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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

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**SUBJECT: *Amendment #2* – NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
2013 FUNDING ROUND 1C-7 – MULTIFAMILY
HOUSING PROGRAM (MHP) SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
(SH) COMPONENT**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a NOFA for the MHP-SH Component on May 22, 2013, with applications due on July 31, 2013. The NOFA announced the availability of \$6.7 million in MHP-SH funding.

Based on the passage of AB 483, HCD announces the following update to the NOFA.

- **The following definitions are adopted for use with this NOFA:**

“Supportive Housing” means housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the target population, and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live and, when possible, work in the community.

“Target population” means persons, including persons with disabilities, and families that are “homeless,” as that term is defined by Section 11302 of Title 42 of the United States Code, or are “homeless youth” as defined by Government Code 11139.3(e)(2) at the time the tenant is approved for tenancy in the supportive housing project in which they currently reside.

Please read the new definitions in the provided link as this significantly changes the targeting and required occupancy: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/11302>.

- **In addition, each development funded under the supportive housing program shall set aside at least 40 percent of the units in each development funded under the supportive housing program to one or more of the following populations:**
 - (A) Individuals or families experiencing "chronic homelessness," as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Super Notice of Funding Availability for Continuum of Care or Collaborative Applicant Program. (Please see the link above.)**
 - (B) "Homeless youth," as that term is defined by paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 11139.3 of the Government Code.**
 - (C) Individuals exiting institutional settings, including, but not limited to, jails, hospitals, prisons, and institutes of mental disease, who were homeless when entering the institutional setting, who have a disability, and who resided in that setting for a period of not less than 15 days.**

Parts one and two of Section Q of the Supportive Housing NOFA are hereby deleted and replaced with the definitions and changes above.

The 35 percent minimum for homeless veterans and/or developmentally disabled households mentioned in Sections C, J and V is increased to a 40 percent minimum as shown above.

Section E of the NOFA is hereby amended to delete transitional housing as an eligible project.

Further, per AB 483:

- Projects must demonstrate collaboration with programs that provide services that meet the needs of supportive housing residents.
- Projects will be given a priority for a focus on measurable outcomes and a plan for evaluation, which evaluation shall be submitted annually to HCD.
- Projects may restrict occupancy to persons with a veteran status if all of the following conditions apply:
 1. the veterans possess significant barriers to social reintegration and employment that require specialized treatment and services that are due to a physical or mental disability, substance abuse, or the effects of long-term homelessness;
 2. the veterans are otherwise eligible to reside in an assisted unit; and
 3. the sponsor also provides, or assists in providing, the specialized treatment and services.

The due date for SH applications is now by 5:00 PM on September 25, 2013 at HCD's new address: 2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95833

The anticipated award date for MHP-SH funds is now January 2014. This date is subject to change.

Thank you for your interest in the Multifamily Housing Program.