

**§ 11346. Program guidelines****(a) Guidelines**

The National Board shall establish written guidelines for carrying out the program under this part, including—

(1) methods for identifying localities with the highest need for emergency food and shelter assistance;

(2) methods for determining the amount and distribution to such localities;

(3) eligible program costs, including maximum flexibility in meeting currently existing needs;

(4) guidelines specifying the responsibilities and reporting requirements of the National Board, its recipients, and service providers;

(5) guidelines requiring each private nonprofit organization and local government carrying out a local emergency food and shelter program with amounts provided under this part, to the maximum extent practicable, to involve homeless individuals and families, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, in providing emergency food and shelter and in otherwise carrying out the local program; and

(6) guidelines requiring each private nonprofit organization and local government carrying out a local emergency food and shelter program with amounts provided under this part to provide for the participation of not less than 1 homeless individual or former homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policy making entity of the organization or governmental agency to the extent that such entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding the local program of the organization or locality; except that such guidelines may grant waivers to applicants unable to meet such requirement if the organization or government agrees to otherwise consult with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering and making such policies and decisions.

**(b) Publication**

Guidelines established under subsection (a) of this section shall be published annually, and whenever modified, in the Federal Register. The National Board shall not be subject to the procedural rulemaking requirements of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 100-77, title III, §316, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 493; Pub. L. 102-550, title XIV, §1432, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4043.)

## AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (a)(5), (6). Pub. L. 102-550 added pars. (5) and (6).

## PART C—GENERAL PROVISIONS

**§ 11351. Definitions**

For purposes of this subchapter:

(1) The term “Director” means the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(2) The term “emergency shelter” means a facility all or a part of which is used or designed to be used to provide temporary housing.

(3) The term “local government” means a unit of general purpose local government.

(4) The term “locality” means the geographical area within the jurisdiction of a local government.

(5) The term “National Board” means the Emergency Food and Shelter Program National Board.

(6) The term “private nonprofit organization” means an organization—

(A) no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor, or individual;

(B) that has a voluntary board;

(C) that has an accounting system, or has designated a fiscal agent in accordance with requirements established by the Director; and

(D) that practices nondiscrimination in the provision of assistance.

(7) The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(Pub. L. 100-77, title III, §321, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 493; Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, §612(c), Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1410.)

## CHANGE OF NAME

“Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency” substituted for “Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency” in par. (1) on authority of section 612(c) of Pub. L. 109-295, set out as a note under section 313 of Title 6, Domestic Security. Any reference to the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in title VI of Pub. L. 109-295 or an amendment by title VI to be considered to refer and apply to the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency until Mar. 31, 2007, see section 612(f)(2) of Pub. L. 109-295, set out as a note under section 313 of Title 6.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of all functions, personnel, assets, components, authorities, grant programs, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management relating thereto, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, see section 315(a)(1) of Title 6, Domestic Security.

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see former section 313(1) and sections 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

## TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 11352. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$180,000,000 for fiscal year 1993 and \$187,560,000 for fiscal year 1994.

(Pub. L. 100-77, title III, §322, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 493; Pub. L. 100-628, title III, §302, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3229; Pub. L. 101-645, title II, §201, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4675; Pub. L. 102-550, title XIV, §1431, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4043.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-550 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1991 and 1992.”

1990—Pub. L. 101-645 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$129,000,000 for fiscal year 1989 and \$134,000,000 for fiscal year 1990.”

1988—Pub. L. 100-628 amended section generally, substituting “\$129,000,000 for fiscal year 1989 and \$134,000,000 for fiscal year 1990” for “\$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1987 and \$124,000,000 for fiscal year 1988”.

### SUBCHAPTER IV—HOUSING ASSISTANCE

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 101-625, title VIII, §§821, 823, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4331, 4355, which provided for the amendment of this subchapter generally and provided for implementation, transition, and a prospective effective date for the amendment, was repealed by Pub. L. 102-550, title XIV, §1410, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4038, which provided that: “The Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act is amended by striking sections 821 and 823 (42 U.S.C. 11361 note). The amendment made by such section 821 of such Act shall not take effect.”

### PART A—GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### AMENDMENTS

2009—Pub. L. 111-22, div. B, title I, §1101(1), May 20, 2009, 123 Stat. 1669, substituted “General Provisions” for “Comprehensive Homeless Assistance Plan” in heading.

### § 11360. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter:

#### (1) At risk of homelessness

The term “at risk of homelessness” means, with respect to an individual or family, that the individual or family—

(A) has income below 30 percent of median income for the geographic area;

(B) has insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability; and

(C)(i) has moved frequently because of economic reasons;

(ii) is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;

(iii) has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated;

(iv) lives in a hotel or motel;

(v) lives in severely overcrowded housing;

(vi) is exiting an institution; or

(vii) otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

Such term includes all families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes.

#### (2) Chronically homeless

##### (A) In general

The term “chronically homeless” means, with respect to an individual or family, that the individual or family—

(i) is homeless and lives or resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter;

(ii) has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years; and

(iii) has an adult head of household (or a minor head of household if no adult is present in the household) with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 15002 of this title), post traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of 2 or more of those conditions.

#### (B) Rule of construction

A person who currently lives or resides in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital or other similar facility, and has resided there for fewer than 90 days shall be considered chronically homeless if such person met all of the requirements described in subparagraph (A) prior to entering that facility.

#### (3) Collaborative applicant

The term “collaborative applicant” means an entity that—

(A) carries out the duties specified in section 11360a of this title;

(B) serves as the applicant for project sponsors who jointly submit a single application for a grant under part C in accordance with a collaborative process; and

(C) if the entity is a legal entity and is awarded such grant, receives such grant directly from the Secretary.

#### (4) Collaborative application

The term “collaborative application” means an application for a grant under part C that—

(A) satisfies section 11382 of this title; and

(B) is submitted to the Secretary by a collaborative applicant.

#### (5) Consolidated Plan

The term “Consolidated Plan” means a comprehensive housing affordability strategy and community development plan required in part 91 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations.

#### (6) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means, with respect to a part, a public entity, a private entity, or an entity that is a combination of public and private entities, that is eligible to directly receive grant amounts under such part.

#### (7) Families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes

The term “families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes” means any children or youth that are defined as “homeless” under any Federal statute other than this part, but are not defined as homeless under section 11302 of this title, and