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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

FROM:


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SUBJECT:

**NO PLACE LIKE HOME DRAFT PROGRAM GUIDELINES
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On July 1, 2016, Governor Brown signed legislation enacting the No Place Like Home (NPLH) program to dedicate up to \$2 billion in bond proceeds to invest in the development of permanent supportive housing for persons who are in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or who are at risk of chronic homelessness.

Attached are the draft Program Guidelines for the NPLH program. These draft Guidelines are the next step in the development of the program and incorporate feedback on the NPLH Program Framing Paper released in December 2016. (See <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/docs/draft-nplh-framework-16dec21.pdf>)

STRUCTURE OF THE GUIDELINES:

The Guidelines are divided into four main Articles that detail the means by which the NPLH program funds can be applied for and distributed, based on the authorizing statute:

Article I: General Program Requirements – Article I contains program definitions and formula allocation methodologies.

Article II: Noncompetitive and Competitive Program Allocations – Article II describes the program design for loans which the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will underwrite and administer.

Article III: Alternative Process Allocation – Article III contains the requirements specific to funds that will be administered with HCD oversight by counties with five percent or

more of the State's homeless population, (currently Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties).

Article IV: Noncompetitive Allocation Shared Housing Requirements - Article IV contains the requirements specific to funds that will be administered with HCD oversight by counties that will be providing housing in smaller 1-4 unit properties using their Noncompetitive Allocation funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS:

HCD will hold a series of workshops to allow stakeholders, eligible applicants and the general public to learn about the NPLH Program, ask questions and provide comments on the draft Guidelines. Public comments on the Guidelines will also be accepted at nplh@hcd.ca.gov through May 30, 2017.

REDDING – May 4, 2017

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
City Hall
777 Cypress Ave.
Redding, CA 96001 –
Capacity 190

RIVERSIDE – May 8, 2017

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Public Library
9556 Magnolia Ave.
Riverside, CA 92503 –
Capacity 70

OAKLAND – May 11, 2017

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Commission Board Room
1619 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612
Capacity 140

WEBINAR – May 19, 2017

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM –
Capacity 250

VISALIA – May 22, 2017

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Chambers Room –
Capacity 60
2800 W. Burrel Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291

Click on the following link for information on NPLH and to register for the workshops. <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/nplh.shtml>. This link will take you to the NPLH webpage where you will also be able to review the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Application for Technical Assistance Grants to support counties in planning for the NPLH Program, released on April 7, 2017, and sign up for the NPLH list serve.

Once the Guidelines have been revised and finalized, a court validation action will begin with the Attorney General's Office representing the Department. After completion of the court validation process, a NOFA and application materials will be released for each of the NPLH Programs. Specific training will also be offered for counties interested in applying for available funds.

Thank you for your interest in the NPLH Program. Program staff can be reached at nplh@hcd.ca.gov with any questions.

Attachment