

(4) The term “homeownership program” means a program for homeownership under this part.

(5) The term “Indian housing authority” has the meaning given such term in section 1437a(b)(11)¹ of this title.

(6) The term “low-income family” has the meaning given such term in section 1437a(b)(2) of this title.

(7) The term “public housing agency” has the meaning given such term in section 1437a(b)(6) of this title.

(8) The term “recipient” means an applicant approved to receive a grant under this title¹ or such other entity specified in the approved application that will assume the obligations of the recipient under this part.

(9) The term “resident council” means any incorporated nonprofit organization or association that—

(A) is representative of the tenants of the housing;

(B) adopts written procedures providing for the election of officers on a regular basis; and

(C) has a democratically elected governing board, elected by the tenants of the housing.

(10) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title IV, §426, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4170; Pub. L. 102-550, title I, §181(d), (e), (h), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3735, 3736.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1437a(b)(11) of this title, referred to in par. (5), was repealed by Pub. L. 104-330, title V, §501(b)(1)(D), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4041, and a new section 1437a(b)(11), defining “public housing agency plan”, was enacted by Pub. L. 105-276, title V, §506(4), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2524.

This title, referred to in par. (8), means title IV of Pub. L. 101-625, known as the Homeownership and Opportunity Through HOPE Act, and probably should have been “this subtitle”, meaning subtitle B (§§421-431) of title IV of Pub. L. 101-625, which is classified principally to this part. For complete classification of title IV of Pub. L. 101-625 to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1437aaa of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1992—Par. (1)(G). Pub. L. 102-550, §181(d), added subpar. (G).

Par. (3)(D). Pub. L. 102-550, §181(e), (h), inserted “the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Transportation, the General Services Administration, any other Federal agency,” after “Corporation,” and “or an agency or instrumentality thereof” before period at end.

§ 12877. Exemption

Eligible property covered by a homeownership program approved under this part shall not be subject to—

(1) the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 [12 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.], or

(2) the requirements of section 1701z-11 of title 12 applicable to the sale of projects either

at foreclosure or after acquisition by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title IV, §427, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4171.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, referred to in par. (1), is title II of Pub. L. 100-242, as amended by Pub. L. 101-625, title VI, §601(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4249, which is classified principally to chapter 42 (§4101 et seq.) of Title 12, Banks and Banking. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4101 of Title 12 and Tables.

§ 12878. Limitation on selection criteria

In establishing criteria for selecting applicants to receive assistance under this part, the Secretary may not establish any selection criterion or criteria that grant or deny such assistance to an applicant (or have the effect of granting or denying assistance) based on the implementation, continuation, or discontinuation of any public policy, regulation, or law of any jurisdiction in which the applicant or project is located.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title IV, §428, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4171.)

§ 12879. Implementation

Not later than the expiration of the 180-day period beginning on the date that funds authorized under this part first become available for obligation, the Secretary shall by notice establish such requirements as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this part. Such requirements shall be subject to section 553 of title 5. The Secretary shall issue regulations based on the initial notice before the expiration of the 8-month period beginning on the date of the notice.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title IV, §430, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4172.)

§ 12880. Report

The Secretary shall no later than December 31, 1995, submit to the Congress a report setting forth—

(1) the number, type and cost of eligible properties transferred pursuant to this part;

(2) the income, race, gender, children and other characteristics of families participating (or not participating) in homeownership programs funded under this part;

(3) the amount and type of financial assistance provided under and in conjunction with this part;

(4) the amount of financial assistance provided under this part that was needed to ensure continued affordability and meet future maintenance and repair costs; and

(5) the recommendations of the Secretary for statutory and regulatory improvements to the program.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title IV, §431, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4172; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1072(a), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 721.)

¹ See References in Text note below.

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AMENDMENTS

1995—Pub. L. 104-66 in section catchline substituted “Report” for “Annual report”, and in introductory provisions substituted “The Secretary shall no later than December 31, 1995,” for “The Secretary shall annually”.

PART B—HOPE FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

§ 12891. Program authority

The Secretary is authorized to make—

- (1) planning grants to help applicants develop homeownership programs in accordance with this part; and
- (2) implementation grants to enable applicants to carry out homeownership programs in accordance with this part.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title IV, § 441, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4172; Pub. L. 102-550, title I, § 181(a)(2)(B)(ii), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3735.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-550 struck out “(a) IN GENERAL” before “The Secretary is authorized” and subsec. (b) which read as follows: “AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for grants under this part \$36,000,000 for fiscal year 1991, and \$195,000,000 for fiscal year 1992. Any amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until expended.”

§ 12892. Planning grants**(a) Grants**

The Secretary is authorized to make planning grants to applicants for the purpose of developing homeownership programs under this part. The amount of a planning grant under this section may not exceed \$200,000, except that the Secretary may for good cause approve a grant in a higher amount.

(b) Eligible activities

Planning grants may be used for activities to develop homeownership programs (which may include programs for cooperative ownership), including—

- (1) identifying eligible properties;
- (2) training and technical assistance of applicants related to the development of a specific homeownership program;
- (3) studies of the feasibility of specific homeownership programs;
- (4) inspection for lead-based paint hazards, as required by section 4822(a) of this title;
- (5) preliminary architectural and engineering work;
- (6) homebuyer counseling and training;
- (7) planning for economic development, job training, and self-sufficiency activities that promote economic self-sufficiency for homebuyers and homeowners under the homeownership program;
- (8) development of security plans; and
- (9) preparation of an application for an implementation grant under this part.

(c) Application**(1) Form and procedures**

An application for a planning grant shall be submitted by an applicant in such form and in

accordance with such procedures as the Secretary shall establish.

(2) Minimum requirements

The Secretary shall require that an application contain at a minimum—

(A) a request for a planning grant, specifying the activities proposed to be carried out, the schedule for completing the activities, the personnel necessary to complete the activities, and the amount of the grant requested;

(B) a description of the applicant and a statement of its qualifications;

(C) identification and description of the eligible properties likely to be involved, and a description of the composition of the potential homebuyers and residents of the areas in which such eligible properties are located, including family size and income;

(D) a certification by the public official responsible for submitting the comprehensive housing affordability strategy under section 12705 of this title that the proposed activities are consistent with the approved housing strategy of the State or unit of general local government within which the project is located (or, during the first 12 months after November 28, 1990, that the application is consistent with such other existing State or local housing plan or strategy that the Secretary shall determine to be appropriate); and

(E) a certification that the applicant will comply with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act [42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.], title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.], section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. 794], and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 [42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.], and will affirmatively further fair housing.

(d) Selection criteria

The Secretary shall, by regulation, establish selection criteria for a national competition for assistance under this section, which shall include—

(1) the qualifications or potential capabilities of the applicant;

(2) the extent of interest in the development of a homeownership program;

(3) the potential of the applicant for developing a successful and affordable homeownership program and the availability and suitability of eligible properties in the applicable geographic area with respect to the application;

(4) national geographic diversity among housing for which applicants are selected to receive assistance; and

(5) such other factors that the Secretary shall require that (in the determination of the Secretary) are appropriate for purposes of carrying out the program established by this part in an effective and efficient manner.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title IV, § 442, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4172; Pub. L. 102-550, title X, § 1012(j)(1), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3906.)