

Multifamily Direct Loan Certification

I (We) hereby make application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the "Department") for an award of Multifamily Direct Loan funds, which may be composed of HOME Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") and/or Tax Credit Assistance Program Repayment Funds "TCAP RF." The undersigned hereby acknowledges that an award by the Department does not warrant that the Development is deemed qualified to receive such award. I (We) agree that the Department or any of its directors, officers, employees, and agents will not be held responsible or liable for any representations made to the undersigned or its investors relating to the Multifamily Direct Loan; therefore, I (We) assume the risk of all damages, losses, costs, and expenses related thereto and agree to indemnify and save harmless the Department and any of its officers, employees, and agents against any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any kind and of any nature that the Department may hereinafter suffer, incur, or pay arising out of its decision concerning this application for Multifamily Direct Loan funds or the use of information concerning the Multifamily Direct Loan.

On behalf of the Applicant and all affiliates of the Applicant (hereinafter "Applicant"), I (We) hereby certify that the Applicant is familiar with the state Rules, as published in 10 TAC Chapters 1, 2, and 10. I (We) hereby acknowledge that this Application is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, the Texas Public Information Act, unless a valid exception exists.

I (We) acknowledge all representations, undertakings, and commitments made by Applicant in the application process for a Development, whether with respect to threshold criteria, selection criteria or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a condition to any Commitment Notice, Determination Notice, Award Letter and Loan Term Sheet, Loan Commitment or Contract for such Development, the violation of which shall be cause for cancellation of such Commitment Notice, Determination Notice, Award Letter and Loan Term Sheet, Loan Commitment or Contract by the Department and if concerning the ongoing features or operation of the Development, shall be enforceable even if not reflected in the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) and Contract. All such representations are enforceable by the Department and the tenants of the Development, including but not limited to enforcement by administrative penalties for failure to perform, in accordance with the LURA and Contract.

I (We) certify I (We) have disclosed in the Application all instances in which the Developer or Principal of the Applicant has been removed by a lender, equity provider, or limited partners in the past ten years for its failure to perform obligations under loan documents or limited partnership agreements. I (We) understand that if the Department learns at a later date that a removal did take place as described and was not disclosed, the Application may be terminated and any award made will be rescinded.

I (We) agree the Department may, at its discretion, request additional information and/or documentation in its evaluation of this Application and or is authorized but not obligated under this document to conduct its own investigation regarding any information required requested and or provided in relation to the application or the Development.

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I (We) hereby assert that the information contained in this Application as required or deemed necessary by the materials governing the Multifamily Direct Loan are true and correct and that I (We) have undergone sufficient investigation to affirm the validity of the statements made and the Department may rely on any such statements.

Further, I (We) hereby assert that I (We) have read and understand all the information contained in the application. By signing this document, I (We) affirm that all statements made in this government document are true and correct under penalty of Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code titled Perjury and Other Falsification and subject to criminal penalties as defined by the State of Texas. TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. §37.01 et seq. (Vernon 2011).

I (We) understand and agree that if false information is provided in this Application which has the effect of increasing the Applicant's competitive advantage, the Department will disqualify the Applicant and may hold the Applicant ineligible to apply for Multifamily Direct Loan funds or until any issue of restitution is resolved.

If false information is discovered after the award of Multifamily Direct Loan funds, the Department may terminate the Applicant's written agreement and recapture all Multifamily Direct Loan funds expended.

I (We) shall not, in the provision of services, or in any other manner discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability. Verification of any of the information contained in this application may be obtained from any source named herein.

I (We) will at all times indemnify and hold the Department harmless against all losses, costs, damages, expenses, and liabilities of any nature directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of or relating to the Department's acceptance, consideration, approval, or disapproval of this request and the issuance or non-issuance of Multifamily Direct Loan funds herewith.

I (We) have written below the name of the individual authorized to execute the Multifamily Direct Loan agreement and any and all future Multifamily Direct Loan commitments and contracts related to this application. If this individual is replaced by the organization, I (We) must inform the Department within 30 days of the person authorized to execute agreements, commitment and/or contracts on behalf of the Applicant.

I (We) certify that no person or entity that would benefit from the award of Multifamily Direct Loan funds has committed to providing a source of match.

I (We) certify that I (We) will meet, Texas Minimum Construction Standards, 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, as well as the Fair Housing Accessibility Standards and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as further detailed in 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter B. I (We) certify that the Development will meet all local building codes or standards that may apply as well as the Uniform Physical Conditions Standards in 24 CFR §5.705

In the event of an award of HOME funds, if the Development is located within a jurisdiction that does not have building codes, I (We) will meet the most current International Building Code.

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I (We) certify that if Department funds have a first lien position in the project for which assistance is being requested, assurance of completion of the development will be provided in the form of payment and performance bonds in the full amount of the construction contract, running to the Department as obligee, or equivalent guarantee in the sole determination of the Department.

I (We) certify that if refinancing is a component of the proposed development the Applicant must confirm that Multifamily Direct Loan funds will not be used to replace loans, grants or other financing by any other Federal program.

I (We) certify that if other federal or governmental assistance is used in the financing of this development I (We) will notify the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

I (We) certify that I (We) do not and will not knowingly employ an undocumented worker, where "undocumented worker" means an individual who, at the time of employment, is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States or authorized under law to be employed in that manner in the United States.

If, after receiving a public subsidy, I (We), am convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C Section 1324a (f), I (We) shall repay the amount of the public subsidy with interest, at the rate and according to the other terms provided by an agreement under Texas Government Code Section 2264.053, not later than the 120th day after the date TDHCA notifies Name of Applicant of the violation.

On behalf of the Applicant, I (We) hereby certify that the Applicant is familiar with the provisions of the federal HOME Final Rule, as published in 24 CFR Part 92, and other related administrative rules and regulations and court rulings issued by the Federal government or State of Texas with respect to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and all Developments eligible to receive HOME funds will comply with such rules during the application process and, in the event of award of HOME funds, for the duration of the proposed Development.

Lead Based Paint

I (We) certify that documentation of compliance with the Texas Environmental Lead Reduction Rules in 25 TAC Chapter 295, Subchapter I or 24 CFR Part 35 (Lead Safe Housing Rule), as applicable, will be maintained in project files. I (We) understand that for Developments subject to 24 CFR Part 25, standard forms are available in the Federal Register , as indicated by the sources noted below.

- 1) Applicability 24 CFR §35.115 – A copy of a statement indicating that the property is covered by or exempt from Lead Safe Housing Rule.
 - a) If the property is exempt, the file should include the reason for the exemption and no further documentation is required.
 - b) if the property is covered by the Rule, the file should include the appropriate documentation to indicate basic compliance, as listed below:
 - i) Summary Paint Testing Report or Presumption Notice 24 CFR §35.930(a) – A copy of any report to indicate the presence of lead-based paint (LBP) for projects receiving up to \$5,000

- per unit in rehabilitation assistance. If no testing was performed, then LBP is presumed to be on all disturbed surfaces;
- ii) Notice of Evaluation 24 CFR §35.125(a) – A copy of a notice demonstrating that an evaluation summary was provided to residents following a lead-based-paint inspection, risk assessment or paint testing;
 - iii) Clearance Report 24 CFR §35.930(b) (3) – A report indicating a “clearance examination” was performed of the work site upon completion; and
 - iv) Notice of Hazard Reduction Completion 24 CFR §35.125(b) – Upon completion, a copy of a notice to show that a LBP remediation summary was provided to residents.

Threshold Certification

On behalf of the Applicant and all affiliates of the Applicant (hereinafter “Applicant”), I (We) hereby certify that the Applicant is familiar with the provisions and requirements of the Multifamily Direct Loan Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) approved by the Department’s Governing Board on November 12, 2015, for which I (We) am applying.

I (We) understand that housing units subsidized by Multifamily Direct Loan funds must be affordable to low, very low or extremely low-income persons. I (We) understand that mixed income rental developments may only receive funds for units that meet the Multifamily Direct Loan affordability standards. I (We) understand that all Applications intended to serve persons with disabilities must adhere to the Department’s Integrated Housing Rule at 10 TAC §1.15.

I (We) understand that funds being used for Multifamily Developments must establish a reserve account consistent with §2306.186, Texas Government Code, and as further described in 10 TAC §10.404.

I (We) understand that, pursuant to 10 TAC §10.403, all contractors, consulting firms, Borrowers, Development Owners and Contract Administrators must sign and submit the appropriate documentation with each draw to attest that each request for payment of Multifamily Direct Loan funds is for the actual cost of providing a service and that the service does not violate any conflict of interest provisions in 24 CFR Part 92.

I (We) certify that I (We) am eligible to apply for funds or any other assistance from the Department. I (We) certify that all audits are current at the time of application. I (We) certify that any Audit Certification Forms have been submitted to the Department in a satisfactory format on or before the application deadline for funds or other assistance pursuant to 10 TAC §1.3(b).

All applicants applying under the 2016-1 Multifamily Direct Loan Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) must read and initial after each of the following sections regarding federal cross cutting requirements.

HUD Section 3

I (We) hereby agree that the work to be performed in connection with any award of HOME funds is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (“Section 3”). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing. I (We) agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement Section 3. For more information about HUD Section 3, please reference the TDHCA website dedicated to Section 3 at: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/program-services/hud-section-3/index.htm>

Environmental

I (We) understand that the environmental effects of each activity carried out with an award of HOME funds must be assessed in accordance with the provisions of National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. §4321 et seq.) and the related activities listed in HUD’s implementing regulations at 24 C.F.R. parts 50, 51, 55 and 58 (NEPA regulations). Each such activity must have an environmental review completed and support documentation prepared complying with the NEPA and NEPA regulations. **No loan may close or funds be committed to an activity before the completion of the environmental review process, including the requirements of 24 C.F.R. Part 58, and the Department has provided written clearance.**

The Department as the Responsible Entity must ensure that environmental effects of the property are assessed in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the related authorities listed in HUD’s implementing regulations at 24 CFR Parts 50 and 58.

I (We) certify that I (we) have read and understand the requirements in 24 CFR §58.22, and I (we) understand *that acquisition of the site, even with non-HUD funds, prior to completion of the environmental review process will jeopardize all HOME funding.*

I (We) certify that all parties involved in any aspect of the development process began the project with no intention of using Federal assistance.

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I (We) certify that as of the date of the Multifamily Direct Loan application all project work, other than as allowed in 24 C.F.R. Part 58, has ceased.

I (We) certify that we will not engage in any choice limiting actions until the site has achieved Environmental Clearance as required in 24 C.F.R. Part 58. **Choice-limiting activities include but are not limited to these examples:**

- Acquisition of land, except through the use of an option agreement, regardless of funding source;
- Closing on loans including loans for interim financing;
- Signing a construction contract.



Relocation and Anti-Displacement

Displacement of Existing Tenants

I (We) certify that that the work to be performed in connection with any award of HOME funds is subject to Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (“URA”), as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act and HUD Handbook 1378, if the Development is eligible for TDHCA HOME funds the Applicant must prepare and submit the following to TDHCA with the Multifamily Uniform Application:

- 1) A detailed explanation of the reasons for displacement relocation;
- 2) A detailed plan of the relocation, including evidence of comparable replacement housing;
- 3) A copy of the General Information Notice (signed by the tenant or sent Certified Mail, return recipient requested) sent to all tenants on the Rent Roll listed with the Multifamily Direct Loan Application, and
- 4) Estimated costs and funding sources available to complete the permanent relocation.

Demolition and Conversion

I (We) certify that that the work to be performed in connection with any award of HOME funds is subject to 24 CFR Part 42 and Development Owner will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low-income housing that is demolished or converted to a use other than low-income housing as a direct result of the project. All replacement housing will be provided within three (3) years after the commencement of the demolition or conversion. Before receiving a commitment of HOME funds for a project that will directly result in demolition or conversion, the project owner will make the information public in accordance with 24 CFR Part 42 and submit the information to TDHCA along with the following information in writing at application:

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- 1) The location map, address, and number of dwelling units by bedroom size of lower income housing that will be demolished or converted to use other than as lower income housing as a direct result of the project;
- 2) A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition and conversion;
- 3) To the extent known, the location, map, address, and number of dwelling units by bedroom size of the replacement housing that has been or will be provided;
- 4) The amount and source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of the replacement housing;
- 5) The basis for concluding that the replacement housing will remain lower income housing beyond the date of initial occupancy;
- 6) Information demonstrating that any proposed replacement of housing units with similar dwelling units (e.g. a 2-bedroom unit with two 1-bedroom units) or any proposed replacement of efficiency or SRO units with units of a different size is appropriate and consistent with the housing needs of the community; and
- 7) The name and title of the person or persons responsible for tracking the replacement of lower income housing and the name and title of the person responsible for providing relocation payments and other relocation assistance to any lower-income person displaced by the demolition of any housing or the conversion of lower-income housing to another use.

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By: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Title

Date

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that name is signed to the foregoing statement, and who is known to be one in the same, has acknowledged before me on this date, that being informed of the contents of this statement, executed the same voluntarily on the date same foregoing statement bears.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this ____ day of _____, ____

(Seal)

Notary Public Signature