground Lease, 42 U.S.C. 9601(14), and in addition includes, without limitation, petroleum (including crude oil or any fraction thereof) and petroleum products, asbestos, asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls (“PCBs”), PCB-containing materials, all hazardous substances identified in the California Health & Safety Code 25316 and 25281(d), all chemicals listed under the California Health & Safety Code 25249.8, and any substance deemed a hazardous substance, hazardous material, hazardous waste, or contaminant under Environmental Law. The foregoing definition does not include substances that occur naturally on the Premises or commercially reasonable amounts of hazardous materials used in the ordinary course of construction and operation of a residential development, provided they are used and stored in accordance with all applicable Laws.

(ii) **“Environmental Law”** means all Laws governing hazardous waste, wastewater discharges, drinking water, air emissions, Hazardous Substance releases or reporting requirements, Hazardous Substance use or storage, and employee or community right-to-know requirements related to the work being performed under this Ground Lease.

(iii) “**Release**” means any spillage, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment, including the abandonment or discharging of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing any Hazardous Substance.

21.03 Exculpation and Waiver. Tenant, as a material part of the consideration to be rendered to the City, hereby waives any and all Claims against the City related to its approval of this Ground Lease or rights or obligations as landlord under this Ground Lease, including without limitation all Claims arising from the joint or concurrent, active or passive, negligence of the Indemnified Parties, but excluding any Claims caused solely by the Indemnified Parties' willful misconduct or active gross negligence. The Indemnified Parties will not be responsible for or liable to Tenant, and Tenant hereby assumes the risk of, and waives and releases the Indemnified Parties from all Claims against the City related to its approval of this Ground Lease or rights or obligations as landlord under this Ground Lease for, any injury, loss, or damage to any person or property in or about the Premises by or from any cause whatsoever occurring on or after the Effective Date including, without limitation, (a) any act or omission of persons occupying adjoining premises or any part of the Premises adjacent to or connected with the Premises, (b) theft, (c) explosion, fire, steam, oil, electricity, water, gas or rain, pollution or contamination, (d) stopped, leaking, or defective building systems, (d) construction or Premises defects, (f) damages to goods, wares, goodwill, merchandise, equipment, or business opportunities, (g) Claims by persons in, on or about the Premises or any other City property for any cause arising at any time, (h) alleged facts or circumstances of the process or negotiations leading to this Ground Lease before the Effective Date and (i) any other acts, omissions, or causes.

21.04 Tenant understands and expressly accepts and assumes the risk that any facts concerning the Claims released in this Ground Lease might be found later to be other than or different from the facts now believed to be true, and agrees that the releases in this Ground Lease will remain effective. Therefore, with respect to the Claims released in this Ground Lease, Tenant waives any rights or benefits provided by Section 1542 of the Civil Code, which reads as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

Tenant specifically acknowledges and confirms the validity of the release made above and the fact that Tenant was represented by counsel who explained the consequences of the release at the time this Ground Lease was made, or that Tenant had the opportunity to consult with counsel, but declined to do so.

21.05 Insurance. The Indemnification requirements under this Ground Lease, or any other agreement between the City and Tenant, will in no way be limited by any insurance requirements under any such agreements.

21.06 Survival. The provisions of ARTICLE 21 will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Ground Lease as related to losses accruing during the period that Tenant is in possession of the Premises and subsequent losses related to Tenant's possession of the Premises. No Lender who acquires title to the Tenant's interest in the Ground Lease will have any obligation or liability beyond its interest as Tenant under the Ground Lease and liability under the indemnification provisions of this Ground Lease will only apply to such Lender for any covered issues that arise during the time such Lender holds title to the Tenant's interest in the Ground Lease.

## **ARTICLE 22 INSURANCE**

22.01 Insurance. The Tenant must maintain insurance meeting the requirements of this Article.

22.01(a)Insurance Requirements for Tenant. During the term of this Ground Lease, Tenant will procure and maintain insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property that may arise from or in connection with the performance of any work by the Tenant, its agents, representatives, employees, contractors or subcontractors and the Tenant's use and occupancy of the Premises.

22.01(b)Minimum Scope of Insurance. Coverage must be at least as broad as:

- (i) Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (form CG 00 01—"Occurrence") or other form approved by the City's Risk Manager.
- (ii) Insurance Services Office Automobile Liability coverage, code 1 (form CA 00 01—"Any Auto") or other form approved by the City's Risk Manager.
- (iii) Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability insurance.
- (iv) Professional Liability Insurance: Tenant will require that all architects, engineers, and surveyors for the Project have liability insurance covering all negligent acts, errors, and omissions. Tenant will provide the City with copies of consultants' insurance certificates showing that coverage.
- (v) Insurance Services Office Property Insurance coverage (form CP 10 30 60 95—"Causes of Loss—Special Form") or other form approved by the City's Risk Manager.
- (vi) Crime Policy or Fidelity Bond covering the Tenant's officers and employees against dishonesty with respect to the use of City funds.

22.01(c)Minimum Limits of Insurance. Tenant must maintain limits no less than:



(i) General Liability: Commercial General Liability insurance with no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence and Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) annual aggregate limit for bodily injury and property damage, including coverage for blanket contractual liability (including tort liability and of another party and Tenant's liability of injury or death to persons and damage to property set forth in Section 21.01 above); personal injury; fire damage legal liability; advertisers' liability; owners' and contractors' protective liability; products and completed operations; broad form property damage; and explosion, collapse and underground (XCU) coverage during any period in which Tenant is conducting any activity on, alteration or improvement to the Premises with risk of explosion, collapse, or underground hazards.

(ii) Automobile Liability: Business Automobile Liability insurance with no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage, including owned, hired, and non-owned auto coverage, as applicable.

(iii) Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Workers' Compensation, in statutory amounts, with Employers' Liability limits not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident, injury, or illness.

(iv) Professional Liability: Professional Liability insurance of no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) annual aggregate limit covering all negligent acts, errors, and omissions of Tenant's architects, engineers, and surveyors. If the Professional Liability Insurance provided by the architects, engineers, or surveyors is "claims made" coverage, Tenant must assure that these minimum limits are maintained for no less than three (3) years beyond completion of the construction or remodeling.

(v) Crime Policy or Fidelity Bond: Crime Policy or Fidelity Bond of no less than Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) each loss, with any deductible not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) each loss.

(vi) Pollution Liability and/or Asbestos Pollution Liability: Pollution Liability and/or Asbestos Pollution Liability applicable to the work being performed, with a limit no less than \$1,000,000 per claim or occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate per policy period of one year; this coverage must be endorsed to include Non-Owned Disposal Site coverage. This policy may be provided by the Tenant's contractor, provided that the policy must be "claims made" coverage and Tenant must require Tenant's contractor to maintain these minimum limits for no less than three (3) years beyond completion of the Project.

(vii) Property Insurance:

(A) Before construction:

a. Reserved.

b. During the course of construction:

i. Builder's risk insurance, special form coverage, excluding earthquake and for one hundred percent (100%) of the then-current replacement cost of all completed improvements and City property in the care, custody, and control of the Tenant or its contractor, including coverage in transit and storage off-site; the cost of debris removal and demolition as may be made reasonably necessary by such covered perils, resulting damage and any applicable Law; start up, testing and machinery breakdown including electrical arcing, copy of the applicable endorsement to the Builder's Risk policy, if the Builder's Risk policy is issued on a declared-project basis; and with a deductible not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) each loss, including the City and all subcontractors as loss payees.

ii. Performance and payment bonds of contractors, each in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of contract amounts, naming the City and Tenant as dual obligees or other completion security approved by the City in its sole discretion.

(B) Upon completion of construction:

i. Property insurance, excluding earthquake, in the amount no less than One Hundred Percent (100%) of the then-current replacement value of all improvements and City property in the care, custody, and control of the Tenant or its contractor. For rehabilitation/construction projects that are unoccupied by Residential Occupants, Tenant must obtain Property Insurance by the date that the project receives a Certificate of Substantial Completion.

ii. Boiler and machinery insurance, comprehensive form, covering damage to, loss or destruction of machinery and equipment located on the Premises that is used by Tenant for heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, power generation, and similar purposes, in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the actual then-current replacement value of such machinery and equipment.

22.01(d) Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions in excess of \$25,000 must be declared to and approved by the City's Risk Manager. At the option of City's Risk Manager, either: the insurer will reduce or eliminate the deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to the City and County of San Francisco, and their respective commissioners, members,

officers, agents, and employees; or the Tenant must procure a financial guarantee satisfactory to the City's Risk Manager guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses.

22.01(e) Other Insurance Provisions. The policies must contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

(i) General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverage: The "City and County of San Francisco and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents, and employees" are to be covered as additional insured with respect to: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Tenant related to the Project; products and completed operations of the Tenant, premises owned, occupied or used by the Tenant related to the Project; and automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the Tenant for the operations related to the Project. The coverage may not contain any special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City and its Commissioners, members, officers, agents, or employees.

(ii) Workers' Compensation and Property Insurance: The insured will agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the "City and County of San Francisco, and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents, and employees" for any losses in connection with this Project.

(iii) Claims-made Coverage: If any of the required insurance is provided under a claims-made form, Tenant will maintain such coverage continuously throughout the term of this Ground Lease and, without lapse, for a period of three years beyond the expiration of this Ground Lease, to the effect that, if occurrences during the contract term give rise to claims made after expiration of the Ground Lease, then those claims will be covered by the claims-made policies.

(iv) All Coverage. Each insurance policy required by this Article must:

(1) Be endorsed to state that coverage will not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, or reduced in coverage or in limits, except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to City, except in the event of suspension for nonpayment of premium, in which case ten (10) days' notice will be given.

(2) Contain a clause providing that the City and its officers, agents and employees will not be liable for any required premium.

(3) For any claims related to this Ground Lease, the Tenant's insurance coverage will be primary insurance with respect to the City and its commissioners, members, officers, agents, and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City or its commissioners, members, officers, agents, or employees will

be in excess of the Tenant's insurance and will not contribute with it.

(4) The Tenant's insurance will apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

(5) Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies will not affect coverage provided to the City and its commissioners, members, officers, agents, or employees.

(6) Approval of Tenant's insurance by the City will not relieve or decrease the liability of Tenant under this Ground Lease.

(7) The City reserves the right to require an increase in insurance coverage if the City determines that conditions (including, but not limited to, property conditions, market conditions, or commercially reasonable practice) show cause for an increase, unless Tenant demonstrates to the City's satisfaction that the increased coverage is commercially unreasonable and unavailable to Tenant.

22.01(f)Acceptability of Insurers. All insurers must have a Best's rating of no less than A-VIII or as otherwise approved by the City's Risk Manager.

22.01(g)Verification of Coverage. Tenant will furnish City with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause at the commencement of this Ground Lease and annually thereafter. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements demonstrating the coverage required by these specifications at any time.

22.01(h)Contractor, Subcontractors, and Consultants Insurance. Tenant must include all subcontractors and consultants as additional insureds under its policies or furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each. Tenant will require the subcontractor(s) and consultants to provide all necessary insurance and to name the City and County of San Francisco, and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents, and employees and the Tenant as additional insureds. All coverage for subcontractors and consultants will be subject to all of the requirements stated herein unless otherwise approved by the City's Risk Manager.

## **ARTICLE 23 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

23.01 Compliance with Legal Requirements. From and after the Effective Date, Tenant will at its cost and expense, promptly comply with all applicable Laws now in force or that may later be

in force, including, without limitation, the requirements of the fire department or other similar body now or later constituted and with any direction or occupancy certificate issued under any Law as any of them may relate to or affect the condition, use, or occupancy of the Land. If Tenant contests any of the foregoing, Tenant will not be obligated to comply therewith to the extent that the application of the contested Law is stayed by the operation of law or administrative or judicial order and Tenant indemnifies, defends, and holds harmless the Indemnified Parties against all Claims resulting from noncompliance.

23.02 Regulatory Approvals. Tenant understands and agrees that the City is entering into this Ground Lease in its capacity as a landowner with a proprietary interest in the Premises and not as a regulatory agency with certain police powers. Tenant understands and agrees that neither entry by the City into this Ground Lease nor any approvals given by the City under this Ground Lease will be deemed to imply that Tenant has thereby obtained any required approvals from City departments, boards, or commissions that have jurisdiction over the Premises. By entering into this Ground Lease, the City is in no way modifying or limiting the obligations of Tenant to develop the Project in accordance with all Laws and as provided in this Ground Lease.

Tenant understands that the construction of the Improvements on the Land and development of the Project will require approval, authorization, or permit by governmental agencies with jurisdiction, which may include the City's Planning Commission and/or Zoning Administrator and the Department of Building Inspection. Tenant must use good faith efforts to obtain and will be solely responsible for obtaining any approvals required for the Project in the manner set forth in this Section. Tenant will not seek any regulatory approval without first obtaining MOHCD's approval, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Throughout the permit process for any regulatory approvals, Tenant will consult and coordinate with MOHCD in Tenant's efforts to obtain permits. MOHCD will cooperate reasonably with Tenant in its efforts to obtain permits; provided, however, Tenant may not agree to the imposition of conditions or restrictions in connection with its efforts obtain a permit from any other regulatory agency if the City is required to be a co-permittee under the permit or the conditions or restrictions could create any financial or other material obligations on the part of the City whether on or off of the Premises, unless in each instance MOHCD has approved the conditions previously in writing and in MOHCD's reasonable discretion. No approval by MOHCD will limit Tenant's obligation to pay all the costs of complying with conditions under this Section. Tenant must bear all costs associated with applying for and obtaining any necessary regulatory approval, as well as any fines, penalties or corrective actions imposed as a result of Tenant's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any regulatory approval.

With MOHCD's prior written consent, Tenant will have the right to appeal or contest any condition in any manner permitted by Law imposed upon any regulatory approval. In addition to any other indemnification provisions of this Ground Lease, Tenant must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City and its commissioners, officers, agents or employees from and against any and all Claims that may arise in connection with Tenant's failure to obtain or comply with the terms and conditions of any regulatory approval or with the appeal or contest of any conditions of any regulatory approval, except to the extent damage arises out of the active gross negligence or willful misconduct of the City or its agents.

## ARTICLE 24 ENTRY

24.01 The City reserves for itself and its authorized representatives the right to enter the Premises at all reasonable times during normal business hours upon not less than forty-eight (48) hours' written notice to Tenant (except in the event of an emergency), subject to the rights of the occupants, tenants, and others lawfully permitted on the Premises, for any of the following purposes:

- 24.01(a) to determine whether the Premises is in good condition and to inspect the Premises (including soil borings or other Hazardous Substance investigations);
- 24.01(b) to determine whether Tenant is in compliance with its Ground Lease obligations and to cure or attempt to cure any Tenant default;
- 24.01(c) to serve, post, or keep posted any notices required or allowed under any of the provisions of this Ground Lease;
- 24.01(d) to do any maintenance or repairs to the Premises that the City has the right or the obligation, if any, to perform hereunder; and
- 24.01(e) to show the Premises to any prospective purchasers, brokers, Lenders, or public officials, or, during the last year of the Term of this Ground Lease, exhibit the Premises to prospective tenants or other occupants, and to post any reasonable "for sale" or "for lease" signs in connection therewith.

24.02 In the event of any emergency, as reasonably determined by the City, at its sole option and without notice, the City may enter the Premises, remove or alter any portion of the Premises, and alter or remove any of Tenant's personal property on or about the Premises as reasonably necessary, given the nature of the emergency. The City will have the right to use any and all means the City considers appropriate to gain access to any portion of the Premises in an emergency, in which case, the City will not be responsible for any damage or injury to any property, or for the replacement of any property, and no emergency entry may be deemed to be a forcible or unlawful entry onto or a detainer of the Premises, or an eviction, actual or constructive, of Tenant from the Premises or any portion thereof.

24.03 The City will not be liable in any manner for any inconvenience, disturbance, loss of business, nuisance, or other damage arising out of the City's entry onto the Premises, except to the extent damage arises out of the active gross negligence or willful misconduct of the City or its agents. The City will be responsible for any losses resulting from its active gross negligence or willful misconduct and will repair any resulting damage promptly.

24.04 Tenant will not be entitled to any abatement in Annual Rent the City exercises any rights reserved in this Section, subject to Section 24.03 above.

24.05 The City will use its reasonable good faith efforts to conduct any activities on the Premises allowed under this Section in a manner that, to the extent practicable, will minimize any disruption to Tenant's use of the Premises as permitted by this Ground Lease.

## ARTICLE 25 MORTGAGE FINANCING

25.01 No Encumbrances Except for Development Purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ground Lease and subject to the prior written consent of the City in the form attached hereto as Attachment 3, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, Leasehold Mortgages are permitted to be placed on the Leasehold Estate only for the purpose of securing loans of funds to be used for financing the acquisition of the Project; refinancing of financing used to acquire or rehabilitate the Project; design, construction, renovation, or reconstruction of the Improvements; and any other expenditures reasonably necessary and appropriate to acquire, own, develop, construct, renovate, or reconstruct the Project under this Ground Lease and in connection with the operation of the Project; and costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred by Tenant in furtherance of the purposes of this Ground Lease. The City, acting solely in its capacity as landlord under this Ground Lease and not in its capacity as a Project Lender, acknowledges and accepts JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA as a Lender, and consents to the Leasehold Mortgage associated with Lender's construction loan to Tenant for the Project.

25.02 Holder Not Obligated to Construct. The holder of any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security interest authorized by Section 25.01 ("**Holder**" or "**Lender**"), including the successors or assigns of the Holder, is not obligated to complete any construction of the Improvements or to guarantee such completion; and no covenant or any other provision of this Ground Lease may be construed to obligate the Holder. However, if the Holder undertakes to complete or guarantee the completion of the construction of the Improvements, except as provided in Section 26.06(b), nothing in this Ground Lease will be deemed or construed to permit or authorize the Holder or its successors or assigns to devote the Premises or any portion thereof to any uses, or to construct any Improvements on the Land, other than those authorized under Section 9.01 and any reasonable modifications in plans proposed by the Holder or its successors in interest proposed for the viability of the Project approved by the City in its reasonable discretion under Section 10.16. Except as provided in Section 26.06(b), to the extent any Holder or its successors in interest wish to change such uses or construct different improvements, Holder or its successors in interest must obtain the advance written consent of the City.

25.03 Failure of Holder to Complete Construction. In any case where six (6) months after assumption of obligations under Section 25.02 above, a Lender, having first exercised its option to complete the construction, has not proceeded diligently with completion of the construction, the City will have all the rights against the Holder it would otherwise have against Tenant under this Ground Lease for events or failures occurring after such assumption; subject to any extensions of time granted under Section 10.16 of this Ground Lease.

25.04 Default by Tenant and the City's Rights.

25.04(a) Right of City to Cure a Default or Breach by Tenant under a Leasehold Mortgage. In the event of a default or breach by Tenant under any Leasehold Mortgage, and Tenant's failure to timely commence or diligently prosecute cure of the default or breach, the City may, at its option, cure the breach or default during the one hundred ten (110) days after the date that the Lender files a notice of default. If the City undertakes to cure the default or breach, then the City will be entitled to

reimbursement from Tenant of all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the City. The City will also be entitled to a lien on the Leasehold Estate to the extent Tenant does not reimburse the costs and expenses. City's lien will be subject to the lien of any then-existing Leasehold Mortgage authorized by this Ground Lease, including any lien contemplated because of advances yet to be made. After ninety (90) days following the date of Lender filing a notice of default and expiration of all applicable cure periods under the terms of the applicable loan documents, the City will also have the right to assign Tenant's interest in the Ground Lease to another entity, subject to all Lenders' and Permitted Limited Partner's written consents, and which consent may be conditioned, among other things, on the assumption by the other entity of all obligations of the Tenant under the Leasehold Mortgage.

25.04(b) Notice of Default to City. Tenant will require Lender to give the City prompt written notice of any default or breach of the Leasehold Mortgage and each Leasehold Mortgage will provide for that notice to the City and contain the City's right to cure as above set forth.

25.05 Cost of Mortgage Loans to be Paid by Tenant. Tenant covenants and affirms that it will bear all of the costs and expenses in connection with (a) the preparation and securing of any Leasehold Mortgage, (b) the delivery of any instruments and documents and their filing and recording, if required, and (c) all taxes and charges payable in connection with any Leasehold Mortgage.

## ARTICLE 26 PROTECTION OF LENDER

26.01 Notification to the City. Promptly on the creation of any Leasehold Mortgage and as a condition precedent to the existence of any of the rights set forth in this ARTICLE 26, Tenant will cause each Lender to give written notice to the City of the Lender's address and of the existence and nature of its Leasehold Mortgage. Execution of Attachment 3 will constitute City's acknowledgement of Lender's having given such notice as is required to obtain the rights and protections of a Lender under this Ground Lease. The City acknowledges that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. is a Lender, and is deemed to have given such notice to the City.

26.02 Lender's Rights to Prevent Termination. Each Lender has the right, but not the obligation, at any time before termination of this Ground Lease and without payment of any penalty other than the interest on unpaid rent, to pay all of the rents due under this Ground Lease, to effect any insurance, to pay any taxes and assessments and other similar charges, to make any repairs and improvements, to do any other act or thing required of Tenant or necessary and proper to be done in the performance and observance of the agreements, covenants and conditions of this Ground Lease to prevent a termination of this Ground Lease to the same effect as if the same had been made, done, and performed by Tenant instead of by Lender.

26.03 Lender's Rights When Tenant Defaults. If any event of default under this Ground Lease occurs and is continuing, and is not cured within the applicable cure period, the City will not terminate this Ground Lease or exercise any other remedy unless it first gives written notice of the event of default to Lender; and



26.03(a) If the event of default is a failure to pay a monetary obligation of Tenant, Lender will have sixty (60) days from the date of written notice from the City to Lender to cure the default; or

26.03(b) If the event of default is not a failure to pay a monetary obligation of Tenant, Lender will have sixty (60) days of receipt of the written notice, to either (a) remedy such default; or (b) obtain title to the Leasehold Estate in lieu of foreclosure; or (c) to commence foreclosure or other appropriate proceedings in the nature thereof (including the appointment of a receiver) and thereafter diligently prosecute such proceedings to completion, in which case such event of default will be remedied or deemed remedied in accordance with Section 26.04 below.

26.03(c) All rights of the City to terminate this Ground Lease as the result of the occurrence of any uncured event of default is subject to, and conditioned upon, the City having first given Lender written notice of the event of default and Lender having failed to remedy such default or acquire Tenant's Leasehold Estate or commence foreclosure or other appropriate proceedings in the nature thereof as set forth in and within the time specified by this Section 26.03, and upon the Permitted Limited Partners having failed to proceed as permitted under Sections 19.04(b).

26.04 Default That Cannot be Remedied by Lender. Any event of default under this Ground Lease that in the nature thereof cannot be remedied by Lender will be deemed to be remedied as it pertains to Lender or any Subsequent Owner if (a) within sixty (60) days after receiving notice from the City setting forth the nature of such event of default, Lender has acquired Tenant's Leasehold Estate or has commenced foreclosure or other appropriate proceedings in the nature of foreclosure, (b) Lender is diligently prosecuting any such proceedings to completion, (c) Lender has fully cured any event of default arising from failure to pay or perform any monetary obligation in accordance with Section 26.03, and (d) after gaining possession of the Improvements, Lender diligently proceeds to perform all other obligations of Tenant as and when due in accordance with the terms of this Ground Lease.

26.05 Court Action Preventing Foreclosure. If Lender is prohibited by any process or injunction issued by any court or because of any action by any court having jurisdiction of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding involving Tenant from commencing or prosecuting foreclosure or other appropriate proceedings in the nature of foreclosure, the times specified in Sections 26.03 and 26.04 above for commencing or prosecuting such foreclosure or other proceedings will be extended for the period of such prohibition. If this Ground Lease is terminated or rejected by Tenant in bankruptcy, then the City will enter into a new ground lease with the Lender on the same terms set forth in this Ground Lease. For purpose of this Article, if there is more than one Lender, the City will offer the new lease to each Lender in the order of priority until accepted.

26.06 Lender's Rights to Record, Foreclose, and Assign. With respect to any Leasehold Mortgage:

26.06(a)the Lender may cause its Leasehold Mortgage to be recorded and enforced, and upon foreclosure, sell and assign the Leasehold Estate to an assignee from whom it may accept a purchase price; subject, however, to Lender's first securing written approval from City, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, and if the Subsequent Owner has elected to maintain the use restrictions of ARTICLE 9, the Subsequent Owner must be controlled by a California nonprofit public benefit corporation exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code so that the Premises receive an exemption from state property taxes as provided under Section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (to the extent such exemption is then available). Furthermore, Lender may acquire title to the Leasehold Estate in any lawful way, and if the Lender becomes the assignee, then Lender may sell and assign the Leasehold Estate subject to City approval (which may not be unreasonably withheld) and to the City's rights under Section 25.04.

26.06(b)each Subsequent Owner must take said Leasehold Estate subject to all of the provisions of this Ground Lease, and must, so long as and only so long as it is the owner of the Leasehold Estate, except as provided elsewhere in this Ground Lease, assume all of the obligations of Tenant under this Ground Lease; provided, however, that, subject to the rent provisions of Section 26.07 below, the Subsequent Owner may operate and maintain the Residential Units without any limitations on the rents charged or the income of the occupants thereof, subject to any applicable regulatory agreement, restrictive covenant, or other encumbrance including, but not limited to, the MOHCD Declaration of Restrictions;

26.06(c)the City will mail or deliver to any Lender that has an outstanding Leasehold Mortgage a duplicate copy of all notices that the City may give to Tenant under this Ground Lease; and

26.06(d)any Permitted Limited Partners of Tenant will have the same rights as any Lender under Sections 26.02, 26.03, and 26.06(c), and any reference to a Lender in those sections will be deemed to include the Permitted Limited Partners; provided, however, that the rights of the Permitted Limited Partners are subordinate to the rights of any Lender.

26.07 Ground Lease Rent after Lender Foreclosure or Assignment. From and after the time that the Subsequent Owner acquires title to the Leasehold Estate, Annual Rent will be set as follows:

26.07(a)City will forgive any accrued Annual Rent at the time of foreclosure, and it will not be an obligation of the Lender, its assignee, or the Subsequent Owner. After foreclosure or assignment of the Leasehold Estate to the Lender in lieu of foreclosure, if the Lender continues to operate the Project subject to the use and occupancy restrictions of Section 9.01, then Annual Rent otherwise due may, at the option of the Lender, be deferred until the earlier of the date of the Lender's sale or assignment of the Project to a Subsequent Owner that does not agree to operate the Project subject to such restrictions or the date that is sixty (60) days after Lender ceases to operate the Project in accordance with those restrictions.

All deferred Annual Rent will accrue, with simple interest at six percent (6%) per annum until paid.

26.07(b) If the Subsequent Owner exercises its rights under Section 26.06(b) to operate the Project without being subject to Section 9.01, then Annual Rent will be set at the then fair market rental value taking into account any affordability restrictions agreed to by the Subsequent Owner, if any, and the Base Rent will be increased to the new fair market rent under this Section 26.07(b) and the provisions of Section 6.02(g) will be suspended; provided, however, that the City will be entitled to reduce Annual Rent by any dollar amount (but not below zero) in its sole discretion and, in such case, the Subsequent Owner will be required to reduce rent charged to Residential Occupants on a dollar for dollar basis, with respect to such aggregate units occupied by Qualified Households as the City and the Subsequent Owner may agree. The fair market rental value will be determined by a jointly-commissioned appraisal (instructions prepared jointly by the Subsequent Owner and the City, with each party paying one half of the appraiser's fee) that will include a market land valuation, as well as a market land lease rent level. Absent a market land lease rent determination, the Annual Rent will be set at an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the then appraised market land value. If the parties cannot agree on the joint appraisal instructions, either party may invoke a neutral third-party process to set the Annual Rent at fair market rent in accordance with the then-prevailing practice for resolving similar rent determination disputes in San Francisco or, in the event that there is no then-prevailing practice, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. But, after the neutral third-party process, the Lender, in its sole discretion, may rescind its written notification of intent to not comply with Section 9.01 of this Ground Lease.

26.08 Permitted Uses After Lender Foreclosure. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of a foreclosure and transfer to a Subsequent Owner, then the Premises will be operated in accordance with the uses specified in the building permit with all addenda, as approved by the City's Department of Building Inspection.

26.09 Preservation of Leasehold Benefits. Until such time as a Lender notifies the City in writing that the obligations of Tenant under its loan documents have been satisfied:

26.09(a) subject to Section 19.03(b), the City will not voluntarily cancel or surrender this Ground Lease, or accept a voluntary cancellation or surrender of this Ground Lease by Tenant, or amend this Ground Lease to materially increase the obligations of the Tenant or the rights of the City under this Ground Lease or amend any provision of Articles 25 and 26 or any other provision of this Ground Lease that directly affects a Lender's interests, without the prior written consent of the Lender (which may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed);

26.09(b) the City will not enforce against a Lender any waiver or election made by the Tenant under this Ground Lease that has a material adverse effect on the value of

the Leasehold Estate without the prior written consent of the Lender (which will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed);

26.09(c) if a Lender makes written request to the City for a new ground lease within fifteen (15) days after Lender receives written notice of termination of this Ground Lease, then the City will enter a new ground lease with the Lender commencing on the date of termination of this Ground Lease and ending on the normal expiration date of this Ground Lease, on substantially the same terms and conditions as this Ground Lease and subject to the rent provisions set forth in Section 26.07 and with the same priority as against any sublease or other interests in the Premises; so long as the Lender cures all unpaid monetary defaults under this Ground Lease, through the date of such termination;

26.09(d) the City will provide reasonable prior notice to each Lender of any proceedings for adjustment or adjudication of any insurance or condemnation claim involving the Premises and will permit each Lender to participate the proceedings as an interested party.

26.10 No Merger. The Leasehold Estate will not merge with the fee interest in the Land, notwithstanding ownership of the leasehold and the fee by the same person, without the prior written consent of each Lender.

26.11 City Bankruptcy.

26.11(a) If a bankruptcy proceeding is filed by or against the City, the City will immediately notify each Lender of the filing and will deliver a copy of all notices, pleadings, schedules, and similar materials regarding the bankruptcy proceedings to each Lender.

26.11(b) The City acknowledges that (i) the Tenant seeks to construct the Improvements on the Land using proceeds of the loans provided by the Lenders, and (ii) it would be unfair to both the Tenant and the Lenders to sell the Premises free and clear of the Leasehold Estate. Therefore, the City waives its right to sell the City's fee interest in the Land under section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, free and clear of the Leasehold Estate.

26.11(c) If a bankruptcy proceeding is filed by or on behalf of the City:

(i) Tenant will be presumed to have objected to any attempt by the City to sell the fee interest free and clear of the Leasehold Estate;

(ii) if Tenant does not so object, each Lender will have the right to so object on its own behalf or on behalf of the Tenant; and

(iii) in connection with any such sale, Tenant will not be deemed to have received adequate protection under section 363(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, unless it has received and paid to each Lender the outstanding balance under its respective loan.

26.11(d) City recognizes that the Lenders are authorized on behalf of Tenant to vote, participate in, or consent to any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or court proceeding concerning the Leasehold Estate.

26.12 Amendment. From the Effective Date through the Compliance Period, none of ARTICLE 4, ARTICLE 9, ARTICLE 13, ARTICLE 19 and ARTICLE 20, nor Sections 6.02, 14.01, 26.02, 26.03 or 26.06 may be amended without the written consent of the Permitted Limited Partner.

## **ARTICLE 27 CONDEMNATION AND TAKINGS**

27.01 Parties' Rights and Obligations to be Governed by Agreement. If, during the term of this Ground Lease, there is any condemnation of all or any part of the Premises or any interest in the Leasehold Estate is taken by condemnation, the rights and obligations of the parties will be determined under this ARTICLE 27, subject to the rights of any Lender. Accordingly, Tenant waives any right to terminate this Ground Lease upon the occurrence of a partial condemnation under Sections 1265.120 and 1265.130 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, as those sections may from time to time be amended, replaced, or restated

27.02 Notice. In case of the commencement of any proceedings or negotiations that might result in a condemnation of all or any portion of the Premises during the Term, the party learning of such proceedings will promptly give written notice of the proceedings or negotiations to the other party. The notice will describe with as much specificity as is reasonable, the nature and extent of such condemnation or the nature of such proceedings or negotiations and of the condemnation that might result, as the case may be.

27.03 Total Taking. If the Premises is totally taken by condemnation, this Ground Lease will terminate on the date the condemnor has the right to possession of the Premises.

27.04 Partial Taking. If any portion of the Premises is taken by condemnation, this Ground Lease will remain in effect, except that Tenant may, with Lender's written consent, elect to terminate this Ground Lease if, in Tenant's reasonable judgment, the remaining portion of the Premises is rendered unsuitable for Tenant's continued use. If Tenant elects to terminate this Ground Lease, Tenant must exercise its right to terminate under this paragraph by giving notice to the City within thirty (30) days after the City notifies Tenant of the nature and the extent of the taking. Tenant's termination notice must include the date of termination, which date may not be earlier than thirty (30) days or later than six (6) months after the date of Tenant's notice; except that this Ground Lease will terminate on the date the condemnor has the right to possession of the Premises if that date falls on a date before the date of termination as designated by Tenant. If Tenant does not terminate this Ground Lease within the thirty (30) day notice period, this Ground Lease will continue in full force and effect.

27.05 Effect on Rent. If any portion of the Premises is taken by condemnation and this Ground Lease remains in full force and effect, then on the date of taking the rent will be reduced by an amount that is in the same ratio to the rent as the value of the area of the portion of the Premises taken bears to the total value of the Premises immediately before the date of the taking.

27.06 Restoration of Improvements. If there is a partial taking of the Premises and this Ground Lease remains in full force and effect under Section 27.04, then Tenant may, subject to the terms

of the Leasehold Mortgage, use the proceeds of the taking to accomplish all necessary restoration to the Premises.

27.07 Award and Distribution. Any compensation awarded, paid, or received on a total or partial condemnation of the Premises or threat of condemnation of the Premises will belong to and be distributed in the following order:

27.07(a) First, to pay the balance due on any outstanding Leasehold Mortgages (first to the Leasehold Mortgage with the first priority until paid in full and then in the order of relative priority thereafter) and other outstanding or unpaid obligations and/or liabilities, including but not limited to, trade accounts, taxes, payroll accruals, and lease residuals, to the extent provided therein; and

27.07(b) Second, to the Tenant in an amount equal to the then fair market value of Tenant's interest in the Improvements and its leasehold interest in the Land (including, but not limited to, the value of Tenant's interest in all subleases to occupants of the Premises), such value to be determined as it existed immediately preceding the earliest taking or threat of taking of the Premises; and;

27.07(c) Third, to the Landlord.

27.07(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Section, any portion of the compensation awarded that has been specifically designated by the condemning authority or in the judgment of any court to be payable to the City or Tenant on account of any interest in the Premises separate and apart from the condemned land value, the value of the City's reversionary interest in the Improvements, Tenant's Leasehold Estate, or the value of the Improvements for the remaining unexpired portion of the Term, will be paid to the City or Tenant, as applicable, as so designated by the condemning authority or judgment.

27.08 Payment to Lenders. In the event the Improvements are subject to the lien of a Leasehold Mortgage on the date when any compensation resulting from a condemnation or threatened condemnation is to be paid to Tenant, the award will be disposed of as provided in the Leasehold Mortgages in the order of their relative priority.

27.09 Temporary Condemnation. If there is a condemnation of all or any portion of the Premises for a temporary period lasting less than the remaining Term, this Ground Lease will remain in full force and effect, there will be no abatement of Rent, and the entire award will be payable to Tenant.

27.10 Personal Property; Goodwill. Notwithstanding Section 27.07, the City will not be entitled to any portion of any award payable in connection with the condemnation of the Personal Property of Tenant or any of its subtenants, or any moving expenses, loss of goodwill or business loss or interruption of Tenant, severance damages with respect to any portion of the Premises remaining under this Ground Lease, or other damages suffered by Tenant.

## ARTICLE 28 ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE

The City or Tenant, as the case may be, will execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the other and/or any Lender or a Permitted Limited Partner, promptly upon request, its certificate certifying (a) that this Ground Lease is unmodified and in full force and effect (or, if there have been modifications, that this Ground Lease is in full force and effect, as modified, and stating the modifications), (b) the dates, if any, to which rent has been paid, (c) whether there are then existing any charges, offsets, or defenses against the enforcement by the City or Tenant to be performed or observed and, if so, specifying them, and (d) whether there are then existing any defaults by Tenant or the City in the performance or observance by Tenant or the City of any agreement, covenant, or condition on the part of Tenant or the City to be performed or observed under this Ground Lease, and whether any notice has been given to Tenant or the City of any default that has not been cured and, if so, specifying the uncured default.

## ARTICLE 29 SURRENDER AND QUITCLAIM

### 29.01 Surrender.

29.01(a) Upon expiration or earlier termination of this Ground Lease, Tenant will surrender to the City the Premises in good order, condition, and repair (except for ordinary wear and tear occurring after the last necessary maintenance made by Tenant and except for Casualty or Condemnation as described in ARTICLE 20 and ARTICLE 27). Ordinary wear and tear will not include any damage or deterioration that would have been prevented by proper maintenance by Tenant, or Tenant otherwise performing all of its obligations under this Ground Lease. The Premises must be surrendered clean, free of debris, waste, and Hazardous Substances, and free and clear of all liens and encumbrances other than liens and encumbrances existing as of the date of this Ground Lease and any other encumbrances created or approved in writing by the City. On or before the expiration or earlier termination of this Ground Lease, Tenant at its sole cost will remove from the Premises, and repair any damage caused by removal of, Personal Property, including any signage. Improvements and Changes will remain in the Premises as City property and title to the Improvements and any Changes will be conveyed to the City as provided in ARTICLE 13 above.

29.01(b) If the Premises are not surrendered at the end of the Term or sooner termination of this Ground Lease, and in accordance with the provisions of this ARTICLE 29, Tenant will continue to be responsible for the payment of Annual Rent until the Premises are surrendered in accordance with this ARTICLE 29, and Tenant will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all Claims resulting from delay by Tenant in surrendering the Premises including, without limitation, any costs of the City to obtain possession of the Premises; any loss or liability resulting from any Claim against the City made by any succeeding tenant or prospective tenant founded on or resulting from such delay; and losses to the City due to lost opportunities to lease any portion of the Premises to any such succeeding tenant or prospective tenant, together with, in each instance, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

29.01(c) No act or conduct of the City or MOHCD, including, but not limited to, the acceptance of the keys to the Premises, will constitute an acceptance of the surrender of the Premises by Tenant before the expiration of the Term. Only a written notice from the City to Tenant confirming termination of this Ground Lease and surrender of the Premises by Tenant will constitute acceptance of the surrender of the Premises and accomplish a termination of this Ground Lease.

29.02 Quitclaim. On the expiration or earlier termination of this Ground Lease, the Improvements will automatically, and without further act or conveyance on the part of Tenant or the City, become the property of the City, free and clear of all liens and without payment therefore by the City, as provided in ARTICLE 13. On expiration or sooner termination of this Ground Lease, Tenant must surrender the Premises to the City and, at the City's request, will execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the City a good and sufficient quitclaim deed with respect to any interest of Tenant in the Premises.

29.03 Abandoned Property. Any items, including Personal Property, not removed by Tenant on the expiration or termination of this Ground Lease will be deemed abandoned. The City may retain, store, remove, and sell or otherwise dispose of abandoned Personal Property, and Tenant waives all Claims against the City for any damages resulting from the City's retention, removal, and disposition of abandoned Personal Property; provided, however, that Tenant will be liable to the City for all costs incurred in storing, removing, and disposing of abandoned Personal Property and repairing any damage to the Premises resulting from its removal. The City may elect to sell abandoned Personal Property and offset against the sales proceeds the City's storage, removal, and disposition costs without notice to Tenant or otherwise according to the procedures set forth in California Civil Code Section 1993, the benefits of which Tenant waives.

29.04 Survival. Tenant's obligation under this ARTICLE 29 will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Ground Lease.

### ARTICLE 30 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

In the selection of all contractors and professional consultants for the Project, Tenant will comply with the City's procurement requirements and procedures as described in the Contracting Manual (2006 Amendment) for Federally Funded Construction Projects Financed by the Mayor's Office of Housing, issued by MOHCD on November 18, 2002, as amended on May 22, 2007, as the same may be further amended from time to time, and with the requirements of the Small Business Enterprise Program ("**SBE Program**") as set forth in that certain Small Business Enterprise Program manual dated July 1, 2015, as it may be amended from time to time, according to the procedures established by the City's Contract Monitoring Division. The Project must comply with the training, hiring, and contracting requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 and of the San Francisco Section 3 program as administered by MOHCD. Federal Section 3 requirements state that contracts and opportunities for job training and employment be given, to the greatest extent feasible, to local low-income residents. Local residents for this Project are San Francisco residents. In addition, this Project will be required to comply with hiring requirements as incorporated into the local Section 3 program and in conjunction with the City's low-income hiring requirements under San Francisco's First Source Hiring Ordinance (San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 83).



## **ARTICLE 31 CITY PREFERENCE PROGRAMS**

To the extent permitted by applicable Law, Tenant will comply with the requirements of the City's current housing preference programs, as amended from time to time; provided, however, that such requirements will apply only to the extent permitted by the requirements of non-City funding approved by the City for the Project.

## **ARTICLE 32 RESERVED**

## **ARTICLE 33 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No commissioner, official, or employee of the City may have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Ground Lease, and any such commissioner, official, or employee may not participate in any decision relating to this Ground Lease that affects his or her personal interests or the interests of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested.

## **ARTICLE 34 NO PERSONAL LIABILITY**

No commissioner, official, or employee of the City will be personally liable to Tenant or any successor in interest in the event of any default or breach by the City or for any amount that may become due to Tenant or its successors or on any obligations under the terms of this Ground Lease.

## **ARTICLE 35 ENERGY CONSERVATION**

Tenant will use its best efforts to maximize provision of, and incorporation of, both energy conservation techniques and systems and improved waste-handling methodology in the construction or rehabilitation of the Improvements.

## **ARTICLE 36 WAIVER**

The waiver by the City or Tenant of any term, covenant, agreement or condition in this Ground Lease will not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, agreement, or condition in this Ground Lease, and no custom or practice that may grow up between the parties in the administration of this Ground Lease may be construed to waive or to lessen the right of the City or Tenant to insist upon the performance by the other in strict accordance with the its terms. The subsequent acceptance of rent or any other sum by the City will not be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding breach by Tenant of any term, covenant, agreement, or condition of this Ground Lease, other than the failure of Tenant to pay the particular rent or other sum accepted, regardless of the City's knowledge of the preceding breach at the time of acceptance of such rent or other sum. Any waiver by the City of any term or provision of this Ground Lease must be in writing.

## **ARTICLE 37 TENANT RECORDS**

Upon reasonable notice during normal business hours, and as often as the City may deem necessary, Tenant will make available to the City and its authorized representatives for

examination all records, reports, data, and information made or kept by Tenant regarding its activities or operations on the Premises. Nothing contained in this Ground Lease will entitle the City to inspect personal histories of residents or lists of donors or supporters. To the extent that it is permitted by Law to do so, the City will respect the confidentiality requirements of Tenant in regard to the lists above of the names of Residential Occupants of the Premises furnished by Tenant under to ARTICLE 7 above.

### **ARTICLE 38 NOTICES AND CONSENTS**

All notices, demands, consents, or approvals that may be given or are required to be given by either party to the other under this Ground Lease must be in writing and will be deemed to have been fully given when delivered in person to such representatives of the Tenant and the City, or when deposited in the United States mail, certified, postage prepaid, or by express delivery service with a delivery receipt and addressed

if to Tenant at:                   967 Mission, LP  
  c/o John Stewart Company  
  1388 Sutter Street 11th Floor  
  San Francisco, CA 94109  
  Attn: Chairman of the Board

and

c/o Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services, Inc.  
1753 Carroll Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94124  
Attn: Executive Director

With a copy to:                   Goldfarb & Lipman LLP  
  1300 Clay Street, 11th Floor  
  Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Heather Gould, Esq.

if to Permitted Limited  
Partner at:                   FM Enterprise 967 Mission MTE LLC  
  c/o Enterprise Community Asset Management, Inc.  
  11000 Broken Land Parkway, Suite 700  
  Columbia, Maryland 21044  
  Attn: General Counsel

With a copy to:                   Gallagher LLP  
  218 North Charles Street, Suite 400  
  Baltimore, MD 21201  
  Attn: Jessica Weston, Esq.

if to the City at:

City and County of San Francisco  
Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development  
One South Van Ness Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94103  
Attn: Director

or to such other address with respect to either party as that party may from time to time designate by notice to the other given under the provisions of this ARTICLE 38. Any notice given under this ARTICLE 38 will be effective on the date of delivery or the date delivery is refused as shown on the delivery receipt. Courtesy copies of notices may be delivered by email.

### **ARTICLE 39 HEADINGS**

Any titles of the paragraphs, articles, and sections of this Ground Lease are inserted for convenience only and will be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of its provisions. "Paragraph," "article," and "section" may be used interchangeably.

### **ARTICLE 40 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Ground Lease will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the City and Tenant and where the term "Tenant" or "City" is used in this Ground Lease, it means and includes their respective successors and assigns; provided, however, that the City will have no obligation under this Ground Lease to, and no benefit of this Ground Lease will accrue to, any unapproved successor or assign of Tenant where City approval of a successor or assign is required by this Ground Lease. If and when the City sells the Land to any third party, City will require such third party to assume all of the City's obligations under this Ground Lease arising on and after the transfer in writing for the benefit Tenant and its successors and assigns.

### **ARTICLE 41 TIME**

Time is of the essence in the enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Ground Lease.

### **ARTICLE 42 PARTIAL INVALIDITY**

If any provisions of this Ground Lease are determined to be illegal or unenforceable, that determination will not affect any other provision of this Ground Lease and all the other provisions of this Ground Lease will remain in full force and effect.

### **ARTICLE 43 APPLICABLE LAW; NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY**

This Ground Lease is governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California. This Ground Lease is entered into solely among, between, and for the benefit of, and may be enforced only by, the parties hereto and does not create rights in any other third party.

**ARTICLE 44 RESERVED**

**ARTICLE 45 EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS**

This Ground Lease and any memorandum hereof may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be considered an original, and all of which will constitute one and the same instrument.

**ARTICLE 46 BROKERS**

Neither party has had any contact or dealings regarding the leasing of the Land, or any communication in connection therewith, through any licensed real estate broker or other person who could claim a right to a commission or finder's fee in connection with the ground lease contemplated herein. If any broker or finder perfects a claim for a commission or finder's fee based upon any such contact, dealings, or communication, the party through whom the broker or finder makes a claim will be responsible for such commission or fee and will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party from any and all Claims. The provisions of this Section will survive any termination of this Ground Lease.

**ARTICLE 47 RECORDATION OF MEMORANDUM OF GROUND LEASE**

This Ground Lease may not be recorded, but a memorandum of this Ground Lease will be recorded in the form attached hereto as Attachment 4 (“**Memorandum of Ground Lease**”). The parties will execute the memorandum in form and substance as required by a title insurance company insuring Tenant's leasehold estate or the interest of any Leasehold Mortgagee, and sufficient to give constructive notice of the Ground Lease to subsequent purchasers and mortgagees.

**ARTICLE 48 SURVIVAL**

Termination or expiration of this Ground Lease will not affect the right of either party to enforce any and all indemnities and representations and warranties given or made to the other party under this Ground Lease, the ability to collect any damages or sums due, and it will not affect any provision of this Ground Lease that expressly states it will survive termination or expiration of this Ground Lease.

**ARTICLE 49 RESERVED.**

**ARTICLE 50 CITY PROVISIONS**

50.01 Non-Discrimination.

50.01(a)Covenant Not to Discriminate. In the performance of this Ground Lease, Tenant covenants and agrees not to discriminate on the basis of the fact or perception of a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner status, marital status, disability, weight, height, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or HIV status

(AIDS/HIV status) against any employee of, any City employee working with, or applicant for employment with Tenant, in any of Tenant's operations within the United States, or against any person seeking accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, services, or membership in all business, social, or other establishments or organizations operated by Tenant.

50.01(b)Subleases and Other Subcontracts. Tenant must include in all subleases and other subcontracts relating to the Premises a non-discrimination clause applicable to the subtenant or other subcontractor in substantially the form of Section 50.01(a) above. In addition, Tenant must incorporate by reference in all subleases and other subcontracts the provisions of Sections 131.2(a), 132.2(c)–(k) and (m), and 132.3 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code and must require all subtenants and other subcontractors to comply with those provisions. Tenant's failure to comply with the obligations in this subsection will constitute a material breach of this Ground Lease.

50.01(c)Non-Discrimination in Benefits. Tenant does not as of the date of this Ground Lease and will not during the Term, in any of its operations in San Francisco or with respect to its operations under this Ground Lease elsewhere within the United States, discriminate in the provision of bereavement leave, family medical leave, health benefits, membership or membership discounts, moving expenses, pension and retirement benefits, or travel benefits (collectively "**Core Benefits**"), as well as any benefits other than Core Benefits, between employees with domestic partners and employees with spouses, and/or between the domestic partners and spouses of such employees, where the domestic partnership has been registered with a governmental entity under state or local Law authorizing such registration, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 131.2(b) of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code.

50.01(d)Condition to Lease. As a condition to this Ground Lease, Tenant must execute the City's Declaration: Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits Form with supporting documentation and secure the approval of the form by the San Francisco Contract Monitoring Commission.

50.01(e)Incorporation of Administrative Code Provisions by Reference. The provisions of Articles 131 and 132 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code relating to non-discrimination by Parties contracting for the lease of City property are incorporated in this Section by reference and made a part of this Ground Lease as though fully set forth herein. Tenant must comply fully with and be bound by all of the provisions that apply to this Ground Lease under those Chapters of the Administrative Code, including, but not limited to, the remedies provided in such Chapters. Without limiting the foregoing, Tenant understands that under Section 1312.2(h) of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code, a penalty of \$50 for each person for each calendar day during which such person was discriminated against in violation of the provisions of this Ground Lease may be assessed against Tenant and/or deducted from any payments due Tenant.

50.02 MacBride Principles—Northern Ireland. The City and County of San Francisco urges companies doing business in Northern Ireland to move toward resolving employment inequities and encourages them to abide by the MacBride Principles as expressed in San Francisco Administrative Code Section 12F.1 *et seq.* The City and County of San Francisco also urges San Francisco companies to do business with corporations that abide by the MacBride Principles. Tenant acknowledges that it has read and understands the above statement of the City and County of San Francisco concerning doing business in Northern Ireland.

50.03 Conflicts of Interest. Tenant states that it is familiar with the provisions of Section 15.103 of the San Francisco Charter, Article III, Chapter 2 of the City's Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, and Section 87100 *et seq.* and Section 1090 *et seq.* of the Government Code of the State of California, certifies that it knows of no facts that would constitute a violation of those provisions and agrees that if Tenant becomes aware of any such fact during the term of this Ground Lease Tenant will immediately notify the City. Tenant further certifies that it has made a complete disclosure to the City of all facts bearing on any possible interests, direct or indirect, that Tenant believes any officer or employee of the City presently has or will have in this Ground Lease or in the performance thereof or in any portion of the profits thereof. Willful failure by Tenant to make such disclosure, if any, will constitute grounds for City's termination and cancellation of this Ground Lease.

50.04 Charter Provisions. This Ground Lease is governed by and subject to the provisions of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco. Accordingly, Tenant acknowledges and agrees that no officer or employee of the City has authority to commit the City to this Ground Lease unless and until a resolution of the City's Board of Supervisors has been duly enacted approving this Ground Lease. Therefore, any obligations or liabilities of the City under this Ground Lease are contingent upon enactment of a resolution, and this Ground Lease will be null and void unless the City's Mayor and the Board of Supervisors approve this Ground Lease, in their respective sole and absolute discretion, and in accordance with all applicable Laws. Approval of this Ground Lease by any City department, commission, or agency may not be deemed to imply that a resolution will be enacted or create any binding obligations on the City.

50.05 Tropical Hardwood/Virgin Redwood Ban. Under Section 804(b) of the San Francisco Environment Code, the City and County of San Francisco urges companies not to import, purchase, obtain, or use for any purpose, any tropical hardwood, tropical hardwood wood product, virgin redwood, or virgin redwood wood product. Except as permitted by the application of Sections 802(b) and 803(b) of the San Francisco Environment Code, Tenant will not use any items in the rehabilitation, development, or operation of the Premises or otherwise in the performance of this Ground Lease that are tropical hardwoods, tropical hardwood wood products, virgin redwood, or virgin redwood wood products.

50.06 Tobacco Product Advertising Ban. Tenant acknowledges and agrees that no advertising of cigarettes or tobacco products are allowed on the Premises. The foregoing prohibition includes the placement of the name of a company producing, selling, or distributing cigarettes or tobacco products or the name of any cigarette or tobacco product in any promotion of any event or product, or on any sign. The foregoing prohibition will not apply to any advertisement sponsored by a state, local, or nonprofit entity designed to communicate the health hazards of cigarettes and tobacco products or to encourage people not to smoke or to stop smoking.

50.07 Pesticide Ordinance. Tenant must comply with the provisions of Section 308 of Chapter 3 of the San Francisco Environment Code (the “**Pesticide Ordinance**”), which (a) prohibit the use of certain pesticides on City property, (b) require the posting of certain notices and the maintenance of certain records regarding pesticide usage, and (c) require Tenant to submit to the City’s Department of the Environment an integrated pest management (“**IPM**”) plan that (i) lists, to the extent reasonably possible, the types and estimated quantities of pesticides that Tenant may need to apply to the Premises during the Term of this Ground Lease, (ii) describes the steps Tenant will take to meet the City’s IPM Policy described in Section 39.1 of the Pesticide Ordinance, and (iii) identifies, by name, title, address, and telephone number, an individual to act as the Tenant’s primary IPM contact person with City. In addition, Tenant must comply with the requirements of Sections 303(a) and 303(b) of the Pesticide Ordinance. Nothing in this Ground Lease will prevent Tenant, acting through the City, from seeking a determination from the City’s Commission on the Environment that Tenant is exempt from complying with certain portions of the Pesticide Ordinance as provided in Section 307 thereof.

50.08 Compliance with City's Sunshine Ordinance. Tenant understands and agrees that under the City's Sunshine Ordinance (S.F. Admin. Code, Chapter 67) and the State Public Records Law (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 6250 *et seq.*), this Ground Lease and any and all records, information and materials submitted to the City hereunder are public records subject to public disclosure. Tenant hereby authorizes the City to disclose any records, information, and materials submitted to the City in connection with this Ground Lease as required by Law. Further, Tenant specifically agrees to conduct any meeting of its governing board that addresses any matter relating to the Project or to Tenant’s performance under this Ground Lease as a passive meeting.

50.09 Notification of Limitations on Contributions. Through its execution of this Ground Lease, Tenant acknowledges that it is familiar with Section 1.126 of the San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, which prohibits any person who contracts with the City for the selling or leasing any land or building to or from the City whenever such transaction would require approval by a City elective officer or the board on which that City elective officer serves, from making any campaign contribution to the officer at any time from the commencement of negotiations for such contract until the termination of negotiations for such contract or three (3) months has elapsed from the date the contract is approved by the City elective officer, or the board on which that City elective officer serves.

50.10 Requiring Health Benefits for Covered Employees. Unless exempt, Tenant will comply fully with and be bound by all of the provisions of the Health Care Accountability Ordinance (the “**HCAO**”), as set forth in San Francisco Labor and Employment Code Article 121, including the remedies provided, and implementing regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time. The provisions of Article 121 are incorporated in this Ground Lease by reference and made a part of this Ground Lease as though fully set forth. The text of the HCAO is available on the web at [www.sfgov.org/oca/lwlv.htm](http://www.sfgov.org/oca/lwlv.htm). Capitalized terms used in this Section and not defined in this Ground Lease have the meanings assigned to them in Article 121. Notwithstanding this requirement, City recognizes that the residential housing component of the Improvements is not subject to the HCAO.

50.10(a) For each Covered Employee, Tenant must provide the appropriate health benefit set forth in Section 121.3 of the HCAO. If Tenant chooses to offer the health plan

option, the health plan must meet the minimum standards set forth by the San Francisco Health Commission.

- 50.10(b) If Tenant is a small business as defined in Section 121.3(d) of the HCAO, Tenant will have no obligation to comply with Section 50.10(a) above.
- 50.10(c) Tenant's failure to comply with the HCAO will constitute a material breach of this Ground Lease. If Tenant fails to cure its breach within thirty (30) days after receiving the City's written notice of a breach of this Ground Lease for violating the HCAO or, if the breach cannot reasonably be cured within the 30-day period and Tenant fails to commence efforts to cure within the 30-day period, or thereafter fails diligently to pursue the cure to completion, then the City will have the right to pursue the remedies set forth in Section 121.5(f)(1-6). Each of these remedies will be exercisable individually or in combination with any other rights or remedies available to the City.
- 50.10(d) Any sublease entered into by Tenant for commercial space in the Project must require the subtenant to comply with the requirements of the HCAO and must contain contractual obligations substantially the same as those set forth in this Section. Tenant must notify the City's Purchasing Department when Tenant enters into a sublease and must certify to the Purchasing Department that Tenant has notified the subtenant of the obligations under the HCAO and has imposed the requirements of the HCAO on subtenant through the sublease. Tenant will be responsible for its subtenants' compliance with this Chapter. If a subtenant fails to comply, the City may pursue the remedies set forth in this Section against Tenant based on the subtenant's failure to comply, provided that City has first provided Tenant with notice and an opportunity to obtain a cure of the violation.
- 50.10(e) Tenant may not discharge, reduce in compensation, or otherwise discriminate against any employee for notifying the City with regard to Tenant's compliance or anticipated compliance with the requirements of the HCAO, for opposing any practice proscribed by the HCAO, for participating in proceedings related to the HCAO, or for seeking to assert or enforce any rights under the HCAO by any lawful means.
- 50.10(f) Tenant represents and warrants that it is not an entity that was set up, or is being used, for the purpose of evading the intent of the HCAO.
- 50.10(g) Tenant must keep itself informed of the current requirements of the HCAO.
- 50.10(h) Tenant must provide reports to the City in accordance with any reporting standards promulgated by the City under the HCAO, including reports on subtenants, as applicable.
- 50.10(i) Tenant must provide City with access to records pertaining to compliance with HCAO after receiving a written request from the City to do so and being provided at least five (5) business days to respond.



50.10(j) The City may conduct random audits of Tenant to ascertain its compliance with HCAO. Tenant will cooperate with the City when it conducts audits.

50.10(k) If Tenant is exempt from the HCAO when this Ground Lease is executed because its amount is less than \$25,000 (\$50,000 for nonprofits), but Tenant later enters into an agreement or agreements that cause Tenant's aggregate amount of all agreements with the City to reach \$75,000, all the agreements will be thereafter subject to the HCAO. This obligation arises on the effective date of the agreement that causes the cumulative amount of agreements between Tenant and MOHCD to be equal to or greater than \$75,000 in the fiscal year.

50.11 Public Access to Meetings and Records. If Tenant receives a cumulative total per year of at least \$250,000 in City funds or City-administered funds and is a non-profit organization as defined in Chapter 12L of the San Francisco Administrative Code, Tenant must comply with and will be bound by all the applicable provisions of that Chapter. By executing this Ground Lease, Tenant will open its meetings and records to the public in the manner set forth in Sections 12L.4 and 12L.5 of the Administrative Code. Further, Tenant will make good-faith efforts to promote community membership on its Board of Directors in the manner set forth in Section 12L.6 of the Administrative Code. Tenant acknowledges that its material failure to comply with any of the provisions of this paragraph will constitute a material breach of this Ground Lease. Tenant further acknowledges that such material breach of this Ground Lease will be grounds for City to terminate and/or not renew this Ground Lease, partially or in its entirety.

50.12 Resource-Efficient Building Ordinance. Tenant acknowledges that the City and County of San Francisco has enacted San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 7 relating to resource-efficient City buildings and resource-efficient pilot projects. Tenant will comply with the applicable provisions of such code sections as those sections may apply to the Premises.

50.13 Drug Free Work Place. Tenant acknowledges that under the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1989, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited on City premises. Any violation of this prohibition by Tenant, its agents, or assigns will be deemed a material breach of this Ground Lease.

50.14 Preservative Treated Wood Containing Arsenic. Tenant may not purchase preservative-treated wood products containing arsenic in the performance of this Ground Lease unless an exemption from the requirements of Chapter 13 of the San Francisco Environment Code is obtained from the Department of the Environment under Section 1304 of the Code. The term "preservative-treated wood containing arsenic" means wood treated with a preservative that contains arsenic, elemental arsenic, or an arsenic copper combination, including, but not limited to, chromated copper arsenate preservative, ammoniacal copper zinc arsenate preservative, or ammoniacal copper arsenate preservative. Tenant may purchase preservative-treated wood products on the list of environmentally preferable alternatives prepared and adopted by the Department of the Environment. This provision does not preclude Tenant from purchasing preservative-treated wood containing arsenic for saltwater immersion. The term "saltwater immersion" means a pressure-treated wood that is used for construction purposes or facilities that are partially or totally immersed in saltwater.

50.15 Nondisclosure of Private Information. Tenant will comply fully with and be bound by all of the provisions of Chapter 12M of the San Francisco Administrative Code (the “**Nondisclosure of Private Information Ordinance**”), including the remedies provided. The provisions of the Nondisclosure of Private Information Ordinance are incorporated and made a part of this Ground Lease as though fully set forth. Capitalized terms used in this section and not defined in this Ground Lease have the meanings assigned to those terms in the Nondisclosure of Private Information Ordinance. Consistent with the requirements of the Nondisclosure of Private Information Ordinance, Tenant agrees to all of the following:

50.15(a) Neither Tenant nor any of its subcontractors will disclose Private Information, unless one of the following is true:

- (i) The disclosure is authorized by this Ground Lease;
- (ii) Tenant received advance written approval from the Contracting Department to disclose the information; or
- (iii) The disclosure is required by law or judicial order.

50.15(b) Any disclosure or use of Private Information authorized by this Ground Lease must be in accordance with any conditions or restrictions stated in this Ground Lease. Any disclosure or use of Private Information authorized by a Contracting Department must be in accordance with any conditions or restrictions stated in the approval.

50.15(c) Private Information means any information that: (1) could be used to identify an individual, including, without limitation, name, address, social security number, medical information, financial information, date and location of birth, and names of relatives; or (2) the law forbids any person from disclosing.

50.15(d) Any failure of Tenant to comply with the Nondisclosure of Private Information Ordinance will be a material breach of this Ground Lease. In such an event, in addition to any other remedies available to it under equity or law, City may terminate this Ground Lease, debar Tenant, or bring a false claim action against Tenant.

50.16 Graffiti. Graffiti is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the community in that it promotes a perception in the community that the laws protecting public and private property can be disregarded with impunity. This perception fosters a sense of disrespect of the law that results in an increase in crime; degrades the community and leads to urban blight; is detrimental to property values, business opportunities, and the enjoyment of life; is inconsistent with City's property maintenance goals and aesthetic standards; and results in additional graffiti and in other properties becoming the target of graffiti unless it is quickly removed from public and private property. Graffiti results in visual pollution and is a public nuisance. Graffiti must be abated as quickly as possible to avoid detrimental impacts on the City and County and its residents, and to prevent the further spread of graffiti.

Tenant will remove all graffiti from the Premises and any real property owned or leased by Tenant in the City and County of San Francisco within forty-eight (48) hours of the earlier of Tenant's (a) discovery or notification of the graffiti or (b) receipt of notification of the graffiti from the Department of Public Works. This section is not intended to require Tenant to breach any lease or other agreement that it may have concerning its use of the real property. The term "graffiti" means any inscription, word, figure, marking or design that is affixed, marked, etched, scratched, drawn, or painted on any building, structure, fixture, or other improvement, whether permanent or temporary, including by way of example only and without limitation, signs, banners, billboards, and fencing surrounding construction Premises, whether public or private, without the consent of the owner of the property or the owner's authorized agent, and which is visible from the public right-of-way. "Graffiti" does not include: (1) any sign or banner that is authorized by, and in compliance with, the applicable requirements of the San Francisco Public Works Code, the San Francisco Planning Code or the San Francisco Building Code; or (2) any mural or other painting or marking on the property that is protected as a work of fine art under the California Art Preservation Act (California Civil Code section 987 *et seq.*) or as a work of visual art under the Federal Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990 (17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*). Any failure of Tenant to comply with this section of this Ground Lease will constitute an event of default of this Ground Lease.

50.17 Incorporation. Each and every provision of the San Francisco Administrative Code described or referenced in this Ground Lease is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Failure of Tenant to comply with any provision of this Ground Lease relating to any such code provision will be governed by ARTICLE 19 of this Ground Lease, unless (i) such failure is otherwise specifically addressed in this Ground Lease or (ii) such failure is specifically addressed by the applicable code section.

50.18 Food Service Waste Reduction. Tenant will comply fully with and be bound by all of the provisions of the Food Service Waste Reduction Ordinance, as set forth in the San Francisco Environment Code, Chapter 16, including the remedies provided therein, and implementing guidelines and rules. The provisions of Chapter 16 are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ground Lease as though fully set forth herein. Accordingly, Tenant acknowledges that City contractors and lessees may not use Disposable Food Service Ware that contains Polystyrene Foam in City Facilities and while performing under a City contract or lease, and will instead use suitable Biodegradable/ Compostable or Recyclable Disposable Food Service Ware. This provision is a material term of this Ground Lease. By entering into this Ground Lease, Tenant agrees that if it breaches this provision, City will suffer actual damages that will be impractical or extremely difficult to determine. Without limiting City's other rights and remedies, Tenant agrees that the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) liquidated damages for the first breach, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) liquidated damages for the second breach in the same year, and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) liquidated damages for subsequent breaches in the same year is a reasonable estimate of the damage that City will incur based on the violation, established in light of the circumstances existing at the time this Ground Lease was made. Those amounts will not be considered a penalty, but rather agreed upon monetary damages sustained by the City because of Tenant's failure to comply with this provision.

50.19 Local Hire Requirements. Any undefined, initially-capitalized term used in this Section has the meaning given to that term in San Francisco Labor and Employment Code Article 108

(the “**Local Hiring Requirements**”). Improvements and Changes (as defined in this Ground Lease) are subject to the Local Hiring Requirements unless the cost for such work is (i) estimated to be less than \$750,000 per building permit or (ii) meets any of the other exemptions in the Local Hiring Requirements. Tenant will comply with the Local Hiring Requirements to the extent applicable. Before starting any Tenant Improvement Work or any Alteration, Tenant will contact City’s Office of Economic Workforce and Development (“**OEWD**”) to verify if the Local Hiring Requirements apply to the work (*i.e.*, whether the work is a “**Covered Project**”).

Tenant will include, and will require its subtenants to include, a requirement to comply with the Local Hiring Requirements in any contract for a Covered Project with specific reference to San Francisco Labor and Employment Code Article 108. Each contract must name the City and County of San Francisco as a third-party beneficiary for the limited purpose of enforcing the Local Hiring Requirements, including the right to file charges and seek penalties. Tenant will cooperate, and require its subtenants to cooperate, with the City in any action or proceeding against a contractor or subcontractor that fails to comply with the Local Hiring Requirements when required. Tenant’s failure to comply with its obligations under this Section will constitute a material breach of this Ground Lease. A contractor’s or subcontractor’s failure to comply with this Section will enable the City to seek the remedies specified in San Francisco Labor and Employment Code Article 108 against the breaching party.

#### 50.20 Criminal History in Hiring and Employment Decisions.

50.20(a) Unless exempt, Tenant will comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of San Francisco Labor and Employment Code Article 142 (City Contractor / Subcontractor Consideration of Criminal History in Hiring and Employment Decisions; “**Article 142**”), which are hereby incorporated as may be amended from time to time, with respect to applicants and employees of Tenant who would be or are performing work at the Premises.

50.20(b) Tenant will incorporate by reference the provisions of Article 142 in all subleases of a portion or all of the Premises, if any, and will require all subtenants to comply with its provisions. Tenant’s failure to comply with the obligations in this subsection will constitute a material breach of this Ground Lease.

50.20(c) Tenant and subtenants (if any) may not inquire about, require disclosure of, or if such information is received base an Adverse Action (as defined in Article 142) on an applicant’s or potential applicant for employment, or employee’s: (1) Arrest (as defined in Article 142) not leading to a Conviction (as defined in Chapter 12T), unless the Arrest is undergoing an active pending criminal investigation or trial that has not yet been resolved; (2) participation in or completion of a diversion or a deferral of judgment program; (3) a Conviction that has been judicially dismissed, expunged, voided, invalidated, or otherwise rendered inoperative; (4) a Conviction or any other adjudication in the juvenile justice system; (5) a Conviction that is more than seven years old, from the date of sentencing; or (6) information pertaining to an offense other than a felony or misdemeanor, such as an infraction.

- 50.20(d) Tenant and subtenants (if any) may not inquire about or require applicants, potential applicants for employment, or employees to disclose on any employment application the facts or details of any conviction history, unresolved arrest, or any matter identified in Section 50.20(c) above. Tenant and subtenants (if any) may not require such disclosure or make such inquiry until either after the first live interview with the person, or after a conditional offer of employment.
- 50.20(e) Tenant and subtenants (if any) will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that are reasonably likely to reach persons who are reasonably likely to seek employment with Tenant or subtenant at the Premises, that the Tenant or subtenant will consider for employment qualified applicants with criminal histories in a manner consistent with the requirements of Article 142.
- 50.20(f) Tenant and subtenants (if any) will post the notice prepared by the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (“**OLSE**”), available on OLSE’s website, in a conspicuous place at the Premises and at other workplaces within San Francisco where interviews for job opportunities at the Premises occur. The notice will be posted in English, Spanish, Chinese, and any language spoken by at least 5% of the employees at the Premises or other workplace at which it is posted.
- 50.20(g) Tenant and subtenants (if any) understand and agree that upon any failure to comply with the requirements of Article 142, the City will have the right to pursue any rights or remedies available under Article 142 or this Ground Lease, including but not limited to a penalty of \$50 for a second violation and \$100 for a subsequent violation for each employee, applicant, or other person as to whom a violation occurred or continued, termination, or suspension in whole or in part of this Ground Lease.
- 50.20(h) If Tenant has any questions about the applicability of Article 142, it may contact the City’s Real Estate Division for additional information. City’s Real Estate Division may consult with the Director of the City’s Office of Contract Administration who may also grant a waiver, as set forth in Section 142.8.

50.21 Prevailing Wages and Working Conditions.

(a) Any undefined, initially-capitalized term used in this Section has the meaning given to that term in Section 101.1 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code. Tenant will require its Contractors and Subcontractors performing work on any Covered Project at the Premises to pay Prevailing Wages in accordance with the requirements of Article 103 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code and employ Apprentices in accordance with Article 104 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code. Any contract, subcontract, or other type of agreement for the performance of that Covered Project shall (A) require the payment of the highest general Prevailing Rate of Wages as fixed and determined in accordance with Section 103.2 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code to all persons performing labor or work for the Covered Project and employment of Apprentices in accordance with Section 104.1 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code, (B) require all records described in Section 103.3(e) of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code to be kept and

submitted in compliance with the requirements of that subsection, (C) name the City and County of San Francisco, affected workers, and employee organizations formally representing affected workers as third party beneficiaries for the limited purpose of enforcing the Prevailing Wage requirements of Article 103 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code and apprenticeship requirements of Article 104 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code, including the right to file charges and seek penalties against any Contractor or Subcontractor in accordance with Articles 103 through 106 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code, (D) include the Prevailing Rate of Wages or a statement that copies of the Prevailing Rate of Wages as fixed and determined in accordance with Section 103.2 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code are on file at the job site and available to any interested party on request, and (E) include the following provisions:

- 1) the Contractor will cooperate fully with the Labor Standards Enforcement Officer and other City employees and agents authorized to assist in the administration and enforcement of the Prevailing Wage requirements and other labor standards imposed on the Contractor by the Charter or the San Francisco Municipal Code;
- 2) the Contractor agrees that the Labor Standards Enforcement Officer, and the Officer's designees, in the performance of their duties, shall have the right to engage in random inspections of job sites and to have access to the employees of the Contractor, employee time sheets, inspection logs, Contractor daily logs, payroll records, employee paychecks, employee paystubs, and proof of payment documents;
- 3) the Contractor shall maintain a record in the format prescribed by the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement of sign-in and sign-out showing which employees have been present on the job site;
- 4) the Contractor shall prominently post at each job site a sign informing employees that the project is subject to the Prevailing Wage requirements and that these requirements are enforced by the Labor Standards Enforcement Officer; and
- 5) the Labor Standards Enforcement Officer may audit such records of the Contractor or Subcontractor as the Labor Standards Enforcement Officer reasonably deems necessary to determine compliance with the Prevailing Wage and other labor standards imposed by the San Francisco Charter or the San Francisco Municipal Code.

Failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in penalties and forfeitures consistent with analogous provisions of the California Labor Code, including Section 1776(h), as amended from time to time.

**(b)** Tenant will reasonably cooperate with City in any action or proceeding against a Contractor or Subcontractor that fails to pay the Prevailing Rate of Wages or employ Apprentices as required. Tenant's failure to comply with its obligations under this Section will constitute a material breach of this Ground Lease. A Contractor's or Subcontractor's failure to

comply with this Section will enable City to seek the remedies specified in accordance with Articles 103 through 106 of the San Francisco Labor and Employment Code against the breaching party.

50.22 Consideration of Salary History Tenant will comply with San Francisco Labor and Employment Code Article 141, the Consideration of Salary History Ordinance or “Pay Parity Act.” For each employment application to Tenant for work that relates to this Agreement or for work to be performed in the City or on City property, Tenant is prohibited from considering current or past salary of an applicant in determining whether to hire the applicant or what salary to offer the applicant. Tenant will not (1) ask such applicants about their current or past salary or (2) disclose a current or former employee's salary history without that employee's authorization unless the salary history is publicly available. Tenant is subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions in Article 141. Information about Article 141 is available on the web at <https://sfgov.org/olse/consideration-salary-history>.

50.23 Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Prohibition. Tenant will not sell, provide, or otherwise distribute Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 101, as part of its performance of this Ground Lease.

50.24 Possessory Interest Reporting.

50.24(a) Tenant recognizes and understands that this Ground Lease may create a possessory interest subject to property taxation and that Tenant may be subject to the payment of property taxes levied on such interest.

50.24(b) San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 23.38 and 23.39 require that certain information relating to the creation, renewal, extension, assignment, sublease, or other transfer of this Ground Lease be provided to the County Assessor within sixty (60) days after the transaction. Accordingly, Tenant must provide a copy of this Ground Lease to the County Assessor not later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date, and any failure of Tenant to timely provide a copy of this Ground Lease to the County Assessor will be a default under this Ground Lease. Tenant will also timely provide any information that City may request to ensure compliance with this or any other reporting requirement.

50.25 Vending Machines; Nutritional Standards. Tenant may not install or permit any vending machine on the Premises without the prior written consent of Landlord. Any permitted vending machine must comply with the food nutritional and calorie labeling requirements set forth in San Francisco Administrative Code section 4.9-1(c), as may be amended from time to time (the “**Nutritional Standards Requirements**”). Tenant will incorporate the Nutritional Standards Requirements into any contract for the installation of a vending machine on the Premises or for the supply of food and beverages to that vending machine. Failure to comply with the Nutritional Standards Requirements or to otherwise comply with this Section 50.25 will be deemed a material breach of this Ground Lease. Without limiting Landlord’s other rights and remedies under this Ground Lease, Landlord will have the right to require the immediate removal of any vending machine on the Premises that is not permitted or that violates the Nutritional Standards Requirements.

50.26 San Francisco Packaged Water Ordinance. Tenant will comply with San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 24 (“**Chapter 24**”). Tenant will not sell, provide or otherwise distribute Packaged Water, as defined in Chapter 24 (including bottled water), in the performance of this Agreement or on City property unless Tenant obtains a waiver from the City’s Department of the Environment. If Tenant violates this requirement, the City may exercise all remedies in this Agreement and the Director of the City’s Department of the Environment may impose administrative fines as set forth in Chapter 24.

### **ARTICLE 51 COMPLETE AGREEMENT**

There are no oral agreements between Tenant and the City affecting this Ground Lease, and this Ground Lease supersedes and cancels any and all previous negotiations, arrangements, agreements, and understandings between Tenant and the City with respect to the lease of the Land.

### **ARTICLE 52 AMENDMENTS**

Neither this Ground Lease nor any terms or provisions hereof may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, except by a written instrument signed by the party against which the enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge, or termination is sought. No waiver of any breach will affect or alter this Ground Lease, but each and every term, covenant, and condition of this Ground Lease will continue in full force and effect with respect to any other then-existing or subsequent breach thereof. Any amendments or modifications to this Ground Lease, including, without limitation, amendments to or modifications to the exhibits to this Ground Lease, will be subject to the mutual written agreement of City and Tenant, and City’s agreement may be made upon the sole approval of the City’s Director of Property, or his or her designee; provided, however, material amendments, or modifications to this Ground Lease (a) changing the legal description of the Land, (b) increasing the Term, (c) increasing the Rent, (d) changing the general use of the Premises from the use authorized under this Ground Lease, and (e) any other amendment or modification which materially increases the City’s liabilities or financial obligations under this Ground Lease will additionally require the approval of the City’s Board of Supervisors.

### **ARTICLE 53 ATTACHMENTS**

The following are attached to this Ground Lease and by this reference made a part hereof:

1. Legal Description of Land
2. Schedule of Performance
3. City Consent of Leasehold Mortgage
4. Memorandum of Ground Lease
5. Form of Income Certification Form
6. HUD HOME-ARP Requirements



NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED IN THIS GROUND LEASE, TENANT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT NO OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF CITY HAS AUTHORITY TO COMMIT CITY TO THIS GROUND LEASE UNLESS AND UNTIL CITY'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS DULY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APPROVING THIS GROUND LEASE AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY. THEREFORE, ANY OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES OF CITY UNDER THIS GROUND LEASE ARE CONTINGENT UPON ADOPTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION, , AND THIS GROUND LEASE WILL BE NULL AND VOID IF CITY'S MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DO NOT APPROVE THIS GROUND LEASE, IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SOLE DISCRETION. APPROVAL OF THIS GROUND LEASE BY ANY DEPARTMENT, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY OF CITY WILL NOT BE DEEMED TO IMPLY THAT SUCH RESOLUTION WILL BE ENACTED, AND NO SUCH APPROVAL WILL CREATE ANY BINDING OBLIGATIONS ON CITY.

*[Signature pages follow]*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Tenant and the City have executed this Ground Lease as of the day and year first above written.

**TENANT:**

967 Mission, LP,  
a California limited partnership

By: BHPMSS 967 Mission LLC,  
a California limited liability company,  
its managing general partner

By: Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services, Inc.,  
a California nonprofit public benefit corporation,  
its sole member and manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Catherine V. Davis, Executive Director

By: JSCo 967 Mission, LLC,  
a California limited liability company,  
its administrative general partner

By: John Stewart Company,  
a California corporation,  
its sole member and manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack D. Gardner,  
Chairman of the Board

**ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE NOTARIZED**

*[Additional signatures following page]*

**CITY AS LANDLORD:**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,  
a municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah R. Oerth  
Director of Property  
(Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Adams  
Director, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development

**ALL SIGNATURES ABOVE MUST BE NOTARIZED**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAVID CHIU  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vincent Brown  
Deputy City Attorney

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND**

A LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Street Address: 967 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

### **SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE**

- a. Commence demolition or construction by a date no later than February 15, 2026.
- b. Complete demolition, rehabilitation or construction by a date no later than April 30, 2028.
- c. Achieve occupancy of one hundred percent (100%) of the Units by October 31, 2028.
- d. Complete conversion financing by a date no later than December 31, 2028.

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**CITY CONSENT OF LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE**

Date:

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development of the  
City and County of San Francisco  
Attn: Director  
One South Van Ness Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: 967 Mission Street, San Francisco (LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under Section 25.01 of the Ground Lease, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, between the City and County of San Francisco ("City") and 967 Mission, LP, a California limited partnership ("**Tenant**"), we are formally requesting the City's consent to our placing a leasehold mortgage upon the leasehold estate of the above referenced development. The following information is provided in order for the City to provide its consent:

Lender:

Principal Amount:

Interest:

Term:

Attached hereto are unexecuted draft loan documents, including the loan agreement, promissory note, and all associated security agreements which we understand are subject to the review and approval by the City. Furthermore, we are willing to supply any additional documentation related to the leasehold mortgage which the City deems necessary.

Sincerely,

*[Signature Page follows]*

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack D. Gardner,  
Chairman of the Board

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By signing this letter, the City consents to the leasehold mortgage, under the terms and conditions of Section 25.01 of the Ground Lease, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Adams Director

**ATTACHMENT 4**

**MEMORANDUM OF GROUND LEASE**

Free Recording Requested under  
Government Code Section 27383

When recorded, mail to:

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development  
of the City and County of San Francisco  
1 South Van Ness Avenue, Fifth Floor  
San Francisco, California.94103  
Attn: Director

**MEMORANDUM OF GROUND LEASE**

This Memorandum of Ground Lease ("**Memorandum**") is entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between the CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a municipal corporation (the "**City**"), acting by and through its Real Estate Division and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, as landlord ("**City**"), and 967 MISSION, LP, a California limited partnership ("**Tenant**"), as tenant, with respect to that certain Ground Lease (the "**Lease**") dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, between the City and Tenant.

Under the Lease, City hereby leases to Tenant and Tenant leases from City the real property more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "**Property**"). The Lease will commence on the date set forth above and will end on the date that is seventy-five (75) years from the date set forth above, subject to a twenty-four (24) year option to extend, unless terminated earlier or extended pursuant to the terms of the Lease.

It is the intent of the parties to the Lease that the Lease creates a constructive notice of severance of the Improvements (as defined in the Lease), without the necessity of a deed from Lessor to Lessee, which Improvements are and will remain real property.

The Lease contains the following restrictions under the HOME-ARP program: The Project will comply with the restrictions governing the HOME-ARP program (as defined in the Lease) on twenty-four (24) Residential Units (as defined in the Lease) whereby occupancy will be restricted to households with at least one member who is homeless, as incorporated into the MOHCD Declaration of Restrictions (as defined in the Lease) and the MOHCD Loan Agreement (as defined in the Lease), for fifty-five (55) years.

This Memorandum incorporates herein all of the terms and provisions of the Lease as though fully set forth herein.



This Memorandum is solely for recording purposes and will not be construed to alter, modify, amend, or supplement the Lease, of which this is a memorandum.

This Memorandum may be signed by the parties hereto in counterparts with the same effect as if the signatures to each counterpart were upon a single instrument. All counterparts will be deemed an original of this Memorandum.

Notwithstanding any statement on the face of this Memorandum or on any attachment to the Memorandum of the amount of documentary transfer tax due in connection with the Lease,

City's signature on this Memorandum does not constitute the City Assessor Recorder's agreement that the real property transfer tax due is that amount.

Executed as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 in San Francisco, California.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vincent Brown  
Deputy City Attorney

**ATTACHMENT 5**

**FORM OF TENANT INCOME CERTIFICATION**

# TENANT INCOME CERTIFICATION

Initial Certification     Recertification     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Move-In Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM-DD-YYYY)

## PART I - DEVELOPMENT DATA

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ TCAC#: \_\_\_\_\_ BIN#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ If applicable, CDLAC#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ # Bedrooms: \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART II. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Vacant (Check if unit was vacant on December 31 of the Effective Date Year)

HH Mbr #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Relationship to Head of Household	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Student Status (Check One)	Last 4 digits of Social Security #
1				HEAD		FT <input type="checkbox"/> /PT <input type="checkbox"/> /NA <input type="checkbox"/>	
2						FT <input type="checkbox"/> /PT <input type="checkbox"/> /NA <input type="checkbox"/>	
3						FT <input type="checkbox"/> /PT <input type="checkbox"/> /NA <input type="checkbox"/>	
4						FT <input type="checkbox"/> /PT <input type="checkbox"/> /NA <input type="checkbox"/>	
5						FT <input type="checkbox"/> /PT <input type="checkbox"/> /NA <input type="checkbox"/>	
6						FT <input type="checkbox"/> /PT <input type="checkbox"/> /NA <input type="checkbox"/>	
7						FT <input type="checkbox"/> /PT <input type="checkbox"/> /NA <input type="checkbox"/>	

## PART III. GROSS ANNUAL INCOME (USE ANNUAL AMOUNTS)

HH Mbr #	(A) Employment or Wages	(B) Soc. Security/Pensions	(C) Public Assistance	(D) Other Income
TOTALS	\$	\$	\$	\$

Add totals from (A) through (D), above

TOTAL INCOME (E):

\$

## PART IV. INCOME FROM ASSETS

HH Mbr #	(F) Type of Asset	(G) C/I	(H) Cash Value of Asset	(I) Annual Income from Asset

TOTALS:

\$

\$

Enter Column (H) Total

If over \$5000

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ X

Passbook Rate

0.06%

= (J) Imputed Income

\$

Enter the greater of the total of column I, or J: imputed income

TOTAL INCOME FROM ASSETS (K)

\$

(L) Total Annual Household Income from all Sources [Add (E) + (K)]

\$

## HOUSEHOLD CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURES

The information on this form will be used to determine maximum income eligibility. I/we have provided for each person(s) set forth in Part II acceptable verification of current anticipated annual income. I/we agree to notify the landlord immediately upon any member of the household moving out of the unit or any new member moving in. I/we agree to notify the landlord immediately upon any member becoming a full time student.

Under penalties of perjury, I/we certify that the information presented in this Certification is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. The undersigned further understands that providing false representations herein constitutes an act of fraud. False, misleading or incomplete information may result in the termination of the lease agreement.

Signature

(Date)

Signature

(Date)

Signature

(Date)

Signature

(Date)

**PART V. DETERMINATION OF INCOME ELIGIBILITY**

**RECERTIFICATION ONLY:**

TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES: From item (L) on page 1 \$

Unit Meets Federal Income Restriction at:  
 60%  50%  
 Or Federal A.I.T. at:  
 80%  70%  60%  50%  
 40%  30%  20%

Current Federal LIHTC Income Limit x 140%:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Household Income exceeds 140% at recertification:  
 Yes  No

Current Federal LIHTC Income Limit per Family Size (Federal Income Restriction at 60%, 50% or A.I.T. (20% - 80%)): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicable, Current Federal Bond Income Limit per Family Size: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Household Income as of Move-in: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Meets State Deeper Targeting Income Restriction at:  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_%

Household Size at Move-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART VI. RENT**

Tenant Paid Monthly Rent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monthly Utility Allowance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Monthly Non-optional charges: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Rent Assistance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*Source: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Federal Rent Assistance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0-8)  
**Total Monthly Rent Assistance:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GROSS MONTHLY RENT FOR UNIT:** (Tenant paid rent plus Utility Allowance & other non-optional charges) \$

- \*Source of Federal Assistance  
 1 \*\*HUD Multi-Family Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)  
 2 Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation  
 3 Public Housing Operating Subsidy  
 4 HOME Rental Assistance  
 5 HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), tenant-based  
 6 HUD Project-Based Voucher (PBV)  
 7 USDA Section 521 Rental Assistance Program  
 8 Other Federal Rental Assistance  
 0 Missing

Maximum Federal LIHTC Rent Limit for this unit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If Applicable, Maximum Federal & State LIHTC Bond Rent Limit for this unit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Meets Federal Rent Restriction at:  60%  50%  
 Or Federal A.I.T. at:  80%  70%  60%  
 50%  40%  30%  
 20%  
 If Applicable, Unit Meets Bond Rent Restriction at:  60%  50%  
 Unit Meets State Deeper Targeting Rent Restriction at:  Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

\*\* (PBRA) Includes: Section 8 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation; Section 8 Loan Management; Section 8 Property Disposition; Section 202 Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC)

**PART VII. STUDENT STATUS**

ARE ALL OCCUPANTS FULL TIME STUDENTS?  
 Yes  No

If yes, Enter student explanation\* (also attach documentation)

- \*Student Explanation:  
 1 AFDC / TANF Assistance  
 2 Job Training Program  
 3 Single Parent/Dependent Child  
 4 Married/Joint Return  
 5 Former Foster Care

Enter 1-5

**PART VIII. PROGRAM TYPE**

Identify the program(s) for which this household's unit will be counted toward the property's occupancy requirements.

**Select one of the following.**  
 9% Allocated Federal Housing Tax Credit  
 4% Allocated Federal Housing Tax Credit  
 Tax-Exempt Bond Only (No tax credits)

**Select all that apply.**  
 HOME (including TCAP)  
 CDBG  
 Other HUD, including 202, 811, and 236  
 National Housing Trust Fund  
 USDA Rural Housing Service, including 514, 515, and 538  
 Other state or local housing programs

**SIGNATURE OF OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE**

Based on the representations herein and upon the proof and documentation required to be submitted, the individual(s) named in Part II of this Tenant Income Certification is/are eligible under the provisions of Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the Land Use Restriction Agreement (if applicable), to live in a unit in this Project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

**PART IX. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FORM**

The California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) requests the following information in order to comply with the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008, which requires all Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties to collect and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), certain demographic and economic information on tenants residing in LIHTC financed properties. Although the CTCAC would appreciate receiving this information, you may choose not to furnish it. You will not be discriminated against on the basis of this information, or on whether or not you choose to furnish it. If you do not wish to furnish this information, please check the box at the bottom of the page and initial.

Enter both Ethnicity and Race codes for each household member (see below for codes).

<b>TENANT DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE</b>						
HH Mbr #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Race	Ethnicity	Disabled
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						

**The Following Race Codes should be used:**

- 1 – White – A person having origins in any of the original people of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.
- 2 – Black/African American – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as “Haitian” apply to this category.
- 3 – American Indian/Alaska Native – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- 4 – Asian – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent:
  - 4a – Asian India                      4e – Korean
  - 4b – Chinese                            4f – Vietnamese
  - 4c – Filipino                            4g – Other Asian
  - 4d – Japanese
- 5 – Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands:
  - 5a – Native Hawaiian                      5c – Samoan
  - 5b – Guamanian or Chamorro            5d – Other Pacific Islander

- 6 – Other
- 7 – Did not respond. **(Please initial below)**

*Note: Multiple racial categories may be indicated as such: 31 – American Indian/Alaska Native & White, 41 – Asian & White, etc.*

**The Following Ethnicity Codes should be used:**

- 1 – Hispanic – A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Terms such as “Latino” or “Spanish Origin” apply to this category.
- 2 – Not Hispanic – A person not of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- 3 – Did not respond. **(Please initial below)**

**Disability Status:**

- 1 – Yes
  - If any member of the household is disabled according to Fair Housing Act definition for handicap (disability):
    - A physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities; a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. For a definition of “physical or mental impairment” and other terms used, please see 24 CFR 100.201, available at <http://fairhousing.com/legal-research/hud-regulations/24-cfr-100201-definitions>.
    - “Handicap” does not include current, illegal use of or addiction to a controlled substance.
    - An individual shall not be considered to have a handicap solely because that individual is a transgender.
- 2 – No
- 3 – Did not respond **(Please initial below)**

**Resident/Applicant:** I do not wish to furnish information regarding ethnicity, race and other household composition.

(Initials) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (HH#)            1.                      2.                      3.                      4.                      5.                      6.                      7.

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING TENANT INCOME CERTIFICATION**

*This form is to be completed by the owner or an authorized representative.*

## **Part I - Development Data**

Enter the type of tenant certification: Initial Certification (move-in), Recertification (annual recertification), or Other. If other, designate the purpose of the recertification (i.e., a unit transfer, a change in household composition, or other state-required recertification).

Effective Date	Enter the effective date of the certification. For move-in, this should be the move-in date. For annual income recertification's, this effective date should be no later than one year from the effective date of the previous (re)certification.
Move-In Date	Enter the most recent date the household tax credit qualified. This could be the move-in date or in an acquisition rehab property, this is not the date the tenant moved into the unit, it is the most recent date the management company income qualified the unit for tax credit purposes.
Property Name	Enter the name of the development.
County	Enter the county (or equivalent) in which the building is located.
TCAC#	Enter the project number assigned to the property by TCAC. Please include hyphens between the state abbreviation, four digit allocating year, and project specific number. For example: CA-2010-123
BIN #	Enter the building number assigned to the building (from IRS Form 8609).
Address	Enter the physical address of the building, including street number and name, city, state, and zip code.
If applicable, CDLAC#	If project is awarded 4% bonds please enter the project number assigned to the property by CDLAC. Please include hyphens between the state abbreviation, four digit allocating year, and project specific number. For example: 16-436
Unit Number	Enter the unit number.
# Bedrooms	Enter the number of bedrooms in the unit.
Square Footage	Enter the square footage for the entire unit.
Vacant Unit	Check if unit was vacant on December 31 of requesting year. For example, for the collection of 2011 data, this would refer to December 31, 2011.

## **Part II - Household Composition**

List all occupants of the unit. State each household member's relationship to the head of household by using one of the following definitions:

H	Head of Household	S	Spouse	U	Unborn Child/Anticipated Adoption or Foster
A	Adult Co-Tenant	O	Other Family Member		
C	Child	F	Foster child(ren)/adult(s)		
L	Live-in Caretaker	N	None of the above		

Date of Birth	Enter each household member's date of birth.
Student Status	Check FT for Full-time student, PT for Part-time student, or N/A if household member is not a student and question does not apply.
Last Four Digits of Social Security Number	For each tenant 15 years of age or older, enter the last four digits of the social security number or the last four digits of the alien registration number. If the last four digits of SSN or alien registration is missing, enter 0000. For tenants under age 15, social security number not required, although please enter 0000.

If there are more than 7 occupants, use an additional sheet of paper to list the remaining household members and attach it to the certification.

**Part III - Annual Income**

See HUD Handbook 4350.3 for complete instructions on verifying and calculating income, including acceptable forms of verification.

From the third party verification forms obtained from each income source, enter the gross amount anticipated to be received for the twelve months from the effective date of the (re)certification. Complete a separate line for each income-earning member. List **each** respective household member number from Part II. Include anticipated income only if documentation exists verifying pending employment. If any adult states zero-income, please note “zero” in the columns of Part III.

- Column (A) Enter the annual amount of wages, salaries, tips, commissions, bonuses, and other income from employment; distributed profits and/or net income from a business.
- Column (B) Enter the annual amount of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, pensions, military retirement, etc.
- Column (C) Enter the annual amount of income received from public assistance (i.e., TANF, general assistance, disability, etc.).
- Column (D) Enter the annual amount of alimony, child support, unemployment benefits, or any other income regularly received by the household.
- Row (E) Add the totals from columns (A) through (D), above. Enter this amount.

**Part IV - Income from Assets**

See HUD Handbook 4350.3 for complete instructions on verifying and calculating income from assets, including acceptable forms of verification.

From the third party verification forms obtained from each asset source, list the gross amount anticipated to be received during the twelve months from the effective date of the certification. If individual household member income is provided, list the respective household member number from Part II and complete a separate line for each member.

- Column (F) List the type of asset (i.e., checking account, savings account, etc.)
- Column (G) Enter C (for current, if the family currently owns or holds the asset), or I (for imputed, if the family has disposed of the asset for less than fair market value within two years of the effective date of (re)certification).
- Column (H) Enter the cash value of the respective asset.
- Column (I) Enter the anticipated annual income from the asset (i.e., savings account balance multiplied by the annual interest rate).
- TOTALS Add the total of Column (H) and Column (I), respectively.

If the total in Column (H) is greater than \$5,000, you must do an imputed calculation of asset income. Enter the Total Cash Value, multiply by 0.06% and enter the amount in (J), Imputed Income.

- Row (K) *Enter the greater of the total in Column (I) or (J)*
- Row (L) *Total Annual Household Income From all Sources                      Add (E) and (K) and enter the total*

**HOUSEHOLD CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES**

After all verifications of income and/or assets have been received and calculated, each household member age 18 or older must sign and date the Tenant Income Certification. For move-in, it is recommended that the Tenant Income Certification be signed no earlier than 5 days prior to the effective date of the certification.

**Part V – Determination of Income Eligibility**

- Total Annual Household Income from all Sources Enter the number from item (L).
- Current Federal LIHTC Income Limit per Unit Meets Federal Income Restriction at 60%, 50% or A.I.T (20% - 80%) Enter the Current Move-in Income Limit for the household size – specifically, the max income limit for the federal 60%, 50% or A.I.T (20% - 80%) set aside.
- Current Bond Income Limit per Family Size Enter the Current most restrictive Move-in Income Limit for the household size – specifically, the max income limit incorporating both federal and in some instances more restrictive state standards as reflected in the 50% or 60% set aside detailed in the Bond Regulatory Agreement.



Household Income at Move-in	For recertifications only. Enter the household income from the move-in certification.
Household Size at Move-in	Enter the number of household members from the move-in certification.
Current Federal LIHTC Income Limit x 140%	For recertifications only. Multiply the current LIHTC Maximum Move-in Income Limit by 140% and enter the total. <b>140% is based on the Federal Set-Aside of 20/50 or 40/60, or A.I.T. (20% - 60% = 140% X 60%, 70% = 140% X 70% and 80% = 140% X 80%) as elected by the owner for the property, not deeper targeting elections of 30%, 40%, 45%, 50%, etc.</b> Below, indicate whether the household income exceeds that total. If the Gross Annual Income at recertification is greater than 140% of the LIHTC Income Limit per Family Size at Move-in date (above), then the available unit rule must be followed.
Unit Meets Federal Income Restriction at or Federal A.I.T. at	Check the appropriate box for the income restriction that the household meets according to what is required by the federal set-aside(s) for the project.
Unit Meets State Deeper Targeting Income Restriction at	If your agency requires an income restriction lower than the federal limit, enter the percent required.

#### Part VI - Rent

Tenant Paid Monthly Rent	Enter the amount the tenant pays toward rent (not including rent assistance payments such as Section 8).
Federal Rent Assistance	Enter the amount of rent assistance received from a federal program, if any.
Non-Federal Rent Assistance	Enter the amount of non-federal rent assistance received, if any.
Total Monthly Rent Assistance	Enter the amount of total rent assistance received, if any.
Source of Federal Rent Assistance	If federal rent assistance is received, indicate the single program source.
Monthly Utility Allowance	Enter the utility allowance. If the owner pays all utilities, enter zero.
Other Monthly Non-Optional Charges	Enter the amount of <u>non-optional</u> charges, such as mandatory garage rent, storage lockers, charges for services provided by the development, etc.
Gross Monthly Rent for Unit	Enter the total of Tenant Paid Rent plus Utility Allowance and other non-optional charges. The total may NOT include amounts other than Tenant Paid Rent, Utility Allowances and other non-optional charges. In accordance with the definition of Gross Rent in IRC §42(g)(2)(B), it may not include any rent assistance amount.
Maximum LIHTC Rent Limit for this unit	Enter the maximum allowable gross rent for the unit. This amount must be the maximum amount allowed by the Current Income Limit per Family Size – specifically, the max rent limit for the federal 50%, 60% or A.I.T. (20% - 80%) set aside. This does not include state deeper targeting levels.
Maximum LIHTC Bond Rent Limit for this unit	Enter the maximum allowable gross rent for the unit. This amount must be the maximum amount allowed by the Current Income Limit per Family Size – specifically, the max rent incorporating both federal and in some instances more restrictive state standards as reflected in the 50% or 60% set aside detailed in the Bond Regulatory Agreement.
Unit Meets Federal Rent Restriction at or Federal A.I.T. at	Indicate the appropriate rent restriction that the unit meets according to what is <u>required</u> by the federal set-aside(s) for the project.
Unit Meets Bond Rent Restriction at	Indicate the appropriate rent restriction that the unit meets according to what is <u>required</u> by the federal and state law for the project.
Unit Meets State Deeper Targeting Rent Restriction at	If your agency requires a rent restriction lower than the federal limit, enter the percent required.

#### Part VII - Student Status

If all household members are full time\* students, check “yes”. Full-time status is determined by the school the student attends. If at least one household member is not a full-time student, check “no.”

If “yes” is checked, the appropriate exemption must be listed in the box to the right. If none of the exemptions apply, the household is ineligible to rent the unit.

**Part VIII – Program Type**

Select the program(s) for which this household’s unit will be counted toward the property’s occupancy requirements. One response from the first column must be selected.

**SIGNATURE OF OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE**

It is the responsibility of the owner or the owner’s representative to sign and date this document immediately following execution by the resident(s).

The responsibility of documenting and determining eligibility (including completing and signing the Tenant Income Certification form) and ensuring such documentation is kept in the tenant file is extremely important and should be conducted by someone well trained in tax credit compliance.

These instructions should not be considered a complete guide on tax credit compliance. The responsibility for compliance with federal program regulations lies with the owner of the building(s) for which the credit is allowable.

**PART IX. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

*Complete this portion of the form at move-in and at recertification’s (only if household composition has changed from the previous year’s certification).*

Tenant Demographic Profile

Complete for each member of the household, including minors. Use codes listed on supplemental form for Race, Ethnicity, and Disability Status.

Resident/Applicant Initials

All tenants who wish not to furnish supplemental information should initial this section. Parent/Guardian may complete and initial for minor child(ren).

**ATTACHMENT 6**

**HUD HOME-ARP REQUIREMENTS**



**Special Attention of:**

CPD Division Directors  
All HOME Coordinators  
All HOME Participating Jurisdictions

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**Subject: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program**

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**Appendix – Waivers and Alternative Requirements for HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)**

## I. PURPOSE

This Notice establishes requirements for funds appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) (“**ARP**”) for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services.

## II. BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed ARP into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through HOME to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include: (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. The program described in this notice for the use of the \$5 billion in ARP funds is the **HOME-American Rescue Plan** or “**HOME-ARP**.”

ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) (“**McKinney-Vento**”); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family’s homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4) above.

ARP authorized HUD to allocate HOME-ARP funds to states, units of general local government, insular areas, and consortia of units of general local government that qualified for an allocation of HOME funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, pursuant to section 217 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.) (“**NAHA**”). On April 8, 2021, HUD allocated HOME-ARP funds to 651 grantees using the HOME formula established at [24 CFR 92.50](#) and [92.60](#). The HOME-ARP allocation amounts can be found [here](#).

## III. ESTABLISHMENT OF HOME-ARP REQUIREMENTS

ARP provides funds for homelessness and supportive services assistance under the HOME statute of Title II of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) and authorizes the Secretary of HUD to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of NAHA or regulation for the administration of the HOME-ARP program, except requirements related to fair housing, civil rights, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that the waiver

or alternative requirement is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of HOME-ARP funds. Pursuant to ARP, the per-unit cost limits (42 U.S.C. 12742(e)), commitment requirements (42 U.S.C. 12748(g)), matching requirements (42 U.S.C. 12750), and set-aside for housing developed, sponsored, or owned by community housing development organizations (CHDOs) (42 U.S.C. 12771) in NAHA do not apply to HOME-ARP funds.

This Notice describes the requirements applicable to a participating jurisdiction's (PJ's) use of HOME-ARP funds. Consolidated plan requirements for HOME are in title I of NAHA and [24 CFR part 91](#). HOME program regulations are in [24 CFR part 92](#). Except as described in ARP and this Notice, HOME statutory and regulatory provisions apply to a PJ's use of HOME-ARP funds. Sections I-IX of this Notice describe the HOME-ARP requirements imposed on a PJ for the use of HOME-ARP funds to assist the qualifying populations through HOME-ARP projects or activities. The Appendix describes the waivers and alternative requirements imposed on PJs for the use of HOME-ARP funds and is included in any reference to "this Notice." Specific citations in the Notice shall mean the statute or regulation cited, as may be revised by the Appendix to this Notice. PJs and insular areas must comply with all applicable statutory, regulatory, and alternative requirements, as described in this Notice, including the Appendix.

## IV. QUALIFYING POPULATIONS, TARGETING AND PREFERENCES

ARP requires that funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in the following specified "qualifying populations." Any individual or family who meets the criteria for these populations is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria (e.g., additional income criteria). All income calculations to meet income criteria of a qualifying population or required for income determinations in HOME-ARP eligible activities must use the annual income definition in [24 CFR 5.609](#) in accordance with the requirements of [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)](#).

### A. Qualifying Populations

1. **Homeless**, as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#) *Homeless* (1), (2), or (3):

(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

(i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;

(ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or

(iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

(2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

(i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;

(ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and

(iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing;

(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

(i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);

(ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;

(iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and

(iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment;

2. **At risk of Homelessness**, as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#) *At risk of homelessness*:

(1) An individual or family who:

(i) Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;

(ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition in this section; and

(iii) Meets one of the following conditions:

(A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;

(B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;

(C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;

(D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;

(E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;

(F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or

(G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan;

(2) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(l) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(l)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or

(3) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42



U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

**3. Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD.**

For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This population includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. In the case of sexual assault, this also includes cases where an individual reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the individual remains within the same dwelling unit that the individual is currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-day period preceding the date of the request for transfer.

**Domestic violence**, which is defined in [24 CFR 5.2003](#) includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

- 1) A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term "spouse or intimate partner of the victim" includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship);
- 2) A person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- 3) A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- 4) A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving HOME-ARP funds; or
- 5) Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

**Dating violence** which is defined in [24 CFR 5.2003](#) means violence committed by a person:

- 1) Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- 2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
  - a. The length of the relationship;
  - b. The type of relationship; and
  - c. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

**Sexual assault** which is defined in [24 CFR 5.2003](#) means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

**Stalking** which is defined in [24 CFR 5.2003](#) means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- 1) Fear for the person's individual safety or the safety of others; or
- 2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

**Human Trafficking** includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102). These are defined as:

- 1) *Sex trafficking* means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- 2) *Labor trafficking means* the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

4. **Other Populations** where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA ([42 U.S.C. 12742\(a\)](#)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability. HUD defines these populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:

(1) **Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness** is defined as households (i.e., individuals and families) who have previously been qualified as "homeless" as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#), are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.

(2) **At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability** is defined as household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below:

- (i) has annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, as determined by HUD and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs);

- (ii) has annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, **AND** meets one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the “At risk of homelessness” definition established at [24 CFR 91.5](#):
- (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
  - (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
  - (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;
  - (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
  - (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
  - (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
  - (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan

**Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member** that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations described above are eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance.

## **B. Use of Funds to Benefit Qualifying Populations**

ARP states that funds must be used to primarily benefit the qualifying populations through the four eligible activities: (1) TBRA, (2) development and support of affordable housing, (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter (NCS) units. Recognizing the urgent needs of individuals and families in qualifying populations, HUD is requiring that:

- 100% of HOME-ARP funds used by a PJ for TBRA, supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units must benefit individuals and families in qualifying populations. Individuals and families in qualifying populations may be assisted by one or more of the HOME-ARP eligible activities, consistent with the requirements in this Notice.
- Not less than 70 percent of affordable rental housing units acquired, rehabilitated, or constructed with HOME-ARP funds by a PJ must be occupied by households in the qualifying populations. Units that are not restricted to occupancy by qualifying populations are subject to income targeting and rent requirements established under the

HOME-ARP Rental Program rules and are only permitted in projects with rental units restricted for occupancy by qualifying populations.

HUD recognizes that, because many households in the qualifying populations are unable to pay rents sufficient to cover unit operating costs, PJs and project owners should attempt to obtain Federal or state project-based rental subsidies, if available. Since project-based rental subsidies can be difficult to secure, additional flexibility may be necessary to structure and underwrite projects so that they remain both affordable and financially viable. HUD is providing PJs with additional flexibilities in [Section VI.B.](#) to structure and underwrite HOME-ARP rental projects so they remain financially viable during the minimum compliance period. One of these flexibilities is permitting up to 30 percent of HOME-ARP rental housing units funded by a PJ to be occupied by low-income households. PJs are encouraged to use this flexibility only when it is required to facilitate development of a HOME-ARP rental project. PJs must determine and document that households meet the definition of a qualifying population or, for the portion of HOME-ARP rental units not restricted to these populations, that households are low-income.

## **C. Preferences Among Qualifying Populations, Referral Methods, and Subpopulations**

### **1. Preferences**

ARP establishes the qualifying populations that are eligible for assistance with HOME-ARP funds. A PJ may establish reasonable preferences among the qualifying populations to prioritize applicants for HOME-ARP projects or activities based on the PJ's needs and priorities, as described in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. For example, a PJ may set a preference among qualifying individuals and families for a HOME-ARP non-congregate shelter for individuals and families who are homeless; fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and veterans and families with a veteran family member that meet the criteria of one of these prior qualifying populations, consistent with its HOME-ARP allocation plan.

The PJ must comply with all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in [24 CFR 5.105\(a\)](#) when applying preferences through its referral methods. Persons who are eligible for a preference must have the opportunity to participate in all HOME-ARP activities of the PJ in which they are eligible under this Notice, including activities that are not separate or different, and cannot be excluded because of any protected characteristics or preferential status.

*Targeted assistance:* If HOME-ARP funds are used for TBRA, the PJ may establish a preference for individuals with special needs or persons with disabilities among the HOME-ARP qualifying populations. Within the qualifying populations, participation may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with [24 CFR 8.4\(b\)\(1\)\(iv\)](#). The PJ may also provide a preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g., persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) within the qualifying

populations only if the specific category is identified in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan as having unmet need and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons.

## **2. Referral Methods for Projects or Activities**

A PJ may use the referral methods described below to administer HOME-ARP assistance to qualifying individuals and families. Regardless of the referral method used by the PJ, HUD holds the PJ responsible for determining and documenting that beneficiaries meet the definition of a qualifying population or, for the portion of HOME-ARP rental units not restricted to qualifying populations, that beneficiaries are low-income.

A PJ may use the coordinated entry or coordinated entry process (CE) of a continuum of care (CoC) for referrals for projects and activities as described below. Under 24 CFR 578.3, a CE is a centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake assessment and provision of referrals within a defined area. HUD requires each CoC to establish and operate a CE with the goal of increasing the efficiency of local crisis response systems and improving fairness and ease of access to resources, including mainstream resources. A PJ may permit a CoC CE to collect information and documentation required to determine whether an individual or family meets the criteria of a HOME-ARP qualifying population at any point in the coordinated entry process, (i.e., after or concurrently with the assessment and intake processes) as long as that information is not used to rank a person for HOME-ARP assistance other than as specified by the preferences or method of prioritization established by the PJ, in accordance with HOME-ARP requirements. If the PJ uses CE, the PJ cannot require HOME-ARP victim service providers to use the CE but may permit them to do so.

The PJ must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in [24 CFR 5.105\(a\)](#) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when using the following referral methods:

### **i. Use of Expanded CE in HOME-ARP**

Under this referral method, a PJ may use a CE established by a CoC operating within its boundaries for one or more projects or activities if the CE accepts all HOME-ARP qualifying populations eligible for those activities or projects, in accordance with the preferences and prioritization, if any, established or approved by the PJ in its HOME-ARP allocation plan and imposed through the PJ's written agreements.

Before using a CoC's CE, PJs should consider whether the CE covers the same service area as the HOME-ARP project or activity that would use that CE. At a minimum, the PJ must establish policies and procedures that describe the relationship of the geographic area(s) served by the project or activity to the geographic area(s) covered by the CoC CE and address how the CE will provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE.

The PJ must require a project or activity to use CE along with other referral methods (as provided in section ii below) or to use only a project/activity waiting list (as provided in section iii below) if:

1. the CE does not have a sufficient number of qualifying individuals and families to refer to the PJ for the project or activity;
2. the CE does not include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations; or,
3. the CE fails to provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE.

## **ii. Use of CE with Other Referral Methods**

The PJ may use a CoC CE with additional referrals from outside organizations or project-specific waiting lists consistent with HOME-ARP requirements. If using this referral method, the PJ must establish or approve any preferences or prioritization criteria applied by a CoC CE or other referral sources. The PJ may also use a waiting list to receive referrals from a CoC CE and other referral agencies for a project or activity, where a CoC CE or referral agency refers an applicant that is placed on the waiting list for that project or activity in chronological order.

If applicable, a PJ must establish policies and procedures for applying a PJ's established preferences and method of prioritization, if any, when accepting direct referrals from a CoC CE and other referral agencies and must document that such the policies and procedures were followed for each applicant served.

## **iii. Use of a Project/Activity Waiting List**

The PJ may establish a waiting list for each HOME-ARP project or activity. All qualifying individuals or families must have access to apply for placement on the waiting list for an activity or project. Qualifying individuals or families on a waiting list must be accepted in accordance with the PJ's preferences, if any, consistent with this Notice or, if the PJ did not establish preferences, in chronological order, insofar as practicable.

## **3. Limiting Eligibility to Subpopulations**

PJs must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in [24 CFR 5.105\(a\)](#). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.

HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS may be limited to a specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in [Section IV.A.](#) of this Notice, so long as admission does not discriminate against any protected class under federal nondiscrimination laws in [24 CFR 5.105](#) (*e.g.*, the housing may be limited to homeless households and at risk of homelessness households,

veterans and their families, victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking and their families).

Recipients may limit admission to or provide a preference for HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided (e.g., domestic violence services). However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

Consistent with the statutory authority under ARP, HOME-ARP NCS may be converted to permanent housing under the CoC program or used as shelters under the ESG program, when all program and fair housing and nondiscrimination requirements are met. As such, HOME-ARP NCS may need to limit eligibility to households that are homeless and/or at risk of homelessness if the shelter will be converted to permanent housing under the CoC program or used as an emergency shelter in the ESG program.

## **V. HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN**

PJs develop annual action plans as part of their application for HOME funding. To receive its HOME-ARP funds, a PJ must engage in consultation and public participation processes and develop a HOME-ARP allocation plan that meets the requirements established in this section of the Notice and submit it to HUD as a substantial amendment to its Fiscal Year 2021 annual action plan. HUD is using the waiver and alternative requirement authority provided by ARP to establish requirements for the HOME-ARP allocation plan in this Notice. The HOME-ARP allocation plan must describe how the PJ intends to distribute HOME-ARP funds, including how it will use these funds to address the needs of HOME-ARP qualifying populations. A PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan must include:

- A summary of the consultation process and results of upfront consultation;
- A summary of comments received through the public participation process and a summary of any comments or recommendations not accepted and the reasons why;
- A description of HOME-ARP qualifying populations within the jurisdiction;
- An assessment of unmet needs of each qualifying population;
- An assessment of gaps in housing and shelter inventory, homeless assistance and services, and homelessness prevention service delivery system;
- A summary of the planned use of HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities based on the unmet needs of the qualifying populations;
- An estimate of the number of housing units for qualifying populations the PJ will produce or preserve with its HOME-ARP allocation; and
- A description of any preferences for individuals and families in a particular qualifying population or a segment of a qualifying population.

All the above required elements of the HOME-ARP allocation plan shall be part of the FY 2021 annual action plan for purposes of the HOME-ARP program. Consequently, PJs are not required to amend their consolidated plans.

## **A. Consultation**

Before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, a PJ must consult with agencies and service providers whose clientele include the HOME-ARP qualifying populations to identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems. In addition, a PJ should use consultation to determine the HOME-ARP eligible activities currently taking place within its jurisdiction and potential collaborations for administering HOME-ARP. This consultation will provide a basis for the PJ's strategy for distributing HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities to best meet the needs of qualifying populations. At a minimum, a PJ must consult with the CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state's boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction. In its plan, a PJ must describe its consultation process, list the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities.

## **B. Public Participation**

PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submitting the HOME-ARP allocation plan to HUD, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of no less than 15 calendar days. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment" for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan prior to submitting the plan to HUD.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

- The amount of HOME-ARP funds the PJ will receive.
- The range of activities the PJ may undertake.

A PJ must consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan. In its plan, a PJ must describe its public participation process, including any efforts made to broaden public participation. In its plan, the PJ must also include a summary of comments and recommendations received through the public participation process and any comments or recommendations not accepted and the reasons why.

Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, the PJ must follow its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current citizen participation plan as required by [24 CFR 91.105](#) and [91.115](#).



## C. HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Requirements

The HOME-ARP allocation plan must describe the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and the process for soliciting applications and/or selecting eligible projects. The plan must also identify any preferences being established for eligible activities or projects. However, PJs are not required to identify specific projects that will be funded in the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

1. **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis:** A PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. A PJ should identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing. A PJ must consider the housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:
  - Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;
  - Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;
  - Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness; and
  - Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations.

A PJ should include data in its HOME-ARP allocation plan that describes the qualifying populations.

In addition, a PJ must include a narrative description that:

- Identifies the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions under HUD's definition of "other populations" as established in [Section IV.A.4.2.ii.G.](#) of this Notice.
  - Identifies the PJ's priority needs for qualifying populations; and,
  - Explains how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in its shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems.
2. **HOME-ARP Activities:** The HOME-ARP allocation plan must describe how a PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs. The plan must describe the PJ's method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly. If the PJ will provide any portion of its HOME-ARP administrative funds to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, the plan must identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program.

PJs must indicate in the HOME-ARP allocation plan the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type, including administrative and

planning activities. In addition, a PJ must demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, as described in [Section VI.F](#), nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits. PJs must also include a narrative description about how the characteristics of its shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the PJ's gap analysis provided a rationale for its plan to fund eligible activities.

3. **HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals:** The HOME-ARP allocation plan must estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that a PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation. The plan must also include a narrative about the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how it will address the PJ's priority needs.
4. **Preferences:** The HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project. For example, PJs may include a preference for:
  - homeless individuals and families as defined in the ESG and CoC programs;
  - individuals with special needs or persons with disabilities among qualifying individuals and families;
  - a specific category of qualifying individuals and families (e.g., chronically homeless as defined in [24 CFR 91.5](#)).

PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply in the HOME-ARP allocation plan. However, a PJ must explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or category of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis. The PJ must also describe how it will still address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in a preference through the use of HOME-ARP funds.

Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in [24 CFR 5.105\(a\)](#). The PJ must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in [24 CFR 5.105\(a\)](#) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

5. **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines:** If a PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)\(2\)](#). The guidelines must describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project. At a minimum, the guidelines must:
  - Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity.

- Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.
  - State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
  - Specify whether the required compliance period is the minimum 15 years or longer.
  - State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
6. **Substantial Amendments to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:** PJs must make a substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP allocation plan for changes in the method of distributing funds; to carry out an activity not previously described in the plan; or, to change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity, including new preferences not previously described in the plan. In addition, the requirements for substantial amendments at [24 CFR 92.63](#) apply to the HOME-ARP allocation plan for insular areas. PJs are not required to make a substantial amendment to describe individual projects selected for funding if the eligible activity is included in the PJ’s plan. PJs must make the proposed substantial amendment public and provide for a 15-day public comment period prior to submission. Upon completion of the public comment period, PJs must submit substantial amendments to HUD in accordance with the process for submitting the HOME-ARP allocation plan as described in [Section V.D.](#)
7. **Certifications and SF-424:** PJs must submit the required certifications in accordance with the requirements in this Notice, including the following:
- a. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
  - b. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;
  - c. Anti-Lobbying;
  - d. Authority of Jurisdiction;
  - e. Section 3; and,
  - f. HOME-ARP specific certification that a PJ will only use HOME-ARP funds consistent with ARP and the HOME-ARP Notice for eligible activities and eligible costs.

PJs must also submit the SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D with the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

## **D. Submission and Review Process**

1. **HOME-ARP Submission and the eCon Planning Suite:** Upon completion of the HOME-ARP allocation plan, a PJ must submit the HOME-ARP allocation plan to HUD. To submit the HOME-ARP allocation plan, PJs must follow the process in IDIS to make an amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 annual action plan. Once the FY 2021 annual action plan is reopened, a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan as an attachment next to the “HOME-ARP allocation plan” option on the AD-26 screen (for

PJs whose FY. 2021 annual action plan is a Year 2-5 annual action plan) or the AD-25 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 1 annual action plan that is part of the 2021 consolidated plan), unless instructed by HUD to follow a different submission procedure. PJs are not required to make any other edits to the FY 2021 annual action plan or applicable consolidated plan screens in the eCon Planning Suite. For more information on how to upload an attachment in the eCon Planning Suite, PJs can refer to the [eCon Planning Suite Desk Guide](#).

2. **HUD Review of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:** The PJ must submit its HOME-ARP allocation plan to HUD for review in accordance with [24 CFR 91.500](#), as revised by this Notice. Unless instructed otherwise by HUD, the HOME-ARP allocation plan is received by HUD when the SF-424 is submitted electronically, which means that it is uploaded in the eCon Planning Suite as an attachment on AD-25 or AD-26 screen, as applicable, and the action plan status is changed to “Submitted for Review.” HUD will review a PJ’s HOME-ARP allocation plan to determine that it is:
- Substantially complete, and
  - Consistent with the purposes of ARP.

HUD may disapprove a PJ’s HOME-ARP allocation plan in accordance with [24 CFR 91.500\(b\)](#). HUD may also disapprove a HOME-ARP allocation plan or a portion of a plan if HUD determines that the plan is inconsistent with the purposes of ARP or substantially incomplete. A PJ’s plan is inconsistent with ARP if it allocates HOME-ARP funds for uses other than a HOME-ARP eligible activity, as described in this Notice. A PJ’s HOME-ARP allocation plan is substantially incomplete if:

- The PJ does not complete the required public participation or consultation or fails to describe those efforts in the plan;
- The PJ fails to include the required elements outlined in this Notice, including the amount of HOME-ARP funds for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type;
- The PJ fails to identify and describe the responsibilities of the subrecipient or contractor administering all of its HOME-ARP award, if applicable; or,
- HUD rejects the PJ’s HOME-ARP certification as inaccurate.

In accordance with section 105(c) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12705(c)) and [24 CFR 91.500\(a\)](#), if the PJ’s HOME-ARP allocation plan is not disapproved within 45 days, then the plan is deemed approved 45 days after HUD receives the plan, and HUD shall notify the PJ that the plan is accepted.

If HUD determines that the plan is substantially incomplete or that the plan is inconsistent with ARP, HUD will notify the PJ in writing with the reasons for disapproval, in accordance with [24 CFR 91.500\(c\)](#). If a PJ’s plan is disapproved, the PJ may revise or resubmit the plan for HUD review within 45 days after the first notification of disapproval. HUD will respond to accept or disapprove the resubmitted plan within 30 days of receiving the revisions or resubmission.

Once HUD notifies a PJ that the plan is accepted, the PJ must make the final HOME-ARP allocation plan available to the public in accordance with the same requirements in the PJ’s

current citizen participation plan that are followed to make the PJ's adopted consolidated plan and substantial amendments available to the public, including the availability of materials in a form accessible to persons with disabilities, and translated materials in different languages to accommodate LEP persons, upon request.

3. **HUD Review of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for Insular Areas:** In addition to the standards for review described in [Section V.D.2](#), HUD will review an insular area's HOME-ARP allocation plan in accordance with [24 CFR 92.62](#). If HUD cannot make a determination based on the information submitted that the HOME-ARP allocation plan complies with HOME-ARP allocation plan requirements, or if the eligible activities described in the plan are not within the insular area's management capability as demonstrated by past performance in housing and community development programs, HUD will notify the insular area within 30 days of receipt of the HOME-ARP allocation plan that supporting documentation is needed. The insular area will have a mutually agreed upon period to submit the necessary supporting information or to revise the eligible activities in its HOME-ARP allocation plan.

## VI. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

### A. Administration and Planning

The PJ may expend, for payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs, up to 15 percent of its HOME-ARP allocation. Reasonable administrative and planning costs for the HOME-ARP program include:

1. Reasonable costs of overall HOME-ARP program management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. Such HOME-ARP costs include, but are not limited to, necessary expenditures for the following:
  - a. Salaries, wages, and related costs of the PJ's staff. If a PJ charges costs to this category, the PJ may either include the entire salary and related costs allocable to the HOME-ARP program of each person whose *primary* responsibilities with regard to the HOME-ARP program involves program administration assignments, or the prorated share of the salary, wages, and related costs of each person whose job includes *any* program administrative assignments. A PJ may only use one of these two methods. Program administration includes:
    - i. Developing systems and schedules for complying with HOME-ARP program requirements, including systems to prevent a duplication of benefits among beneficiaries of HOME-ARP activities;
    - ii. Developing interagency agreements and agreements with entities receiving HOME-ARP funds;
    - iii. Monitoring HOME-ARP activities for progress and compliance with HOME-ARP program requirements;
    - iv. Preparing HOME-ARP reports and other documents related to the HOME-ARP program for submission to HUD;

- v. Coordinating the resolution of audit and monitoring findings on HOME-ARP activities;
  - vi. Evaluating HOME-ARP program results against stated objectives in the HOME-ARP allocation plan, and
  - vii. Managing or supervising persons whose primary responsibilities with regard to the HOME-ARP program include such assignments as those described above.
- b. Travel costs incurred for official business in carrying out the HOME-ARP program.
  - c. Administrative services performed under third party contracts or agreements, including such services as general legal services, accounting services, and audit services.
  - d. Other costs for goods and services required for administering the HOME-ARP program, such as: rental or purchase of equipment, insurance, information systems necessary to track and implement beneficiaries of HOME-ARP activities in accordance with the requirements of this Notice, utilities, office supplies, and rental and maintenance (but not purchase) of office space.
  - e. Costs of administering HOME-ARP TBRA and HOME-ARP supportive services programs.
2. Staff and overhead costs of the PJ directly related to carrying out a HOME-ARP project, in accordance with [24 CFR 92.207\(b\)](#).
  3. The provision of information and other resources to residents and citizen organizations participating in the planning, implementation, or assessment of projects being assisted with HOME-ARP funds.
  4. Activities to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH) in accordance with 24 CFR 5.151 and the PJ's certification as required under this Notice and 24 CFR 5.152. The AFFH definition in HUD's Interim Final Rule entitled, "Restoring Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Definitions and Certifications" (86 FR 30779, June 10, 2021), as amended, at 24 CFR 5.151, and the AFFH certification requirement, at 24 CFR 5.152, available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/06/10/2021-12114/restoring-affirmatively-furthering-fair-housing-definitions-and-certifications>.
  5. Indirect costs may be charged to the HOME-ARP program under a cost allocation plan prepared in accordance with [2 CFR part 200, subpart E](#), as amended.
  6. Preparation of the HOME-ARP allocation plan as required in this Notice. Preparation includes the costs of public hearing, consultations, and publications.
  7. Costs of complying with the applicable Federal requirements in [24 CFR part 92, subpart H](#). Project-specific environmental review costs may be charged as administrative or project costs in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(d\)\(8\)](#) and is at the discretion of the PJ.

Funds available under the HOME-ARP appropriation for administration and planning may not be used to pay costs attributable to the regular HOME Program.

PJs may provide all or a portion of its HOME-ARP administrative funds to subrecipients and contractors that are administering activities on behalf of the PJ (e.g., CoC entity, other non-Federal entity), in accordance with the requirements in this Notice. However, from the obligation date of the HOME-ARP funds in the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement and prior to HUD's acceptance of the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan, a subrecipient or contractor to the PJ may only incur and expend HOME-ARP funds for eligible administrative and planning costs if the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the use of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP award and has executed a HOME-ARP written agreement that complies with [24 CFR 92.504](#) and this [Notice](#). The PJ must also identify the subrecipient or contractor administering the PJ's entire HOME-ARP award and describe the subrecipient or contractor's responsibilities in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan.

All costs must comply with the Cost Principles contained in subpart E of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at [2 CFR part 200](#), as amended (Uniform Administrative Requirements).

Once HUD obligates the HOME-ARP funds, as described in [Section VIII.C.2](#) of this Notice, the PJ may incur and expend up to 5 percent of its HOME-ARP allocation on eligible administrative and planning costs, as described in this section and [24 CFR 92.207](#). Before HUD's acceptance of the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan, the PJ is only permitted to incur and expend HOME-ARP funds on eligible administrative and planning costs.

If the PJ does not submit a HOME-ARP allocation plan or if the PJ's plan is not accepted within a reasonable period of time, as determined by HUD, all HOME-ARP administrative and planning costs incurred by the PJ will be ineligible costs and any HOME-ARP funds expended by the PJ must be repaid to the PJ's HOME Investment Trust Fund Treasury account, in accordance with guidance issued by HUD. Moreover, if the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan does not identify or include a description of the responsibilities of the subrecipient or contractor that is responsible for the PJ's entire HOME-ARP award, if applicable, the administrative and planning costs incurred or expended by the subrecipient or contractor will also be ineligible and any HOME-ARP funds expended by the PJ's subrecipient or contractor must be repaid to the PJ's HOME Investment Trust Fund Treasury account, in accordance with guidance from HUD.

## **B. HOME-ARP Rental Housing**

HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable rental housing primarily for occupancy by households of individuals and families that meet the definition of one or more of the qualifying populations described in [Section IV.A](#) of this Notice (“**qualifying households**”). Unlike the regular HOME Program, which targets HOME-assisted rental units based on tenant income, 70 percent of all HOME-ARP units will admit households based only upon their status as qualifying households. This complicates the underwriting and operation of projects that include HOME-ARP units. As a result, the requirements for HOME-ARP rental housing provide significant flexibilities to enable HOME-ARP rental projects to remain

financially viable and affordable for the qualifying populations throughout the minimum compliance period.

Eligible HOME-ARP rental housing includes “housing” as defined at [24 CFR 92.2](#), including but not limited to manufactured housing, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and permanent supportive housing. Emergency shelters, hotels, and motels (including those currently operating as non-congregate shelter), facilities such as nursing homes, residential treatment facilities, correctional facilities, halfway houses, and housing for students or dormitories do not constitute housing in the HOME-ARP program. However, HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire and rehabilitate such structures into HOME-ARP rental housing.

Developing financially feasible rental housing for qualifying households is challenging in the absence of project-based rental assistance. Most HOME-assisted rental projects rely on tenant rents to cover all or a portion of the debt service and project operating costs. Most HOME-ARP qualifying households will be unable to pay a rent that covers allocated debt service or operating costs, requiring PJs to use other techniques to determine that HOME-ARP units are affordable and that projects containing HOME-ARP units are sustainable throughout the minimum compliance period. PJs are encouraged to work with local PHAs and other state or local agencies to obtain project-based rental assistance for units funded with HOME-ARP. In the absence of such project-based rental assistance, the HOME-ARP units for qualifying households may require substantial capital investment through HOME-ARP and other Federal, state, local, or private sources to eliminate debt service on the units. ARP suspended the maximum per-unit subsidy limit for HOME-ARP units, enabling HOME-ARP funds to pay the entire cost to acquire, rehabilitate and/or construct the HOME-ARP rental units, eliminating the need for the HOME-ARP units to support debt. In mixed-income developments, revenue from market rate or higher income-restricted units may also provide an internal subsidy to cover a portion of the operating costs of HOME-ARP units.

**To address these challenges and maintain affordability, HUD is using its HOME-ARP statutory authority to:**

- Establish alternative rent requirements to [24 CFR 92.252\(b\)](#) and extend an owner’s ability to charge the maximum rent permissible under a rental assistance program (to units occupied by recipients of tenant-based rental assistance (e.g., Housing Choice Vouchers, HOME TBRA, HOME-ARP TBRA).
- Establish a minimum compliance period of 15 years for all HOME-ARP rental units irrespective of the amount of subsidy per unit or whether the units are acquired, rehabilitated, and/or newly constructed.
- Permit the use of HOME-ARP funds to provide ongoing operating cost assistance or capitalize a project operating cost assistance reserve to address operating deficits of the HOME-ARP units restricted for qualifying households during the compliance period.
- Allow not more than 30 percent of the total number of rental units assisted with HOME-ARP funds by the PJ to be restricted to households that are low-income as defined in [24 CFR 92.2](#) (“low-income households”). These units may only be located in projects containing HOME-ARP units restricted for qualifying households. The HOME-ARP rental units occupied by low-income households must operate under the regulations applicable to HOME rental units at [24 CFR 92.252](#) (i.e., be occupied by low-income



households and bearing a rent not greater than the lesser of a. the Fair Market Rent for existing housing for comparable units in the area, as established by HUD, or b. a rent equal to 30 percent of the adjusted income of a family with annual income at 65 percent of median income for the area, as determined by HUD, with adjustments for the number of bedrooms in the unit).

1. **Targeting and Occupancy Requirements:** ARP requires HOME-ARP activities to primarily benefit households in the qualifying populations. To improve the feasibility and maintain the long-term viability of projects with HOME-ARP rental units for qualifying households, a PJ may invest HOME-ARP funds in units that are not restricted for occupancy solely for qualifying populations as described in this section. Specifically, participating jurisdictions must comply with the following requirements:
  - a. **Targeting:** HOME-ARP funds can only be invested in units restricted for qualifying households or low-income households as follows:
    - i. Not less than 70 percent of the total number of rental units assisted with HOME-ARP funds by the PJ must be restricted for occupancy by households that are qualifying households at the time of the household's initial occupancy; and,
    - ii. Not more than 30 percent of the total number of rental units assisted with HOME-ARP funds by the PJ may be restricted to low-income households. These rental units do not have to be restricted for occupancy by qualifying households, however rental units restricted to low-income households are only permitted in projects that include HOME-ARP units for qualifying households.
  - b. **Occupancy Requirements:**
    - i. **Qualifying Households.** Units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households must be occupied by households that meet the definition of a qualifying population at the time of admission to the HOME-ARP unit. A qualifying household after admission retains its eligibility to occupy a HOME-ARP rental unit restricted for qualifying populations, irrespective of the qualifying household's changes in income or whether the household continues to meet the definition of a qualifying population. As such, a unit restricted for a qualifying household remains in compliance with the HOME-ARP unit restriction as long as the unit is occupied by a qualifying household that met the definition of a qualifying population at the time of admission.
    - ii. **Low-Income Households.** At initial occupancy, units restricted for low-income households must be occupied by households that meet the definition of low-income in [24 CFR 92.2](#). If a tenant's income increases above the applicable low-income limit during the compliance period, the unit will be considered temporarily out of compliance. Noncompliance requires the PJ to take action in accordance with the rent and unit mix requirements in [Sections VI.B.15](#) and [VI.B.17](#) of this Notice, respectively.

2. **Eligible Activities:** A PJ may use HOME-ARP funds for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation, including reconstruction as defined in [24 CFR 92.2](#), of affordable rental housing for qualifying and low-income households. Acquisition of vacant land or demolition must be undertaken only with respect to a particular housing project intended to provide HOME-ARP rental housing within the timeframes provided in [Section VI.B.](#) of this Notice. A HOME-ARP rental project must meet the definition of *project* in [24 CFR 92.2](#).

HOME-ARP funds may be used to assist one or more units in a project. Only the eligible development costs of the HOME-ARP units may be charged to the HOME-ARP program. Cost allocation in accordance with [24 CFR 92.205\(d\)\(1\)](#) is required if the assisted and non-assisted units are not comparable. After project completion, the number of HOME-ARP units in a project cannot be reduced. During the HOME-ARP minimum compliance period and prior to the end of the HOME-ARP budget period, a PJ may invest additional HOME-ARP funds to provide operating cost assistance but is prohibited from investing additional HOME-ARP funds for capital costs except within the 12 months after project completion. A qualifying household admitted to a HOME-ARP rental unit may still receive HOME-ARP supportive services or TBRA in accordance with the requirements in this Notice.

3. **Forms of Assistance:** The PJ may invest HOME-ARP funds in accordance with the eligible forms of assistance described in [24 CFR 92.205\(b\)](#). Each PJ has the right to establish the terms of assistance, subject to the HOME-ARP requirements described in this Notice.
4. **Minimum Amount of Assistance:** The minimum amount of HOME-ARP funds that must be invested in a rental housing project is \$1,000 times the number of HOME-ARP-assisted units in the project as established in [24 CFR 92.205\(c\)](#).
5. **Eligible Costs:** HOME-ARP funds may be used to pay for up to 100% of the following eligible costs associated with the acquisition, development, and operation of HOME-ARP rental units:
  - a. *Development hard costs* – defined in [24 CFR 92.206\(a\)](#).
  - b. *Refinancing* – the cost to refinance existing debt secured by a rental project that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)\(2\)](#) and the PJ's HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines, as stated in their HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.
  - c. *Acquisition* – the costs of acquiring improved or unimproved real property.
  - d. *Related soft costs* – defined in [24 CFR 92.206\(d\)](#).
  - e. *Relocation costs* – as defined in [24 CFR 92.206\(f\)](#), [24 CFR 92.353](#), and described in this Notice.
  - f. *Costs relating to payment of loans* – If the HOME-ARP funds are not used to directly pay a cost specified in this HOME-ARP rental housing section, but are used to pay off a

construction loan, bridge financing loan, or guaranteed loan, the payment of principal and interest for such loan is an eligible cost only if: (1) the loan was used for eligible costs specified in this HOME-ARP rental housing section, and (2) the HOME-ARP funds are part of the original financing for the project and the project meets the requirements of this Notice.

- g. *Operating Cost Assistance* – A PJ may pay ongoing operating cost assistance or capitalize an operating cost assistance reserve for HOME-ARP-assisted units restricted for occupancy by qualifying populations in a project where the PJ determines in its underwriting that the reserve is necessary to maintain the HOME-ARP units’ long-term operational feasibility. However, HOME-ARP funds cannot be used for both a capitalized operating cost assistance reserve and ongoing payments for operating cost assistance during the minimum compliance period. The allowable amount of the reserve shall not exceed the amount determined by the PJ to be necessary to provide operating cost assistance for HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying populations for the 15-year HOME-ARP minimum compliance period.

The operating cost assistance reserve for HOME-ARP units for qualifying households must be held by the project owner in a separate interest-bearing account and sized, based on an analysis of projected deficits remaining after the expected payments toward rent by qualifying households are applied to the units’ share of operating costs. Funds in a capitalized operating cost assistance reserve can only be drawn to address operating deficits associated with HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by the qualifying populations. A PJ must use the definition of operating costs in this Notice in its calculation of operating deficits to determine the amount of HOME-ARP funds needed for an operating cost assistance reserve or when providing operating cost assistance. Unexpended operating cost assistance reserve amounts remaining at the end of the minimum compliance period must be returned in accordance with [Section VI.B.24](#) of this Notice.

A PJ may provide operating cost assistance to a HOME-ARP rental project to cover an operating deficit associated with HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households except for when an operating cost assistance reserve is already established for the project. Operating cost assistance committed to a project cannot be provided beyond the HOME-ARP budget period, as described in [Section VIII.C.4](#) of this Notice.

Operating costs include costs for administrative expenses, property management fees, insurance, utilities, property taxes, and maintenance of a unit that is designated as a HOME-ARP-assisted unit and required to be occupied by a qualifying household. . Operating costs must be reasonable and appropriate for the area, size, population(s) served, and type of project.

Project administrative expenses include payroll costs, which are gross salaries and wages paid to employees assigned to the property, including payroll taxes, employee compensation, and employee benefits; employee education, training, and travel; advertising; and general administrative costs which are costs for goods and services

required for administration of the housing, including rental or purchase of equipment, supplies, legal charges, bank charges, utilities, telephone/internet services, insurance, and other administrative costs that are reasonable and customary for the general administration of a rental unit occupied by qualifying populations. HOME-ARP permits the pro-rated staffing costs of a Resident Services Coordinator to be included in the operating costs allocated to a HOME-ARP unit for low-income or qualifying households if such costs are not already paid by another source. Typically, the role of a Resident Services Coordinator is to arrange community activities for residents and link residents to outside service agencies as needed.

A property management fee includes the total fee paid to a management agent by the owner for the day-to-day management of a HOME-ARP rental unit restricted for occupancy by qualifying populations. A management agent must cover its costs of supervising and overseeing operations of a HOME-ARP unit out of the fee they receive.

A reserve for replacement must be based on the useful life of each major system and expected replacement cost in a HOME-ARP project. Scheduled payments to a reserve for replacement of major systems included in the operating costs allocated to a HOME-ARP unit restricted for a qualifying household may be made from the operating cost assistance reserve. A reserve for replacement allocated to the HOME-ARP units may also be capitalized in the initial year of the minimum compliance period of the HOME-ARP units. HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to both capitalize a reserve for replacement and provide payments to the reserve for replacement from a capitalized operating reserve during the minimum compliance period.

Supportive services costs are not eligible operating costs of HOME-ARP units, however, qualifying households occupying HOME-ARP rental units may receive supportive services through the HOME-ARP supportive services eligible activity.

6. **Prohibited Activities and Fees:** HOME-ARP may not be used for any of the prohibited activities, costs or fees in [24 CFR 92.214](#), as revised by the Appendix to this Notice.
7. **HOME-ARP Funds and Public Housing:** HOME-ARP funds must be used in accordance with the requirements in [24 CFR 92.213\(a\)-\(c\)](#).
8. **Commitment:** The affordable housing requirements in the definition of *Commitment* in [24 CFR 92.2](#), including the provisions in (2) *Commit to a specific local project*, apply to rental housing units assisted with HOME-ARP funds. This includes but is not limited to the requirements that the PJ and project owner have an executed legally binding written agreement under which HOME-ARP assistance will be provided to the owner for an identifiable project for which all necessary financing has been secured, a budget and schedule have been established, and underwriting has been completed and under which construction is scheduled to start within 12 months of the agreement date.
9. **Maximum Per-Unit Subsidy and Limitations on Costs:** The maximum per-unit subsidy established in NAHA does not apply to HOME-ARP units. PJs may pay up to 100 percent of the eligible and reasonable HOME-ARP costs allocated to a HOME-ARP unit, including

operating cost assistance associated with units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households. All costs paid by HOME-ARP funds must comply with the requirements of this Notice and the Cost Principles at [2 CFR part 200](#), subpart E of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, as amended.

10. **Underwriting, Subsidy Layering:** Before the PJ can commit HOME-ARP funds to a project, it must evaluate the project to determine the amount of HOME-ARP capital subsidy and operating cost assistance necessary to provide quality affordable housing that meets the requirements of this Notice and is financially viable throughout the minimum 15-year HOME-ARP compliance period. The PJ must evaluate the project in accordance with underwriting and subsidy layering guidelines it has developed for HOME-ARP projects.

The PJ's project underwriting must include an in-depth review of underlying project assumptions, development sources and uses, and projected operating income and expenses, and the project's long-term financial viability to determine the project's need for HOME-ARP assistance while preventing over-subsidization of the project. HUD anticipates that project developers will rely on Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) financing, HOME funds, Housing Trust Fund grants, project-based vouchers, project-based rental assistance, operating cost reserves, state or local sources, or a combination of these and other resources to create a feasible HOME-ARP project and maintain compliance with HOME-ARP requirements. HOME-ARP units for qualifying households that do not receive a commitment of project-based vouchers or project-based rental assistance may require both deep capital subsidy and operating cost assistance to remain financially sustainable for the minimum 15-year HOME-ARP compliance period. However, the PJ, through its underwriting, must also determine that the HOME-ARP capital and operating subsidies do not result in over-subsidization of the project.

To secure HOME-ARP rental units for qualifying households, HOME-ARP funds may be invested in different types of projects, including permanent supportive housing, mixed-finance affordable housing, and market-rate projects. While the viability of the HOME-ARP units is the PJ's primary concern, it must not limit its underwriting analysis to the HOME-ARP units. The long-term viability of HOME-ARP units is contingent upon the financial health of the entire project. PJs must therefore take a holistic approach to underwriting that examines the overall feasibility of the entire project to determine that the property will be financially sustainable for the duration of the 15-year HOME-ARP compliance period.

For projects that will receive operating cost assistance through a capitalized operating cost assistance reserve or on-going operating cost assistance for a specific period, the on-going operating cost assistance or operating cost assistance reserve must be included in the underwriting. Unless placed into an operating cost assistance reserve, operating cost assistance committed to a project for a specific period cannot be provided beyond the budget period, as described in [Section VIII.C.4.](#) of this Notice. HOME-ARP units that have commitments for a form of project-based rental assistance must be underwritten with the projected rental assistance and not with operating cost assistance. An operating cost assistance reserve must be sized based on an analysis of projected operating deficits

remaining after the expected payments toward rent by qualifying households are applied to the HOME-ARP unit's share of operating costs. While a PJ may offer on-going project operating cost assistance instead of providing an operating cost assistance reserve, it may find this approach makes it more difficult to develop HOME-ARP units.

- a. *Underwriting and Subsidy Layering Guidelines*: PJs must develop standardized underwriting guidelines for HOME-ARP rental projects. These guidelines must provide for underwriting that accommodates and is appropriate for different types of projects. For example, a standard market analysis does not provide the necessary data for a project where 100% of the units are restricted as permanent supportive housing for qualifying populations. In contrast, if a mixed-income property relies on rental income from market-rate units to subsidize the operating costs of permanent supportive housing units for which little or no tenant-paid rental income is projected, then a market study confirming that the proposed market rents are achievable is needed to demonstrate the long-term financial viability of the project.

PJs with existing HOME rental underwriting standards may use these standards as the foundation for their HOME-ARP underwriting guidelines, but all PJs are required to develop and implement standardized underwriting guidelines for HOME-ARP that require the following:

- i. An examination of the sources and uses of funds for the project and a determination that costs are necessary and reasonable. In examining a project's proposed sources and uses, a PJ must determine the amount of HOME-ARP development subsidy required to fill the gap between other committed funding sources and the cost to develop the project.

A developer fee is a permitted development cost under the HOME-ARP program, but the PJ must review the fee and determine that it is reasonable. A PJ may set limits on the developer fee and other fees (e.g., asset management fee, property management fee) to be paid by HOME-ARP funds that differ from other funding sources (e.g., LIHTC underwriting standards).

- ii. An assessment of the current market demand for the proposed project.
  - (1) For HOME-ARP units for qualifying households, a market assessment is not required. Rather, the PJ can demonstrate that there is unmet need among qualifying populations for the type of housing proposed through their gap analysis, CoC data, public housing and affordable housing waiting lists, point-in-time surveys, housing inventory count, or other relevant data on the need for permanent housing for the qualifying populations.
  - (2) For projects containing units restricted for occupancy by low-income households or market-rate households, the PJ must conduct a market assessment in accordance with [24 CFR 92.250\(b\)\(2\)](#). A third-party market assessment completed by the developer or another funder meets this requirement, but the PJ must review the assessment and provide a written, dated acknowledgement that it accepts the assessment's findings and conclusions. The market assessment and the PJ's written, dated

acknowledgement must be retained for recordkeeping purposes.

- iii. Review of and determination that the developer's experience and financial capacity are satisfactory based on the size and complexity of the project. When assessing the developer, the PJ must review, at minimum, prior experience with similar projects and the current capacity to develop the proposed project. When determining whether the developer has the financial capacity to undertake the project, the PJ should examine financial statements and audits to determine the developer's net worth, portfolio risk, pre-development funding, and liquidity.
- iv. Firm written financial commitments for the project.
- v. A careful review of the project's operating budget, including the basis for assumptions, projections of a project's net operating income, and reasonably expected changes in revenue and expenses during the minimum compliance period, to determine if any HOME-ARP-funded operating cost assistance is necessary and if applicable, an operating cost assistance reserve is sized appropriately. Operating income of the project must be sufficient to cover operating expenses throughout the minimum compliance period. For HOME-ARP units for qualifying households, the proforma or budget projections should include any anticipated ongoing operating cost assistance or draws from an operating cost assistance reserve, if applicable, that will offset operating deficits associated with those units to demonstrate sufficient operating support.
  - (1) If project-based vouchers or project-based rental assistance is or will be awarded, this analysis must include that rental assistance revenue because operating cost assistance cannot be used for units for qualifying households with project-based vouchers or project-based rental assistance.
  - (2) A PJ's underwriting standards may permit projects to generate reasonable net operating income throughout the minimum compliance period. However, HOME-ARP operating cost assistance may only be used to offset operating deficits, in accordance with the requirements of this Notice. Net operating income resulting from HOME-ARP operating cost assistance is not permitted and must be prohibited in the written agreement between the participating jurisdiction and the owner.
- vi. An assessment of the project's overall viability through the minimum compliance period based on the households (i.e., qualifying households, low-income households, market-rate households) it will serve.

**11. Property Standards:** HOME-ARP rental units must comply with all property standards applicable to rental projects required in [24 CFR 92.251](#) paragraphs (a) new construction, (b) rehabilitation projects, (c)(1) and (2) acquisition of standard housing, (e) manufactured housing, and (f) on-going property condition standards.

**12. Determining Household Income:** The PJ must require all HOME-ARP units to be restricted for eligible households (i.e., either qualifying or low-income households)

throughout the minimum compliance period. Qualifying households are eligible for admission to HOME-ARP rental units solely by meeting the definition of one of the qualifying populations (i.e., HOME-ARP does not impose income restrictions on units restricted for qualifying populations). If there is no income requirement in the qualifying population's definition, a PJ is not required to perform an initial determination of household income except as necessary to determine an affordable rental contribution by the qualifying household or to establish eligibility for another funding source in the unit that imposes income restrictions (e.g., LIHTC). Each subsequent year during the compliance period, starting 1 year after initial occupancy, the PJ must use the definition of annual income as defined in [24 CFR 5.609](#) to examine the income of qualifying households to determine the household's contribution to rent. For low-income households, the PJ must use the definition of annual income as defined in [24 CFR 5.609](#) to examine the household's income at initial occupancy and each subsequent year during the compliance period to determine the household's ongoing income eligibility and applicable rental contribution.

- a. *Qualifying populations*: For purposes of establishing the qualifying household's rental contribution after initial occupancy, a PJ must examine a HOME-ARP qualifying household's income using [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)\(i\) or \(iii\)](#), starting 1 year after initial occupancy. Each year during the minimum compliance period, the owner must examine the household's annual income in accordance with any one of the options in [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)](#) specified by the PJ. A project owner who re-examines household income through a statement and certification in accordance with [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#), must examine the income of each household, in accordance with [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)](#), every sixth year of the compliance period. Otherwise, an owner who accepts the household's statement and certification in accordance with [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#) is not required to examine the household's income unless there is evidence that the household's written statement failed to completely and accurately state information about the household's size or income.
- b. *Low-income Households*: In accordance with [24 CFR 92.252\(h\)](#), the income of each low-income household must be determined initially in accordance with [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)](#), and each year following the initial determination during the minimum compliance period in accordance with any one of the options in [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)](#) specified by the PJ. An owner who re-examines household income through a statement and certification in accordance with [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#), must examine the income of each household, in accordance with [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)](#), every sixth year of the minimum compliance period. Otherwise, an owner who accepts the household's statement and certification in accordance with [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#) is not required to examine the household's income unless there is evidence that the household's written statement failed to completely and accurately state information about the household's size or income.
- c. *Households Assisted by Other Programs*: Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), if a family is applying for or living in a HOME-ARP-assisted rental unit, and the unit is assisted by a Federal or State project based rental subsidy then a PJ must accept a public housing agency, section 8 project owner, or CoC recipient or subrecipient's



determination of the family's annual income and adjusted income under that program's rules and does not need to obtain source documentation in accordance with [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)](#) or calculate the annual income of the family. If a family is applying for or living in a HOME-ARP rental unit, and the family is assisted by a Federal tenant-based rental assistance program (e.g. housing choice vouchers) then a PJ may choose to accept the rental assistance provider's determination of the family's annual and adjusted income under that program's rules without need for review under [24 CFR 92.203\(a\)\(1\)](#).

**13. Rent limitations:** This Notice establishes rent limits for HOME-ARP units restricted for qualifying populations and for units that may be restricted for low-income households.

- a. *Units Restricted for Occupancy by Qualifying Households:* In no case can the HOME-ARP rents exceed 30% of the adjusted income of a household whose annual income is equal to or less than 50% of the median income for the area, as determined by HUD, with adjustments for number of bedrooms in the unit. HUD will publish the HOME-ARP rent limits on an annual basis.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a unit that receives a Federal or state project-based rental subsidy and is occupied by a qualifying household that pays as a contribution to rent no more than 30 percent of the household's adjusted income, may charge the rent allowable under the Federal or state project-based rental subsidy program (i.e., the tenant rental contribution plus the rental subsidy allowable under that program). If a household receives tenant-based rental assistance, the rent is the rent permissible under the applicable rental assistance program (i.e., the tenant rental contribution plus the rental subsidy allowable under that rental assistance program).

The rent limits for HOME-ARP units for qualifying households include the rent plus the utility allowance established pursuant to [Section VI.B.13.d](#) of this Notice.

- b. *Rent limitations – low-income households:* HOME-ARP rental units occupied by low-income households must comply with the rent limitations in [24 CFR 92.252\(a\)](#) (i.e., the lesser of the Fair Market Rent for existing housing for comparable units in the area, as established by HUD, or a rent equal to 30 percent of the income of a family at 65 percent of median income for the area, as determined by HUD, with adjustments for number of bedrooms in the unit). Notwithstanding the foregoing, when a household receives a form of Federal tenant-based rental assistance (e.g., housing choice vouchers), the rent is the rent permissible under the applicable rental assistance program (i.e., the tenant rental contribution plus the rent subsidy allowable under the rental assistance program). The rent limits for low-income households apply to the rent plus the utility allowance established pursuant to [Section VI.B.13.d](#) of this Notice.
- c. *Rent limitations – Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Units:* A HOME-ARP rental project may consist of SRO units. For the purposes of HOME-ARP rental, a SRO unit is defined as a unit that is the primary residence of the occupant(s) and must at least contain sanitary facilities but may also contain food preparation facilities. A project's

designation as a SRO cannot be inconsistent with the building's zoning and building code classification.

If the SRO units have both sanitary *and* food preparation facilities, the maximum HOME-ARP rent is based on the zero-bedroom fair market rent. If the SRO unit has only sanitary facilities, the maximum HOME-ARP rent is based on 75 percent of the zero-bedroom fair market rent. The rent limits for SRO units must also include the utility allowance established pursuant to [Section VI.B.13.d](#) of this Notice.

- d. *Initial Rent Schedule and Utility Allowance*: The PJ must establish maximum allowances for utilities and services and update the allowances annually. The PJ may adopt the utility allowance schedule of the PHA.

The PJ must review and approve the HOME-ARP rents proposed by the owner, subject to the HOME-ARP rent limitations. For HOME-ARP units where the tenant is paying utilities and services (e.g., trash collection), the PJ must determine that the rent for the unit does not exceed the maximum rent minus the monthly allowance for utilities and services.

- 14. Tenant Contribution to Rent – Qualifying Households**: The PJ must determine that the qualifying household's contribution to rent is affordable to the qualifying household based on a determination of the household's income. If the household is receiving project-based or tenant-based rental assistance, the household cannot be required to contribute more towards rent than the amount permitted by the requirements of the applicable rental assistance program (See [Section VI.B.13.a](#) of this Notice). If a qualifying household is not receiving project-based or tenant-based rental assistance and cannot contribute any income toward rent, or the contribution is insufficient to cover the unit rent, the project owner may draw from the project's operating cost assistance reserve if projected rental revenue minus the operating costs of the unit results in a deficit. If an operating cost assistance reserve was not capitalized at project completion:

- The PJ may provide ongoing HOME-ARP operating cost assistance to cover the operating deficits associated with units occupied by qualifying households, subject to the requirements in this Notice.
- The qualifying household may receive HOME-ARP TBRA to remain housed in the HOME-ARP rental unit or the PJ may offer, in conjunction with a qualifying household's admittance into a HOME-ARP rental unit, a simultaneous award of supportive services to the qualifying household in accordance with [Section VI.D](#) of this Notice. Any provision of supportive services must comply with all requirements of [Section VI.D](#) of the Notice and the PJ's policies and procedures.
- Operating cost assistance, HOME-ARP TBRA, and supportive services funds committed to a project cannot be provided beyond the budget period for the HOME-ARP funds, as described in [Section VIII.C.4](#) of this Notice.

- 15. Changes in Income and Over-income Households**:

A household that met the definition of one of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations at initial occupancy and whose annual income at the time of income re-certification is above

50 percent of median income for the area but at or below 80 percent of the median income for the area must pay the rent specified in [24 CFR 92.252\(a\)](#).

HOME-ARP-assisted units restricted for low-income households continue to qualify as HOME-ARP rental housing despite a temporary noncompliance caused by increases in the incomes of existing households if actions satisfactory to HUD are taken so that all vacancies are filled in accordance with HOME-ARP requirements until the noncompliance is corrected.

A qualifying or low-income household that is not low-income at the time of income recertification (i.e., whose income is above 80 percent of the median income for the area) must pay rent that complies with the over income regulatory requirements at [24 CFR 92.252\(i\)\(2\)](#), which includes requirements applicable to HOME units that also have LIHTC restrictions.

- 16. Unit Designation:** The PJ must determine the number of HOME-ARP units in the project restricted for qualifying households and low-income households, respectively, and whether the units are fixed or floating units at the time of project commitment. The total number of HOME-ARP rental units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households and the total number of HOME-ARP rental units restricted for low-income households must be identified as separate totals in the written agreement. In a project containing HOME-ARP and other units, the PJ must designate fixed or floating HOME-ARP units in accordance with [24 CFR 92.252\(j\)](#). The PJ must maintain this unit mix throughout the compliance period.
- 17. Maintaining Unit Mix:** At the time of admission to a HOME-ARP rental unit, a household must meet the definition for at least one qualifying population or be determined to be a low-income household, depending on the applicable HOME-ARP restriction on the rental unit to which it is being admitted and in accordance with the written agreement.

For HOME-ARP rental units restricted for occupancy by qualifying populations, a household that meets the definition of a qualifying population at the time of admission retains its eligibility to occupy a HOME-ARP rental unit restricted for occupancy by qualifying populations, irrespective of changes in income or whether the household continues to meet the definition of a qualifying population after initial occupancy. As an example, a household that qualifies as “Homeless” at admission does not meet the Homeless definition once the household occupies a HOME-ARP unit but remains a qualifying household and is eligible to remain in a HOME-ARP rental unit restricted for qualifying populations. Income determinations for qualifying households are therefore only for purposes of establishing a qualifying household’s rental contribution as described in [Section VI.B.15](#) of this Notice and not for maintaining continued eligibility in the HOME-ARP program. In a project with floating units, PJs are encouraged but not required to shift the HOME-ARP qualifying population designation to another unit to serve another qualifying household if the household’s income subsequently is certified to be at or above 80 percent AMI and the household no longer meets the definition of any qualifying population.

For HOME-ARP rental units restricted for occupancy by low-income households, units will be considered temporarily out of compliance if the household's income increases above 80 percent of area median income. The requirements for correcting any noncompliance using vacancies or redesignation of units depends on whether the HOME-ARP rental units are fixed or floating and whether other funding sources (e.g., LIHTC) impose income or other restrictions on the units. Please note, in accordance with the requirements in 24 CFR 92.253 and in [Section VI.B.19.c](#), an increase in a tenant's income does not constitute good cause to evict or refuse to renew a tenant's lease, regardless of program requirements associated with other funding sources such as LIHTC. In addition, compliance with unit restrictions for low-income households requires adjustment of rents as described in [Section VI.B.15](#) of this Notice.

- 18. Minimum Compliance Period:** HOME-ARP-assisted units must comply with the requirements of this Notice for a minimum period of 15 years, irrespective of the amount of HOME-ARP funds invested in the project or the activity being undertaken. A PJ may impose a longer compliance period but should plan for the project's financial feasibility for the longer period without HOME-ARP funds. The PJ may not use HOME-ARP funds to provide operating cost assistance, including a capitalized operating cost assistance reserve, to cover deficits during a PJ's extended compliance period.

If a project-based rental assistance Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract is awarded to a HOME-ARP rental project, a PJ must impose a minimum compliance period that is the greater of 15 years or the term of the HAP contract. PJs are also encouraged to extend restrictions for occupancy of the HOME-ARP units in accordance with the requirements in this section to match the term of eligible HAP contract renewals.

The provisions at [24 CFR 92.252\(e\)\(1\)-\(4\)](#) apply, including the requirement that the PJ must impose the HOME-ARP rental requirements through a deed restriction, covenant running with the land, legally binding agreement restricting the use of the property and recorded on the property in accordance with State recordation laws, or other mechanisms approved by HUD. The chart providing minimum affordability periods based on rental housing activity that is contained in 24 CFR 92.252(e) does not apply. The enforceable restriction must provide that units assisted with HOME-ARP comply with the requirements of this Notice throughout the minimum 15-year compliance period, including:

- a. Units restricted for qualifying populations must be occupied by households that met the definition of a qualifying population at the time of initial occupancy. The household's contribution toward rent during this period must be affordable in accordance with [Section VI.B.14](#) of this Notice. The rents for these units must comply with the rent limitations established in this Notice, including the rent provisions specified in [24 CFR 92.252\(i\)\(2\)](#) for households whose income increases above 80 percent of area median income and whose contribution to rent complies with the requirements in [Section VI.B.15](#).
- b. Units available for low-income households must be continuously occupied by households who are income eligible. The rents for these units must comply with the rent

limitations established in this Notice, including the rent provisions specified in [24 CFR 92.252\(i\)\(2\)](#) for households whose income increases above 80 percent of area median income.

- c. The units must comply with the ongoing property condition standards of [24 CFR 92.251\(f\)](#) throughout the compliance period as demonstrated by an on-site inspection within 12 months of project completion and an on-site inspection at least once every three years thereafter as required by [24 CFR 92.504](#).
- d. Each household that occupies a HOME-ARP unit has an executed lease that complies with the tenant protections required in [Section VI.B.19](#) of this Notice.

**19. Tenant Protections:** PJs must verify that each household that occupies a HOME-ARP assisted unit has an executed lease that complies with the tenant protection requirements of this Notice. The lease must be either be between the project owner and the household or between the project owner and a HOME-ARP sponsor with a sublease between the qualifying household and HOME-ARP sponsor. A HOME-ARP sponsor is a nonprofit organization that provides housing or supportive services to qualifying households and facilitates the leasing of a HOME-ARP rental unit to a qualifying household or the use and maintenance of HOME-ARP TBRA by a qualifying household. PJs may permit a HOME-ARP sponsor to lease a HOME-ARP unit from an owner or execute a master lease with the owner of a HOME-ARP project for HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households. The HOME-ARP sponsor may then sublease the HOME-ARP rental unit to the qualifying household. The sublease between the HOME-ARP sponsor and the qualifying household must comply with the rent limitations and tenant protection requirements of this Notice.

- a. *Lease Requirement:* There must be a lease between the qualifying household or the low-income household and the owner of the HOME-ARP-assisted project in accordance with [24 CFR 92.253\(a\)](#), except that a sublease is permitted if a HOME-ARP sponsor has executed a master lease or lease with the project owner for the leasing of the units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households.
- b. *Prohibited Lease Terms:* The lease between the low-income household, qualifying household, or HOME-ARP sponsor and the HOME-ARP project owner or the sublease between the HOME-ARP sponsor and a qualifying household may not contain any of the prohibited lease terms specified in [24 CFR 92.253\(b\)](#).
- c. *Termination of tenancy:* An owner may not terminate the tenancy or refuse to renew the lease of a tenant of a HOME-ARP unit or of a HOME-ARP sponsor with a sublease with a qualifying household except for serious or repeated violation of the terms and conditions of the lease; for violation of applicable Federal, State, or local laws; or for other good cause. Similarly, a HOME-ARP sponsor may not refuse to renew a sublease with a qualifying household except for serious or repeated violation of the terms and conditions of the sublease; for violation of applicable Federal, State, or local laws; or for

other good cause. An increase in the tenant's or sublessee's income does not constitute good cause.

In addition, if HOME-ARP funds were or are used to capitalize an operating cost assistance reserve or there is a current contract for the PJ to provide operating cost assistance to the project, an owner may not terminate the tenancy or refuse to renew the lease of a qualifying household because of the household's inability to pay rent during the minimum compliance period. A qualifying household's inability to pay rent shall mean that the qualifying household cannot pay more than 30 percent of the qualifying household's income toward rent, based on an income determination made by the PJ in the last 30 days.

Where there is no capitalized operating reserve or other operating cost assistance to cover the operating deficit for a HOME-ARP unit occupied by a qualifying household, the PJ may assist the qualifying household with HOME-ARP TBRA or supportive services in accordance with the requirements of this Notice.

The above tenant protections are necessary as HOME-ARP requires the PJ to perform underwriting that reviews the operating feasibility of units occupied by qualifying households for the 15-year compliance period to determine how HOME-ARP funds may address the potential for qualifying households to have little to no income to contribute toward rent.

To terminate or refuse to renew tenancy for any household occupying a HOME-ARP unit, the owner must serve written notice upon the tenant (and the HOME-ARP sponsor if the lease is between an owner and HOME-ARP sponsor) at least 30 days before termination of tenancy, specifying the grounds for the action. In the case of a sublease, to terminate or refuse to renew tenancy of a qualifying household, the HOME-ARP sponsor, in accordance with the policy established by the PJ, must notify the PJ in advance of serving written notice to the qualifying household and must serve written notice upon the qualifying household at least 30 days before termination of tenancy, specifying the grounds for the action.

**20. Coordinated Entry and Project-Specific Waitlists:** In accordance with [Section IV.C](#) of this Notice, PJs must determine whether an owner may use a CoC's CE, a CoC's CE and other referral sources, or a project-specific waitlist, to select qualifying households for HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying populations. PJs will make this determination on a project-by-project basis. Regardless of which method is selected, in all cases, the PJ must use a project-specific waitlist when selecting households to occupy units restricted for occupancy by low-income households. Any preferences among qualifying households must be disclosed in the HOME-ARP allocation plan through the PJ's public participation process in accordance with [Section V.C](#). of this Notice. The written agreement between the PJ and the project owner must specify the method the owner must use for selecting qualifying households for admission to HOME-ARP units.

- a. The owner of a HOME-ARP rental project must adopt and follow written tenant selection policies and criteria for HOME-ARP units that:

- i. Limits eligibility to households that meet one of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations definitions or low-income households in accordance with HOME-ARP requirements; Preferences for households in one or more of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations must comply with the PJ's preferences and the PJ's policies and procedures for applying those preferences, if any, and must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in [24 CFR 92.350](#).
  - ii. Do not exclude an applicant with a voucher under the section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program ([24 CFR 982](#)), or an applicant participating in HOME, HOME-ARP or other Federal, state or local tenant-based rental assistance program because of the status of the prospective tenant as a holder of such a certificate, voucher, or comparable tenant-based assistance document;
  - iii. Limits eligibility or gives a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if permitted in its written agreement with the participating jurisdiction (and only if the limitation or preference is described in the participating jurisdiction's HOME-ARP allocation plan). A preference for households in one or more of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations must comply with the PJ's determined preference(s) and the PJ's policies and procedures for applying the preference(s), if any;
  - iv. Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in [24 CFR 92.350](#). If the PJ requires the use of a project-specific waitlist to select qualifying households and/or low-income households for occupancy of HOME-ARP units, provide for the selection of households from a written waiting list in the chronological order of their application, insofar as is practicable;
  - v. Gives prompt written notification to any rejected applicant of the grounds for any rejection; and,
  - vi. Complies with the VAWA requirements as described in [24 CFR 92.359](#).
- b. *Project-Specific Waitlist – Low-Income Households*: A project owner must use a project-specific waitlist to select households to occupy units restricted for occupancy by low-income households in accordance with the tenant selection requirements of [24 CFR 92.253\(d\)](#).

**21. Project Completion and Occupancy:** HOME-ARP rental projects must meet the definition of project completion at [24 CFR 92.2](#). If the PJ fails to complete a project within 4 years of project commitment, it must comply with the terminated project requirements at [24 CFR 92.205\(e\)\(2\)](#). If the HOME-ARP units are not occupied by eligible qualifying households or low-income households within six months following project completion, the PJ, as applicable, must submit to HUD information on its efforts to coordinate with a CoC, homeless service providers, social service, and other public agencies to fill units for qualifying households or must submit marketing information and, if appropriate, a marketing plan to fill units for low-income households. The PJ must repay any HOME-ARP funds invested in units that are not rented to eligible qualifying or low-income households within 12 months of project completion.

**22. Penalties for Noncompliance:** The PJ must repay HOME-ARP funds invested in rental housing that is terminated before completion or otherwise does not comply with initial or ongoing requirements of this Notice during the compliance period, as follows:

- a. If the noncompliance or termination occurs within the first 10 years of the compliance period, the PJ must repay the entire amount of HOME-ARP funds invested in the project.
- b. If the noncompliance or termination occurs in years 11 through 15, the repayment amount will be reduced by 20 percent for each year beyond the initial 10-years during which time the project was compliant.

Repayment of the HOME-ARP funds is not required if the project owner sells or transfers, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the HOME-ARP project during the compliance period if (1) the HOME-ARP restrictions remain, (2) the project and new project owner continues to comply with all HOME-ARP requirements, and (3) any HOME-ARP funds remaining in a project's operating cost assistance reserve or reserve for replacement remain with the project and convey upon sale or transfer of the project as a restricted operating cost assistance reserve or reserve for replacement subject to HOME-ARP Notice requirements.

**23. Operating Cost Assistance Reserve - Management and Oversight:** The PJ must require that any HOME-ARP funds expended for project operating cost assistance reserves are held by the project owner in a separate interest-bearing account. The PJ must require the project owner to request written approval from the PJ prior to disbursing funds from the project operating cost assistance reserve. The PJ must review each requested distribution from the operating cost assistance reserve, including supporting documentation, to determine that the distribution is reasonable and necessary to cover the operating deficit associated with HOME-ARP units occupied by qualifying households. The PJ must, no less than annually, review the operating cost assistance reserve account to determine that the account is appropriately sized based on the projected operating deficits of HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households. The PJ may require the project owner to enter into a deposit account control agreement for the operating cost assistance reserve where the PJ must approve disbursements from the account.

**24. End of Compliance Period and Return of Operating Cost Assistance Reserve:** Any unexpended operating cost assistance reserve remaining at the end of the compliance period must be returned as follows:

- a. If the HOME-ARP rental project will continue to operate in accordance with the HOME-ARP requirements and serve qualifying households beyond the HOME-ARP 15-year compliance period as demonstrated by enforceable restrictions imposed by the PJ, the project can retain the operating cost assistance reserve amount to address any operating deficits associated with the HOME-ARP units occupied by qualifying households.
- b. If the HOME-ARP project will not continue to operate in accordance with the HOME-ARP requirements and serve qualifying households beyond the 15-year HOME-ARP compliance period and the HOME-ARP grant has expired or is closed out, the remaining operating cost assistance reserve funds must be deposited in the PJ's local HOME



account and recorded as HOME program income receipt in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) and used for eligible costs under [24 CFR part 92](#).

### **C. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)**

HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide tenant-based rental assistance to qualifying households (“**HOME-ARP TBRA**”). In HOME-ARP TBRA, the PJ assists a qualifying household with payments to cover the entire or insufficient amounts that the qualifying household cannot pay for housing and housing-related costs, such as rental assistance, security deposits, and utility deposits. HOME-ARP TBRA assisted households may choose to rent a unit in a HOME-ARP rental project or any other eligible rental unit. HOME-ARP TBRA is a form of rental assistance that is attached to the household and not a particular rental unit. Therefore, the HOME-ARP TBRA assisted household may choose to move to another unit with continued HOME-ARP TBRA as long as the new unit meets the applicable property standards of this Notice. If a HOME-ARP TBRA assisted household chooses to move, the rental assistance contract terminates and a new rental assistance contract for the new unit will be executed according to HOME-ARP TBRA requirements. The HOME-ARP TBRA assisted household must notify the PJ before moving in order to receive continued HOME-ARP TBRA.

- 1. Tenant Selection:** Only individuals and families in the qualifying populations are eligible to receive HOME-ARP TBRA assistance. PJs must perform tenant selection in accordance with [Section IV.C](#) of this Notice. The PJ must select qualifying households for HOME-ARP TBRA in accordance with written tenant selection policies and criteria that are based on local housing needs established in the HOME-ARP allocation plan. The PJ must follow written tenant selection policies and criteria that:
  - a. Limit eligibility to households that meet one of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations definitions in accordance with HOME-ARP requirements. Preferences for households in one or more of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations, if any, must comply with the preferences and/or method of prioritization in the PJ’s HOME-ARP allocation plan and the PJ’s policies and procedures for applying such preferences, if any, and must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in [24 CFR 92.350](#).
  - b. If the PJ selects HOME-ARP TBRA applicants off a waiting list, it must provide for the selection of qualifying households from a written waiting list in accordance with the PJ’s preferences or method of prioritization in the chronological order of their application, insofar as is practicable.
  - c. Give prompt written notification to any rejected applicant of the grounds for any rejection, and
  - d. Comply with the VAWA requirements as described in [24 CFR 92.359](#).

Finally, the PJ may offer, in conjunction with HOME-ARP TBRA assistance, a simultaneous award of services in accordance with [Section VI.D](#) of this Notice, and also provide particular types of other nonmandatory services that may be most appropriate for persons with a special need or a particular disability. Any provision of supportive services must comply with all requirements of [Section VI.D](#) of the Notice and the PJ’s policies and procedures.

2. **Tenant Protections:** PJs must require and verify that there is an executed lease between the qualifying household that receives HOME-ARP TBRA and the owner of the rental unit or between the owner of the rental unit and a HOME-ARP sponsor with a sublease between the qualifying households and the HOME-ARP sponsor, in accordance with [24 CFR 92.253\(a\)](#). A HOME-ARP sponsor is a nonprofit organization that provides housing or supportive services to qualifying households and facilitates the leasing of a rental unit to a qualifying household or the use and maintenance of HOME-ARP TBRA by a qualifying household. PJs may permit a HOME-ARP sponsor, as defined in [Section VI.B.19](#), to execute a lease or master lease with a project owner. The HOME-ARP sponsor must then sublease a unit to a qualifying household. The lease between the qualifying household and the rental unit owner or the sublease between the HOME-ARP sponsor and the qualifying household cannot contain any of the prohibited lease terms specified in [24 CFR 92.253\(b\)](#).
3. **Eligible Costs:** Eligible costs under HOME-ARP TBRA include rental assistance, security deposit payments, and utility deposit assistance to qualifying households. HOME-ARP funds may be used to pay for up to 100% of these eligible costs. A PJ may use HOME-ARP TBRA funds to provide loans or grants to qualifying households for security deposits for rental units regardless of whether the PJ provides any other HOME-ARP TBRA assistance. The amount of funds that may be provided for a security deposit may not exceed the equivalent of two months' rent for the unit. Utility deposit assistance is an eligible cost only if rental assistance or a security deposit payment is provided. Costs of inspecting the housing are also eligible as costs of HOME-ARP TBRA. Administration of HOME-ARP TBRA is an eligible cost only if executed in accordance with general management oversight and coordination at [24 CFR 92.207\(a\)](#), except that the costs of inspecting the housing and determining the income eligibility of the family are eligible project costs under HOME-ARP TBRA.
4. **Ineligible Costs:** HOME-ARP TBRA may not be used to pay for the homebuyer program as defined at [24 CFR 92.209\(c\)\(2\)\(iv\)](#).
5. **Portability of Assistance:** A PJ may require the HOME-ARP TBRA assisted household to use HOME-ARP TBRA within the PJ's boundaries or may permit the household to use the assistance outside its boundaries pursuant to [24 CFR 92.209\(d\)](#).
6. **Term of Rental Assistance Contract:** The requirements at [24 CFR 92.209\(e\)](#) defining the term of the rental assistance contract for providing assistance with HOME funds are waived for HOME-ARP TBRA. The PJ must determine the maximum term of the rental assistance contract. The rental assistance contract continues until the end of the rental assistance contract term, as determined by the PJ, or until the lease or sublease is terminated, whichever occurs first. The term of the rental assistance contract may be renewed, subject to the availability of HOME-ARP funds. The term of the rental assistance contract must begin on the first day of the term of the lease or sublease. HOME-ARP TBRA funds cannot be used after the end of the budget period.
7. **Maximum Subsidy:** The PJ must establish policies for the allowable maximum subsidy, which may differ from the maximum subsidy requirements at [24 CFR 92.209\(h\)](#). PJs may

provide up to 100 percent subsidy for rent, security deposit payments, and utility bills. The PJ must also establish policies for determining any household contribution to rent based on a determination of the qualifying household's income.

8. **Rent Standard:** Consistent with [24 CFR 92.209\(h\)\(3\)](#), PJs must also establish a rent standard for HOME-ARP TBRA by unit size that is based upon local market conditions or the section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program under [24 CFR part 982](#). The PJ must determine whether the rent for a HOME-ARP TBRA household complies with the rent standard established by the PJ for the HOME-ARP program and must disapprove a lease if the rent does not meet the PJ's rent standard for HOME-ARP TBRA.
9. **Housing Quality Standards:** Housing occupied by a household receiving HOME-ARP TBRA must comply with all housing quality standards required in [24 CFR 982.401](#) (or successor inspection standards issued by HUD) unless the tenant is residing in a HOME or HOME-ARP unit, in which case the PJ may defer to initial and ongoing inspection standards.
10. **Program Operation:** The PJ may operate HOME-ARP TBRA itself or may contract with a PHA or other entity with the capacity to operate a rental assistance program. In either case, the PJ or entity operating the program must approve the lease. HOME-ARP TBRA may be provided through an assistance contract with (1) an owner that leases a unit to a qualifying household; (2) the qualifying household, or (3) an owner and the qualifying household in a tri-party contract. In the case of HOME-ARP TBRA provided in coordination with a HOME-ARP sponsor, as described below, the PJ may require that payments be made directly to the HOME-ARP sponsor that will make rental payments to the owner on behalf of the qualifying household or require payments directly to the owner of the unit.
11. **HOME-ARP TBRA with a HOME-ARP Sponsor:** HOME-ARP TBRA may be provided in coordination with a HOME-ARP sponsor. As defined in [Section VI.B.19](#), a HOME-ARP sponsor is a nonprofit organization that provides housing or supportive services to qualifying households and facilitates the leasing of a HOME-ARP rental unit to a qualifying household or the use and maintenance of HOME-ARP TBRA by a qualifying household. A HOME-ARP sponsor may make rental subsidy payments and a security deposit payment on behalf of a qualifying household. Under HOME-ARP TBRA, a qualifying household may reside in housing leased by a HOME-ARP sponsor if there is a sublease that complies with HOME-ARP lease requirements between the HOME-ARP sponsor and the qualifying household.
  - a. **Rental Assistance Contract:** There must be a rental assistance contract between the PJ and at least one of the following:
    - HOME-ARP sponsor;
    - Qualifying household; or
    - Owner of the housing.

Rental subsidy payments are made on behalf of the HOME-ARP TBRA household pursuant to a rental assistance contract. The rental assistance contract continues until the

lease is terminated or the term of the rental assistance contract expires (and is not renewed). Regardless of the role of the HOME-ARP sponsor, the HOME-ARP TBRA household has the right to continued HOME-ARP TBRA assistance if the household chooses to move from the unit. HOME-ARP TBRA funds cannot be used beyond the end of the HOME-ARP budget period.

The HOME-ARP sponsor may only receive the TBRA subsidy directly from the PJ on behalf of the qualifying household if the rental assistance contract is between the HOME-ARP sponsor and the PJ or the HOME-ARP sponsor and the PJ have entered into a written agreement as outlined below. The HOME-ARP sponsor must make rental subsidy payments to the owner on behalf of the qualifying household per the terms and conditions of the HOME-ARP TBRA contract or written agreement with the PJ. When the HOME-ARP TBRA assisted household moves to a new unit, the HOME-ARP sponsor is not required to continue its sponsor relationship with the HOME-ARP TBRA assisted household for the new rental unit but may do so with the consent of the HOME-ARP TBRA household.

The PJ must establish policies and procedures regarding termination of HOME-ARP TBRA assistance for qualifying households who are absent from the rental unit for a minimum of 60 days and where a HOME-ARP sponsor is leasing the rental unit and subleasing to the qualifying household or providing HOME-ARP TBRA rental subsidy payments on behalf of the household.

- b. *Lease and Sublease*: PJs must require and verify that each household that receives HOME-ARP TBRA assistance has an executed lease that complies with the tenant protection requirements of this Notice. The lease agreement may be between the project owner and the HOME-ARP TBRA household, or PJs may permit a HOME-ARP sponsor to execute a lease with an owner for an individual unit or a master lease for more than one unit restricted for occupancy by HOME-ARP TBRA households. If the lease agreement is between the HOME-ARP sponsor and owner, the HOME-ARP sponsor must execute a sublease agreement with a HOME-ARP TBRA household. The sublease between the HOME-ARP sponsor and the HOME-ARP TBRA household must meet the tenant protection requirements of this Notice.
- c. *Written Agreement with HOME-ARP Sponsor*: The PJ must enter into a written agreement with the HOME-ARP sponsor if the HOME-ARP TBRA rental assistance contract is not with the HOME-ARP sponsor and the HOME-ARP sponsor will receive the HOME-ARP TBRA subsidy directly from the PJ. The written agreement must specify the requirements for the HOME-ARP sponsor receiving the HOME-ARP TBRA subsidy on behalf of the qualifying household and the HOME-ARP sponsor's obligation to provide the HOME-ARP TBRA payment to the owner for the unit's required rent.

**12. Project Completion:** Project completion for a HOME-ARP TBRA project means the final drawdown has been disbursed for the project.

## D. Supportive Services

HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities. Supportive services include: a) services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (“**McKinney-Vento Supportive Services**”)<sup>1</sup> (42 U.S.C. 11360(29)); b) homelessness prevention services, as described in [Section VI.D.3.](#) and [D.4](#) below; and c) housing counseling services.

1. **Eligible Program Participants**: Supportive services may be provided to individuals and families who meet the definition of a qualifying population under [Section IV.A](#) of this Notice and who are not already receiving these services through another program. Program participants in other HOME-ARP activities are eligible for supportive services under this Notice in accordance with policies and procedures developed by the PJ. These policies and procedures should identify the length of time that program participants may be served by HOME-ARP TBRA and/or HOME ARP rental housing before they will no longer be eligible as a qualifying population for purposes of this section.
2. **Client Selection**: HOME-ARP funds may only be used to provide supportive services to individuals or families that meet the definition of a qualifying population in [Section IV.A](#) of this Notice. PJs must develop policies and procedures for the selection of program participants for services under this section of the Notice that comply with [Section IV.C](#) and this section of this Notice.
3. **Eligible Supportive Services under HOME-ARP**: There are three categories specifically included as supportive services under HOME-ARP:
  - a. *McKinney-Vento Supportive Services*: McKinney-Vento Supportive Services under HOME-ARP are adapted from the services listed in section 401(29) of McKinney-Vento.
  - b. *Homelessness Prevention Services*: HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services are adapted from eligible homelessness prevention services under the regulations at [24 CFR 576.102](#), [24 CFR 576.103](#), [24 CFR 576.105](#), and [24 CFR 576.106](#), and are revised, supplemented, and streamlined in [Section VI.D.4.c.i](#) below.
  - c. *Housing Counseling Services*: Housing counseling services under HOME-ARP are those consistent with the definition of housing counseling and housing counseling services defined at [24 CFR 5.100](#) and [5.111](#), respectively, except where otherwise noted. The requirements at [24 CFR 5.111](#) state that any housing counseling, as defined in [24 CFR 5.100](#), required under or provided in connection with any program administered by HUD shall be provided only by organizations and counselors certified by the Secretary under [24 CFR part 214](#) to provide housing counseling, consistent with [12 U.S.C. 1701x](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) enacted changes that renumbered section 401(27) to (29) of McKinney-Vento.

HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agencies can be found on HUD’s website at:  
[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc).

Program requirements and administration under [24 CFR part 214](#) apply to the provision of HOME-ARP Housing Counseling supportive services except those provisions related to current homeowners do not apply. Eligible HOME-ARP topics under Housing Counseling include but are not limited to the following examples:

<b>Rental Housing Counseling Topics</b> ( <a href="#">24 CFR 214.300(e)(4)</a> )	<b>Pre-Purchase Homebuying Topics</b> ( <a href="#">24 CFR 214.300(e)(1)</a> )	<b>Homeless Services Topics</b> ( <a href="#">24 CFR 214.300(e)(5)</a> )
HUD rental and rent subsidy programs	Advice regarding readiness and preparation	Homeless assistance information regarding emergency shelter
Other federal, state, or local assistance	Federal Housing Administration insured financing	Other emergency services
Fair housing	Housing selection and mobility	Transitional housing
Rental search assistance	Housing search assistance	Referral to local, state, and federal resources ( <a href="#">24 CFR 214.300(b)(2)</a> )
Landlord tenant laws	Fair housing and predatory lending	
Lease terms	Budgeting and credit	
Rent delinquency	Loan product comparison	
Referrals to local, state, and federal resources	Purchase procedures and closing costs	
	Referrals to local, state, and federal resources	

Housing Counseling surrounding the following topics are **ineligible** under HOME-ARP:

- Resolving or preventing mortgage delinquency, including, but not limited to default and foreclosure, loss mitigation, budgeting, and credit;
- Home maintenance and financial management for homeowners, including, but not limited to: Escrow funds, budgeting, refinancing, home equity, home improvement, utility costs, energy efficiency, rights and responsibilities of homeowners, and reverse mortgages.

In accordance with [24 CFR 214.300\(a\)\(2\)](#), housing counselors must establish an action plan for each participating qualifying individual or family. Additionally, as per [24 CFR](#)

[214.300\(c\)](#), housing counselors must also make reasonable efforts to have follow-up communications with participating qualifying individuals, when possible, to assure that the individual or family is progressing toward the housing goal established in the plan, to modify or terminate housing counseling, and to learn and report outcomes.

- 4. Eligible Costs of Supportive Services for Qualifying Individuals and Families:** HOME-ARP funds may be used to pay eligible costs associated with the HOME-ARP supportive services activity in accordance with the requirements in this Notice. Eligible costs that may be paid using HOME-ARP funds are limited to only those identified in [Section VI.D.4.c](#) below. Any ineligible costs paid using HOME-ARP funds must be repaid in accordance with the requirements of this Notice.

HUD has used its discretion in ARP to include eligible costs for supportive services that are necessary to assist the qualifying populations, prevent homelessness, or to enable qualifying households to obtain and maintain housing. The list of eligible costs associated with McKinney-Vento Supportive Services and Homelessness Prevention Services is in [Section VI.D.4.c.i](#) of this Notice.

While all qualifying households are eligible to receive supportive services under this activity, the PJ must establish requirements for documenting eligible costs for an individual or family in a qualifying population (as defined in [Section IV.A](#) of this Notice) as McKinney-Vento supportive services, homelessness prevention services, or Housing Counseling.

If a person is homeless, then the person is eligible to be provided the supportive services as McKinney-Vento supportive services for the costs allowable in [Section VI.D.4.c](#) below. If a person is housed and the supportive services are intended to help the program participant regain stability in the program participant's current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing to achieve stability in that housing then the person is eligible for homelessness prevention services for the costs allowable in [Section VI.D.4.c.i](#) below. Housing Counseling services may be provided regardless of whether a person is homeless or currently housed.

PJs must document in their files which types of supportive services they wish to offer program participants. If PJs are using a supportive services provider, PJs must document in their written agreements with supportive service providers whether they are authorizing McKinney-Vento supportive services, homelessness prevention services, Housing Counseling services or some combination of the three. Only the supportive services that are authorized in the written agreement with the supportive service provider may be provided to program participants by that supportive service provider and only program participants that are eligible for those supportive services may be served. As such, supportive services providers must demonstrate through their documentation that the individuals served were eligible to receive the supportive services that were authorized under the written agreement in order for those costs to be eligible.

Consistent with the requirements in this section, the PJ may set a maximum dollar amount that a program participant may receive for each type of service described in [Section VLD.4.c.](#) below and may also set a maximum period for which a program participant may receive any of the types of assistance or services.

- a. Oversight of Eligible Costs: All supportive service costs paid for by HOME-ARP must comply with the requirements of this Notice, including requirements in [2 CFR part 200](#), subpart E, Cost Principles that require costs be necessary and reasonable. If a qualifying household is already receiving the same eligible supportive service or has been approved to receive the same service through another program or provider, the program participant does not have a need for the HOME-ARP service and the costs related to the service do not comply with the Cost Principles. The PJ is responsible for establishing requirements that allow a program participant to receive only the HOME-ARP services needed so there is no duplication of services or assistance in the use of HOME-ARP funds for supportive services. This may include the use of systems such as Homeless Management Information Systems in coordination with local supportive service providers, CoCs, and other nonprofit organizations.
- b. Direct provision of services: PJs contracting with service providers engaged directly in the provision of services under the HOME-ARP eligible supportive services categories, shall have written agreements or contracts that comply with the requirements of this Notice and, to the extent practicable, enter into agreements or contracts in amounts that cover the actual total program costs and administrative overhead to provide the services contracted.

If the services outlined in paragraph c. below are being directly delivered by the PJ or a subrecipient, the following costs are eligible project delivery costs for those services:

- the costs of labor or supplies and materials incurred by the PJ or subrecipient in directly providing supportive services to program participants.
- the salary and benefit packages of the PJ and subrecipient staff who directly deliver the services.

These project delivery costs must be attributable to the identifiable objective of the service delivered, otherwise they are administrative costs of the PJ or subrecipient.

- c. Eligible Costs:
  - i. Eligible Costs for McKinney Vento Supportive Services and Homelessness Prevention Services: Eligible costs for supportive services under either of these two categories include costs associated with the following services:
    - (A) Child care: The costs of child care for program participants, including providing meals and snacks, and comprehensive and coordinated developmental activities, are eligible. The child care center must be licensed by the jurisdiction in which it operates in order for its costs to be eligible. The following conditions also apply:



- Children must be under the age of 13 unless the children have a disability.
  - Children with a disability must be under the age of 18.
- (B) Education services: The costs of improving knowledge and basic educational skills are eligible costs including:
- Instruction or training in consumer education, health education, substance abuse prevention, literacy, English as a Second Language, and General Educational Development (GED).
  - Screening, assessment, and testing; individual or group instruction; tutoring; provision of books, supplies, and instructional material; counseling; and referral to community resources.
- (C) Employment assistance and job training: The costs of establishing and/or operating employment assistance and job training programs are eligible, including classroom, online and/or computer instruction, on-the-job instruction, services that assist individuals in securing employment, acquiring learning skills, and/or increasing earning potential. The cost of providing reasonable stipends to program participants in employment assistance and job training programs is also an eligible cost.
- Learning skills include those skills that can be used to secure and retain a job, including the acquisition of vocational licenses and/or certificates.
  - Services that assist individuals in securing employment consist of:
    - Employment screening, assessment, or testing;
    - Structured job skills and job-seeking skills;
    - Special training and tutoring, including literacy training and pre-vocational training;
    - Books and instructional material;
    - Counseling or job coaching; and
    - Referral to community resources.
- (D) Food: The cost of providing meals or groceries to program participants is eligible.
- (E) Housing search and counseling services: Costs of assisting eligible program participants to locate, obtain, and retain suitable housing are eligible. Services are:
- Development of an action plan for locating housing;
  - Housing search;
  - Tenant counseling;
  - Securing utilities;
  - Making moving arrangements;
  - Outreach to and negotiation with owners;
  - Assistance submitting rental applications and understanding leases;
  - Assessment of housing for compliance with HOME-ARP requirements for TBRA assistance in [Section VI.C](#) of this Notice and financial

assistance for short-term and medium-term rental payments provided under [Section VI.D.4.c.i.\(R\)](#) below;

- Assistance obtaining utilities; and
- Tenant counseling;
- Mediation with property owners and landlords on behalf of eligible program participants;
- Credit counseling, accessing a free personal credit report, and resolving personal credit issues; and
- Payment of rental application fees;
- Other Housing counseling costs, as defined in [24 CFR 5.100](#), funded with or provided in connection with grant funds must be carried out in accordance with [24 CFR 5.111](#).

Please Note: When PJs or subrecipients provide housing services to eligible persons that are incidental to a larger set of holistic case management services, these services do not meet the definition of Housing counseling, as defined in [24 CFR 5.100](#), and therefore are not required to be carried out in accordance with the certification requirements of [24 CFR 5.111](#).

- (F) Legal services: Eligible costs are the fees charged by licensed attorneys and by person(s) under the supervision of licensed attorneys, for advice and representation in matters that interfere with a qualifying individual or family's ability to obtain and retain housing.
- Eligible subject matters are child support; guardianship; paternity; emancipation; legal separation; orders of protection and other legal remedies for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking; appeal of veterans and public benefit claim denials; landlord-tenant disputes; and the resolution of outstanding criminal warrants; landlord/tenant matters, provided that the services must be necessary to resolve a legal problem that prohibits the program participant from obtaining permanent housing or will likely result in the program participant losing the permanent housing in which the program participant currently resides.
  - Legal services for immigration and citizenship matters and for issues related to mortgages and homeownership are ineligible. Retainer fee arrangements and contingency fee arrangements are prohibited.
  - Services may include client intake, receiving and preparing cases for trial, provision of legal advice, representation at hearings, and counseling.
  - Fees based on the actual service performed (i.e., fee for service) are also eligible, but only if the cost would be less than the cost of hourly fees. Filing fees and other necessary court costs are also eligible. If the subrecipient is a legal services provider and performs the services itself, the eligible costs are the subrecipient's employees' salaries and other costs necessary to perform the services.

- (G) Life skills training: The costs of teaching critical life management skills that may never have been learned or have been lost during the course of physical or mental illness, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, substance abuse, and homelessness are eligible. These services must be necessary to assist the program participant to function independently in the community. Life skills training includes:
- the budgeting of resources and money management, household management, conflict management, shopping for food and other needed items, nutrition, the use of public transportation, and parent training.
- (H) Mental health services: Eligible costs are the direct outpatient treatment of mental health conditions that are provided by licensed professionals.
- Mental health services are the application of therapeutic processes to personal, family, situational, or occupational problems in order to bring about positive resolution of the problem or improved individual or family functioning or circumstances. Problem areas may include family and marital relationships, parent-child problems, or symptom management.
  - Services are crisis interventions; counseling; individual, family, or group therapy sessions; the prescription of psychotropic medications or explanations about the use and management of medications; and combinations of therapeutic approaches to address multiple problems.
- (I) Outpatient health services: Eligible costs are the direct outpatient treatment of medical conditions when provided by licensed medical professionals including:
- Providing an analysis or assessment of a program participant's health problems and the development of a treatment plan;
  - Assisting program participants to understand their health needs;
  - Providing directly or assisting program participants to obtain and utilize appropriate medical treatment;
  - Preventive medical care and health maintenance services, including in-home health services and emergency medical services;
  - Provision of appropriate medication;
  - Providing follow-up services; and
  - Preventive and non-cosmetic dental care.
- (J) Outreach services: The costs of activities to engage qualified populations for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention, as well as identifying potential program participants, are eligible.
- Eligible costs include the outreach worker's transportation costs and a cell phone to be used by the individual performing the outreach.
  - Costs associated with the following services are eligible: initial assessment; crisis counseling; addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries; actively connecting and providing people with information and referrals to homeless and

mainstream programs; and publicizing the availability of the housing and/or services provided within the PJ's geographic area.

- (K) Substance abuse treatment services: Eligible substance abuse treatment services are designed to prevent, reduce, eliminate, or deter relapse of substance abuse or addictive behaviors and are provided by licensed or certified professionals. The costs include:
- Program participant intake and assessment;
  - Outpatient treatment;
  - Group and individual counseling
  - Drug testing;
  - Inpatient detoxification and other inpatient drug or alcohol treatment are ineligible.
- (L) Transportation: Eligible costs are:
- The costs of program participant's travel on public transportation or in a vehicle provided by the PJ or subrecipient to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this Notice;
  - Mileage allowance for service workers to visit program participants and to carry out housing inspections;
  - The cost of purchasing or leasing a vehicle in which staff transports program participants and/or staff serving program participants;
  - The cost of gas, insurance, taxes, and maintenance for the vehicle;
  - The costs of PJ or subrecipient staff to accompany or assist program participants to utilize public transportation; and
  - If public transportation options are not sufficient within the area, the PJ may make a one-time payment on behalf of a program participant needing car repairs or maintenance required to operate a personal vehicle, subject to the following:
    - Payments for car repairs or maintenance on behalf of the program participant may not exceed 10 percent of the Blue Book value of the vehicle (Blue Book refers to the guidebook that compiles and quotes prices for new and used automobiles and other vehicles of all makes, models, and types);
    - Payments for car repairs or maintenance must be paid by the PJ or subrecipient directly to the third party that repairs or maintains the car; and
    - PJs or subrecipients may require program participants to share in the cost of car repairs or maintenance as a condition of receiving assistance with car repairs or maintenance.
  - The PJ must establish policies and procedures surrounding payments for the cost of gas, insurance, taxes, the one-time payment for car repairs or maintenance described above, and maintenance for vehicles of program participants. Such costs must be limited to program participants with the inability to pay for such costs and who, without such assistance, would not be able to participate in eligible services under this [Section VI.D.4.c.i.](#)

- (M) Case management: The costs of assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to meet the needs of the program participant(s) are eligible costs. PJs and subrecipients providing these supportive services must have written standards for providing the assistance. Eligible costs are those associated with the following services and activities:
- Conducting the initial evaluation, including verifying and documenting eligibility, for individuals and families applying for supportive services;
  - Counseling;
  - Developing, securing, and coordinating services;
  - Using a centralized or coordinated assessment system that complies with the requirements of [Section IV.C](#) of the Notice;
  - Obtaining federal, State, and local benefits;
  - Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress;
  - Providing information and referrals to other providers;
  - Providing ongoing risk assessment and safety planning with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking;
  - Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability; and
  - Conducting re-evaluations of the program participant's eligibility and the types and amounts of assistance the program participant needs.
- (N) Mediation: HOME-ARP funds may pay for mediation between the program participant and the owner or person(s) with whom the program participant is living, provided that the mediation is necessary to prevent the program participant from losing permanent housing in which the program participant currently resides.
- (O) Credit repair: HOME-ARP funds may pay for credit counseling and other services necessary to assist program participants with critical skills related to household budgeting, managing money, accessing a free personal credit report, and resolving personal credit problems. This assistance does not include the payment or modification of a debt.
- (P) Landlord/Tenant Liaison: Costs of liaison services between property managers/owners and program participants are eligible HOME-ARP costs and may include:
- Landlord outreach;
  - Physical inspections and rent reasonable studies as needed to secure units;
  - Rental application fees and security deposits for clients, in accordance with the financial assistance costs requirements in [\(R\)](#);
  - Mediation services in [\(N\)](#) for housing issues that may arise between owner, property manager, or other residents and clients;

- Coordination or assistance with the provision of other HOME-ARP eligible services to assist clients to maintain permanent housing.
- (Q) Services for special populations: HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide services for special populations, such as victim services, so long as the costs of providing these services are eligible under this section. The term victim services means services that assist program participants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking including services offered by rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters, and other organizations with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- (R) Financial assistance costs: HOME-ARP funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following costs, as applicable:
- Rental application fees: Rental housing application fee that is charged by the owner to all applicants.
  - Security deposits: A security deposit that is equal to no more than 2 months' rent. This assistance is separate and distinct from the provision of financial assistance for First and Last Month's rent provided under this section and cannot be used to duplicate those costs.
  - Utility deposits: HOME-ARP funds may pay for a standard utility deposit or initiation fee required by the utility company or owner (if owner-paid utilities are provided) for all program participants for the following utilities:
    - Gas
    - Electric
    - Water
    - Sewer
  - Utility payments: HOME-ARP funds may pay for up to 24 months of utility payments per program participant, per service, including up to 6 months of utility payments in arrears, per service. A partial payment of a utility bill counts as one month. This assistance may only be provided if the program participant or a member of the same household has an account in his or her name with a utility company or proof of responsibility to make utility payments. Eligible utility services are gas, electric, water, and sewage. No program participant shall receive more than 24 months of utility assistance within any 3-year period.
  - Moving costs: HOME-ARP funds may pay for moving costs, such as truck rental or hiring a moving company. This assistance may include payment of temporary storage fees for up to 3 months, provided that the fees are accrued after the date the program participant begins receiving assistance under this section of the Notice and before the program participant moves into permanent housing. Payment of temporary storage fees in arrears is not eligible.

- First and Last month's rent: If necessary to obtain housing for a program participant, HOME-ARP funds may be used to make a pre-payment of the first and last month's rent under a new lease to the owner at the time the owner is paid the security deposit for the program participant's tenancy in the housing. This assistance must not exceed two month's rent and must be tracked for purposes of determining the total short- and medium-term financial assistance for rent that the program participant may receive. This assistance is separate and distinct from financial assistance for Security Deposits provided under this section and cannot be used to duplicate those costs.
  - Payment of rental arrears: HOME-ARP funds may be used for a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees or charges on those arrears, if necessary for the household to maintain their existing housing or, for those without housing, if necessary to remove a demonstrated barrier to obtaining housing.
- (S) Short-term and medium-term financial assistance for rent: Subject to the following conditions, a PJ may provide a program participant with short-term or medium-term financial assistance for rent, provided that the total financial assistance provided, including any pre-payment of first and last month's rent as described above, does not exceed 24 months of rental payments over any 3-year period.
- Short-term means up to 3 months.
  - Medium-term means more than 3 months but not more than 24 months.
  - The PJ may make rental payments only to an owner with whom the PJ has entered into a financial assistance agreement for rental payment. The financial assistance agreement must set forth the terms under which rental payments will be provided, including the requirements that apply under this Notice. The financial assistance agreement must provide that, during the term of the agreement, the owner must give the PJ a copy of any notice to the program participant to vacate the housing unit or any complaint used under State or local law to commence an eviction action against the program participant. The owner must serve written notice upon the program participant at least 30 days before termination of tenancy specifying the grounds for the action. Each financial assistance agreement that is executed or renewed must comply with the requirements in [24 CFR 92.359](#).
  - The PJ must make timely payments to each owner in accordance with the financial assistance agreement. The financial assistance agreement must contain the same payment due date, grace period, and late payment penalty requirements as the program participant's lease. The PJ is solely responsible for paying late payment penalties that it incurs with non-HOME-ARP funds.
    - Rental payments cannot be provided unless the rent does not exceed the Fair Market Rent established by HUD, as provided under [24 CFR](#)

[part 888](#), and complies with HUD's standard of rent reasonableness, as established under [24 CFR 982.507](#).

- Each program participant receiving financial assistance for rental payments must have a legally binding, written lease for the rental unit, unless the assistance is solely for rental arrears. The lease must be between the owner and the program participant. Where the financial assistance is solely for rental arrears, an oral agreement may be accepted in place of a written lease, if the agreement gives the program participant an enforceable leasehold interest under state law and the agreement and rent owed are sufficiently documented by the owner's financial records, rent ledgers, or canceled checks. New leases must have an initial term of 1 year unless a shorter period is agreed upon by the program participant and owner. The lease requirements in [24 CFR 92.359](#) apply to this financial assistance.
- PJs must establish requirements to prevent the provision of short- or medium-term financial assistance for rent for the same period for which a program participant is receiving rental assistance or living in housing provided with ongoing assistance (such as project-based rental assistance or operating subsidies).
- If a program participant receiving financial assistance for short- or medium-term rental payments under this section meets the conditions for an emergency transfer under [24 CFR 5.2005\(e\)](#), HOME-ARP funds may be used to pay amounts owed for breaking a lease to effectuate an emergency transfer. These costs are not subject to the 24-month limit on rental payments.

Ineligible costs - Financial assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving the same type of assistance through other public sources. Financial assistance also cannot be provided to a program participant who has been provided with replacement housing payments under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 USC 4601 et seq.) and its implementing regulations at [49 CFR part 24](#), or Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 USC 5304(d) and its implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 42](#), during the period of time covered by the replacement housing payments.

- ii. *Eligible Costs Associated with Housing Counseling under 24 CFR 5.100 and 5.111*: Costs associated with housing counseling services as defined at [24 CFR 5.100](#) and [5.111](#) are eligible under HOME-ARP. As homeowner assistance and related services are not eligible HOME-ARP activities, costs for the provision of services related to mortgages and homeownership to existing homeowners are also not eligible under HOME-ARP. If a program participant is a candidate for homeownership, costs associated with pre-purchase homebuying counseling, education and outreach are eligible under HOME-ARP. Eligible costs are those costs associated with the services listed in [24 CFR part 214](#) and include, but are not limited to:



- (A) Staff salaries and overhead costs of HUD-certified housing counseling agencies related to directly providing eligible housing counseling services to HOME-ARP program participants;
- (B) Development of a housing counseling workplan;
- (C) Marketing and outreach;
- (D) Intake;
- (E) Financial and housing affordability analysis;
- (F) Action plans that outline what the housing counseling agency and the client will do to meet the client's housing goals and that address the client's housing problem(s);
- (G) Follow-up communication with program participants.

**5. Termination of assistance to program participants:**

- a. *Termination of assistance:* The PJ may terminate assistance to a program participant who violates program requirements or conditions of occupancy or no longer needs the services as determined by the PJ. Termination under this section does not bar the PJ from providing further assistance at a later date to the same individual or family under this Notice.
- b. *Due process:* The PJ must establish policies and procedures for termination of assistance to program participants. In terminating assistance to a program participant, the PJ must provide a formal process that recognizes the rights of individuals receiving assistance under the due process of law. This process, at a minimum, must consist of:
  - i. Providing the program participant with a written copy of the program rules and the termination process before the participant begins to receive assistance;
  - ii. Written notice to the program participant containing a clear statement of the reasons for termination;
  - iii. A review of the decision, in which the program participant is given the opportunity to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the termination decision; and
  - iv. Prompt written notice of the final decision to the program participant.

During this process, the PJ must provide effective communication and accessibility for individuals with disabilities, including the provision of reasonable accommodations. Similarly, the PJ must provide meaningful access to persons with LEP.

- 6. Commitment:** For supportive services, commitment means that before disbursing any HOME-ARP funds to any entity, the PJ executed a legally binding written agreement that complies with HOME-ARP requirements with the contractor or subrecipient providing the supportive service (that includes the date of the signature of each person signing the agreement).
- 7. Policies and Procedures:** PJs must establish the following policies and procedures in compliance with this notice:

- a. Tenant selection procedures in accordance with [Section IV.C.2](#) and this section;
  - b. Eligibility of program participants in other HOME-ARP activities for supportive services under [Section VI.D.4.c.i](#) above including the length of time that program participants may be served by HOME-ARP TBRA and/or HOME ARP rental housing before they will no longer be eligible as a qualifying population for purposes of this section;
  - c. If the PJ chooses to set maximum amounts and/or maximum periods for assistance or services, the maximum dollar amount that a program participant may receive for each type of service described in [Section VI.D.4.c.i](#) above and/or maximum periods for which a program participant may receive any of the types of assistance or services under this section;
  - d. Documentation of eligible costs;
  - e. Requirements that allow a program participant to receive only the HOME-ARP services needed so there is no duplication of services or assistance in the use of HOME-ARP funds for supportive services;
  - f. Payments for the cost of gas, insurance, taxes, the one-time payment for car repairs or maintenance described above, and maintenance for vehicles of program participants;
  - g. Financial assistance for short-term and medium-term rental payments under this Notice, including requirements to prevent a duplication of rental or financial assistance provided to a program participant;
  - h. Housing stability case management; and
  - i. Termination of assistance to program participants.
8. **Project Completion**: Project completion for a HOME-ARP Supportive Services project means the final drawdown has been disbursed for the project.

## **E. Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter**

A non-congregate shelter (NCS) is one or more buildings that provide private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families and does not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement. HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire and develop HOME-ARP NCS for individuals and families in qualifying populations. This activity may include but is not limited to the acquisition of land and construction of HOME-ARP NCS or acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing structures such as motels, hotels, or other facilities to be used for HOME-ARP NCS. HOME-ARP funds may not be used to pay the operating costs of HOME-ARP NCS. Consequently, PJs must consider the availability of ongoing operating funds for the HOME-ARP NCS so that the HOME-ARP NCS can remain viable through the restricted use period specified in this Notice.

During the restricted use period, HOME-ARP NCS may:

- Remain as HOME-ARP NCS in compliance with the requirements of this Notice.
  - Be used as a non-congregate emergency shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program (Subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) (42 USC 11371 et seq.), in which case the non-congregate shelter must be operated in compliance with all requirements at [24 CFR part 576](#) that apply when ESG funds are provided for operating costs or essential services in the shelter. During any period for which ESG funds are provided, the applicable ESG requirements shall govern in the event of any conflict with HOME-ARP requirements.
  - Be converted to permanent affordable housing according to the requirements established in [Section VI.E.11](#) of this Notice.
  - Be converted to permanent housing as defined in Subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11381 et seq.) according to requirements of this Notice and [24 CFR part 578](#).
1. **Admission and Occupancy**: HOME-ARP NCS units may only be occupied by individuals or families that meet the criteria for one or more of the qualifying populations as defined in [Section IV.A.](#) of this Notice. Where applicable, occupancy of NCS units by qualifying populations must be in accordance with the requirements in [Section IV.C](#) of this Notice. The PJ must not allow qualifying populations to be charged occupancy fees or other charges to occupy a HOME-ARP NCS unit unless the PJ determines such fees and charges to be customary and reasonable and the charges comply with [24 CFR 578.77\(b\)](#).

To ensure that access to HOME-ARP NCS by qualifying populations is effectively integrated with other assistance and services, PJs are encouraged to incorporate each HOME-ARP NCS into the CE established by the CoC(s) for the area the NCS is funded to serve, provided that the CE is used in accordance with [Section IV.C](#) of this Notice. Whether or not packaged with NCS funding, HOME-ARP supportive services may also be provided as needed to qualifying individuals and families served by the HOME-ARP NCS in accordance with the requirements contained in [Section VI.D](#) of this Notice.

No individual or family may be denied admission to or removed from a HOME-ARP NCS unit on the basis or as a direct result of the fact that the individual or family is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking if the individual or family meets the criteria of one of the qualifying populations.

2. **Eligible Activities**: HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire and/or rehabilitate or construct HOME-ARP NCS units to serve qualifying populations. Acquisition of vacant land or demolition of existing structures may be undertaken only as part of a HOME-ARP NCS project. HOME-ARP NCS units acquired and/or developed with HOME-ARP funds must meet the requirements of this Notice, i.e., be used as HOME-ARP NCS or used as emergency shelter under ESG for the restricted use period established in [Section VI.E.9](#) of this Notice.
3. **Eligible Costs**: HOME-ARP funds may be used for actual costs of acquiring NCS or developing HOME-ARP NCS as follows:

- a. *Acquisition Costs*: Costs to acquire improved or unimproved real property.
- b. *Demolition Costs*: Costs of demolishing existing structures for the purpose of developing HOME-ARP NCS.
- c. *Development Hard Costs*: Costs identified in [24 CFR 92.206\(a\)](#) to rehabilitate or construct HOME-ARP NCS units, except costs must be for meeting the physical standards established in [Section VI.E.7](#) of this Notice.
- d. *Site Improvements*: Costs to make improvements to the project site, including installation of utilities or utility connections, and the construction or rehabilitation of laundry, community facilities, on-site management, or supportive service offices.
- e. *Related Soft Costs*: Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the PJ and owner associated with the financing, acquisition, and development of HOME-ARP NCS projects, including costs identified in [24 CFR 92.206\(d\)](#) with the following exceptions:
  - i. Costs to provide information services such as affirmative marketing to prospective homeowners and tenants are not eligible.
  - ii. Costs of funding an initial operating deficit reserve are not eligible.
  - iii. Costs of project-specific assistance to community housing development organizations, including technical assistance and site control loans or seed money loans as specified in [24 CFR 92.301](#) are not eligible.
- f. *Replacement Reserve*: Costs to capitalize a replacement reserve to pay the reasonable and necessary costs of replacing major systems and their components whose useful life will end during the restricted use period. Major systems include structural support, roofing, cladding, and weatherproofing, plumbing, electrical and HVAC. The costs of replacing major systems must be determined through a Capital Needs Assessment or documented in writing after an inspection by the PJ or PJ-selected contractor to assess the remaining useful life of major systems expected upon completion of the HOME-ARP NCS project. The costs of a replacement reserve must be included in the project budget in the written agreement along with a list of major systems to be replaced with the reserve and projected replacement schedule during the restricted use period (i.e., reserve for replacement analysis). Rehabilitation planned to be completed with HOME-ARP NCS reserve funds at a later date must be included in IDIS as a rehabilitation activity at initial commitment.

**4. Prohibited Costs**: HOME-ARP funds **may not** be used to:

- a. Pay any operating costs of a HOME-ARP NCS project.
- b. Provide additional HOME-ARP investment in a HOME-ARP NCS project during the restricted use period, except that additional HOME-ARP funds can be invested in the project up to one year after project completion in IDIS for eligible costs.

- c. Pay costs of a conversion of HOME-ARP NCS as described in [Section VI.E.11](#) of this Notice.
  - d. Provide non-Federal matching contributions required under any other Federal program.
  - e. Provide assistance for uses authorized under section 9 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (Public Housing Capital and Operating Funds).
  - f. Provide assistance to eligible low-income housing under [24 CFR part 248](#) (Prepayment of Low-Income Housing Mortgages).
  - g. Pay for the acquisition of property owned by the PJ, except for property acquired by the PJ with HOME-ARP NCS funds, or property acquired in anticipation of carrying out a HOME-ARP NCS project.
  - h. Pay delinquent taxes, fees, or charges on properties to be assisted with HOME-ARP NCS funds.
  - i. Pay for any cost that is not eligible under this Notice.
5. **Commitment**: PJs must commit HOME-ARP funds before disbursing funds for a HOME-ARP NCS project. HOME-ARP funds are committed to a HOME-ARP NCS project when the PJ executes a legally binding written agreement that meets the requirements in this Notice.

If the project is an acquisition-only activity, the PJ may commit HOME-ARP funds if it reasonably expects the project will be operated as HOME-ARP NCS within 6 months of the date of acquisition. Acquisition-only HOME-ARP NCS projects may be performed when the PJ reasonably determines that the units acquired will not require rehabilitation to meet the property standards in [Section VI.E.7](#) of this Notice. If the project is not in active use as HOME-ARP NCS within 6 months of the acquisition, HUD may require the PJ to submit a schedule for placing the project into operation within a period determined by HUD or may require the PJ to repay the funds to its HOME-ARP Treasury Account.

For projects that will involve rehabilitation or new construction with or without acquisition, the PJ may commit HOME-ARP funds if it reasonably expects development to begin within 12 months of the date of commitment.

6. **Project Development Due Diligence**: HOME-ARP NCS projects must meet the requirements of this Notice for the restricted use period. Consequently, before awarding HOME-ARP funds to a HOME-ARP NCS project, PJs must determine that acquisition and/or development is financially feasible. The PJ is responsible for maintaining continued operation of the NCS in accordance with this Notice throughout the restricted use period. Therefore, the PJ must consider whether the HOME-ARP NCS project has secured or has a high likelihood of securing operating funding because operating costs cannot be paid with HOME-ARP.

PJs must assess HOME-ARP NCS projects, including a review of information from the owner and/or developer that demonstrates the project's financial feasibility throughout the restricted use period. Before awarding funds for HOME-ARP NCS, the PJ must:

- Require that the developer submit evidence of appropriate skills and experience related to the development of shelters or similar facilities.
- Require the owner to submit evidence of prior experience with operating shelters.
- Require an acquisition or development budget, timeline, and sources and uses statement for the acquisition and/or development of the project be submitted for review.
- Require the owner to submit a proposed operating budget, including secured sources for operating costs and any operating gap that will require additional assistance. If there is a gap in the operating budget, the PJ should require the owner to submit a plan for securing additional private, local, state, or Federal funding sufficient for successful operation of the project.

Before committing funds, PJs should also determine whether the owner intends to continue operating the project as HOME-ARP NCS or emergency shelter NCS under ESG for the entire full restricted use period or plans to convert the HOME-ARP NCS to permanent affordable housing or CoC permanent housing during the restricted use period, once the minimum use period for HOME-ARP NCS established in this section is completed. If a HOME-ARP NCS project owner intends to convert the project to CoC permanent housing or permanent supportive housing during the restricted use period, the PJ is encouraged to pursue partnership and leveraging opportunities with the CoC early in the planning stage of a HOME-ARP NCS project. In such instances, the PJ should consider the physical design needs of an eventual conversion in its evaluation of the HOME-ARP NCS project.

7. **Property and Habitability Standards:** HOME-ARP NCS projects must meet the minimum HOME-ARP property standards prior to occupancy and the HOME-ARP NCS ongoing property standards throughout the restricted use period as described in this Notice. An “acquisition only” project must meet the HOME-ARP NCS minimum property standards described in paragraph a. below at the time of acquisition. If the project requires rehabilitation or repair to meet the minimum property standards, the project is considered acquisition and rehabilitation irrespective of the source of funds used for the rehabilitation or repair and must meet the NCS rehabilitation standards in paragraph b. below. In addition, PJs must meet the standards required in this Notice for rehabilitation or new construction, as applicable. The PJ must determine that construction contracts and documents describe the work to be completed in adequate detail to establish a basis for inspection to determine that all work was completed to contracted specifications and that the project met the HOME-ARP NCS property standards. Project classification as rehabilitation or new construction is determined by the PJs local code requirements based on specific work to be completed. PJs may also choose to adopt a standard that exceeds the minimum standards described here. The written agreement must impose the HOME-ARP NCS property standards or the PJ's locally developed standards and require that the PJ or its representatives have access to the property to perform inspections during development and throughout the restricted use period.

- a. Minimum HOME-ARP NCS Property Standards: All HOME-ARP NCS units and common areas must meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements and the applicable provisions of HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rules at [24 CFR Part 35](#). In addition, all HOME-ARP NCS projects must meet the following minimum safety, sanitation, accessibility, and privacy standards:
- i. Must be structurally sound to protect occupants from the elements and not pose any threat to health and safety of the occupants.
  - ii. Must be accessible in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act ([29 U.S.C. 794](#)) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 8](#); the Fair Housing Act ([42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.](#)) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 100](#); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ([42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.](#)) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 35](#), all as applicable.
  - iii. Must provide each individual or family with an acceptable, individual room to sleep which includes adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings.
  - iv. Must have a natural or mechanical means of ventilation. The interior air must be free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of occupants.
  - v. Must have a water supply free of contamination.
  - vi. Must have in-unit sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
  - vii. Must provide necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.
  - viii. Must have adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There must be sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances.
  - ix. Food preparation areas, if any, must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.
  - x. Must provide one working smoke detector and one working carbon monoxide detector in each unit. All smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and alarm systems must be designed for hearing-impaired residents. All public areas of the shelter must have at least one working smoke detector and one carbon monoxide detector. There must also be a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency.

Minimum HOME-ARP NCS Rehabilitation Standards: HOME-ARP NCS rehabilitation projects must meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements, or in the absence of such codes, International Residential Code or the International Building Code (as applicable), and must comply with the Lead Safe Housing Rule at [24 CFR Part 35](#). Additionally, PJs must consider the remaining useful life of major systems. PJs are encouraged to use a Capital Needs Assessment to determine the reasonable and necessary investment of HOME-ARP funding in rehabilitation projects and expected cost of ongoing replacement needs during the restricted use period. If HOME-ARP funding will capitalize a replacement reserve, the PJ must determine the remaining useful life of major systems through a Capital Needs Assessment or other PJ inspection documented in writing, in accordance with requirements for capitalized replacement reserve costs in [V.I.E.3](#).

*Minimum HOME-ARP NCS New Construction Standards:* HOME-ARP NCS projects that are newly constructed must meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements, or in the absence of such codes, the International Residential Code or the International Building Code (as applicable to the type of structure). HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to fund a replacement reserve for newly constructed HOME-ARP NCS.

- b. *On-going Property Standards and Inspections:* PJs must develop ongoing inspection procedures to verify that HOME-ARP NCS projects meet the minimum HOME-ARP NCS property standards established in this Notice throughout the restricted use period. A PJ's inspection procedures must require annual inspections that are applied consistently to all HOME-ARP NCS projects. When deficiencies are identified, a follow-up inspection to verify that deficiencies are corrected must occur within 6 months. The PJ may establish a list of non-hazardous deficiencies for which correction can be verified by third party documentation (e.g., paid invoice or work order) rather than reinspection. If life-threatening deficiencies exist, the owner or operator of the HOME-ARP NCS must correct such deficiencies immediately. In such instances, the PJ must re-inspect to verify the deficiency has been corrected within 14 days.

**8. Project Completion:** Project Completion for HOME-ARP NCS means:

- All necessary title transfer requirements and construction work has been performed;
- The project complies with the requirements of this Notice, including the HOME-ARP NCS property standards as evidenced by a final inspection;
- The project is actively operating as a HOME-ARP NCS;
- Final drawdown of HOME-ARP funds has been disbursed; and
- Project completion information is entered into IDIS.

All HOME-ARP NCS projects must be completed within 4 years of the date of commitment of the HOME-ARP funds based on the date of the last signature on the written agreement. If the PJ fails to complete a project within 4 years of project completion, it must comply with the terminated project requirements at [24 CFR 92.205\(e\)\(2\)](#). HOME-ARP NCS rehabilitation and new construction projects must begin operating as active shelters within 6 months after the date of completion of the construction work. If the HOME-ARP NCS project is not in use within 6 months, HUD may require the PJ to submit a schedule for placing the project into operation as an active shelter within a period determined by HUD or may require the PJ to repay the HOME-ARP funds to its HOME-ARP Treasury Account.

- 9. Restricted Use Period:** HOME-ARP NCS projects must comply with the requirements of this Notice for not less than the restricted use period specified in this Notice. PJs must impose the HOME-ARP NCS requirements through a deed restriction, covenant running with the land, legally binding agreement restricting the use of the property and recorded on the property in accordance with State recordation laws, or other mechanism approved by HUD. The use restriction should not identify that the property is prioritized for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking. This use restriction must require that the property is operated as HOME-ARP NCS or non-congregate emergency shelter under ESG for the required restricted use period except that HOME-ARP



NCS projects may be converted to permanent affordable housing or CoC permanent housing after being operated as HOME-ARP NCS for the applicable minimum use period prior to conversion as described in [Section VI.E.11](#). If the HOME-ARP NCS is converted, the PJ must amend its use restriction to reflect the change in requirements for the remainder of the restricted use period.

The restricted use period begins at project completion as defined in [Section VI.E.8](#) of this Notice and must be imposed for at least the following periods:

- a. *New Construction*: Newly constructed HOME-ARP NCS units must be operated as HOME-ARP NCS units for qualifying populations for a restricted use period of 15 years, regardless of the amount of HOME-ARP funds invested in the project.
- b. *Rehabilitation*: HOME-ARP NCS units which receive any amount of HOME-ARP funds for rehabilitation but are not designated as new construction by the PJ's state or local building code requirements must be operated as HOME-ARP NCS units for qualifying populations for a restricted use period of 10 years.
- c. *Acquisition Only*: Units acquired for use as HOME-ARP NCS that do not require rehabilitation for occupancy must serve the qualifying populations for a restricted use period of 10 years.
- d. PJs may impose longer restricted use periods but must require the project remain financially viable for the extended period.

**10. Return of Replacement Reserve**: HOME-ARP funds may capitalize a replacement reserve for HOME-ARP NCS projects performing rehabilitation as described in [Section VI.E.3](#) of this Notice. Any unexpended HOME-ARP funds remaining in a project's replacement reserve at the completion of the restricted use period or upon conversion must be used or returned as follows:

- a. If the HOME-ARP NCS project will continue to operate in accordance with the HOME-ARP NCS requirements and serve qualifying households beyond the HOME-ARP NCS restricted use period demonstrated by enforceable restrictions imposed by the PJ in accordance with [Section VI.E.9](#), the project can retain the replacement reserve to pay reasonable and necessary costs of replacing major systems and their components.
- b. If the HOME-ARP NCS project will not continue to operate in accordance with the HOME-ARP NCS requirements because the NCS is being converted to either CoC permanent housing or permanent affordable housing as described in [Section VI.E.11](#) of this Notice and the HOME-ARP grant is still open, the remaining HOME-ARP funds in the replacement reserve must be returned to the PJ's HOME Investment Trust Fund Treasury account.
- c. If the HOME-ARP NCS grant has expired or is closed out, any remaining HOME-ARP funds in the replacement reserve must be deposited in the PJ's local HOME account,

recorded as a program income receipt in IDIS and used for eligible costs under [24 CFR part 92](#).

**11. Conversion of Non-Congregate Shelter to Rental Housing:** The ARP authorizes the conversion of HOME-ARP NCS units into permanent housing under subtitle C of title IV of McKinney-Vento or permanent affordable housing as described in this section, during the restricted use period. No HOME-ARP funds may be used for conversion. The written agreement between the PJ and the owner of the HOME-ARP NCS project must describe conversion as a possible outcome of the HOME-ARP NCS project; specify the conditions under which conversion will be permitted; and require that the PJ approve any conversion in advance.

- a. *Minimum Use Period*: All HOME-ARP NCS projects must be operated as NCS for a minimum period of time prior to conversion. The minimum use period prior to conversion varies based on the original HOME-ARP NCS eligible activity undertaken and the amount of funds invested in the project. If the HOME-ARP NCS project involves rehabilitation, the minimum use period prior to conversion is based on the total cost of the rehabilitation as a percentage of the total appraised value of the improved property. A larger investment for rehabilitation will require operation as HOME-ARP NCS for a longer minimum use period prior to conversion.
  - i. Acquisition Only: HOME-ARP NCS activities not requiring rehabilitation for occupancy must be operated as HOME-ARP NCS for no less than 3 years from project completion prior to conversion.
  - ii. Moderate Rehabilitation: Occurs when an NCS HOME-ARP project requires rehabilitation and the total rehabilitation expenditure from all sources of less than 75 percent of the total appraised value of the improved property. HOME-ARP NCS projects that receive moderate rehabilitation must be operated as HOME-ARP NCS for no less than 5 years from project completion prior to conversion.
  - iii. Substantial Rehabilitation: Occurs when an NCS HOME-ARP project requires rehabilitation and the total rehabilitation expenditure from all sources exceeds 75 percent of the total appraised value of the improved property. HOME-ARP NCS projects that receive substantial rehabilitation must be operated as HOME-ARP NCS for no less than 10 years from project completion before conversion.
  - iv. New Construction: Any HOME-ARP NCS project defined by the PJ's state or local code requirements as new construction must be operated as HOME-ARP NCS for no less than 10 years from project completion prior to conversion.

Requirements for conversions vary depending on the type of conversion, as follows:

- b. *Permanent Affordable Housing*: During the HOME-ARP NCS restricted use period but only after the HOME-ARP NCS minimum use period, a PJ may provide written approval to convert the project from HOME-ARP NCS to permanent affordable housing (e.g., affordable multifamily rental housing, transitional housing) in accordance with the requirements prescribed in the PJ's written agreement with the HOME-ARP NCS owner.

The converted permanent affordable housing project must meet the following requirements:

- i. Additional HOME-ARP Investment: The PJ is prohibited from investing additional HOME-ARP funds to pay for the cost of converting the project from HOME-ARP NCS to permanent affordable housing or to pay for operating the project as permanent affordable housing. However, the PJ must determine that adequate financial resources are committed to the project to bring it into compliance with the property standards of [Section VI.B.11](#) of this Notice and maintain the financial feasibility of the project to be operated as permanent affordable housing for the qualifying populations throughout the remaining restricted use period. If permitting conversion of HOME-ARP NCS into permanent affordable housing, a PJ must develop and evaluate the project in accordance with standardized underwriting guidelines for conversion. At minimum, the PJ's underwriting guidelines for conversion must include an examination of the sources and uses of funds for the conversion and a careful review of the project's operating budget, including the assumptions, projections, and reasonably expected increases in expenses throughout the minimum compliance period defined in the section below, to determine that the project will remain financially feasible to serve the qualifying populations for the remainder of the restricted use period.

The PJ may assist households living in affordable rental housing units in converted projects by providing HOME-ARP TBRA in accordance with [Section VI.C](#) of this Notice or financial assistance services in accordance with [Section VI.D.4.c.i.R.](#)

- ii. Minimum Compliance Period: The minimum compliance period for converted housing is the period that the housing must continue to comply with the requirements of this Notice and is equal to the balance of the HOME-ARP NCS restricted use period. A PJ may impose a longer compliance period but should plan for the project's financial feasibility for the longer period. The PJ may not use HOME-ARP funds to provide operating assistance, including a capitalized operating reserve, to cover deficits during the minimum or an extended compliance period.

The PJ must amend the use restriction for HOME-ARP NCS to reflect the conversion to permanent affordable housing. The provisions for imposing affordability requirements at [24 CFR 92.252\(e\)\(1\) through \(e\)\(4\)](#) apply to the amended use restriction. In addition, the amended use restriction for the permanent affordable housing must be enforceable to maintain compliance with the requirements of this Notice for the minimum compliance period, including the following:

- (1) The same number of units that were operated as HOME-ARP NCS for qualifying populations must be restricted for and must be occupied by households that meet the definition of a qualifying population at the time of initial occupancy of the permanent affordable housing. The household's contribution toward rent during this period must be affordable in accordance with [Section VI.E.11](#) of this Notice.

- (2) The units must comply with the ongoing property condition standards of [24 CFR 92.251\(f\)](#) throughout the minimum compliance period as demonstrated by an on-site inspection within 12 months of project completion and an on-site inspection at least once every three years thereafter as required by [24 CFR 92.504\(d\)\(ii\)](#).
  - (3) Each household that occupies a HOME-ARP assisted rental unit must have an executed lease that complies with the tenant protections required in [Section VI.B.18](#) of this Notice.
- iii. Property Standards: For the remaining restricted use period, the PJ must require that project owners maintain the housing as decent, safe and sanitary housing in good repair in accordance with the ongoing property condition standards of [24 CFR 92.251\(f\)](#) as demonstrated by an on-site inspection at least once every three years in accordance with [24 CFR 92.504\(d\)\(ii\)](#).
- iv. Tenant Contribution to Rent: The PJ must confirm that the qualifying household's contribution to rent is affordable to the household based on a determination of the household's income. If the household is receiving project-based or tenant-based rental assistance, it cannot contribute towards rent more than is permitted in accordance with the requirements of the applicable program. If a qualifying household cannot contribute to rent, or the contribution is insufficient to cover the unit rent, the PJ may provide HOME-ARP TBRA or supportive services to assist the qualifying household but may not provide operating cost assistance or fund an operating cost assistance reserve.
- v. Tenant Protections: Following conversion, each qualifying household that occupies a permanent affordable housing unit must have an executed lease or sublease that complies with the tenant protections requirements of this Notice.
  - (1) Lease Requirement: There must be a lease between the qualifying household and the owner of the permanent affordable housing project or, if there is a sublease with a qualifying household, a lease between a HOME-ARP sponsor and the owner in accordance with [24 CFR 92.253\(a\)](#).
  - (2) Prohibited Lease Terms: The lease between the qualifying household and the owner, lease between HOME-ARP sponsor and the owner, and sublease between a HOME-ARP sponsor and qualifying household may not contain any of the prohibited lease terms specified in [24 CFR 92.253\(b\)](#).
  - (3) Termination of tenancy: An owner may not terminate the tenancy or refuse to renew the lease of a qualifying household (or of a HOME-ARP sponsor with a sublease with a qualifying household) in a permanent affordable housing unit except for serious or repeated violation of the terms and conditions of the lease; for violation of applicable Federal, State, or local laws, or for other good cause. An increase in the qualifying household's income does not constitute good cause.

To terminate or refuse to renew tenancy, the owner must serve written notice upon the qualifying household and the HOME-ARP sponsor if the lease is between an owner and HOME-ARP sponsor, specifying the grounds for the action at least 30 days before termination of tenancy. In the case of a sublease, to terminate or refuse to renew tenancy of a qualifying household, the HOME-ARP sponsor, in accordance with the policy established by the PJ, must notify the PJ in advance of serving written notice to the qualifying household and must serve written notice upon the qualifying household at least 30 days before termination of tenancy, specifying the grounds for the action.

- vi. Coordinated Entry and Project-Specific Waitlists: On a project-by-project basis, the PJ must use the method of tenant selection in [Section VI.B.19](#) of this Notice to select qualifying households for occupancy of permanent affordable housing.
  - vii. Penalties for Noncompliance: The PJ must repay HOME-ARP funds invested in HOME-ARP NCS that was converted to permanent affordable housing if the permanent affordable housing does not comply with initial or ongoing requirements of this Notice during the compliance period.
- c. CoC Permanent Housing: During the HOME-ARP NCS restricted use period but only after the HOME-ARP NCS minimum use period, a PJ may permit the conversion of a HOME-ARP NCS project to permanent housing or permanent supportive housing under [24 CFR 578.43](#) (acquisition) and/or [24 CFR 578.45](#) (rehabilitation) of the CoC program regulations. Conversions may only occur in accordance with the requirements prescribed in the PJ's written agreement with the HOME-ARP NCS owner. If conversion is approved by the PJ, the HOME-ARP NCS use restrictions must remain in place until the project is approved for CoC funding and the required CoC restrictions are imposed on the property.

Conversion to CoC permanent housing or permanent supportive housing may serve the following eligible households as defined in [24 CFR 578.3](#), subject to any further eligibility conditions that may apply to the use of CoC Program funds to provide rental assistance in the housing or otherwise support the project:

- Chronically homeless individuals
- Homeless individuals or families

PJs are prohibited from investing additional HOME-ARP funds to pay for the cost of converting the project to CoC permanent housing or permanent supportive housing. The CoC designates eligible applicants for grant funds under [24 CFR Part 578](#), which includes nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State or local governments. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for CoC grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds. Consequently, if a HOME-ARP NCS project owner intends to convert the project to CoC permanent housing or permanent supportive housing during the restricted use period, the PJ is encouraged to pursue partnership and leveraging opportunities with the CoC early in the planning stage of a HOME-ARP NCS

project. Additionally, PJs may provide supportive services or HOME-ARP TBRA to qualifying households that must move because of the conversion. (See [Section VII.F.4.b](#) for more information on relocations involving shelter occupants).

## **F. Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance**

A PJ may use up to 5 percent of its HOME-ARP allocation to pay operating expenses of CHDOs and other nonprofit organizations that will carry out activities with HOME-ARP funds. A PJ may also use up to an additional 5 percent of its allocation to pay eligible costs related to developing the capacity of eligible nonprofit organizations to successfully carry out HOME-ARP eligible activities.

PJs may award operating expense assistance or capacity building assistance to a nonprofit organization if it reasonably expects to provide HOME-ARP funds to the organization for any of the eligible HOME-ARP activities within 24 months of the award.

### **1. Eligible Costs**

- a. *Operating Expense Assistance*: Operating expenses are defined as reasonable and necessary costs of operating the nonprofit organization. These costs include employee salaries, wages and other employee compensation and benefits; employee education, training, and travel; rent; utilities; communication costs; taxes; insurance; equipment, materials, and supplies.

HOME-ARP funds used for operating expenses must be used for the “**general operating costs**” of the nonprofit organization. These operating costs must not have a particular final cost objective, such as a project or activity, or must not be directly assignable to a HOME-ARP activity or project. For example, HOME-ARP funds for operating expenses may *not* be used for staffing costs to provide supportive services or develop HOME-ARP-rental housing (as operating costs to develop HOME-ARP rental housing are paid for by a developer fee which is a project delivery or soft cost). Because ARP does not permit any HOME-ARP funds to be used to operate a shelter, all costs related to operating a non-congregate shelter (e.g., allocable overhead and staffing costs, insurance, utilities) also cannot be paid with HOME-ARP funds.

The actual costs of implementing a specific activity or project, including staff costs to deliver supportive services or administer HOME-ARP TBRA, are considered HOME-ARP project delivery costs or project soft costs and are not eligible costs under Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance. HOME-ARP project delivery costs are those allowable costs incurred for implementing and carrying out eligible HOME-ARP projects or activities, such as supportive services. All project delivery costs are allocable to a HOME-ARP project, including direct project and related delivery costs integral to developing the project or providing the activity. HOME-ARP project delivery costs may be paid, if eligible, by HOME-ARP funds provided under a written agreement for the activity or project and must not be paid with nonprofit operating expense or capacity building assistance.

b. Capacity Building Assistance: Capacity building expenses are defined as reasonable and necessary general operating costs that will result in expansion or improvement of an organization's ability to successfully carry out eligible HOME-ARP activities. Eligible costs include salaries for new hires including wages and other employee compensation and benefits; costs related to employee training or other staff development that enhances an employee's skill set and expertise; equipment (e.g., computer software or programs that improve organizational processes), upgrades to materials and equipment, and supplies; and contracts for technical assistance or for consultants with expertise related to the HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

2. **Limitations on Assistance**: NAHA and the HOME regulations limit the amount of operating expense assistance that an organization can receive annually. ARP extends this limitation to the capacity building assistance paid with HOME-ARP funds.

In any fiscal year, operating assistance provided to a nonprofit organization may not exceed the greater of 50 percent of the general operating expenses of the organization, as described above, for that fiscal year or \$50,000.

In any fiscal year, capacity building assistance provided to a nonprofit organization may not exceed the greater of 50 percent of the general operating expenses of the organization, as described above, or \$50,000.

If an organization receives both operating assistance and capacity building assistance in any fiscal year, the aggregate total amount of assistance it may receive is the greater of 50 percent of the organization's total operating expenses for that fiscal year or \$75,000.

To implement the above limitations on assistance, HUD has established separate fund types in IDIS for operating expense assistance and capacity building assistance. This will facilitate accurate tracking and ensure that PJs do not exceed the limits established in NAHA and ARP.

3. **Commitment of Operating Expense and Capacity Building Assistance**: A PJ commits operating expense assistance or capacity building assistance when it enters into a legally binding agreement with the nonprofit organization to provide the assistance.

## VII. OTHER FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

HOME-ARP funds are federal financial assistance and, therefore, are subject to requirements applicable to such funds. PJs must comply with the following requirements: [24 CFR part 92, subpart H](#), 92.352 – Environmental review; 92.353 – Displacement, relocation, and acquisition; and 92.355 – Lead-based paint.

## **A. Other Federal Requirements and Nondiscrimination**

The requirements in [24 CFR 92.350](#) apply to the HOME-ARP program. PJs must comply with the Federal requirements set forth in [24 CFR part 5, subpart A](#), including: nondiscrimination and equal opportunity; disclosure requirements; debarred, suspended or ineligible contractors; drug-free work; and housing counseling and the nondiscrimination requirements at section 282 of NAHA. The requirements in section 282 of NAHA are waived in connection with the use of HOME-ARP funds on lands set aside under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 (42 Stat. 108). PJs must also comply with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements set forth in 24 CFR 92.359.

## **B. Affirmative Marketing and Minority Outreach**

The requirements in [24 CFR 92.351](#) apply to HOME-ARP activities.

## **C. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321) and Related Laws**

The environmental requirements in [24 CFR 92.352](#) apply to eligible activities under this Notice. The environmental effects of each activity carried out with HOME-ARP funds must be assessed in accordance with the provisions of NEPA and the related authorities listed in HUD's implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 58](#). The applicability of the provisions of [24 CFR part 58](#) is based on the HOME-ARP project as a whole (i.e., all individual project activities, such as acquisition and rehabilitation, aggregated according to the requirements at [24 CFR 58.32](#)), not on the type of the cost paid with HOME-ARP funds. In accordance with the provisions in [24 CFR part 58](#), activities undertaken with HOME-ARP funds are subject to environmental review by a PJ or State recipient. The PJ or State recipient (referred to as the "Responsible Entity" or "RE") must assume responsibility for environmental review, decision making, and action for each activity that it carries out with HOME-ARP funds, in accordance with the requirements at [24 CFR Part 58](#). A state PJ must assume responsibility for approval of Requests for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF/C) submitted by State recipients.

No funds may be committed to a HOME-ARP activity or project before the completion of the environmental review and approval of the RROF/C, as applicable. Neither a HOME-ARP recipient nor any participant in the development process, including public or private nonprofit or for-profit entities, or any of their contractors, may commit HUD assistance on an activity or project until the environmental review has been completed and HUD or the state has approved the recipient's RROF/C from the RE as applicable. In addition, until the RROF/C have been approved, neither a HOME-ARP recipient nor any participant in the development process may commit non-HUD funds on or undertake a HOME-ARP activity or project if the activity or project would have an adverse environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives. Therefore, it is important for REs to begin and complete any required environmental reviews as soon as possible.



## **1. HOME-ARP TBRA and Supportive Services**

HOME-ARP TBRA and supportive services as defined at [24 CFR 58.35\(b\)](#) are categorically excluded, not subject to the Federal laws and authorities at [24 CFR 58.5](#) (CENST) or exempt from review under NEPA. A RE may complete a single CENST review categorized under [24 CFR 58.35\(b\)](#) for their supportive services program or their HOME-ARP TBRA program where participants choose their own unit and are not restricted to units within a pre-determined specific project site or sites. There is no need to complete reviews for every unit selected by participants.

## **2. HOME-ARP Rental Housing**

Acquisition of a structure to be used as HOME-ARP rental housing is categorically excluded, subject to the Federal laws and authorities referenced at [24 CFR 58.5](#) (CEST) under [24 CFR 58.35\(a\)\(5\)](#) (with the possibility of converting to exempt under [24 CFR 58.34\(a\)\(12\)](#)) if the structure acquired will be retained for the same use (e.g., residential). Rehabilitation of buildings for residential use with one to four units for HOME-ARP rental housing is CEST under [24 CFR 58.35\(a\)\(3\)\(i\)](#), if the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed. Rehabilitation of buildings for use as HOME-ARP multifamily rental housing is CEST [under 24 CFR 58.35\(a\)\(3\)\(ii\)](#) only if:

1. the unit density is not changed more than 20 percent;
2. the project does not involve changes in land use from residential to non-residential; and
3. the estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75 percent of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation for HOME-ARP rental housing that does not meet the thresholds for multifamily residential buildings listed above requires completion of an Environmental Assessment in accordance with [24 CFR Part 58, Subpart E](#). An Environmental Assessment is also required for new construction, demolition, acquisition of vacant land for new construction, and acquisition of non-residential structures for demolition and new construction.

## **3. HOME-ARP NCS**

HOME-ARP NCS activities are subject to environmental review by the RE under [24 CFR part 58](#). Acquisition of a structure to be used as HOME-ARP NCS is CEST under [24 CFR 58.35\(a\)\(5\)](#) (with the possibility of converting to exempt under [24 CFR 58.34\(a\)\(12\)](#)) if the structure acquired will be retained for the same use (e.g., residential). Rehabilitation of a structure for HOME-ARP NCS is CEST if the project meets the thresholds listed at [24 CFR 58.35\(a\)\(3\)\(i\) or \(ii\)](#). Rehabilitation that does not meet these thresholds requires completion of an Environmental Assessment pursuant to [24 CFR part 58, subpart E](#). An Environmental Assessment is also required for new construction, demolition, acquisition of vacant land for new construction, and acquisition of non-residential structures for demolition and new construction.

HOME-ARP NCS projects which may convert to emergency shelter or permanent housing pursuant to Sec. 3204(a)(4)(B) or (C) of the ARP may complete a single environmental review that covers all proposed HUD funding sources and project activities. Conversion to a program using project-based rental assistance is CEST and requires completion of an environmental review. If conversion or other additional HUD funding sources are proposed after the

environmental review has been completed, a CENST review for supplemental assistance under [24 CFR 58.35\(b\)\(7\)](#) can be performed if the review is completed by the same RE that conducted the original review and if re-evaluation is not required by [24 CFR 58.47](#).

The PJ or subrecipient, or any contractor of the PJ or subrecipient, may not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, repair, dispose of, demolish, or construct property for a HOME-ARP NCS project, or commit or expend HUD or non-HUD funds for NCS under HOME-ARP, until the RE has completed an environmental review under [24 CFR part 58](#) and received HUD or state approval of the RROF/C, as applicable.

## **D. Labor Standards**

The requirements in [24 CFR 92.354](#) apply to HOME-ARP activities.

## **E. Lead Hazard Control Requirements**

The Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821-4846), the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851-4856), and implementing regulations at [24 CFR Part 35](#), subparts A, B, J, K, M, and R apply to HOME-ARP-assisted activities.

For HOME-ARP NCS, a project must comply with [24 CFR part 35, Subpart K](#) when the HOME-ARP activity is acquisition only. HOME-ARP NCS projects that involve rehabilitation of pre-1978 facilities, whether the rehabilitation is funded with HOME-ARP or other funds, must comply with the requirements of [24 CFR part 35, Subpart J](#).

## **F. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act, Section 104(d), and HOME-ARP Displacement, Relocation and Acquisition Program Requirements**

HOME-ARP funding is subject to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, in addition to the Displacement, Relocation and Acquisition regulatory requirements of [24 CFR 92.353](#). This Notice also includes HOME-ARP program specific relocation requirements applicable to HOME-ARP-assisted projects. PJs must comply with all applicable requirements, as described in this section.

### **1. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970:**

Costs incurred to comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 4601 *et seq.*) (URA) are eligible HOME-ARP project costs pursuant to this Notice and [24 CFR 92.206\(f\)](#). The URA establishes minimum requirements for the acquisition of real property and the displacement of persons from their homes, businesses, or farms as a direct result of acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition for federally-assisted programs and projects. The URA implementing regulations at [49 CFR part 24](#) establish:

- Requirements for the provision of replacement housing assistance, advisory services, and moving costs to persons displaced as a result of a program or project that receives federal financial assistance;
- Requirements for acquisitions, including the payment of just compensation pursuant to [49 CFR part 24, subpart B](#), and provisions for voluntary acquisitions set forth in [49 CFR 24.101](#).
- Minimum requirements for temporary relocation of persons, businesses, or farms as a result of a project or program that receives federal financial assistance. These requirements are found in [Appendix A, Section 24.2\(a\)\(9\)\(ii\)\(D\)](#).

Additional HUD URA policy and guidance is available in [HUD Handbook 1378](#).

2. **Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974:** HOME-ARP is HOME funding and subject to the requirements in section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC § 5304(d)), (“section 104(d)”) unless waived, as described in this section and Appendix. Costs incurred to comply with section 104(d) requirements are eligible HOME-ARP project costs under [24 CFR 92.206\(f\)](#). section 104(d) applies to the demolition or conversion, as defined in [24 CFR 42.305](#), of a lower-income dwelling unit in connection with a HOME or Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) assisted activity. section 104(d) includes the following requirements:

- A PJ must have a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan (RARAP);
- A PJ must provide relocation assistance to displaced lower-income persons; and
- A PJ must perform one-for-one replacement of lower-income dwellings demolished or converted to a use other than a lower-income dwelling unit. A lower-income dwelling unit is defined in [24 CFR 42.305](#) as a dwelling unit with a market rent (including utility costs) that does not exceed the applicable Fair Market Rent (FMR) for existing housing, as defined by HUD.

Section 104(d) implementing federal regulations can be found at [24 CFR part 42 Subpart C](#).

**HOME-ARP Section 104(d) Waiver / One-for-One Replacement Housing.**

For purposes of , the one-for-one replacement housing requirements of section 104(d)(2)(A)(i) and (ii) and (d)(3) (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)(2)(A)(i) and (ii) and 42 U.S.C. 5304(d)(3)) and [24 CFR 42.375](#), lower-income dwelling units shall not include single-room occupancy (SRO) units or residential hotel or motel units in jurisdictions where those units are considered dwelling units under state or local law. All other section 104(d) requirements, including but not limited to the requirement that the PJ have and follow a RARAP, remain in effect. (See [24 CFR 92.353\(e\)](#) and [24 CFR part 42, subpart C](#)).

3. **HOME Program Displacement, Relocation and Acquisition Regulations:** In addition to the URA and section 104(d) requirement described above, the HOME program’s Displacement, Relocation and Acquisition regulations at [24 CFR 92.353](#) also apply to projects funded with HOME-ARP funds. Some of these requirements differ from those

of the URA and section 104(d), including but not limited to the expanded temporary relocation protections at [24 CFR 92.353\(b\) and \(c\)](#); optional relocation assistance policies in [24 CFR 92.353\(d\)](#); and the right to return to a building or complex, if feasible, upon completion of a HOME project, in accordance with [24 CFR 92.353\(a\)](#). PJs must follow these program-specific requirements in HOME-ARP assisted projects.

PJs are encouraged to develop optional relocation policies to address individuals that may not be eligible for URA or section 104(d) assistance due to their length of occupancy in a unit, ineligibility of their dwelling unit, or other factors beyond their control. Such policies must be in writing, applied consistently, and must not violate any other federal law or regulation. Costs incurred to comply with [24 CFR 92.353](#), including optional relocation policies, are eligible HOME-ARP project costs under [24 CFR 92.206\(f\)](#).

**4. Additional HOME-ARP Program Relocation Related Requirements:** The following additional HOME-ARP program relocation requirements apply:

- a. *Acquisition and/or rehabilitation of hotels, motels and other non-residential property:* In states where hotels and motels are not considered dwelling units or residential property, the acquisition of non-residential property such as hotels and motels for the production of HOME-ARP NCS units or HOME-ARP rental housing will not make a person occupying those properties eligible for relocation assistance under the URA, section 104(d) or [24 CFR 92.353](#). HOME PJs may provide HOME-ARP assistance, as defined by this Notice, including the provision of HOME-ARP supportive services, HOME-ARP TBRA, the ability to stay in HOME-ARP NCS units, or the ability to rent a HOME-ARP rental unit, if the individuals or families can demonstrate that—
- i. they have been in continuous residence at the property for 30 or more calendar days, and
  - ii. they are a qualifying household, as defined by this Notice.

Any assistance provided pursuant to this section may be provided without regard to any preferences, project-specific waiting lists, or any other form of prioritization the PJ has developed pursuant to this Notice. For purposes of HOME-ARP, costs associated with activities under this provision of the Notice may be charged as either project delivery costs or relocation costs eligible under [24 CFR 92.206\(f\)](#).

- b. *Conversion of HOME-ARP NCS:* If HOME-ARP NCS units are occupied and converted to either permanent housing under CoC or permanent affordable housing as described in [Section VI.E.11](#) of this Notice, persons occupying the shelter would not normally be eligible for relocation assistance under the URA, section 104(d) or [24 CFR 92.353](#) because they are not displaced from a dwelling unit. However, since the individuals or families occupying such shelter units are already qualifying households under HOME-ARP, HOME PJs may immediately provide such occupants with HOME-ARP assistance, as defined by this Notice, including the provision of HOME-ARP supportive services, HOME-ARP TBRA, the ability to stay in other HOME-ARP

NCS units, or the ability to rent a HOME-ARP rental unit. Additionally, the PJ may provide the occupants with assistance for moving costs or advisory services, as appropriate, as HOME-ARP administrative costs or under the HOME-ARP supportive services activity in [Section VI.D](#) of this Notice. Any assistance provided pursuant to this section may be provided without regard to any preferences, project-specific waiting lists, or any other form of prioritization the PJ has developed pursuant to this Notice, as the persons occupying the NCS units were already determined to be qualifying households under the HOME-ARP.

5. **Persons Ineligible for HOME-ARP Assistance and Ineligible for URA, Section 104(d), or assistance pursuant to 24 CFR 92.353:** If a person is required to move as a direct result of a HOME-ARP project and is determined ineligible for HOME-ARP housing assistance under the preceding [Section VII.F.4](#) and also determined ineligible as a displaced person under the URA, section 104(d) or HOME program rules, the PJ may provide such persons advisory services as an eligible HOME-ARP administrative cost, as the PJ determines to be reasonable and necessary.

### **G. Section 3 Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons**

Section 3 requirements established at [24 CFR Part 75](#) apply to HOME-ARP-assisted projects.

### **H. Conflicts of Interest**

HOME-ARP is subject to the following conflicts of interest requirements:

1. **Conflicts of Interest:** PJs, State recipients, and subrecipients engaging in any of the activities defined this Notice shall be subject to the conflicts of interest provisions at [24 CFR 92.356](#), including but not limited to the conflicts of interest exception process defined in [24 CFR 92.356\(d\)-\(e\)](#). Owners and developers of HOME-ARP NCS and HOME-ARP rental housing shall be subject to [24 CFR 92.356\(f\)](#).
2. **Organizational Conflicts of Interest:** The provision of any type or amount of HOME-ARP TBRA or supportive services may not be conditioned on an individual's or family's acceptance or occupancy of a shelter or housing unit owned by the PJ; State recipients; the subrecipient; or a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of the subrecipient. No subrecipient may, with respect to individuals or families occupying housing owned by the subrecipient, or any parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of the subrecipient, administer financial assistance that includes rental payments, utility deposits, security deposits, or first and last month's rent provided pursuant to this Notice. All contractors of the PJ, State recipients, or subrecipient must comply with the same requirements that apply to subrecipients under this section.
3. **Written Standards of Conduct:** PJs, State recipients, and subrecipients must maintain written standards of conduct covering the conflicts of interest and organizational conflicts of interest requirements under this Notice and [2 CFR 200.318](#). The written standards of conduct must also provide for internal controls and procedures to require a fair and open selection process for awarding HOME-ARP funds pursuant to this Notice. These standards

must include provisions on if and how Continuum of Care board members may participate in and/or influence discussions or resulting decisions concerning the competition or selection of an award or other financial benefits made pursuant to the HOME-ARP Notice, including internal controls on when funds may be awarded to the organization that the member represents.

4. **Requesting Exceptions to Organizational Conflicts of Interest:** Any request for an exception to the organizational conflicts of interest provisions in this Notice shall be in writing and shall be considered by HUD only after the PJ or State recipient has provided the following:
  - a. A written disclosure of the nature of the conflict, accompanied by an assurance that there has been public disclosure of the conflict and a description of how the public disclosure was made; and
  - b. An opinion of the PJ's or State recipient's attorney that the interest for which the exception is sought would not violate State or local law.
  
5. **Granting Exceptions to Organizational Conflicts of Interest:** HUD shall determine whether to grant an exception to the organizational conflicts of interest on a case-by-case basis when it determines that the exception will serve to further the purposes of HOME-ARP. HUD shall consider the following factors, as applicable, in determining whether to grant such an exception:
  - c. Whether the exception would provide a significant cost benefit or an essential degree of expertise to the program or project which would otherwise not be available
  - d. Whether undue hardship will result to the PJ, State recipient, subrecipient or the person affected when weighed against the public interest served by avoiding the prohibited conflict;
  - e. Whether conditioning approval on changes to the PJ, State recipient, or subrecipient's policies or procedures can adequately address the organizational conflict of interest; and
  - f. Any other factors relevant to HUD's determination, including the timing of the requested exception.

## **VIII. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. PJ Responsibilities**

The PJ is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of its HOME-ARP program, ensuring that HOME-ARP funds are used in accordance with all program requirements and written agreements, and taking appropriate action when performance problems arise. The use of State recipients, subrecipients, or contractors does not relieve the PJ of this responsibility.

### **B. Written Agreement Requirements**

Before disbursing any HOME-ARP funds to any entity, the PJ must enter into a written agreement with that entity pursuant to [24 CFR 92.504](#). Similarly, before disbursing any HOME

funds to a State recipient, subrecipient, or contractor which is administering all or a part of the HOME-ARP program on behalf of the PJ, the PJ must also enter into a written agreement with that entity that complies with [24 CFR 92.504](#) and the requirements described below. A written agreement cannot commit to providing HOME-ARP funds after the end of the HOME-ARP budget period.

The written agreement must require compliance with the requirements of this Notice. The content of the written agreement will vary depending upon the role the entity is asked to assume or the type of project undertaken.

This section details basic requirements by activity and the minimum provisions, in addition to those at [24 CFR 92.504](#) that must be included in a written agreement. The written agreement provisions in [24 CFR 92.504](#) that reference the requirements of [24 CFR 92.350](#), [24 CFR 92.351](#), and [24 CFR 92.359](#) are not waived and apply for all HOME-ARP written agreements.

1. **Rental Housing:** The PJ must execute a written agreement with the project owner/developer prior to the expenditure of HOME-ARP funds. The written agreement must comply with [24 CFR 92.504](#) and contain the following additional provisions:
  - a. *Use of HOME-ARP funds for Rental Housing:* The agreement between the owner/developer must describe the address of the project or legal description of the property if a street address has not been assigned to the property, the use of the HOME-ARP funds and other funds for the project, including the tasks to be performed for the project, a schedule for completing the tasks and the project, and a complete budget, including any HOME-ARP funds used to capitalize an operating cost reserve for qualified HOME-ARP units. These items must be in sufficient detail to provide a sound basis for the PJ to effectively monitor performance under the agreement to achieve project completion and compliance with HOME-ARP requirements.
  - b. *Operating Cost Assistance:* If the PJ will provide HOME-ARP funds for operating cost assistance, the agreement must specify whether the PJ will provide assistance through periodic payments or capitalize the operating cost assistance reserve based on the operating deficit projected for the 15-year compliance period. If the PJ is providing ongoing assistance, the amount of assistance must be based on the actual operating deficit associated with the HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households. The written agreement must specify the frequency of operating assistance payments made to the owner (e.g., monthly, quarterly, etc.) and state that the amount of assistance will be equal to the deficit demonstrated and/or incurred. The written agreement may only provide for HOME-ARP funds to be used for operating assistance payments during the budget period defined in [Section VIII.C.4](#) below. If operating cost assistance will be required beyond the budget period, the PJ should capitalize an operating reserve before the expiration of the budget period for HOME-ARP funds in accordance with [Section VI.B.23](#). If the PJ is capitalizing the operating reserve for the 15-year HOME-ARP compliance period, the amount of assistance must be based on the project's underwriting and the total anticipated operating deficit associated with the HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households. The written

agreement must specify the amount of the capitalized reserve and the restrictions on its use during the minimum compliance period in [Section VI.B.18](#). Net operating income resulting from HOME-ARP operating cost assistance is not permitted and must be prohibited in the written agreement between the participating jurisdiction and the owner.

- c. *Sublease/Master Lease of HOME-ARP Units*: If the PJ will permit a project owner to execute a sublease or master lease with a nonprofit organization for HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households, the agreement must specify the duration of the sublease or master lease, applicable rents, lease requirements and tenant protections.
- d. *On-going compliance*: The agreement must require rental housing assisted with HOME-ARP funds to comply with the on-going requirements of [Section VI.B](#) of this Notice or require repayment in accordance with [Section VI.B.22](#).
- e. *Property Standards*: The agreement must require the housing to meet the property standards required in [24 CFR 92.251](#) paragraphs (a) new construction, (b) rehabilitation projects, (c)(1) and (2) acquisition of standard housing and (f) on-going property condition standards.
- f. *Records and reports*: The agreement must specify the particular records that must be maintained and the information or reports that must be submitted to assist the PJ in meeting its recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The owner/developer of rental housing must annually provide the PJ with information on rents and occupancy of HOME-ARP assisted units to demonstrate compliance with this Notice. If the rental project has floating HOME-ARP units, the project owner/developer must provide the PJ with information regarding unit substitution and filling vacancies so that the project remains in compliance with the HOME-ARP occupancy requirements. The agreement must specify the reporting requirements, (including copies of financial statements) to enable the PJ to determine the financial condition and continued financial viability of the project.
- g. *Enforcement of the agreement*: The agreement must provide for a means for the PJ to enforce compliance with HOME-ARP requirements. This means of enforcement may include liens, deed restrictions, covenants running with the land, use restriction, or other mechanism approved by HUD under which the PJ has the right to require specific performance. In addition, the agreement must specify remedies for breach of the provisions of the agreement.
- h. *Request for disbursement of funds*: The agreement must specify that the owner/developer may not request disbursement of funds under the agreement until the funds are needed for payment of eligible costs. The owner/developer may request capitalization of a project operating cost assistance reserve for the qualifying units once all necessary title transfer requirements and construction work have been performed. The amount of each request must be limited to eligible costs in the amount needed, as described in [Section VI.B.5.g](#).



- i. *Duration of the agreement*: The agreement must be in effect for at least the 15-year HOME-ARP minimum compliance period.
  - j. *On-site Inspections and Financial Oversight*: The PJ must comply with the on-site inspections and financial oversight requirements of [24 CFR 92.504\(d\)\(1\) and \(2\)](#). In addition, if the PJ will permit the capitalization of a project operating cost assistance reserve, the PJ must, no less than annually, oversee the administration of the operating cost assistance reserve account to verify that the account is appropriately sized and draws from the account are used to cover any deficits associated with units occupied by qualifying households.
  - k. *Tenant Selection*: The written agreement must contain provisions explaining the method of tenant selection to be used in accordance with the requirements of [Section IV.C](#) and [VI.B.20](#) of this Notice. This section must be in sufficient detail to determine which method of tenant selection is being used for the qualifying population (i.e., use of CE, use of CE with other referral methods, or project-specific waiting list), the method of tenant selection for low-income households (See [Section VI.B.20.b](#) and [24 CFR 92.253\(d\)](#)), and any required policies and procedures around the use of a CE or project-specific waiting list. This section must also be in sufficient detail to determine compliance with the PJ's preferences and/or method of prioritization, if any, as well as all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in [24 CFR 5.105\(a\)](#).
2. **TBRA (subrecipient or contractor)**: The requirements at [24 CFR 92.504](#), apply to the use of HOME-ARP funds for TBRA. The written agreement provisions in 24 CFR 92.504 that reference the requirements of [24 CFR 92.350](#), [24 CFR 92.351](#), and [24 CFR 92.359](#) are not waived and still apply for HOME-ARP written agreements. The written agreement must contain the following provisions:
- a. *Use of HOME ARP funds*: At a minimum, the written agreement must describe the amount and use of the HOME-ARP funds, the tasks to be performed, or services to be provided. HOME-ARP funds cannot be provided after the end of the HOME-ARP budget period.
  - b. *Records and reports*: The agreement must specify the particular records that must be maintained and the information or reports that must be submitted to assist the PJ in meeting its recordkeeping and reporting requirements.
  - c. *Duration of agreement and disbursement of funds*: The agreement must specify the duration of the agreement and state that disbursement of funds under the agreement may not be requested until the funds are needed.
  - d. *Compliance with HOME-ARP program requirements*: The written agreement must require compliance with HOME-ARP program requirements for the HOME-ARP TBRA activity as outlined in [Section VI.C](#) of this Notice.

- e. *Rental assistance contract*: There must be a rental assistance contract between the PJ and either the HOME-ARP sponsor, the HOME-ARP TBRA assisted household, or the property owner. The PJ must determine the terms of the rental assistance contract. The rental assistance contract continues until the lease is terminated. If the rental assistance is being provided through a HOME-ARP sponsor, the PJ must determine the term of the rental assistance contract between the PJ and HOME-ARP sponsor.

If HOME-ARP TBRA is provided in coordination with a HOME-ARP sponsor, the PJ must enter into a written agreement with the HOME-ARP sponsor if the HOME-ARP TBRA rental assistance contract is not with the HOME-ARP sponsor and the HOME-ARP sponsor will be receiving the HOME-ARP TBRA subsidy directly from the PJ. The written agreement must specify the requirements for the HOME-ARP sponsor receiving the TBRA subsidy on behalf of the HOME-ARP TBRA household and the HOME-ARP sponsor's obligation to use the HOME-ARP TBRA payment to pay rent for the unit to the property owner or management agent. If HOME-ARP TBRA is provided in coordination with a HOME-ARP sponsor, the sponsor must enter into a sublease with the HOME-ARP TBRA assisted household that must specify the duration of the sublease, applicable rents, lease requirements and tenant protections, all in accordance with the requirements of this Notice.

- f. *Tenant Selection*: The written agreement must require the owner to comply with the method of tenant selection determined by the PJ and applicable requirements of [Section IV.C](#) and [VI.C.1](#) of this Notice. The written agreement must include a description of the required method of tenant selection for the qualifying populations (i.e., use of CE, use of CE with other referral methods, project-specific waiting list), the method of tenant selection for low-income households (See [Section VI.B.20.b](#) and [24 CFR 92.253\(d\)](#)), and any required policies and procedures around the use of a CE or project-specific waiting list. This section of the written agreement must be in sufficient detail to determine compliance with the PJ's preferences and/or method of prioritization, if any, as well as all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in [24 CFR 5.105\(a\)](#).
3. **Supportive Services (subrecipient or contractor)**: The requirements at [24 CFR 92.504](#), apply to the use of HOME-ARP funds for supportive services. The provisions of the written agreement will depend on the role the entity is asked to assume. At a minimum, the written agreement must contain the following provisions:
- a. *Use of HOME funds*: The written agreement must describe the amount and uses of the HOME-ARP funds, the tasks to be performed, the services to be provided, and include a budget. The written agreement cannot agree to provide HOME-ARP funds after the end of the HOME-ARP budget period.
  - b. *Records and Reports*: The agreement must specify the particular records that must be maintained and the information or reports that must be submitted in order to assist the PJ in meeting its recordkeeping and reporting requirements as required under [Section VIII.F](#) of this Notice.

- c. *Duration of the agreement and Disbursement of Funds*: The agreement must specify the duration of the agreement, and state that disbursement of funds under the agreement may not be requested until the funds are needed.
  - d. *Compliance with HOME-ARP Program Requirements*: The written agreement must also require compliance with HOME-ARP program requirements for the HOME-ARP supportive services activity as described in [Section VI.D](#) of this Notice.
4. **HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter (owner/developer)**: Written agreements must be executed between the PJ and the owner for all HOME-ARP NCS projects. A legally binding HOME-ARP NCS written agreement must include the date of the signature of each person signing the agreement. PJs are responsible for entering into written agreements before disbursing HOME-ARP funding. Contents of written agreements can vary based on specific needs of the PJ, the owner, and the project. Agreements for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of HOME-ARP NCS units must contain the following provisions:
- a. *Use of HOME-ARP funds*: The agreement between the PJ and owner must include the address of the project or legal description of the property if a street address has not been assigned to the property, the use of the HOME-ARP NCS funds and other funds for the project, including the tasks to be performed for the project, a schedule for completing the tasks and the project, and a complete budget. These items must be in sufficient detail to provide a sound basis for the PJ to effectively monitor performance under the agreement to achieve project completion and compliance with HOME-ARP requirements. The written agreement cannot agree to provide HOME-ARP funds after the end of the HOME-ARP budget period.
  - b. *Habitability and Property Standards*: The agreement must require the HOME-ARP NCS project to meet the habitability and property standards as described in [Section VI.E.7](#) of this Notice based on the type of project completed.
  - c. *Project Requirements*: The agreement must require the HOME-ARP NCS project to meet the project requirements as described in this Notice.
  - d. *Other program requirements*: The agreement must require the PJ and owner to carry out the project in compliance with the other Federal requirements of [24 CFR 92 subpart H](#) and [24 CFR 92.505](#).
  - e. *Records and reports*: The agreement must specify the particular records that must be maintained and the information or reports that must be submitted to assist the PJ in meeting its recordkeeping and reporting requirements.
  - f. *Restricted Use Period*: The agreement must require the project to meet the Restricted Use Period as described in [Section VI.E.9](#) of this Notice based on project type.
  - g. *Enforcement of the agreement*: The agreement must provide for a means for the PJ to enforce compliance with HOME-ARP requirements. This means of enforcement may include liens, deed restrictions, covenants running with the land, use restriction, or other

mechanism approved by HUD under which the PJ has the right to require specific performance. In addition, the agreement must specify remedies for breach of the provisions of the agreement.

- h. *Plan of Conversion*: PJs that intend to allow conversion of HOME-ARP NCS projects to other permanent affordable housing as permitted in this Notice must describe conversion as a possible outcome of the HOME-ARP NCS project; specify the conditions under which conversion will be permitted; and require that the PJ approve the terms and conditions of any conversion before the conversion occurs.
- i. *Additional PJ Conditions and Requirements*: PJs may include additional program and project requirements as determined necessary.

5. **Non-Profit Operating and Capacity Building**: The requirements at [24 CFR 92.504\(c\)\(6\)](#), apply to the use of HOME-ARP funds for non-profit operating and capacity building assistance. The written agreement must describe the amounts and uses of HOME-ARP funds for operating expenses or capacity building. If the non-profit organization is not also receiving HOME-ARP funds to carry out a HOME-ARP project, the agreement must provide that the organization is expected to receive funds for a HOME-ARP project within 24 months of the date of receiving the funds for operating or capacity building expenses and must specify the terms and conditions upon which this expectation is based and the consequences of failure to receive funding for a project.

When a PJ provides both operating assistance and capacity building assistance to an organization, it must enter into either one written agreement for both types of assistance or separate written agreements for operating expense assistance and capacity building assistance. If a PJ chooses to enter into one written agreement, the PJ must separately identify the scope of assistance, eligible uses and costs, and a budget for each type of funds.

## C. Grants Management

1. **HOME-ARP Grant Agreement**: HUD will make HOME-ARP funds available to the PJ pursuant to a HOME-ARP Grant Agreement, consistent with [Section VIII.C.2](#) below. Subject to the provisions of the grant agreement and requirements in this Notice, HUD will obligate HOME-ARP funds to the PJ upon execution of the agreement by both parties. In the grant agreement, the PJ agrees that funds invested in affordable housing under this Notice are repayable if the housing no longer meets the requirements of this Notice during the compliance period or the NCS no longer meets the requirements of this Notice during the restricted use period. The PJ also agrees to assume all responsibility for environmental review, decision making, and actions, as specified and required in regulation at [24 CFR 92.352](#) and [24 CFR Part 58](#). The PJ agrees to comply with [24 CFR 92.505](#) and applicable Uniform Administrative Requirements at [2 CFR part 200](#), as amended. The PJ agrees to comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the unique entity identifier and System for Award Management (SAM) requirements in [Appendix I](#) to 2 CFR part 200, as amended, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) in [Appendix A](#) to 2 CFR part 170. The PJ

agrees to comply with the federal nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements at [24 CFR 92.350](#) and affirmative marketing requirements in [24 CFR 92.351](#) and the VAWA requirements set forth in [24 CFR 92.359](#). The HOME-ARP grant is obligated when the HUD Authorized Official signs the memorandum obligating HOME-ARP grants. The HOME-ARP Grant Agreement must be signed by the CPD Field Office Director and counter-signed by the PJ’s authorized signatory. Once the CPD division in the local field office receives the fully executed HOME-ARP Grant Agreement, it will send the agreement to HUD’s CFO Accounting Office for processing. As described in [Section VIII.C.2](#) of this Notice, funds will become available to the PJ in IDIS once HUD’s CFO Accounting Office processes the grant.

2. **Access to Administrative Set-aside Funds:** Upon issuance of this Notice, HUD will obligate all HOME-ARP grants to PJs through the signing of the HOME-ARP obligating memorandum, after which each HOME-ARP Grant Agreement must be signed by both parties. After obligation, HUD will permit the PJ to use 5 percent of its award for eligible administrative and planning costs under [Section VI.A](#) of this Notice. **The PJ may not expend any funds for non-administrative and planning costs before the HOME-ARP allocation plan is accepted by HUD as described in [Section V.D.2 and 3](#) of this Notice.** HUD will make the remaining HOME-ARP grant funds available to the PJ once HUD accepts the HOME-ARP allocation plan. If the PJ does not submit a HOME-ARP allocation plan or if the PJ’s plan is not accepted within a reasonable period of time, as determined by HUD, any costs incurred or HOME-ARP funds expended by the PJ will be considered ineligible costs and must be repaid with non-Federal funds in accordance with guidance from HUD.
  
3. **HOME-ARP Grant Number:** The PJ’s HOME-ARP grant number is similar to its HOME grant number with the exception of the source type code. All HOME-ARP grants have the program identifier “M” and the source year of the grant “21.” The different source type codes are identified in the table below.

Source Type Description	HOME Source Type Code	HOME-ARP Source Type Code
HOME Consortium	DC	DP
Metropolitan City	MC	MP
State	SG	SP
Insular Area	ST	IP
Urban County	UC	UP

The unique grantee identifier portion of the grant number will be the same for HOME-ARP grants as it is for HOME grants. See examples of HOME-ARP grant numbers with the different source type codes in the table below.

<b>Participating Jurisdiction</b>	<b>HOME Grant Number</b>	<b>HOME-ARP Grant Number</b>
Maryland	M21SG240100	M21SP240100
Baltimore	M21MC240200	M21MP240200

4. **Budget Period:** The budget period for HOME-ARP grants begins on the Federal Award Date, which is the date of the HUD Authorized Official’s signature specified on the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement. The budget period for HOME-ARP grants ends on September 30, 2030. The PJ may not expend any HOME-ARP funds after September 30, 2030. After September 30, 2030, any HOME-ARP funds remaining in the PJ’s HOME Investment Trust Fund Treasury account will be cancelled and not available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose (per [31 U.S.C. 1552](#)).
5. **Period of Performance:** The period of performance for HOME-ARP grants begins on the Federal Award Date, which is the date of the HUD Authorized Official’s signature specified on the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement. The period of performance for HOME-ARP grants ends on September 30, 2030.
6. **Audit:** Audits of the PJ, State recipients, and subrecipients must be conducted in accordance with [2 CFR part 200, subpart F](#).
7. **Closeout:** HOME-ARP funds will be closed out in accordance with [2 CFR part 200, subpart D](#). The PJ will use HUD’s data system to closeout HOME-ARP grants once all HOME-ARP funds have been expended, all HOME-ARP activities are completed in accordance with the requirements of this Notice, and the proper beneficiary data has been entered. In order to closeout its HOME-ARP grants, the PJ must not have any open CPD monitoring findings or audits related the HOME-ARP funds. HUD will provide closeout guidance and instructions at a later date.

#### **D. Applicability of Uniform Administrative Requirements.**

The requirements of [2 CFR part 200](#), as amended apply to PJs, State recipients, and subrecipients receiving HOME-ARP funds, except for the following provisions: [2 CFR 200.306](#), [200.307](#), [200.308](#) (not applicable to participating jurisdictions), [200.311](#) (except as provided in [24 CFR 92.257](#)), [200.312](#), [200.329](#), [200.333](#), and [200.334](#). The provisions of [2 CFR 200.305](#) apply as modified by [24 CFR 92.502\(c\)](#) and this Notice. If there is a conflict between definitions in [2 CFR part 200](#) and [24 CFR part 92](#), the definitions in [24 CFR part 92](#), govern. Moreover, if there is a conflict between the provisions of [2 CFR part 200](#) and the provisions of this Notice, the provisions of this Notice govern.

Where regulations in [24 CFR part 92](#) refer to specific regulations of [2 CFR part 200](#) that were or are renumbered or revised by amendments to [2 CFR part 200](#), the requirements that apply to the

use of HOME-ARP funds are the applicable requirements in [2 CFR part 200](#), as amended, notwithstanding the renumbered regulatory reference.

## **E. Financial Management**

- 1. The HOME Investment Trust Fund:** HUD will establish a HOME-ARP Investment Trust Fund Treasury account (Treasury account) for a PJ's HOME-ARP funds. The Treasury account includes all HOME-ARP funds allocated to the PJ by formula and any HOME-ARP funds repaid by the PJ.

The PJ must establish a HOME-ARP Investment Trust Fund local account (local account) as described in [24 CFR 92.500](#). The PJ may use either a separate local account or, a subsidiary account within its general fund (or other appropriate fund) as the local account. The PJ may not use the same local account for HOME-ARP that it uses for its HOME local account. The local account includes deposits of HOME-ARP funds disbursed from the Treasury account. The local account must be interest-bearing.

HUD will reduce or recapture any HOME-ARP funds that are in the Treasury account that are not expended (drawn down) by September 30, 2030. Due to end-of-year financial system closeouts that begin before this date and prevent electronic access to the payment system, requests to draw down the funds must be made at least 7 full business days before this date so that the funds still can be drawn from the Treasury account through IDIS.

- 2. Program Income:** Program Income means gross income received by the PJ generated from the use of HOME-ARP funds during the grant period of performance. This includes, but is not limited to, principal and interest payments from a loan made with HOME-ARP funds, or other income or fees received from project owners in connection with HOME-ARP funds, and interest earned by the PJ on program income before its disposition.

Program income earned as a result of the use of HOME-ARP funds is HOME program income and must be used in accordance with the requirements of [24 CFR part 92](#). All program income must be recorded in IDIS. Program income must be deposited in the PJ's HOME-ARP local account (unless the PJ allows a State recipient or subrecipient to retain the program income for additional HOME projects pursuant to such terms and conditions in the written agreement and this Notice). The PJ must enter HOME-ARP program income retained by the State recipient or subrecipient as a HOME program income receipt in IDIS and subgrant the program income to the State recipient or subrecipient that retained the program income. The PJ is responsible to report on the use of its program income in IDIS, including program income it allowed a State recipient or subrecipient to retain.

- 3. Repayments:** Any HOME-ARP funds used for costs that are not eligible under this Notice, funds invested in a project that is terminated before completion, either voluntarily or otherwise, or funds invested in HOME-ARP rental housing and NCS that does not meet the requirements in this Notice for the applicable period specified in this Notice must be repaid by the PJ to its Treasury account. If the funds are repaid after September 30, 2030, they will be recaptured by the U.S. Department of Treasury and the PJ will not be able to re-use the

funds for eligible HOME-ARP activities. HOME-ARP funds may not be repaid to the PJ's local account.

4. **Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS)**: The PJ will use IDIS to administer its HOME-ARP funds. The PJ will request disbursements of HOME-ARP funds from its Treasury account and collect and report information on the use of HOME-ARP funds through IDIS. (For purposes of reporting in IDIS, a HOME-ARP project is an activity.) The PJ must report all program income in IDIS.

The requirements of [24 CFR 92.502\(c\)\(3\)](#) do not apply to HOME-ARP funds.

In accordance with this Notice, a HOME-ARP written agreement providing HOME-ARP funds to a project or the CHDO/nonprofit must be signed and dated by:

- a. the PJ and project owner for HOME-ARP rental and HOME-ARP NCS;
- b. the PJ and service provider for HOME-ARP supportive services;
- c. the PJ and landlord, tenant, and/or HOME-ARP sponsor, as applicable, for HOME-ARP TBRA; and,
- d. the PJ and CHDO/nonprofit organization for HOME-ARP Operating Expenses and Capacity Building Assistance.

This must occur before any HOME-ARP funds are disbursed. Federal funds cannot be drawn from the Treasury account in advance of the need to pay an eligible cost. Consequently, HOME-ARP funds cannot be drawn from the U.S. Treasury and placed in escrow or advanced in lump sums to State recipients, subrecipients, project owners, service providers, or landlords or tenants, except funds drawn down for a HOME-ARP rental project for an operating cost assistance reserve or reserve for replacement pursuant to [Section VI.B.5.g.](#) of this Notice or a HOME-ARP NCS project for a replacement reserve pursuant to [Section VI.E.](#)

Once funds are drawn from the PJ's Treasury account, they must be expended for an eligible HOME-ARP cost within 15 days. Any interest earned within the 15-day period may be retained by the PJ as HOME program income and recorded in IDIS as a program income receipt. Any funds that are drawn down and not expended for eligible costs within 15 days of the disbursement must be returned to HUD for deposit in the PJ's Treasury account. Interest earned after 15 days belongs to the United States and must be remitted to the United States as provided in [2 CFR 200.305\(b\)\(9\)](#), except interest amounts up to \$500 per year may be retained for the PJ's administrative expenses.

Additional HOME-ARP funds may be committed to a project up to one year after project completion.



HUD will govern access to IDIS by other entities participating in the HOME program (e.g., State recipients). Only PJs and State recipients (if permitted by the State) may request disbursement.

## **F. Recordkeeping**

Each PJ must establish and maintain sufficient records to enable HUD to determine whether the PJ has met the requirements of this Notice. At a minimum, the following records are needed:

### **1. Program Records:**

- a. Records evidencing that all HOME-ARP funds used by a PJ for TBRA, supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units benefit individuals and families in qualifying populations.
- b. Records evidencing that not less than 70 percent of affordable rental housing units acquired, rehabilitated, and/or constructed with HOME funds by a PJ are restricted for occupancy by households in the qualifying populations.
- c. Records documenting compliance with the 15 percent limitation on administrative and planning costs.
- d. Records documenting compliance with the 5 percent limitation on CHDO and non-profit operating and capacity building costs.
- e. The underwriting and subsidy layering guidelines adopted in accordance with [Section VI.B.10](#) of this Notice that support the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan certification.
- f. If existing debt is refinanced for multifamily rehabilitation projects, the HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines established in the HOME-ARP in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.
- g. If HOME-ARP funds are used for TBRA, records supporting the PJ's written selection policies and criteria; supporting documentation for preferences for specific categories of qualifying individuals; and records supporting the rent standard and minimum tenant contribution established in accordance with [Section VI.C.7 and 8](#) of this Notice.
- h. Confidentiality.
  - i. The PJ's written policies and procedures for maintaining confidentiality of qualifying households as individuals or families fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking in accordance with [Section VIII.H](#).
  - ii. The PJ's written policies and procedures for maintaining confidentiality in compliance with the VAWA protections contained in [24 CFR Part 5, Subpart L](#).

- 2. Project Records:** PJs are required to retain the following records for HOME-ARP-assisted projects, as specified by activity type.
- a. A full description of each project assisted with HOME-ARP funds, including the location (address of project), form of HOME-ARP assistance, and the units, families, or qualifying households assisted with HOME-ARP funds, subject to confidentiality requirements in this Notice.
  - b. The source and application of funds for each project, including supporting documentation in accordance with [2 CFR 200.302](#); and records to document the eligibility and permissibility of the project costs, including the documentation of the actual HOME-ARP-eligible development costs of each HOME-ARP-assisted unit as defined in this Notice.
  - c. Records (i.e., written agreements) demonstrating compliance with the written agreement requirements in [Section VIII.B](#) of this Notice.
  - d. Records (e.g., inspection reports) demonstrating that each HOME-ARP rental project meets the property standards in [Section VI.B.11](#) of this Notice at project completion and through the applicable minimum compliance period. In addition, during a HOME-ARP rental project's minimum compliance period, records demonstrating compliance with the property standards and financial oversight pursuant to [24 CFR 92.504\(d\)](#) and the operating cost assistance reserve management and oversight required by [Section VI.B.23](#) of this Notice.
  - e. Records (e.g., inspection reports) demonstrating that each unit occupied by a qualifying household receiving HOME-ARP TBRA, meets the housing quality standards of [Section VI.C.9](#) of this Notice at initial occupancy and throughout the household's term of assistance.
  - f. Records (e.g., inspection reports) demonstrating that each NCS project meets the property and habitability standards of [Section VI.E.7](#) of this Notice at project completion and throughout the applicable restricted use period.
  - g. Records demonstrating that each qualifying household is eligible for HOME-ARP assistance based on the requirements of the ARP and [Section IV](#) of this Notice.
  - h. Records demonstrating that each household qualifying as homeless, records that meet the requirements in [24 CFR 576.500\(b\)\(1\), \(2\), \(3\), or \(4\)](#), as applicable (except that youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation to show they are homeless to receive any shelter, housing, or services for which ESG or CoC Program funds may be used to supplement the HOME-ARP assistance).
  - i. Records demonstrating that each household qualifying as "at risk of homelessness," records that meet the requirements in [24 CFR 576.500\(c\)\(1\) or \(2\)](#), as applicable, and include the following documentation of annual income:

- i. Income evaluation form containing the minimum requirements specified by HUD and completed by the recipient or subrecipient; and
  - ii. Source documents for the assets held by the household and income received over the most recent period for which representative data is available before the date of the evaluation (e.g., wage statement, unemployment compensation statement, public benefits statement, bank statement);
  - iii. To the extent that source documents are unobtainable, a written statement by the relevant third party (e.g., employer, government benefits administrator) or the written certification by the recipient's or subrecipient's intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party of the income the household received over the most recent period for which representative data is available; or
  - iv. To the extent that source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, the written certification by the household of the amount of income the household received for the most recent period representative of the income that the household is reasonably expected to receive over the 3-month period following the evaluation.
- j. Records demonstrating compliance with the household income requirements in accordance with [Section VI.B.12](#) of this Notice for each HOME-ARP rental project.
  - k. Records demonstrating that each HOME-ARP rental and NCS project meets the minimum compliance period or restricted use period described in [Sections VI.B.18](#) and [VI.E.9](#) respectively, of this Notice.
  - l. Records demonstrating that for each HOME-ARP rental housing unit or for each household receiving HOME-ARP TBRA, compliance with the tenant protection requirements of [Sections VI.B.19](#) and [VI.C.2](#), respectively, of this Notice. For HOME-ARP TBRA or rental projects under a master lease, the PJ must retain records demonstrating that a master lease for housing leased by a HOME-ARP sponsor and each sublease between a qualifying household and HOME-ARP sponsor complies with the tenant and participant protections of [24 CFR 92.253](#) and this Notice. Records must be kept for each household.
  - m. Records demonstrating compliance with the return of the HOME-ARP rental capitalized operating cost assistance reserve and/or the NCS replacement reserve at the end of the compliance or restricted use period in accordance with [Sections VI.B.24](#) and [VI.E.10](#) respectively, of this Notice.
  - n. Records demonstrating that each HOME-ARP rental and each NCS project meets the underwriting and subsidy layering or due diligence requirements of [Section VI.B.10](#) or [VI.E.6](#) of this Notice.
  - o. Records demonstrating that each HOME-ARP rental housing project meets the rent limitations of [Sections VI.B.13](#) and [VI.B.15](#) of this Notice for the 15-year minimum compliance period. Records must be kept for each household assisted.

- p. Records demonstrating that each multifamily HOME-ARP rental housing project involving rehabilitation with refinancing complies with the refinancing guidelines established in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)](#).
- q. Records demonstrating that a site and neighborhood standards review was conducted for each HOME-ARP rental housing project involving new construction under [Section VI.B](#) of this Notice to determine that the site meets the requirements of [24 CFR 983.57\(e\)\(2\) and \(e\)\(3\)](#), in accordance with [24 CFR 92.202](#).
- r. Records demonstrating that any conversion of HOME-ARP NCS complies with the requirements established by [Section VI.E](#) of this Notice, including that conversion of NCS only occurred after the end of the applicable minimum use period defined in [Section VI.E.11](#).
- s. For all HOME-ARP NCS projects the following documents must be maintained, as applicable:
  - i. Purchase contract, closing documents, settlement statement and title work for acquisitions.
  - ii. Appraisal or other estimation of value to justify acquisition expenditure.
  - iii. Architectural and engineering contracts and completed designs, plans, and specifications for rehabilitation and new construction activities.
  - iv. Invoices, pay requests, and proof of payment for all project expenditures.
  - v. Proof of insurance.
  - vi. Project and program audits.
- t. For all HOME-ARP Supportive Services projects pursuant to McKinney-Vento or Homelessness Prevention Supportive Services:
  - i. Records, where applicable, demonstrating compliance with the termination of assistance requirement as described in [Section VI.D.5](#) of this Notice.
  - ii. Records of all solicitations of and agreements with subrecipients and contractors, records of all payment requests by and dates of payments made to subrecipients, and documentation of all monitoring and sanctions of subrecipients, as applicable including any findings and corrective actions required.
  - iii. Records of all procurement contracts and documentation of compliance with the procurement requirements in [2 CFR part 200, subpart D](#), as revised by [Section VIII.D](#) of this Notice.
  - iv. Records evidencing the use of the written procedures required under [Section VI.D.2](#) and records evidencing compliance with [Section IV.C.2](#) of this Notice.

- v. Records of all leases, subleases, and financial assistance agreements for the provision of rental payments, documentation of payments made by the PJ to owners, HOME-ARP sponsor, or qualifying households for the provision of financial assistance for rental payments, and supporting documentation for these payments, including dates of occupancy by qualifying individuals and families.
- vi. Records that document the monthly allowance for utilities (excluding telephone) used to determine compliance with the rent restriction.
- vii. Records of the types of services provided under the PJ's program and the amounts spent on these services.
- viii. Records demonstrating subrecipient compliance with the recordkeeping requirements in [Section VIII.F](#) of this Notice.
- u. For all HOME-ARP Housing Counseling Services projects as defined in [24 CFR part 5](#), each participating housing counseling agency must maintain a recordkeeping and reporting system in accordance with [24 CFR 214.315](#) and [24 CFR 214.317](#). The system must permit HUD to easily access all information needed for a performance review.
- v. For all HOME-ARP-assisted nonprofit operating expense and capacity building assistance activities:
  - i. Records concerning the use of funds for nonprofit operating expense and capacity building assistance must be maintained to enable HUD to determine whether the PJ has met the requirements of [Section VI.F](#) of this Notice.
  - ii. Written agreements between the PJ and the nonprofit organization providing nonprofit operating expense assistance or capacity building assistance must be retained for five years after the agreement terminates.

### **3. Financial records:**

- a. Records, in accordance with [2 CFR 200.302](#), identifying the source and application of HOME-ARP funds. Identification must include, as applicable, the Assistance Listing program title and number (formerly Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance), Federal award identification number and year, name of the Federal agency, and name of the pass-through entity, if any.
- b. Records concerning the HOME-ARP Investment Trust Fund Treasury account and local account required to be established and maintained by this Notice, including deposits, disbursements, balances, supporting documentation and any other information required by IDIS.
- c. Records identifying the source and application of program income and repayments.
- d. Records demonstrating adequate budget control and other records required by [2 CFR 200.302](#), including evidence of periodic account reconciliations.

**4. Program administration records:**

- a. Records demonstrating compliance with the written agreements required by [Section VIII.B](#) of this Notice.
- b. Records demonstrating compliance with the applicable uniform administrative requirements required by [Section VIII.D](#) of this Notice.
- c. Records documenting required inspections, monitoring reviews and audits, and the resolution of any findings or concerns.

**5. Records concerning other Federal requirements:**

- a. Equal opportunity and fair housing records.
  - i. Data on the extent to which each racial and ethnic group, and single-headed households by gender of household head) have applied for, participated in, or benefited from, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with HOME-ARP funds.
  - ii. Documentation that the PJ submitted a certification that it will affirmatively further fair housing consistent with HUD's Interim Final Rule entitled Restoring Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Definitions and Certifications (86 FR 30779, June 10, 2021) (codified at 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152;), [available at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/06/10/2021-12114/restoring-affirmatively-furthering-fair-housing-definitions-and-certifications](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/06/10/2021-12114/restoring-affirmatively-furthering-fair-housing-definitions-and-certifications).
  - iii. Records demonstrating compliance with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements of [24 CFR 92, Subpart H](#).
- b. Affirmative marketing and MBE/WBE records.
  - i. Records demonstrating compliance with the affirmative marketing procedures and requirements of [24 CFR 92.351](#) and this Notice.
  - ii. Documentation and data on the steps taken to implement the jurisdiction's outreach programs to minority-owned (MBE) and female-owned (WBE) businesses including data indicating the racial/ethnic or gender character of each business entity receiving a contract or subcontract of \$25,000 or more paid, or to be paid, with HOME-ARP funds; the amount of the contract or subcontract, and documentation of participating jurisdiction's affirmative steps to assure that minority business and women's business enterprises have an equal opportunity to obtain or compete for contracts and subcontracts as sources of supplies, equipment, construction, and services.
- c. Records demonstrating compliance with the environmental review requirements of [24 CFR 92.352](#), [24 CFR part 58](#), and this Notice including flood insurance requirements.

- d. Records demonstrating compliance with the requirements of [24 CFR 92.353](#) and the provisions of [Section VII.F](#) of this Notice regarding displacement, relocation, and real property acquisition, including but not limited to:
  - i. project occupancy lists identifying the name and address of all persons occupying the real property on the date described in [24 CFR 92.353\(c\)\(2\)\(i\)\(A\)](#), moving into the property on or after the date described in [24 CFR 92.353\(c\)\(2\)\(i\)\(A\)](#), and occupying the property upon completion of the project;
  - ii. lists of all individuals or families occupying hotels and motels and other nonresidential properties acquired, rehabilitated, and/or demolished and newly constructed to become HOME-ARP NCS or HOME-ARP rental housing that qualify for assistance under this Notice as members of a qualifying population, as well as records indicating whether such persons were assisted by the HOME-ARP program by the PJ following the closure of the nonresidential properties because of HOME-ARP activities
  - iii. lists of all individuals or families occupying HOME-ARP NCS that were converted during the required use period that qualify for assistance under this Notice, as well as records indicating whether moving costs or advisory services were provided as part of HOME-ARP administrative costs or under the HOME-ARP supportive services activity in [Section VI.D](#) of this Notice, and records indicating whether such persons were assisted by the HOME-ARP program by the PJ following the conversion of the HOME-ARP NCS units.
  - iv. Documentation that the PJ has and followed a RARAP in accordance with [24 CFR 92.353](#) and [24 CFR 42.325](#).
- e. Records demonstrating compliance with the labor requirements of [24 CFR 92.354](#), including contract provisions and payroll records.
- f. Records demonstrating compliance with the lead-based paint requirements of [24 CFR part 35](#), subparts A, B, J, K, M and R, as applicable.
- g. Records supporting compliance with conflict of interest requirements in [24 CFR 92.356](#), as revised by [Section VII.H](#) of this Notice, as well as documentation of any exceptions granted by HUD or a state PJ, as applicable, to the conflict of interest provisions in [24 CFR 92.356](#), as revised by [Section VII.H](#) of this Notice.
- h. Records demonstrating compliance with debarment and suspension requirements in [2 CFR part 2424](#).
- i. Records concerning intergovernmental review, as required by [24 CFR 92.357](#).
- j. Records of emergency transfers requested under [24 CFR 5.2005\(e\)](#) and [24 CFR 92.359](#) pertaining to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including data on the outcomes of those requests.

- k. Documentation of actions undertaken to meet the requirements of [24 CFR part 75](#) which implements section 3 of the Housing Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u).
6. **State Recipients and Subrecipients:** A PJ that distributes HOME-ARP funds to State recipients or subrecipients must require the State recipients or subrecipients to keep the records required by paragraphs 1. program records, 2. project records, 3. financial records, 4. program administration records, and 5. records concerning other federal requirements of [Section VIII.F](#) of this Notice, and such other records as the PJ determines to be necessary to enable the PJ to carry out its responsibilities under this Notice. The PJ need not duplicate the records kept by the State recipients or subrecipients. The PJ must keep records concerning its annual review of the performance and compliance of each State recipient and subrecipient as required under [24 CFR 92.504\(a\)](#).
7. **Period of record retention:** All records pertaining to HOME-ARP funds must be retained for five years, except as provided below.
- a. For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, records may be retained for five years after the project completion date; except that records of individual tenant income verifications, project rents and project inspections must be retained for the most recent five-year period, until five years after the affordability period terminates.
  - b. For HOME-ARP TBRA projects, records must be retained for five years after the period of rental assistance terminates.
  - c. Written agreements must be retained for five years after the agreement terminates.
  - d. Records covering displacements and acquisition must be retained for five years after the date by which all persons displaced from the property and all persons whose property is acquired for the project have received the final payment to which they are entitled in accordance with [24 CFR 92.353](#).
  - e. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, monitoring, inspection, or other action has been started before the expiration of the required record retention period records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the required period, whichever is later.
8. **Access to records:** The PJ must provide citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties with reasonable access to records, consistent with applicable state and local laws and any other applicable grant conditions from other federal grant programs regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.

The PJ, subrecipient, contractor, or owner may create a program participant identifier code or number that can be used on a file and maintained internally, in such a way that the number itself does not inadvertently identify the program participant, (i.e., no use of initials, date of birth, or other pieces of information that might suggest the identity of the program participant). The “key” or “cypher” for the program participant identifier code would itself be confidential and would not leave the provider. In the circumstance of HUD programs, the



Unique Personal Identification Number which is generated within the comparable database could be used with auditors to identify records of services to distinct individuals, subject to the below requirement.

HUD and the Comptroller General of the United States, any of their representatives, have the right of access to any pertinent books, documents, papers, or other records of the PJ, state recipients, and subrecipients, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. If a provider of services or operator of an NCS is subject to state or local laws or other federal grant programs that require that HUD not be given access to records detailing PII of victims, then auditors or evaluators may be given access to representative files without any sharing of individual identifying information.

## **G. Reporting and Performance Reports.**

The PJ must submit reports in a format and at such time as prescribed by HUD. In addition, HUD and Office of the Inspector General (OIG) staff must be given access, upon reasonable notice, to all information related to the selection, award, and use of HOME-ARP funds.

Each PJ must enter the required HOME-ARP data elements timely in IDIS.

1. For HOME-ARP rental activities under [Section VI.B](#) of this Notice, the PJ must enter complete project completion information when it completes the activity in IDIS, except the assisted units can be marked vacant until they are occupied by eligible households.
2. For HOME-ARP NCS activities under [Section VI.E](#) of this Notice, the PJ must enter complete project completion information when it completes the activity in IDIS. In addition, the PJ must report the disposition of any HOME-ARP-assisted NCS activity that is converted to another eligible use at the time of conversion.
3. For HOME-ARP TBRA activities under [Section VI.C](#) of this Notice, the PJ must report beneficiary information in IDIS at the time assistance is provided.
4. For HOME-ARP Supportive Services activities under [Section VI.D](#) of this Notice, the PJ must report in IDIS quarterly, by the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the end of each calendar quarter, on the number of homeless and not homeless households assisted with supportive services and housing counseling, including the race and ethnicity, household size, and household type of the households assisted.

HUD will issue guidance about reporting on HOME-ARP activities in the PJ's consolidated annual performance and evaluation report (CAPER) required under [24 CFR 91.520](#), at a later date.

## **H. Confidentiality Requirements**

1. All entities assisted by HOME-ARP funds must develop, implement, and maintain written procedures to require that –

- a. All records containing personally identifying information of any individual or family who applies for and/or receives HOME-ARP assistance will be kept secure and confidential;
  - b. The address or location of any NCS or HOME-ARP rental housing exclusively for individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking will not be made public, except as necessary where making the address or location public does not identify occupancy of the NCS or HOME-ARP rental housing, when necessary to record use restrictions or restrictive covenants in accordance with [Section VI.B](#) or [VI.E](#), or with written authorization of the person or entity responsible for the operation of the NCS or HOME-ARP rental housing; and
  - c. The address or location of any program participant that is a fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking will not be made public, except as provided under a privacy policy of the PJ consistent with state and local laws and any other grant conditions from other federal grant programs regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.
2. Documenting status of a qualifying population that is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, or human trafficking:
- a. If an individual or family qualifies because the individual or family is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking then acceptable evidence includes an oral or written statement by the qualifying individual or head of household seeking assistance that they are fleeing that situation. An oral statement may be documented by either –
    - i. a written certification by the individual or head of household; or
    - ii. a written certification by a victim service provider, intake worker, social worker, legal assistance provider, health-care provider, law enforcement agency, legal assistance provider, pastoral counselor, or an intake worker in any other organization from whom the individual or family sought assistance.

The written documentation need only include the minimum amount of information indicating that the individual or family is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking and need not include any additional details about the conditions that prompted the individual or family to seek assistance.

## **IX. PERFORMANCE REVIEWS**

HUD will review the performance of each PJ in carrying out its responsibilities for the use of HOME-ARP funds and its compliance with the requirements of this Notice. Such reviews may take the form of remote or on-site monitoring, review of IDIS data or reports, assessment of documents requested from the PJ, subrecipient, or other entity carrying out HOME-ARP activities, and inquiries resulting from external audit reports, media reports, citizen complaints,

or other sources of relevant information. HUD may also review a PJ's timely use of HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities, including the progress of expenditures for individual projects or activities, the requirement to place a project in service in accordance with requirements in this Notice, and compliance of HOME-ARP rental housing and NCS with the 4-year deadline for completing projects.

If HUD preliminarily determines that a PJ has not met a requirement of this Notice or an applicable requirement of the HOME regulations at [24 CFR Part 92](#), HUD will communicate its determination in writing and provide the PJ with the opportunity to demonstrate, based on substantial facts, documentation, and data, that it has done so. HUD may extend any time period it provided to the PJ to demonstrate its compliance if upon request of the PJ, HUD determines that it is infeasible for the PJ to provide a full response within the prescribed period.

If the PJ fails to demonstrate to HUD's satisfaction that it has met the requirement, HUD will take corrective or remedial action in accordance with this section or [24 CFR 92.552](#).

## **A. Corrective and Remedial Actions**

Corrective or remedial actions for a performance deficiency (e.g., failure to meet a provision of this Notice or an applicable provision of [24 CFR Part 92](#)) will be designed to prevent a continuation of the deficiency; mitigate, to the extent possible, its adverse effects or consequences; and prevent its recurrence. HUD may impose corrective or remedial actions including but not limited to the following:

1. HUD may instruct the PJ to submit and comply with proposals for action to correct, mitigate and prevent a performance deficiency, including:
  - a. Preparing and following a schedule of actions for carrying out the affected activities, consisting of schedules, timetables, and milestones necessary to implement the affected activities;
  - b. Establishing and following a management plan that assigns responsibilities for carrying out the remedial actions;
  - c. Canceling or revising activities likely to be affected by the performance deficiency, before expending HOME-ARP funds for the activities;
  - d. Reprogramming HOME-ARP funds that have not yet been expended from affected activities to other eligible activities;
  - e. Reimbursing its HOME-ARP grant in any amount not used in accordance with the requirements of this Notice;
  - f. Suspending disbursement of HOME-ARP funds for affected activities; and
  - g. Establishing procedures to ensure compliance with HOME-ARP requirements.

2. HUD may also:
  - a. Change the method of payment from an advance to a reimbursement basis and may require supporting documentation to be submitted for HUD review for each payment request before payment is made;
  - b. Determine the PJ to be high risk and impose special conditions or restrictions on the use of HOME-ARP funds in accordance with [2 CFR 200.208](#); and
  - c. Take other remedies that may be legally available, including remedies under [2 CFR 200.339](#) and [200.340](#).

## **B. Sanctions**

The requirements at [24 CFR 92.552](#) apply to HOME-ARP funds, except that the provision at [24 CFR 92.552\(a\)\(2\)\(iv\)](#) related to failure to comply with matching contribution requirements shall not apply.

## **X. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the environment has been made in accordance with HUD regulations at [24 CFR part 50](#), which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)). The FONSI is available for inspection at HUD's Funding Opportunities web page at: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps).