

**(2) Maximum amount of advance**

An advance under this model program shall not exceed 50 percent of the total costs associated with the construction, acquisition, or substantial rehabilitation of the project, as determined by the participating jurisdiction.

**(3) Terms of repayment****(A) Interest payments****(i) In general**

Under the model program, advances shall be repaid with interest calculated at a rate of not more than 3 percent per year, as determined by the participating jurisdiction to be appropriate. Interest shall begin to accrue 1 year after the completion of the construction, acquisition, or substantial rehabilitation of the project and shall be payable in annual installments.

**(ii) Exception**

Interest and any accrued interest shall be payable only from the surplus cash flow of the project, after a minimum return on equity determined by the participating jurisdiction to be appropriate. As used in the previous sentence, the term “surplus cash flow” means the cash flow of the project after the payment of all amounts due under the first mortgage, operating expenses, and required replacement reserves, as determined by the participating jurisdiction.

**(B) Additional interest payments**

Under the model program, for any year in which the sum of the surplus cash flow of a project and the return on equity exceeds all interest payments due under subparagraph (A), 50 percent of the excess surplus cash flow shall be paid to the participating jurisdiction’s HOME Investment Trust Fund as additional interest.

**(C) Principal and unpaid interest**

The principal amount of an advance under the model program, and any interest remaining unpaid pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be repayable when the housing no longer qualifies as affordable housing in accordance with section 12749(b) of this title.

**(b) Selection guidelines****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall establish guidelines for the selection of projects by participating jurisdictions for assistance under the model program. Such guidelines shall be designed to select projects in areas and for markets demonstrating the greatest need for the production of affordable rental housing.

**(2) Specific requirements**

The selection guidelines may include—

(A) the extent of the shortage of rental housing in the area that is available to low-income families;

(B) the extent large families with children will be served by the project;

(C) the extent to which the project provides congregate facilities and has available supportive services that will permit elderly

or handicapped residents who become frail and are in need of assistance in living to continue to reside in the project;

(D) the extent of very low-income and low-income occupancy in excess of the income targeting requirements in section 12744 of this title;

(E) the extent of the project sponsor’s commitment of equity to the project (except that this criterion shall not apply to or affect the selection of applications submitted by public housing agencies and nonprofit entities);

(F) the extent of the project sponsor’s commitment of equity to the project in comparison to the value of all public assistance for the project, including assistance under this subchapter, other Federal assistance and financing, and State and local government contributions (except that this criterion shall not apply to or affect the selection of applications submitted by public housing agencies and nonprofit entities);

(G) the extent of non-Federal public or private assistance to the project;

(H) the extent to which the project provides supportive services for persons with disabilities; and

(I) any other factor determined by the Secretary to be appropriate.

**(c) Guidelines**

The Secretary shall publish guidelines for the model program under this section not later than 180 days after November 28, 1990.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, §252, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4119.)

**§ 12803. Rental rehabilitation****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall make available a model program to support the rehabilitation of privately owned rental housing located in neighborhoods where the median income does not exceed 80 percent of the area median as determined by the Secretary and where rents can reasonably be expected not to change materially over an extended period of time.

**(b) Amount of subsidy**

The amount of the rehabilitation subsidy shall be moderate and shall generally not exceed 50 percent of the total costs associated with the rehabilitation of the housing.

**(c) Additional restrictions**

The guidelines of the model program shall generally comport with the additional protections and restrictions specified under section 1437o(c)<sup>1</sup> of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, §253, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4121.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1437o of this title, referred to in subsec. (c), was repealed by Pub. L. 101-625, title II, §289(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4128.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

**§ 12804. Rehabilitation loans****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall make available a model program to provide direct loans to finance the rehabilitation of low and moderate income single family and multifamily residential properties.

**(b) Condition of loans**

The Secretary shall establish terms and conditions to ensure that such loans are acceptable risks, taking into consideration the need for rehabilitation, the security for the loan and the ability of the borrower to repay the loan. The Secretary may establish the interest rate for loans under the model program, which shall include special interest rates for loans to borrowers with incomes below 80 percent of the area median income.

**(c) Additional restrictions**

Guidelines for the model program may require that the property—

- (1) be located in an area that contains a substantial number of dwellings in need of rehabilitation;
- (2) the property<sup>1</sup> is residential and owner-occupied; and
- (3) the property<sup>1</sup> is in need of rehabilitation or concentrated code enforcement within a reasonable time, and the rehabilitation of such property is consistent with a local plan for rehabilitation or code enforcement.

Additional guidelines for the model program shall generally comport with the additional protections and restrictions specified under section 1452b<sup>2</sup> of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, §254, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4121.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1452b of this title, referred to in subsec. (c), was repealed by Pub. L. 101-625, title II, §289(b)(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4128, which is classified to section 12839(b)(1) of this title.

**§ 12805. Sweat equity model program****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall make available a model program to provide grants to public and private nonprofit organizations and community housing development organizations to provide technical and supervisory assistance to low-income and very low-income families, including the homeless, in acquiring, rehabilitating, and constructing housing by the self-help housing method.

**(b) Rehabilitation of properties**

The program shall target for rehabilitation properties which have been acquired by the Federal, State, or local governments.

**(c) Homeownership opportunities through sweat equity**

(1) The program shall utilize the skilled or unskilled labor of eligible families in exchange for acquisition of the property.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The words “the property” probably should not appear.

<sup>2</sup> See References in Text note below.

(2) Training shall be provided to eligible families in building and home maintenance skills.

**(d) Rental opportunities through sweat equity**

(1) The program shall include rental opportunities for eligible families which will help expand the stock of affordable housing which is most appropriate for the target group.

(2) The use of the tenant’s skilled or unskilled labor shall be encouraged in lieu of or as a supplement to rent payments by the tenant.

**(e) “Self-help housing” defined**

The term “self-help housing” means the same as in section 1490c of this title.

**(f) Additional restrictions**

The guidelines for the model program shall generally comport with the additional protections and restrictions specified under section 1490c of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, §255, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4121.)

## ASSISTANCE FOR SELF-HELP HOUSING PROVIDERS

Pub. L. 104-120, §11, Mar. 28, 1996, 110 Stat. 841, as amended by Pub. L. 105-276, title V, §599E(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2663; Pub. L. 106-569, title II, §202, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2951; Pub. L. 108-285, §2, Aug. 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 917; Pub. L. 114-201, title V, §502, July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 811, provided that:

“(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may, to the extent amounts are available to carry out this section and the requirements of this section are met, make grants for use in accordance with this section to national and regional organizations and consortia that have experience in providing or facilitating self-help housing homeownership opportunities.

“(b) GOALS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—In making grants under this section, the Secretary shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that—

“(1) assistance provided under this section is used to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities through the provision of self-help housing, under which the homeowner contributes a significant amount of sweat equity toward the construction of the new dwellings;

“(2) assistance provided under this section for land acquisition and infrastructure development results in the development of not less than 4,000 new dwellings;

“(3) the dwellings constructed in connection with assistance provided under this section are quality dwellings that comply with local building and safety codes and standards and are available at prices below the prevailing market prices;

“(4) the provision of assistance under this section establishes and fosters a partnership between the Federal Government and organizations and consortia, resulting in efficient development of affordable housing with minimal governmental intervention, limited governmental regulation, and significant involvement by private entities;

“(5) activities to develop housing assisted pursuant to this section involve community participation in which volunteers assist in the construction of dwellings; and

“(6) dwellings are developed in connection with assistance under this section on a geographically diverse basis, which includes areas having high housing costs, rural areas, and areas underserved by other homeownership opportunities that are populated by low-income families unable to otherwise afford housing.

If, at any time, the Secretary determines that the goals under this subsection cannot be met by providing assistance in accordance with the terms of this section,