



2020 Uniform Multifamily Application Certifications

This document includes certifications required in Applications for multifamily funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the “Department”). Applicants are encouraged to read each certification carefully as each contains requirements that each Development must meet and all of the certifications have been revised. There are five separate certifications:

1. **Applicant Eligibility Certification.** This document must be signed under oath and notarized by those individuals required to be listed on the organizational chart and pursuant to 10 TAC §11.204(2) of the Qualified Allocation Plan. It identifies the various criteria relating to eligibility requirements associated with multifamily funding from the Department, including but not limited to the criteria identified under 10 TAC §11.202 of the Qualified Allocation Plan (relating to Ineligible Applicants and Applications).
2. **Development Owner Certification, Acknowledgement and Consent.** This document must be signed under oath and notarized by the authorized representative of the Development Owner and is required for all multifamily funding programs. It addresses the specific requirements associated with the Development, particularly those found in 10 TAC §§11.101 and 11.204(1) of the Qualified Allocation Plan. The Person executing the certification is responsible for ensuring all individuals referenced therein are in compliance with the certification. Applicants are encouraged to read the certification carefully as it contains certain construction and Development specifications that each Development must meet.
3. **Engineer/Architect Certification** This document must be signed by the Development engineer, an accredited architect, or Third Party accessibility specialist. It addresses both federal and state requirements, primarily with respect to accessibility.
4. **Multifamily Direct Loan Certification.** This document must be signed under oath and notarized by all Applicants for HOME/TCAP funding. It addresses a number of federal regulations, as well as certifications regarding HUD Section 3, environmental clearance, and relocation requirements. This certification will be posted as a separate document.

Questions regarding the Multifamily Direct Loan Certification should be directed to Andrew Sinnott at andrew.sinnott@tdhca.state.tx.us or by phone at 512.475.0538.

Questions regarding any other certifications should be directed to Sharon Gamble at sharon.gamble@tdhca.state.tx.us or by phone at 512.936.7834.

Applicant Eligibility Certification

All defined terms used in this certification and not specifically defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in Chapter 2306 of the Tex. Gov't Code, §42 of the Internal Revenue Code, and § 11.1(d) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

The undersigned, in each and all of the following capacities in which it may serve or exist or be contemplated to bring a new entity into existence-- Applicant, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor of any obligation of the Applicant, and/or Principal of the Applicant and hereafter referred to as "Applicant," whether serving in one or more such capacities, is hereby submitting its Application to the Department for consideration of multifamily funding.

Applicant hereby represents, warrants, agrees, acknowledges and certifies to the Department and to the State of Texas that:

It has obtained all necessary consents and approvals, and conducted all necessary diligence to enable it to make these certifications and to perform any all agreements and to give all consents provided for or made herein.

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, expressly constitute conditions to any Commitment, Determination Notice, Carryover Allocation, or Direct Loan Contract for such Development which the Department may issue or award, and the violation of any such condition shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation and rescission of such Commitment, Determination Notice, Carryover Allocation, or Direct Loan Commitment by the Department. To the extent allowed under Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6720 if any such representations, undertakings and commitments concern or relate to the ongoing features or operation of the Development, they shall each and all shall be enforceable even if not reflected in the Land Use Restriction Agreement. All such representations, undertakings and commitments are also enforceable by the Department and/or the tenants of the Development, including but not limited to enforcement by assessment of administrative penalties for failure to perform, in accordance with the Land Use Restriction Agreement, the entry of orders by the Department's Governing Board requiring strict performance, or the obtaining of injunctive relief.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party have not been or are barred, suspended, or terminated from procurement in a state or Federal program or listed in HUD's System for Award Management (SAM).

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party have not been convicted of a state or federal felony crime involving fraud, bribery, theft,

misrepresentation of material fact, misappropriation of funds, or other similar criminal offenses within 15 years preceding the Application submission.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party, at the time of Application, are not subject to an enforcement or disciplinary action under state or federal securities law or by the NASD; is subject to a federal tax lien; and/or is the subject of a proceeding in which a Governmental Entity has issued an order to impose penalties, suspend funding, or take adverse action based on an allegation of financial misconduct or uncured violation of material laws, rules, or other legal requirements governing activities considered relevant by the Governmental Entity.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party have not breached a contract with a public agency and failed to cure that breach within the timeframe provided or allowed by contract. If such breach is permitted to be cured under the contract, notice of the breach has been given and a reasonable opportunity to cure.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party have not represented to a subcontractor the extent to which the Developer has benefited from contracts or financial assistance that has been awarded by a public agency, including the scope of the Developer's participation in contracts with the agency and the amount of financial assistance awarded to the Developer by the agency.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party have not been found by the Board to be ineligible based on a previous participation review performed in accordance with 10 TAC Chapter 1 Subchapter C.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party is not delinquent in any loan, fee, or escrow payments to the Department in accordance with the terms of the loan, as amended, or is otherwise in default with any provisions of such loans.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party has cured any past due fees owed to the Department within the time frame provided by notice from the Department and at least 10 days prior to the Board meeting at which the decision for an award is to be made.

Neither Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party is in violation of a state revolving door or other standard of conduct or conflict of interest statute, including Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6733, or a provision of Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 572, that would prohibit the Person from participating in the Application in the manner and capacity they are participating.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party have no previous Contracts or Commitments that have been partially or fully de-obligated during the 12 months prior to the submission of the Application due to a failure to meet contractual obligations, and the Person is not on notice that such de-obligation results in ineligibility under 10 TAC Chapter 11.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party will not allow previous Contracts or Commitments to be partially or fully de-obligated between the date of Application submission through the date of final allocation or award, due to a failure to meet contractual obligations

Neither Applicant, Affiliate, nor any member of the Development Team has provided false or misleading documentation or made other intentional or negligent material misrepresentations or omissions in or in connection with an Application (and certifications contained therein), Commitment, Direct Loan Contract, or Determination Notice for a Development.

The Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party have not been the owner or Affiliate of the owner of a Department assisted rental development for which the federal affordability requirements were prematurely terminated and the affordability requirements have not re-affirmed or Department funds repaid.

Neither Applicant, Affiliate nor any member of the Development Team has participated in the dissemination of misinformation about affordable housing and the persons it serves or about a competing Applicant that would likely have the effect of fomenting opposition to an Application where such opposition is not based on substantive and legitimate concerns that do not implicate potential violations of fair housing laws.

The Applicant will not violate §2306.1113 of the Tex. Gov't Code relating to Ex Parte Communication and further explained in §11.202(2)(A) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

For any Development utilizing Housing Tax Credit or Tax-Exempt Bonds, at all times during the two-year period preceding the date the Application Round begins (or for Tax-Exempt Bond Developments any time during the two-year period preceding the date the Application is submitted to the Department), the Applicant or a Related Party is not or has not been a member of the Board or employed by the Department as the Executive Director, Chief of Staff, General Counsel, a Deputy Executive Director, the Director of Multifamily Finance, the Chief of Compliance, the Director of Real Estate Analysis, a manager over the program for which an Application has been submitted, or any person exercising such responsibilities regardless of job title; or in violation of §2306.6733 of the Tex. Gov't Code.

For any Development utilizing Housing Tax Credits, the Applicant will not propose to replace in

less than fifteen (15) years any private activity bond financing of the Development described by the Application, unless the exceptions in §2306.6703(a)(2) of the Tex. Gov't Code are met.

All the instances in which any Principal or any entity or Person in the Development ownership structure who was or is involved as a Principal in any other affordable housing transaction, that has terminated voluntarily or involuntarily within the past ten years or is negotiating to terminate their relationship with any other affordable housing development have been fully disclosed pursuant to §11.202(1)(M) of the Qualified Allocation Plan. Applicant understands that failure to disclose is grounds for termination.

All housing developments with which Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor and/or Principal thereof participating, are in compliance with: state and federal fair housing laws, including Chapter 301, Property Code, the Texas Fair Housing Act; Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.); and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000a et seq.); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.); and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 701 et seq.).

The making of an allocation or award by the Department does not constitute a finding or determination that the Development is deemed qualified to receive such allocation or award. Applicant agrees 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; therefore, Applicant assumes the risk of all damages, losses, costs, and expenses related thereto and agrees to indemnify and hold 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 decisions and actions concerning this Application or the use of information therein.

Applicant, Affiliate, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor or other Related Party is not subject to any pending criminal proceedings and if any such proceeding or any other charges which would invalidate the certifications are finally adjudicated or otherwise disposed of prior to Carryover, Determination Notice, or Closing, the Applicant will immediately notify the Department. Such notification must be presented to the Board for consideration at the next available Board meeting.

The individual whose name is subscribed hereto, in his or her individual capacity, on behalf of Applicant, and in all other related capacities described above, as applicable, expressly represents, warrants, and certifies that all information contained in this certification and in the Application, including any and all supplements, additions, clarifications, or other materials or information submitted to the Department in connection therewith as required or deemed necessary by the

materials governing the multifamily funding programs are true and correct, and the Applicant has undergone sufficient investigation to affirm the validity of the statements made. The Applicant agrees that the Department may, at its discretion, request additional information and/or documentation in its evaluation of this Application and 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. Further, the Applicant hereby expressly represents, warrants, and certifies that the individual whose name is subscribed hereto has read and understands all the information contained in this form of the Application.

By signing this document, the undersigned, in their individual capacity, on behalf of Applicant, whether formed or to be formed, and in all other related capacities described above, is affirming 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) and subject to any and all other state or federal laws regarding the making of false statements to governmental bodies or the false statements or the providing of false information in connection with the procurement of allocations or awards that the Application and all materials relating thereto constitute government documents and that the Application and all materials relating thereto are true, correct, and complete in all material respects.

By: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Title

Date

THE STATE OF _____ §

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COUNTY OF _____ §

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared and certified that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

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

(Seal)

Notary Public Signature

Development Owner Certification, Acknowledgement and Consent

All defined terms used in this certification and not specifically defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in Chapter 2306 of the Tex. Gov't Code, §42 of the Internal Revenue Code, and §11.1(d) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

The undersigned, in each and all of the following capacities in which it may serve or exist -- Applicant, Development Owner, Developer, Guarantor of any obligation of the Applicant, and/or Principal of the Applicant and hereafter referred to as "Applicant" or "Development Owner," whether serving in one or more such capacities, is hereby submitting its Application to the Department for consideration of Department funding.

Applicant hereby represents, warrants, acknowledges and certifies to the Department and to the State of Texas that:

The Development will adhere to the Texas Property Code relating to security devices and other applicable requirements for residential tenancies, and will adhere to local building codes or, if no local building codes are in place, then to the most recent version of the International Building Code.

This Application and all materials submitted to the Department constitute records of the Department subject to Tex. Gov't Code, Chapter 552. Any person signing the certification acknowledges that they have the authority to release all materials for publication on the Department's website and release them in response to a request for public information, and make other use of the information as authorized by law. This includes all Third Party reports, which will be posted in their entirety on the Department's website, as they constitute a part of the Application. The Application is in compliance with all requirements related to the eligibility of an Applicant, Application and Development as further defined in 10 TAC §§11.101 and 11.202 of the Qualified Allocation Plan. Any issues of non-compliance have been disclosed.

All representations, undertakings and commitments made by Applicant in the Application process expressly constitute conditions to any Commitment, Determination Notice, Carryover Allocation, or Direct Loan Commitment for such Development which the Department may issue or award, and the violation of any such condition shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation and rescission of such Commitment, Determination Notice, Carryover Allocation, or Direct Loan Award Letter, Commitment or Contract by the Department. To the extent allowed under Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6720, if any such representations, undertakings and commitments concern or relate to the ongoing features or operation of the Development, they shall be enforceable even

if not reflected in the Land Use Restriction Agreement. All such representations, undertakings and commitments are also enforceable by the Department and the residents of the Development, including enforcement by administrative penalties for failure to perform (consistent with Chapter 2, Subchapter C of the title relating to Administrative Penalties), in accordance with the Land Use Restriction Agreement.

When providing a Pre-Application, Application or other materials to a state representative, local governmental body, Neighborhood Organization, or anyone else to secure support or approval, an Applicant must disclose in accordance with the Department's rules those aspects of the Development that may not have been determined or selected or may be subject to change, such as changes in the amenities ultimately selected and provided.

The Development Owner is and will remain in compliance with state and federal laws, including but not limited to, fair housing laws, including Chapter 301, Property Code, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000a et seq.), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §§12101 et seq.), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §§701 et seq.), Fair Housing Accessibility, the Texas Fair Housing Act; and the Development is designed consistent with the Fair Housing Act Design Manual produced by HUD, and the Texas Accessibility Standards. (§2306.257; §2306.6705(7))

The Development Owner has read and understands the Department's fair housing educational materials posted on the Department's website as of the beginning of the Application Acceptance Period.

All Applications proposing Rehabilitation (including Reconstruction unless otherwise provided for in 10 TAC Chapter 11) will be treated as substantial alteration, in accordance with 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter B.

The Development Owner will establish a reserve account consistent with Tex. Gov't Code §2306.186, and as further described in §11.302(d)(2)(l) of the Qualified Allocation Plan, relating to Replacement Reserve Account requirements.

The Development will operate in accordance with the applicable compliance monitoring requirements found in 10 TAC Chapter 10, Subchapters F and G.

The Development Owner agrees to implement a plan to use Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) in the development process consistent with the Historically Underutilized Business Guidelines for contracting with the State of Texas. The Development Owner will be required to submit a report of the success of the plan as part of the cost certification documentation, in order

to receive IRS Forms 8609 or, if the Development does not have Housing Tax Credits, release of retainage.

The Applicant will attempt to ensure that at least 30% of the construction and management businesses with which the Applicant contracts in connection with the Development are Minority Owned Businesses as further described in Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6734.

The Development Owner will specifically market to veterans through direct marketing or contracts with veteran's organizations. The Development Owner will be required to identify how they will specifically market to veterans and report to the Department in the annual housing report on the results of the marketing efforts to veterans. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the Department.

Accessibility Requirements

The Development Owner understands that in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and implemented at 24 CFR Part 8, if the Development includes the New Construction or substantial rehabilitation of multifamily units (4 or more units), at least five percent (5%) of all dwelling units will be designed and built to be accessible for persons with mobility impairments. A unit that is on an accessible route and is adaptable and otherwise compliant with the 2010 ADA Standards with the exceptions listed in "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Federally Assisted Programs and Activities" (Federal Register 79 FR 29671) meets this requirement. In addition, at least two percent (2%) of all dwelling units will be designed and built to be accessible for persons with hearing or vision impairments.

The Development Owner understands that regardless of building type, all Units accessed by the ground floor or by elevator ("affected units") must meet the requirements at 10 TAC §11.101(b)(8)(B).

The Development Owner certifies that all accessible Units under 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter B, will be dispersed throughout the Development.

The Development Owner certifies that representations made in the Architect Certification are true and correct, and understands that the Department evaluation of architectural drawings may not include a complete assessment of accessibility. The Development Owner is responsible for any modifications necessary to meet accessibility requirements identified at the final construction inspection.

Unused Credit or Penalty Fee *(select one box as applicable)*

_____ The Applicant returned a full credit allocation after the Carryover Allocation deadline required for that allocation and is subject to the Unused Credit or Penalty Fee pursuant to §11.901(16) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

_____ The Applicant certifies that no disclosure regarding §11.901(15) of the Qualified Allocation Plan is necessary.

Termination of Relationship in an Affordable Housing Transaction *(select one box as applicable)*

_____ The Applicant has disclosed, in the Application, any Principal or any entity or Person in the Development ownership structure who was or is involved as a Principal in any other affordable housing transaction that has terminated, voluntarily or involuntarily, within the past 10 years or plans to or is negotiating to terminate their relationship with any other affordable housing development. The disclosure identified the person or persons and development involved, the identity of each other development and contact information for the other Principals of each such development, a narrative description of the facts and circumstances of the termination or proposed termination, and any appropriate supporting documents. The Applicant has read and understands §11.202(1)(M) of the Qualified Allocation Plan related to such disclosure.

_____ The Applicant certifies that no disclosure regarding §11.202(1)(M) of the Qualified Allocation Plan is necessary.

Voluntary Compliance Agreement with any Governmental Agency *(select one box as applicable)*

_____ The Applicant has disclosed, in the Application, any Principal or any entity or Person in the Development ownership structure who was or is involved as a Principal in any other affordable housing transaction that entered into a voluntary compliance agreement (or similar agreement) with any governmental agency that is the result of negotiation regarding noncompliance of any affordable housing Development with any requirements. The disclosure identified the person or persons and development involved, the identity of each other development, contact information for the other Principals of each such development, a narrative description of the facts and circumstances of the agreement or proposed agreement, and any appropriate supporting documents. The Applicant has read and understands §11.202(1)(N) of the Qualified Allocation Plan related to such disclosure.

_____ The Applicant certifies that no disclosure regarding §11.202(1)(N) of the Qualified Allocation Plan is necessary.

The Applicant certifies that, for any Development proposing New Construction or Reconstruction and located within the 100 year floodplain as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the Development Site will be developed in full compliance with the National Flood Protection Act and all applicable federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements so that all finished ground floor elevations are at least one foot above the floodplain and parking and drive areas are no lower than six inches below the floodplain, subject to more stringent federal or local requirements. The Applicant certifies that, floodplain maps will be used and the Development Site will comply with regulations as they exist at the time of commencement of construction. Applicant further certifies that, for any Development proposing Rehabilitation (excluding Reconstruction) that is not a HUD or TRDO-USDA assisted property, the Development Site is not located in the 100 year floodplain unless the existing structures already meet the requirements for New Construction or Reconstruction, as certified to by a Third Party engineer, or unless the state or local government has undertaken and can substantiate sufficient mitigation efforts, and such documentation is submitted in the Application.

Undesirable Site Features *(select one of the boxes as applicable)*

_____ The Development **is not** located in an area with undesirable site features as further described in §11.101(a)(2) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

_____ The proposed Development is Rehabilitation (excluding Reconstruction) with ongoing and existing federal assistance from HUD, USDA, or Veterans Affairs ("VA") and an exemption was requested prior to the filing of an Application or is being requested with the Application in accordance with §11.101(a)(2) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

_____ The proposed Development is Historic Preservation pursuant to §11.9(e)(6) of the Qualified Allocation Plan, is located in an area with an undesirable site feature and an exemption was requested prior to the filing of an Application or is being requested with the Application.

_____ The proposed Development is New Construction, is located in an area with an undesirable site feature and a copy of the local ordinance that specifies the proximity of such feature to a multifamily development is included in the Application.

_____ The proposed Development **is** located in an area with an undesirable site feature and mitigation to be considered by staff and the Board is included in the Application (select all that apply):

_____ within 300 feet of junkyards

_____ within 300 feet of a solid waste facility or sanitary landfill facility or illegal dumping sites

_____ within 300 feet of a sexually-oriented business

_____ buildings or designated recreational areas (including pools) are to be located within 100 feet of the nearest line or structural element of any overhead high voltage transmission line, support structures for high voltage transmission lines, or other similar structures

_____ within 500 feet of active railroad tracks

_____ within 500 feet of heavy industry

_____ within 10 miles of a nuclear plant

_____ buildings are located within the accident potential zones or the runway clear zones of any airport

_____ one or more pipelines, situated underground or aboveground, which carry highly volatile liquids, or adjacent to a pipeline easement for a pipeline carrying highly volatile liquids

_____ within 2 miles of refineries capable of refining more than 100,000 barrels of oil daily

_____ may be in proximity to an environmental factor that may adversely affect the health and safety of the residents or render the Development Site inappropriate for housing use unless it is adequately mitigated (as presented in the application)

_____ within the minimum separation from housing of a facility under the jurisdiction of a state or federal cognizant agency

Neighborhood Risk Factors *(select one of the main boxes as applicable)*

_____ The Development Owner certifies that the Development **is not** located in an area with any of the neighborhood risk factors described in §11.101(a)(3) of the Qualified Allocation Plan and that no disclosure is necessary;

_____ The Development Owner certifies that the Development **is** located in an area with the following neighborhood risk factors and the Neighborhood Risk Factors Report is submitted with the Application (select all that apply):

_____ in a census tract with a poverty rate above 40% for individuals (or 55% for Developments in regions 11 and 13);

_____ in a census tract (or for any adjacent census tract with a boundary less than 500 feet from the proposed Development Site that is not separated from the Development

Site by a natural barrier such as a river or lake, or an intervening restricted area, such as a military installation) in an Urban Area and the rate of Part I violent crimes is greater than 18 per 1,000 persons (annually) as reported on neighborhoodscout.com;

_____ is located within 1,000 feet of a blighted or abandoned area as further described in §11.101(a)(3)(B)(iii) of the Qualified Allocation Plan;

_____ is located within the attendance zone of an elementary school, a middle school or a high school that has a 2019 TEA Accountability Rating of D and a 2018 Improvement Required Rating or a 2019 TEA Accountability Rating of F and a 2018 Met Standard Rating by the Texas Education Agency. Elderly Developments, Developments encumbered by a TDHCA LURA on the first day of the Application Acceptance Period or date the pre-application is submitted (if applicable) and Supportive Housing SRO Developments or Supportive Housing Developments where all Units are Efficiency Units are exempt from the requirement to disclose the presence of this characteristic.

The Development will include all of the mandatory Development amenities required in §11.101(b)(4) of the Qualified Allocation Plan at no charge to all residents (market rate and low-income) and written notice of such amenities will be provided to the residents.

The Development will satisfy the minimum point threshold for common amenities as further described in §11.101(b)(5) of the Qualified Allocation Plan. These amenities must be for the benefit of all residents (market rate and low-income), meet accessibility standards, be sized appropriately to serve the proposed Target Population, be made available throughout normal business hours, and be maintained throughout the Affordability Period. The residents must be provided written notice of the amenity elections made by the Development Owner.

The Development will meet the minimum size of Units as further described §11.101(b)(6)(A) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

The Development (excluding competitive Housing Tax Credit Applications) will include enough unit, development construction, and energy and water efficiency features to meet the minimum number of points as further described in §11.101(b)(6)(B) of the Qualified Allocation Plan.

The Development (excluding competitive Housing Tax Credit Applications) will include enough resident supportive services, at no charge to the residents, be accessible to all residents (market rate and low-income), and maintained throughout the Affordability Period, to meet the required minimum number of points as further described in §11.101(b)(7) of the Qualified Allocation Plan, and offered in accordance with §10.619 of the Uniform Multifamily Rules. The tenant must be provided written notice of the elections made by the Development Owner.

If income averaging is elected, Unit Designations for all units identified as 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, and 80% Units will be dispersed across all Unit Types to the maximum extent feasible in a manner that does not violate fair housing laws, as required by 10 TAC §10.605(c).

If the Applicant is applying for Multifamily Direct Loan funds and the Development consists of New Construction, the Applicant further certifies that the Development meets the Construction Site Standards in 24 CFR §983.57(e)(2) and (3), as applicable.

If the Development has an existing LURA with the Department, the Development Owner will comply with the existing restrictions.

The Development Owner will comply with any and all notices required by the Department.

None of the criteria in subparagraphs (A) – (N) of §11.202(1) of the Qualified Allocation Plan, related to ineligible Applicants, applies to those identified as having Control on the organizational chart for the Applicant, Developer and Guarantor.

The individual whose name is subscribed hereto, in his or her individual capacity, on behalf of Applicant, and in all other related capacities described above, as applicable, expressly represents, warrants, and certifies that all information contained in this certification and in the Application, including any and all supplements, additions, clarifications, or other materials or information submitted to the Department are true and correct and the Applicant has undergone sufficient investigation to affirm the validity of the statements made. Further, the Applicant hereby expressly represents, warrants, acknowledges and certifies that the individual whose name is subscribed hereto has read and understands all the information contained in this form of the Application.

By signing this document, the undersigned, in their individual capacity, on behalf of Applicant, whether formed or to be formed, and in all other related capacities described above, is affirming under penalty of Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code titled Perjury and Other Falsification, and subject to criminal penalties as defined by Tex. Penal Code §§37.01 et seq., and subject to any and all other state or federal laws regarding the making of false statements to governmental bodies or the providing of false information in connection with the procurement of allocations or awards, that the Application and all materials relating thereto constitute government documents and that the Application and all materials relating thereto are true, correct, and complete in all material respects.

By:

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

THE STATE OF _____ §

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COUNTY OF _____ §

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared and certified that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

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

(Seal)

Notary Public Signature

Engineer/Architect Certification

I (We) certify that the Development will be designed and built to meet the accessibility requirements of the Federal Fair Housing Act as implemented by HUD at 24 CFR Part 100 and the Fair Housing Act Design Manual, Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 12131-12189) as implemented by the Department of Justice regulations at 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36, and the Department's Accessibility rules in 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter B, in effect at the time of certification.

I (we) certify that all materials submitted to the Department by the Architect or Applicant constitute records of the Department subject to Chapter 552, Tex. Gov't Code, and the Texas Public Information Act.

I (We) certify that in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and implemented at 24 CFR. Part 8, if the Development includes the New Construction or substantial rehabilitation of multifamily units (4 or more units), at least five percent (5%) of all dwelling units will be designed and built to be accessible for persons with mobility impairments. A unit that is on an accessible route and is adaptable and otherwise compliant with the 2010 ADA Standards with the exceptions listed in "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Federally Assisted Programs and Activities" (Federal Register 79 FR 29671) meets this requirement. In addition, at least two percent (2%) of all dwelling units will be designed and built to be accessible for persons with hearing or vision impairments.

I (We) certify that the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and implemented at 24 CFR. Part 8 and Tex. Gov't Code §§2306.6722 and 2306.6730, will be met as described in 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter B, including the accessibility requirements relating to Unit Type distribution.

I (We) certify that I (We) have reviewed and understand the Department's fair housing educational materials posted on the Department's website as of the beginning of the Application Acceptance Period.

I (We) acknowledge that the Department may publish the full Development Plan on the Department's website, release the Development Plan in response to a request for public information and make other use of the Development Plan as authorized by law.

I (We) certify that if the Development includes the New Construction or Rehabilitation of single family units (1 to 3 units per building), every unit will be designed and built to meet the accessibility requirements of Tex. Gov't Code §2306.514, as it may be amended from time to time.

I (We) have attached a statement describing how, regardless of building type, all Units accessed by the ground floor or by elevator ("affected units") meet the requirements at 10 TAC

§11.101(b)(8)(B), or the Applicant has requested a waiver of specific provisions of 10 TAC §11.101(b)(8)(B) as necessary for Rehabilitation Developments.

I(We) certify that all accessible Units under 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter B will be dispersed throughout the Development.

If the Applicant is applying for Multifamily Direct Loan funds, I (We) further certify that the Development meets the Property Standards in 24 CFR §92.251 or 24 CFR §93.301 and as further outlined in 10 TAC Chapters 11 and 13, as applicable.

If the Applicant is applying for Housing Tax Credits, Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6712(d)(4) requires that the board by vote approve or reject an amendment that would result in a reduction of 3% or more in the square footage of the units or common areas. I(We) certify that the net rentable square footage of the Development is _____ square feet, and the common area square footage (to include all enclosed space for resident use such as interior corridors, property management offices, resident services offices, 24 hour front desk offices, clubrooms, lounges, community kitchens, community restrooms, exercise rooms, laundry rooms, mailbox areas, food pantries, meeting rooms, libraries, computer labs, classrooms, maintenance areas, break rooms, and flex space for resident use) is _____ square feet. This certification will be applied for square footage comparison at Cost Certification, unless the application is amended prior to Cost Certification.

This certification meets the requirement that the Applicant provide a certification from the Development engineer or an accredited architect after careful review of the Department's accessibility requirements, including Tex. Gov't Code §§2306.6722 and 2306.6730.

By: _____
Signature

Date

Printed Name

License Number and State

Firm Name (If applicable)

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”), Tax Credit Assistance Program Repayment Funds (“TCAP RF”), Neighborhood Stabilization Program Round 1 Program Income (“NSP1 PI”), and/or National Housing Trust Fund (“NHTF”). 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, 10, 11, and 13, as well as Chapter 12 as applicable. 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) hereby assert that the information contained in this Application as required or deemed necessary by the materials governing the Multifamily Direct Loan program 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) 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

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 provided or insured by any other Federal program, or in violation of the provisions of 10 TAC §13.3(e).

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 Applicant of the violation.

If applying for HOME or TCAP-RF funds, 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.

If applying for NHTF funds, on behalf of the Applicant, I (We) hereby certify that the Applicant is familiar with the provisions of the interim Housing Trust Fund rule, as published in 24 CFR Part 93, and other related administrative rules and regulations and court rulings issued by the Federal government or State of Texas with respect to the NHTF and all Developments eligible to receive NHTF funds will comply with such rules during the application process and, in the event of award of NHTF 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 applicable Multifamily Direct Loan Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) approved by the Department’s Governing Board 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, pursuant to 10 TAC §13.11(b)(13), 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, or 24 CFR Part 93, as applicable.

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 §1.403.

I (We) certify that, the Development will meet the broadband infrastructure requirements of 81 FR 92626, and that these costs are included in the Application.

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

HUD Section 3

I (We) hereby agree that the work to be performed in connection with any award of HOME or NHTF 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>

(initial)

Environmental

I (We) understand that the environmental effects of each activity carried out with an award of HOME or NHTF funds must be assessed in accordance with the applicable 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 CFR. 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 CFR 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 all parties involved in any aspect of the development process began the project with no intention of using Federal assistance.

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

I (We) understand that the environmental effects of each activity carried out with an award of NHTF funds must be assessed in accordance with the provisions of CPD Notice 16-14.

I (We) certify that I (we) have read and understand the requirements in 24 CFR §58.22 or CPD Notice 16-14, and I (we) understand that **acquisition of the site, even with non-HUD funds, prior to completion of the environmental review process will jeopardize any federal funding.**

I (We) certify that we will not engage in any choice limiting actions until the site has achieved Environmental Clearance as required in CPD Notice 16-14 or 24 CFR Part 58, as applicable. **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.

(initial)

Relocation and Anti-Displacement

The property proposed for this Application is _____ is not _____ occupied. (check one)

If occupied, the occupant(s) are owners _____ tenants (residential) _____ tenants (commercial)_____ (check all that apply).

The property will have a transfer of federal assistance from an existing multifamily development _____ yes _____ no.

Displacement of Existing Tenants

I (We) certify that that the work to be performed in connection with any award of federal 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. HOME, CDBG, and NSP are also subject to the relocation requirements of 24 CFR Part 42. Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act and HUD Handbook 1378, if the Development is eligible for federal 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) Copies of the General Information Notices (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 when the work is to be performed in connection with any award of federal funds that are subject to 24 CFR Part 42 (CDBG, and HOME), then 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 federal 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:

- 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.

(initial)

Applications for Developments Previously Awarded Department Funds

This Application has _____ has not _____ previously received Department funds. (check one)

If this Application has previously received Department funds and construction has already started or been completed, and acquisition and rehabilitation is not being proposed, a letter from the Applicant that seeks to explain why this Application should be found eligible in accordance with 10 TAC §13.5(h)(2) is provided behind this tab.

(initial)

By: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Title

Date

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF _____ §

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared and certified that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

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

(Seal)

Notary Public Signature