

and is no longer engaging in the illegal use of a controlled substance or abuse of alcohol (as applicable).

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### § 13663. Ineligibility of dangerous sex offenders for admission to public housing

#### (a) In general

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an owner of federally assisted housing shall prohibit admission to such housing for any household that includes any individual who is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program.

#### (b) Obtaining information

As provided in regulations issued by the Secretary to carry out this section—

(1) a public housing agency shall carry out criminal history background checks on applicants for federally assisted housing and make further inquiry with State and local agencies as necessary to determine whether an applicant for federally assisted housing is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program; and

(2) State and local agencies responsible for the collection or maintenance of criminal history record information or information on persons required to register as sex offenders shall comply with requests of public housing agencies for information pursuant to this section.

#### (c) Requests by owners for PHAs to obtain information

A public housing agency may take any action under subsection (b) regarding applicants for, or tenants of, federally assisted housing other than federally assisted housing described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 13664(a)(2) of this title, but only if the housing is located within the jurisdiction of the agency and the owner of such housing has requested that the agency take such action on behalf of the owner. Upon such a request by the owner, the agency shall take the action requested under subsection (b). The agency may not make any information obtained pursuant to the action under subsection (b) available to the owner but shall perform determinations for the owner regarding screening, lease enforcement, and eviction based on criteria supplied by the owner.

#### (d) Opportunity to dispute

Before an adverse action is taken with respect to an applicant for federally assisted housing on

the basis that an individual is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program, the public housing agency obtaining the record shall provide the tenant or applicant with a copy of the registration information and an opportunity to dispute the accuracy and relevance of that information.

#### (e) Fee

A public housing agency may be charged a reasonable fee for taking actions under subsection (b). In the case of a public housing agency taking actions on behalf of another owner of federally assisted housing pursuant to subsection (c), the agency may pass such fee on to the owner making the request and may charge an additional reasonable fee for making the request on behalf of the owner.

#### (f) Records management

Each public housing agency shall establish and implement a system of records management that ensures that any criminal record or information regarding a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program that is obtained under this section by the public housing agency is—

- (1) maintained confidentially;
- (2) not misused or improperly disseminated; and
- (3) destroyed, once the purpose for which the record was requested has been accomplished.

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### § 13664. Definitions

#### (a)<sup>1</sup> Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply:

##### (1) Drug-related criminal activity

The term “drug-related criminal activity” has the meaning given the term in section 1437a(b) of this title.

##### (2) Federally assisted housing

The term “federally assisted housing” means a dwelling unit—

- (A) in public housing (as such term is defined in section 1437a(b) of this title);
- (B) assisted with tenant-based assistance under section 1437f of this title;
- (C) in housing that is provided project-based assistance under section 1437f of this

<sup>1</sup> So in original. No subsec. (b) has been enacted.