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**THIRD AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM HOMELESS YOUTH HOUSING COMPONENT  
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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 had received what it determined to be a sufficient number of applications to reasonably use all funds available. Two subsequent amendments to the NOFA extended the application submittal date until July 31, 2008 or until such time as the Department has received what it determines to be a sufficient number of applications to reasonably use all funds available.

The first NOFA Amendment established that 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in Section E that sponsors must re-designate units or require occupants to move when they turn 25 years of age was rescinded.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.

This NOFA Amendment acknowledges that some Transitional Homeless Youth project characteristics may represent a departure from the requirements of the MHP and Uniform Multifamily Regulations and allows that some of these characteristics may be acceptable in Department approved projects of this type. The definitions for development and operation of housing for homeless youth are codified in Section 11139.3 of the Government Code. To the extent necessary and in conformity with these statutory definitions, the Homeless Youth Housing guidelines embodied in the MHP Supportive Housing Regulations are expanded to include the following characteristics:

Sponsors of approved Transitional Homeless Youth projects may govern occupancy with Department approved occupancy agreements submitted by the project sponsor.

The limited duration of stay in Transitional Homeless Youth projects increases the unit turnover rate to a degree that tenant choice in shared housing roommate selection may be impractical. Shared tenancy may be arranged by the project sponsor in approved Transitional Homeless Youth projects.

Tenants in approved Transitional Homeless Youth projects may be required to participate in specified programs or services where it can be shown such participation is integral in assisting the youth make the measurable gains mentioned in paragraph two above.

This above list is not intended to be comprehensive of the unique characteristics which the Department may approve in Transitional Homeless Youth projects. Consideration for approval by the Department will be given to other project characteristics which can be determined to have basis in law and/or in a history of sound project management experience in Transitional Homeless Youth projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Westlake". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C".

Chris Westlake  
Deputy Director