

NPLH Draft Guidelines Amendments

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Explanation of Proposed Changes

As used in this document, “Department” refers to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Section 100. Purpose and Scope

Subsection (a)

This subsection makes a minor correction to a statutory reference.

Section 102. Funding and Formula Allocations

Subsection (c)(3)

The language in this subsection was deleted to enable Projects funded with Noncompetitive Allocation funds to proceed without risk of conflict with this deadline. Another related deadline currently exists in Section 200(i).

Subsection (e)(1)

This subsection clarifies that the NPLH funds to the Alternative Process Counties are in the form of a grant rather than a loan, and the Alternate Process Counties, in turn, make loans to individual Projects.

ARTICLE II. NONCOMPETITIVE AND COMPETITIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

Section 201. Threshold Requirements for Noncompetitive Allocation

Subsection (c)

The current Guidelines require applicants to submit the County’s plan to combat homelessness by either February 2021, the Noncompetitive Allocation application submission deadline, or at the time of their first project application submission utilizing Competitive Allocation funds. Since these dates are potentially in conflict, we have eliminated the February deadline for submission of the homelessness plan and clarified that the plan to combat homelessness must be submitted no later than their first project application submission.

Section 202. Project Threshold Requirements

Subsection (e)

This section clarifies what constitutes a Project for purposes of meeting the integration requirement for developments receiving NPLH funds, as well as other loan or grant

funds. Additional examples of unacceptable practices for all NPLH Projects are provided.

ARTICLE III. ALTERNATIVE PROCESS COUNTY ALLOCATIONS

Section 301. Method of Distribution

Subsection (a)(10)

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