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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM HOMELESS YOUTH HOUSING COMPONENT
October 23, 2007**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Homeless Youth Housing Component of the Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) on January 31, 2007. The NOFA announced the availability of approximately \$24 million in MHP Supportive Housing funding for Homeless Youth. The NOFA provided for an application submittal period running from March 9, 2007 until October 30, 2007, or until such time as the Department has received what it determines to be a sufficient number of applications to reasonably use all funds currently available.

This amendment to the NOFA extends the application submittal period to February 29, 2008 or until such time before February 29, 2008 that the Department has received what it determines to be a sufficient amount of applications to reasonably use the original NOFA funding amount.

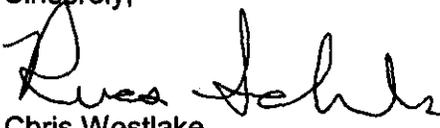
The target population/eligible households requirements specified in Section D of the NOFA shall apply at initial occupancy only. Accordingly, the requirement in Section E that sponsors must re-designate units or require occupants to move when they turn 25 years is hereby rescinded. Sponsors are now given the option of establishing units with transitional housing duration requirements and/or operating projects with units as permanent housing. Sponsors must still ensure the provision of services with the goal of helping the youth tenant make measurable gains in the areas of employment and education and assist homeless youth in stabilizing their lives and developing the skills and resources they need to make a successful transition to independent, self-sufficient adulthood.

Elevated loan limits are available for use in Homeless Youth Units. These elevated limits are posted on the Department's website at: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/mhp/HomelessYouth.html>. Sponsors using these elevated loan limits will use Loan Limits "Chart B", on this website.

Projects containing at least five units reserved for Homeless Youth may opt to, instead, apply and compete for funding under future MHP General NOFAs. MHP General projects with units set aside for Homeless Youth as Special Needs units will also be allowed to request these elevated loan limits for those units, as well as request the standard MHP General loan award for the non-Homeless Youth units.

Elevated loan limits for the Homeless Youth units will be awarded subject to the approval by the Department of the Special Needs Services Plan for Homeless Youth. These provisions will also be included in the MHP General NOFA to be issued in January 2008.

Sincerely,


for Chris Westlake
Deputy Director