

# OKLAHOMA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY 202<u>2</u>1 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Application Packet

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# **Introduction**

Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated State Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) for the State of Oklahoma.

Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 92 (HOME Program Final Rule), governs this program. Those regulations are incorporated by reference in this Application packet. In any instance when there is a conflict between this packet and CFR Part 92, then CFR Part 92 shall control, except in those cases where OHFA has adopted more restrictive requirements than those included in CFR Part 92. The primary goal of the OHFA HOME Program is to retain and increase the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing. OHFA furthers this goal by using the HOME Program financial resources as a catalyst in the development and strengthening of public partnerships with local governments, nonprofit organizations, private sector development entities, financial institutions, and debt and equity capital outlets.

Potential Applicants must certify that they have read the <u>2022+ HOME Program Processes</u>, <u>Procedures and Topical Guidance</u>, a separate document available on OHFA's website, <u>www.ohfa.org</u>. This document provides additional and more detailed guidance on various HOME Program and OHFA requirements.

Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Lawton and Norman are communities that are HUD designated Participating Jurisdictions and receive direct annual allocations of HOME Program funds from HUD. Therefore, OHFA does not accept Applications for developments within the city limits of these cities. Applications for HOME funds will be accepted from within the Tulsa HOME Consortium, provided the proposed developments are not situated within the city limits of Tulsa.

# **HOME Program Description**

OHFA's HOME Program description is set forth below. A brief description is also contained in the 202½4 Action Plan Update to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, available through the Division of Community Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC). HUD mandates this Action Plan. OHFA conducts several public input sessions, and takes public input into account when drafting the Action Plan. A copy of the HOME 202½4 Action Plan can be obtained by contacting ODOC or by accessing it on their website, <a href="www.okcommerce.gov">www.okcommerce.gov</a>.

#### **HOME Eligible Entities**

**State Recipients:** Units of general local government, including cities, towns, counties and Indian tribes.

**CHDOs:** A Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is a private, nonprofit organization that meets certain qualifications prescribed in the HOME regulations. OHFA must utilize a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of its annual allocation for housing owned, developed or sponsored by CHDOs. (OHFA has chosen to set-aside twenty-five percent (25%) of its annual allocation to CHDOs.) OHFA will designate organizations as CHDOs only after evaluating their qualifications. CHDOs also may be involved in the program as sub-recipients, but the use of HOME funds in this capacity is not counted toward the CHDO Set-Aside.

**Sub-recipients:** A sub-recipient is a public agency or nonprofit organization selected by OHFA to administer all or a portion of the HOME Program. It may or may not also qualify as a CHDO. Sub-recipients administer programs, not projects. An entity administering a single project would not be doing so as a sub-recipient. Sub-recipients may administer part of a program for OHFA; they do not have to administer the entire program.

**Nonprofit developers:** A nonprofit developer is a nonprofit housing development organization selected by OHFA, through the competitive Application process described herein, to develop a single HOME Program project.

For-profit developers: A for-profit developer is a for-profit housing development organization or individual selected by OHFA, through the competitive Application process described herein, to develop a single HOME Program project. For Program Year 20221, for-profit developers are only eligible to apply for Rental Activities in Conjunction with Affordable Housing Tax Credits (AHTCs). They are ineligible to apply for any other type of HOME funding from OHFA.

# **HOME Eligible Activities**

### 1. Homebuyer

HOME funds may be used by Applicants to assist eligible individuals or families for acquisition, acquisition and rehabilitation, new construction, and homebuyer assistance of affordable housing for homeownership. Housing Counseling is a requirement for any and all homebuyer activities. Effective August 1, 20210 housing counseling must be provided by a HUD approved certified housing counselor. If the Awardee is not a HUD approved certified housing counselor, Awardee may contract with another agency that is a HUD approved certified housing counselor. HOME Program Down-Payment Assistance is limited to a maximum of \$14,999 per assisted household, and is further limited to the amount of HOME funds required to make the housing affordable to the homebuyer.

The following is a list of Forms of Assistance. These are defined as a sub-activity under Homebuyer.

- A. Acquisition: Acquire homes for resale to individuals. Funds may be passed through in the form of a loan or grant to individuals for purchase of a home. If a home is acquired for resale without accompanying rehabilitation, it must meet all applicable State and local codes at the time of acquisition.
- B. Acquisition and rehabilitation: Acquire and rehabilitate substandard homes for resale to individuals.
- C. New Construction: Construct homes for sale to individuals.
- D. Homebuyer assistance: Provide down payment and/or closing cost assistance, or reduce the monthly carrying cost of a loan for individuals purchasing affordable housing.

Potential Applicants proposing to construct new HOME-assisted housing units for sale, or to acquire and/or rehabilitate HOME-assisted housing units for sale, must note that <u>if a Homeownership unit has not been sold to a HOME-eligible homebuyer household within nine (9) months of the completion of the construction or rehabilitation, the homeownership unit must be converted to a <u>HOME Rental unit</u>. This rule applies to all Homeownership units assisted with 2022+ Program Year funds. Neither OHFA nor HUD has any exception authority, and therefore neither agency can grant a waiver of this requirement.</u>

#### 2. Rental

HOME funds may be used by Applicants for acquisition, acquisition and rehabilitation, rehabilitation and new construction of affordable rental housing. The following is a list of Forms of Assistance. These are defined as a sub-activity under Rental:

- A. Acquisition: Acquire housing for purposes of renting to individuals. If a home is acquired for rental without accompanying rehabilitation, it must meet all applicable State and local codes at the time of acquisition.
- B. Acquisition and Rehabilitation: Acquire and rehabilitate housing for purposes of renting to individuals.
- C. Rehabilitation: Rehabilitate currently owned housing for purposes of renting to individuals.
- D. New Construction: Construction of housing for purposes of renting to individuals.

Potential Applicants for Rental activities must note that HOME Rental units must be rented to an income-eligible household within six (6) months. If a HOME Rental unit is not leased to an initial income-eligible tenant household within six (6) months, the owner must submit a current marketing plan, and if appropriate, a plan for a more aggressive marketing strategy. In addition, if a HOME Rental unit is not leased to an initial income-eligible household within eighteen (18) months of the date of project completion, the owner must repay the HOME funds invested in that unit. These rules apply to initial qualifying tenant households only. They apply to all Rental units assisted with 2022+ Program Year funds. Neither OHFA nor HUD has any exception authority regarding the repayment of HOME funds after 18 months if a unit has not been leased to an initial, qualifying tenant household.

Note: Awardees may not charge tenants living in HOME-assisted Rental housing any fees that are not customarily charged in rental housing.

#### Applications for Rental Activities in Conjunction with Affordable Housing Tax Credits

For Program Year 2022+, all eligible entities wishing to submit an Application for Rental Activities in Conjunction with Affordable Housing Tax Credits (AHTCs) must submit their Applications on or before June 24, 2022+ to be considered at the September Board of Trustees Meeting. Applications may be submitted any time on or after April 1, 2021. Funding for Rental Activities in Conjunction with AHTCs will be from the Rental/Homeownership Set-Aside.

OHFA will not accept Applications for Rental Activities in Conjunction with AHTCs that are proposed in conjunction with an AHTC Application for the Second Funding Period of 2021 until June 24, 2021, which will be considered at the September 2021 Board Meeting.

Applications proposing to incorporate the use of HOME funds with OHFA's AHTC Program will, if successful, be given a contingent award pending the outcome of the Tax Credit Application. The contingency will be based upon satisfaction of the Tax Credit Program Application requirements and Tax Credits awarded. Any discrepancies between the two Applications must be resolved, which may include Staff requesting additional documentation and/or clarification for the HOME Application. The HOME Application should reference the Tax Credit Application.

If the Applicant does not receive an award of AHTCs in the Second Funding Period of 2022+, the contingent award will carry over only to the First AHTC Funding Period of 2022. The contingent award will not carry over to any future Funding Period beyond the First Funding Period of 2022. This is due to HUD's new accounting method for tracking commitment of the HOME funds within the statutorily mandated 24 month period. Under this new method, mandated to HUD by the 2022+HOME Application 6

Government Accounting Office (GAO), each program year must be tracked separately for commitment and expenditure deadlines. PJs can no longer rely on the cumulative method of tracking commitment and expenditure deadlines previously used by HUD.

#### 3. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

HOME funds may be used to help eligible individual households afford housing costs such as rent, utility costs, security deposits and utility deposits. Funding for TBRA will be from the Rental/Homeownership Set-Aside.

# 4. CHDO Pre-development Loans

HOME funds may be used by CHDOs for project-specific pre-development assistance intended to fund up-front, eligible project expenditures. This assistance provides a form of project feasibility "line of credit" that many nonprofit developers need, but often have difficulty obtaining from private sources. All costs must be related to a specific project which, if deemed feasible, would receive HOME funds for development. Project pre-development costs may not exceed customary and reasonable preparation costs.

#### 5. CHDO Operating Assistance

HOME funds may be used by CHDOs for general operating expenses. Assistance for operating expenses may not exceed \$50,000 in any HOME Program Year. CHDO operating assistance awards may also be limited by other statutory or regulatory limits or restrictions. CHDO Operating Assistance is separate from, and not intended to supplant, CHDO Set-Aside funds. Operating Assistance funds cannot pay for project costs.

For Program Year 2022+, CHDO Operating Assistance will be awarded at the same time as an award of CHDO Set-Aside funds, and as a percentage of the CHDO Set-Aside funds awarded. The CHDO Operating Assistance will be ten percent (10%) of the CHDO Set-Aside funding award, up to a maximum of \$50,000. (The maximum of \$50,000 is for all CHDO Set-Aside awards in Program Year 2022+, and not for each separate award.) In so doing, OHFA will make an exception to its normal policy that a separate Application must be submitted for each different activity and form of assistance. However, to be awarded the CHDO Operating Assistance, the Applicant must complete all sections of the 2022+ HOME Program Application that pertain to CHDO Operating Assistance, and must be eligible to receive CHDO Operating Assistance at the time of Application.

Applications for CHDO Operating Assistance only will not be accepted.

#### HOME Funding - Prohibited Activities as set forth in 24 CFR 92.214

HOME funds <u>cannot</u> be used to pay for:

- Any costs associated with HOME Application preparation or submittal.
- Costs outside stated contract periods, <u>unless specifically permitted by OHFA and set forth in the Written Agreement</u>.
- Operating subsidies.
- Existing indebtedness.
- Reserve accounts, except for funding an initial operating deficit reserve as set forth in 24 CFR Part 92.206(d) (5).
- The "nonfederal" match for other federal programs except to match McKinney Act funds.
- The development of common areas or off-site infrastructure.
- TBRA for rental assistance in conjunction with the federal Rental Rehabilitation Program

(Section 17) to prevent displacements.

- Certain mandated existing Section 8 Program use, such as Section 8 rent subsidies for troubled HUD-insured projects.
- Activities authorized under 24 CFR Part 968 (Public Housing Modernization).
- Assistance to eligible low-income housing under 24 CFR Part 248 (Prepayment of Low Income Housing Mortgages).
- Project-based rental assistance.
- Assistance authorized under Section 9 of the 1937 Act (Public Housing Capital and Operating Funds).
- Tenant-based rental assistance for the special purposes of the existing Section 8 program.
- Assistance to a project previously assisted with HOME funds during the period of
  affordability established by HUD and/or OHFA in the Written Agreement. However,
  additional HOME funds may be committed to a project up to one year after project
  completion, but the total amount of HOME funds in the project may not exceed the maximum
  per-unit subsidy amount.

#### **Mode of HOME Investment**

Applicants receiving an award of HOME funds will receive the funds in the form of a grant, except for CHDOs receiving CHDO Pre-Development Loans.

For Homebuyer contracts, Applicants must protect the HOME funds by loaning the funds to the beneficiaries. A suggested format is a forgivable loan, zero percent (0%) interest, with a percentage forgiven each year based on the length of the period of affordability. For the protection of the period of affordability, OHFA will not accept loans forgiven at a more accelerated rate than the applicable prorated percentage based on the period of affordability. However, the Awardee may choose to forgive the loan at a lesser rate, or to not forgive any part of the loan until the period of affordability has expired.

OHFA has been advised by HUD that Participating Jurisdictions may not grant HOME funds to a pass-through entity that will subsequently loan the funds to another entity.

# **HOME Program Funds Allocation**

The amount of OHFA's allocation of HOME funds for Program Year 20224 is \$8,654,876. The amount was determined via formula by HUD.

All amounts or percentages set forth in this Application packet may be changed at the discretion of OHFA, except where mandated by HOME Program Rules. Such decisions shall be based upon demand, need, efficient resource use, and other program relevant considerations.

Recaptured Funds and Program Income may be used for funding activities as described herein or OHFA may allocate funding to meet other targeted activities.

Funding awards are subject to the availability of HOME funds and the timing needs of individual developments. **OHFA will not make future funding commitments**.

#### 1. Administrative Funds

Ten percent (10%) of the annual allocation shall be used for administration. These funds shall be used by OHFA to support its overall program delivery and monitoring.

#### 2. CHDO Set-Aside

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual allocation shall be used solely by CHDOs and solely for CHDO-eligible activities and CHDO Pre-Development Loans. No more than ten percent (10%) of the funds shall be used for CHDO Pre-development Loans. Rental activities in conjunction with Affordable Housing Tax Credits will not be funded from this set-aside. Those activities will be funded from the Rental/Homeownership Set-Aside as set forth below.

#### 3. Rental/Homeownership

Fifty (50%) of the annual allocation shall be used for Rental and Homeownership housing activities, excluding Down-Payment Assistance. If no funds remain in the CHDO Set-Aside, Applications from CHDOs for CHDO-eligible activities will be considered from this set-aside.

#### 4. Down-Payment Assistance

Ten percent (10%) of the annual allocation shall be used for Down-Payment Assistance programs. Assistance to individual households cannot exceed \$14,999. If any funds remain in this set-aside after October 1, 2022‡, they will be transferred to the Rental/Homeownership Set-Aside.

# 5. CHDO Operating Assistance

No more than five percent (5%) of the annual allocation will be available for CHDO Operating Assistance, pursuant to 24 CFR 92.208(a).

#### **Award Amounts**

# 1. Homebuyer and Rental

Except for Down-Payment Assistance programs, the amount of HOME funds to be allocated to an eligible Homeownership or Rental activity, including Rental activities being undertaken with AHTCs, is limited to no more than \$500,000. For Rental Activities in Conjunction with AHTCs, there is also a minimum required request and award amount of \$200,000.

Down-Payment Assistance programs are limited to \$200,000.

#### 2. CHDO Pre-Development Loans

CHDO Pre-Development Loans will be limited to a maximum of \$20,000. Loan terms will not exceed eighteen (18) months and interest rates are one percent (1%) simple interest per annum. Predevelopment loans are due and payable on the first day of the nineteenth (19th) month.

# 3. CHDO Operating

CHDO Operating Assistance can be provided up to a maximum of \$50,000.

# Federal Program Regulations, Activity Rules, Model Program Guidance, Federal Notices

Applicants may easily access a wealth of guidance and information relating to the HOME Program from HUD's HOME Program website, The HUD Exchange, and the OHFA website. Applicants new to the HOME Program are strongly encouraged to educate themselves on all aspects of HOME, and experienced Applicants should continually seek guidance to improve and build upon their 2022+HOME Application

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current knowledge of the Program.

HUD website: www.hud.gov

HOME Program website: www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home

OHFA website: www.ohfa.org

HUD Resources: HUD Exchange (www.hudexchange.info) is a one-stop shop for PJs and their partners to view resources, updates, and information related to all HUD programs.

# Questions

Questions regarding this Application Packet and the HOME regulations may be directed in writing to:

Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency Housing Development Team P.O. Box 26720 Oklahoma City, OK 73126-0720

All Housing Development Team Staff can be contacted by e-mail, fax or phone. The individual fax number for each staff member is 405.419.9 plus the last three digits of the phone number.

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 Environmental Review questions should be directed to Ms. Alicia Thomas. If awarded funds, the Environmental Review packet must be submitted through Dropbox. Please request a link from Ms. Alicia Thomas.

### **Application Process**

An Application must be from an eligible entity and for an eligible activity. To be considered for funding, a HOME Application must satisfy all threshold requirements. An Applicant applying for HOME funds should thoroughly review the Application prior to submission.

Although one Project may have multiple HOME eligible activities, each proposed activity must be submitted as a separate Application. The one exception is for CHDO Operating Assistance. CHDO Operating Assistance will be awarded as part of an Application for CHDO Set-Aside funds.

An Applicants are is limited to submitting one Application per Application deadline. However, the same Applicant may submit another Application for the next deadline.

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A Project is defined as: a site or sites together with any building (including manufactured housing unit) or building located on the site(s) under common ownership, management and financing, to be assisted with HOME funds as a single undertaking. The "Project" includes all of the activities associated with the site(s) and building(s). For TBRA, "Project' means assistance to one or more families.

OHFA will begin accepting Applications for HOME Program Year 20221 on April 1, 20221, for all activities.

OHFA will conduct a thorough review and make funding recommendations based on the documentation submitted. All Applications will be considered and acted upon by the OHFA Board of Trustees at one of their regularly scheduled meetings. Below are the deadlines by which an Application must be submitted to be considered at the corresponding Board meeting. OHFA at its discretion may delay the consideration of Applications if extenuating circumstances arise.

Oklahoma Housing Trust Fund Applications proposing to incorporate the use of HOME funds must be contingently approved before the HOME award. A HOME Application will not be contingently approved based upon a future Oklahoma Housing Trust Fund award.

OHFA cannot, under any circumstances, commit HOME funds to a project without a firm financial commitment from all other funding sources. The definition of a "commitment" of HOME funds is a legally binding Written Agreement with a State recipient, a sub-recipient, a CHDO, or a non-profit or for-profit developer to use a specific amount of HOME funds to produce affordable housing or provide down-payment assistance. Contingent awards as described above do not constitute a commitment of HOME funds.

The listed Board meeting dates may be subject to change. Therefore, Applicants are encouraged to contact Staff or access the OHFA website for updated information. The first Board meeting at which Applications for 2022+ HOME Program funds will be considered is the July 2022+ Board meeting.

	<b>Deadline for consideration</b>	<b>Board Meeting Date</b>
	TBDApril 30, 2021	July, 20224 (Exact date not set at this
time)		
	<u>TBDJune 24, 2021</u>	September, 20224 (Exact date not set at this
time)		•
Í	*(Applicants for HOME Program fund	ls in conjunction with AHTCs must submit their
	applications by this date.)	·
	September 16, 2022‡	November, 2022+ (Exact date not set at this
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	TBD <del>November 18, 2021</del>	January, 20232(Exact date not set at this
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,	TBD <del>January, 2022</del>	March, 20232(Exact date not set at this
time)		, <u> </u>

#### **Application: Board Consideration**

All Applications will be considered and acted upon by the OHFA Board of Trustees at one of the regularly scheduled meetings. Unless otherwise posted, the meeting time will be 10:00 a.m. and the meeting place will be 100 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73116, in the Will Rogers Conference Room. Interested parties should check the OHFA website periodically for updates on meeting dates, times and locations.

The Board of Trustees may, in their discretion, after hearing the recommendations of Staff and the Applicants, elect to approve or deny an Application irrespective of the recommendation of OHFA Staff, if deemed in the best interests of OHFA and/or the needs of the State of Oklahoma. Accordingly, representatives of the Applicant are encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees meeting to answer any questions of the Trustees, and to present evidence and argument in support of approval of the Application, if necessary. The Applicant's representative should be a responsible employee or official of the Applicant. The Applicant may also be represented by legal counsel.

In their deliberations, the Board of Trustees will consider the Application, Staff's recommendations, the presentation of the Applicant, the HOME Program Rules (OAC 330:55), the Consolidated Plan, the HOME Program Action Plan for 20224 and the 20224 Application process. The procedures set forth in OAC 330:10 and Article II of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S., Sections 309, et seq. (the "OAPA") will be followed. The meeting will be considered an individual proceeding under the OAPA and the decision of the Board of Trustees will constitute a *Final Order* thereunder.

Neither an Applicant nor members of the public shall communicate, directly or indirectly, with the Trustees regarding an Application under consideration by OHFA (except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate.)

OHFA's Board of Trustees makes the final decisions regarding awards of HOME Program funds. Therefore, appeals of the funding recommendations of OHFA Staff must be made at the Board of Trustees meeting at which the applications are considered. Appeals cannot introduce new documentation that was not included with the original application for funds.

# **Application Format**

- All Applications must be uploaded to OHFA's Dropbox system, OHFA will no longer accept hardcopies of applications.
- Electronic Application Information
- OHFA is not responsible for any Internet, computer, and uploading, etc. type of
  issues. Applicants are advised to upload electronic Application files before the
  deadline. Your Dropbox Application link will expire on the due date at 3:00 p.m.
  Central time; therefore, an Application cannot be submitted after the deadline.
- Step 1: Request a Dropbox folder for the Application to be submitted by emailing any of
  the five OHFA Allocation Specialists. The assigned folder name will be the "Name of
  Applicant-Activity-City" (Activity means CHDO Operating/Homebuyer/Rental etc.).
  Provide this information in your request.

- Step 2: The Specialist will "reply to all" in the email folder request by sending a link to the Dropbox folder. The link will be specific to that folder/Application. You can share the link with others. Please exercise caution when sharing the folder link, do not share with anyone you do not want access to the folder.
- Step 3: <u>Create one PDF document with bookmarks for each tab, even those that are N/A.</u>
   For each tab, including those that are N/A, create a title page listing the same name as the bookmark name. The PDF should be named the same as the initial folder request, see Step 1 above.
- Please use the tabs listed on the submission checklist as a guide for listing bookmark titles and title pages.
- TIP: For more information about creating bookmarks see <a href="https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/page-thumbnails-bookmarks-pdfs.html">https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/page-thumbnails-bookmarks-pdfs.html</a>.
- Step 4: Review PDF file for clarity and verify bookmarks work properly. Verify readability after you scan/prepare a document. If a document is too small, or in any other way illegible, then Staff will not be able to evaluate information or count as submitted. This may cause you to Fail Threshold or not receive points. TIP: When possible, convert documents directly to PDF, then insert signature pages into the PDF.
- Step 5: <u>Upload PDF Application file</u>. Once a document is submitted you cannot edit or retrieve it. If you need to submit a revised Application, then put Revised in the title. OHFA's Dropbox system is only for submitting Applications, not a method for Application preparation.
- Step 6: After submission, Applicants receive an email acknowledging successful upload.
- Step 7: During the review process, Staff will rename folder with file number

Do not change content of Application attachment forms that are marked as "DO NOT MODIFY THIS FORM."

#### **Application Submission**

All information to be considered with an Application must be received by the deadline. See Attachment E for electronic submission requirements.

# IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO VERIFY TIMELY AND COMPLETE RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION BY DESIGNATED STAFF. Threshold Factors

Failure to submit or properly address threshold items will disqualify the Application from being scored and considered for funding. Some factors may not apply to all Applications. Some requirements under a particular factor may not apply to all Applications.

For threshold factors only, all Applicants will be notified of insufficient documentation or items in need of clarification, and will be given a 14 calendar day period in which to provide additional

documentation and/or clarification as needed. OHFA will permit such additional documentation and/or clarification to be provided electronically <u>unless a document with an original signature is</u> required.

# **Program and Financial Monitoring**

An Application may be denied based upon a review by Program and Compliance Staff of performance issues and previous participation. Compliance Staff will assess the performance of the Applicant, administrators, consultants, or other partners involved in the development. <u>All</u> monitoring requirements will be judged as of the date of submission of the Application to OHFA.

There is no documentation requirement for Program and Financial Monitoring. OHFA Staff will review internal records and consult with Compliance Monitoring Staff and Financial Monitoring Staff to determine if the Application meets the necessary requirements for funding. OHFA Staff may request additional information from the Applicant in order to determine that the Application meets all the necessary requirements. Failure to provide any such additional information could cause OHFA Staff to recommend denial of the Application.

- A. Applicants with unresolved monitoring findings are ineligible to apply for funding. Prospective Applicants should therefore ensure that all monitoring findings have been resolved to the satisfaction of OHFA Compliance Staff before submitting an Application for HOME funds. "Unresolved" means that the monitoring findings were not corrected within the correction period established by OHFA Staff. Monitoring findings that are still within the correction period will not be counted against the Applicant.
- B. Applicants with a score of three (3) or higher on OHFA's Awardee Capacity
  Measurement System are ineligible to apply for funding. A copy of the worksheet for
  the Awardee Capacity Monitoring System is available on OHFA's website,
  www.ohfa.org. OHFA Compliance Staff has developed this Awardee Capacity
  Measurement System in order to better assess the capacity of Applicants to undertake a
  HOME Project or Program. HUD requires OHFA to certify that an Awardee has the capacity
  to undertake the Project or Program.
- C. Applicants with five (5) or more open HOME written agreements (not including CHDO Operating Assistance written agreements) at the time of Application are ineligible to apply for funding. A large number of open written agreements represents a possible capacity issue, especially should key staff leave before the written agreements are completed. Further, the limit prevents any one entity from monopolizing the limited HOME funds available. An open written agreement is defined as any written agreement that has not been fully expended and for which the proper and complete close-out documents have not been submitted to OHFA. If Applicants submit more than one Application for the same OHFA Board meeting, they should be aware that they cannot receive multiple awards that would cause them to exceed the five (5) written agreement limit.
- D. Applicants with open HOME written agreements over three (3) years old that are not 100% expended and for which closeout documents have not been submitted to OHFA are ineligible to apply for OHFA HOME funds. OHFA Staff will verify with HOME Finance that Applicants do not have any open HOME written agreements over three years old, or, if they do have open HOME written agreements over two years old, that the HOME

funds are one hundred percent (100%) expended and acceptable closeout documents are on file.

E. Applicants with three (3) or more financial findings on one (1) or more open written agreements are ineligible to apply for funding. Applicants should ensure that financial findings are resolved before submitting a new Application for HOME funds.

Compliance with all HOME Program rules and regulations is essential. Therefore, OHFA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny any Application due to prior monitoring or financial findings or concerns, regardless of the number or perceived severity. OHFA also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny an Application even if there have been no prior monitoring findings or concerns, if OHFA Staff has other legitimate concerns regarding the Applicant's capacity to undertake the Project or Program.

#### 1. Application Information Form and Attachments A, B and C

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

Applicants must submit a fully completed Application Information Form with Attachments A, B and C. The forms for these can be found on pages 37-40.

Applicants must include a signed and notarized Attachment A with their Applications, No change to the wording of the form is permitted.

Applicants receiving HOME funds must comply with all of the Other Federal Requirements as outlined in 24 CFR Part 92, Subpart H. Applicants must include a signed and notarized Attachment B with their Applications, "Certification of Compliance with Other Federal Requirements." No change to the wording of the form is permitted.

Applicants must include a signed and notarized Attachment C with their Applications, "Certification of Financial Management". No change to the wording of the form is permitted.

#### 2. **HOME Application Certification**

# **Documentation Requirements:**

A completed, signed and notarized OHFA HOME Application Certification. The certification can be found on page 46 of this Application Packet.

#### Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD-2880)

# **Documentation Requirements:**

A fully completed HUD-2880 Form. This form is available on OHFA's website.

# **Application for Federal Assistance (HUD-424)**

# **Documentation Requirements:**

A fully completed HUD-424 Form. This form is on OHFA's website.

# **Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan**

(Applies to all Programs, such as DPA and TBRA, and to all Projects of 5 or more HOME-assisted

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

Applicant must submit a copy of the Applicant's Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. Applicants should use either HUD Form 935.2A (multi-family), HUD Form 935.2B (single-family), or the OHFA form for Single Family Housing for, including DPA. For reference, OHFA advises applicants to refer to OHFA's website to review the Chapter 23 of the Implementation Manual to ensure that the appropriate Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan form is used.

#### Audit

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

- A. A copy of the Applicant's most recent audit must be included or on file with OHFA. If on file with OHFA, the Applicant must provide details of when it was submitted and to whom.
- B. If the audit is for a period ending before June 30, 20210, a statement that the most recent audit available is included or on file, a report on the current status of the new audit, and an expected completion date for the new audit must be provided. Failure to provide all three will disqualify the Application. The "period ending before June 30, 20210" refers to the Applicant's Fiscal Year. It has nothing to do with the date of the preparation of the audit.
- C. Applicant must fully explain all audit findings, reportable conditions, or program compliance issues noted in the audit. The explanation must fully detail actions taken to clear the issues. The Applicant must submit the corrective action plan. If any deficiency or reportable conditions have not been stated and/or corrected, the Application may be ineligible for
- D. If the Applicant is not required to have an audit according to OMB circular 2 CFR Part 200, then a balance sheet and income statement reflecting the current financial position of the Applicant must be submitted. The senior Financial Officer or the Executive Director must attest to the documents.
- E. OHFA is required to certify that the Applicant has the financial capacity to undertake the activity for which it is applying. OHFA will examine the audit (or balance sheet and income statement) in order to help assess the financial capacity of the Applicant. OHFA must be assured that the Applicant has sufficient financial strength to provide for unforeseen costs and unanticipated delays. If it does not appear to OHFA Staff that the Applicant has the financial capacity to undertake the Project, the Application will be recommended for denial.

#### 7. Match

All Applications, except for CHDO Operating Assistance Applications, are required to provide match in an amount that is no less than twenty five percent (25%) of the total HOME contract amount. Match contributions must meet the definition of eligible match under the federal program regulations at 24 CFR Part 92. Match is a permanent contribution to the development. Match is a non-federal contribution to the development.

CFR Part 92.220 provides a complete list of eligible forms of match. Potential Applicants are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the list provided.

No form of equity contribution qualifies as match. Owners may not use their own funds as match, even if the funds are not repayable. No amount of match can be provided in the form of owner equity or investment in a project

24 CFR Part 92.221 states that contributions to Homeownership housing constitute Match only to the extent that the sales price of the housing is reduced by the amount of the contribution. If the sales price of the HOME-assisted housing unit is not reduced from the appraised value, no Match contribution will be recorded, no matter the type or amount of Match provided. Applicants for Homeownership activities must clearly demonstrate that their proposed Match contributions will

reduce the sales price of the housing unit for the homebuyer. HUD has advised that if any part of the match is "mortgage-able" then it does not qualify as match.

The amount of Match required for a Pre-development loan Application is 25% of the amount of the <u>loan request</u>. Match liability incurred for funds expended for Pre-development loans is forgiven if the Project does not proceed.

Banked match is acceptable, but it cannot be derived from an open contract. Banked match can only be derived from a closed, audited contract. Any transfer of banked match from another entity must be completed, or there must be a written commitment to transfer the banked match, at the time an Application is submitted. Banked match is only the amount of match generated in excess of the match liability.

OHFA's HOME Program has a twenty-five percent (25%) non-federal matching requirement. Waivers granted by HUD will not affect this requirement.

# **Documentation Requirements:**

- A. Submit a worksheet showing the calculation of the total twenty-five percent (25%) match. Calculation must include all sources of match, even banked match. The worksheet must also include separate calculations of each individual source of match, if applicable, showing how the total for each source was derived. For example, if using donated labor, the Applicant must show the calculation of the number of hours donated times the applicable rate.
- B. A description of all sources and amounts of all match commitments.
- C. Signed and dated commitment letters from provider for all sources, including an amount.
- D. If the Applicant is proposing to use banked match, the Applicant must obtain and submit a certification from OHFA's HOME Finance team, signed by both an OHFA representative and the Applicant, that verifies banked match. It is the Applicant's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the banked match certification. The date of the certification must be legible for verification purposes. The banked match certification cannot be more than 90 days old.
- E. If the Applicant is proposing to use discounted land as a source of match, a third-party, independent appraisal must be provided.
- F. If the Applicant is proposing to use sweat equity for match, a third-party, independent audit must be provided for any sweat equity that is not specific to the Project for which the Applicant is applying for HOME funds.
- G. If the Applicant is applying for a Homeownership activity, proof that Match sources, other than Banked and/or Bond Match, reduce the sales price for the homebuyer.

### 8. Market Analysis

A market analysis is required for all activities except CHDO Pre-Development Loans and CHDO Operating Assistance.

The HOME Program Final Rule requires that OHFA assess the market conditions of the neighborhood in which the housing will be located. This is regardless of the number of units.

**Down-Payment Assistance Applications are required to provide a strong proof of need for the assistance in the area, including a pool of potential buyers.** Examples of this proof are letters from local realtors, vacancy statistics, Chamber of Commerce information, etc. The documentation must <u>clearly demonstrate</u> a need for homes for purchase and a pool of potential buyers. Evidence should be presented that the pool of potential buyers will be income-qualified. Also, evidence should

be presented that there are available homes in the primary market area that are affordable to potential buyers.

For all developments of up to twenty (20) units, a market study must be included with the Application that includes all of the applicable documentation requirements listed below. For a development of up to twenty (20) units, Applicants may perform their own scientifically based housing market analysis. Such studies must fully describe the methodology used and sources of all data and information.

The market study will be utilized by OHFA to determine whether the Project meets housing needs and demands. Effective housing market analyses include a thorough investigation into site, neighborhood, and market area, plus a complete analysis of the housing supply and market conditions. Market analyses will determine appropriate housing quantities, types, features and unit mix and are required to clearly document demand for the type and number of affordable housing units proposed. Demand is defined as the total number of households in a market area that would potentially move into the units following the proposed activity. These households must be of the appropriate age, income and size for a specific proposed Project, and there must be some evidence that these households would have an interest in either renting or purchasing the units, depending on the activity proposed. Some sources of this evidentiary data are Housing Authorities, Chambers of Commerce, Community Action Agencies, and local realtors.

The market analysis must be prepared <u>no more than eighteen (18) months prior</u> to the date the Application is filed with OHFA. Updates are <u>not</u> accepted.

For developments of more than twenty (20) units, Applicants must submit a third party, independent housing market analysis. The analysis must be prepared by a market analyst, unaffiliated with the Applicant, owner or developer, who has experience with single or multi-family rental or single-family homeownership housing, depending on the proposal.

# <u>Documentation Requirements only for Rental Activities in Conjunction with AHTCs:</u>

Applicants for HOME funds in conjunction with an Affordable Housing Tax Credit Application must submit a third party, independent housing market analysis <u>regardless of the number of units proposed</u>. The analysis must be prepared by a market analyst, unaffiliated with the Applicant, owner or developer, who has experience with single or multi-family rental housing, depending on the proposal. If applying for HOME funds in conjunction with an Affordable Housing Tax Credit Application, the Applicant will only be required to submit one (1) market study between the two (2) (HOME & AHTC) Applications. The single market study should be submitted with the Tax Credit (AHTC) Application. The study submitted must meet all requirements of both the AHTC and HOME programs.

# <u>Documentation Requirements for HOME activities requiring a market study:</u>

- A. All information included with the Market Study must be no more than eighteen (18) months old:
- B. A summary of the qualifications of the individual(s) who participated in the development of the market study;
- C. A map and a description of the proposed site. Physical features of the property, streets and access information, availability of utilities, and zoning data.
- D. An evaluation of the need for affordable housing within the market area including a review of economic and employment factors such as population growth trends, development and activity, industry, major employers, and labor force;

- E. An assessment of the current housing supply type, quantity, unit mix, location, age, condition, occupancy levels, and housing cost overburden statistics;
- F. An identification of the number of households in the market area which are of the appropriate age, income and size for the proposed activity;
- G. A description of the potential effect on the occupancy rates of other comparable properties in the market area (for rental only);
- H. A description of rents and vacancy rates of comparable housing (for rental only);
- A calculation of the capture rate by dividing the total number of units in the Project by the total number of age, size and income-qualified renter households in the primary market area (for rental only);
- J. The expected time of market absorption of the proposed housing (for rental only);
- K. Rent rolls for existing tenants (Rental Acquisition/Rehab only).

# For developments with five (5) or fewer units, the market study will be limited to the following requirements:

- A. All information included with the Market Study must be no more than eighteen (18) months old;
- B. A map and a description of the proposed site. Physical features of the property, streets and access information, availability of utilities, and zoning data.
- C. An identification of the number of households in the market area that are income eligible for the type of housing proposed (i.e rental, home buyer).
- D. A calculation of the capture rate by dividing the total number of units in the Project by the total number of age, size and income-qualified renter households in the primary market area (for rental only);
- E. The expected time of market absorption of the proposed housing (for rental only);
- F. Rent rolls for existing tenants (Rental Acquisition/Rehab only).

#### 9. Description

# Applicants must provide a brief summary of the Project that includes all of the following:

- A. Describe the location of the Project (e.g. county, city or town, street address if known, general location, or service area).
- B. If the Applicant is a CHDO applying for a CHDO-eligible activity, describe the CHDO's role in the Project (owner, sponsor and/or developer). CHDO Applicants should note that the definition of these roles was modified in the 2013 revision to the Final Rule.
- C. Define the number and type of units. This should include bedroom mix. For Rental activities only, also specify if the units are fixed or floating units.
- D. For Rental activities only, if the proposed development is less than 100% HOME assisted units, then the Applicant must show the calculation of the number of HOME-assisted units at Low HOME and High HOME Rents. Applicants are referred to CPD Notice 16-15. The Applicant must demonstrate that the proposed Project has at least the minimum required number of total HOME units, and that the proposed Project has at least the minimum required number of Low HOME units.
- E. Describe how the Period of Affordability will be implemented and how long it will be. Refer to 2022+ HOME Program Processes, Procedures and Topical Guidance, which is a separate document available on OHFA's website, <a href="www.ohfa.org">www.ohfa.org</a>. Include drafts or templates of all documents that will be used for this purpose. Use of the templates available on the OHFA website, <a href="www.ohfa.org">www.ohfa.org</a>, is required.

- F. Depict the type of construction codes or standards to be used. Applicants should note that they must follow OHFA's Written Rehabilitation Standards or Written New Construction Standards, as applicable, as well as all State and local codes and the most recent version of the International Residential Code.
- G. Address the relocation of tenants or residents if applicable.
- H. For Rental New Construction only, Applicants are responsible for making the determination that proposed sites for new construction meet the requirements in 24 CFR Part 983.57(e)(2) and (3) (Site and Neighborhood Standards). Applicants for Rental New Construction activities should carefully review the Site and Neighborhood Standards section of the 2022+ HOME Program Processes, Procedures and Topical Guidance. All documentation utilized in making the determination must be included with the Application. OHFA is responsible to maintain records that document the results of the site and neighborhood standards review. If the documentation does not support the conclusion that a site meets the requirements, additional documentation will be requested.

# Additional Required Information for Homebuyer (All Homebuyer activities, not just Down-Payment Assistance):

- I. Explain the process for implementing the required Housing Counseling classes and who will provide. The classes must be provided by a HUD approved agency and a person who has been certified as a Housing Counselor through HUD. If contracting with another provider, please provide a letter from the agency agreeing to provide the service. Homebuyer Education alone will no longer satisfy this requirement effective August 1, 2022+. Both pre and post purchase counseling are encouraged.
- J. Statement that the requirements in the 202½+ HOME Program Processes, Procedures and Topical Guidance section titled "Homebuyer" will be met. Applicants need only certify to OHFA that they have read and understood the requirements, and that they will follow them. Applicants are not required to restate the requirements in their Applications.
- K. A draft or template of the Written Agreement to be entered into with the individual homebuyer(s). Use of the template on the OHFA website, www.ohfa.org, is required. When HOME assistance is provided to homebuyers, the CHDO, State recipient or sub-recipient must enter into a Written Agreement with each eligible homebuyer, separate and apart from the note and mortgage.
- L. A draft or template of the note and mortgage to be entered into with the individual homebuyer(s).
- M. The value of the property must not exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of the median area purchase price of a unit, as determined by the local HUD office, except for Homebuyer New Construction. For Homebuyer New Construction, the value of the property must not exceed the U.S. Census Bureau's median sales price for single family houses sold outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).
- N. For Down-Payment Assistance Applications, Applicants must provide an implementation schedule, of no more than eighteen (18) months from the date of the Award, which clearly identifies all major phases of the program, including close-out. This schedule should be thorough and detailed. If the Applicant is awarded funds for the Application, this schedule will be incorporated into the Special Conditions of the Written Agreement between OHFA and the Awardee. This schedule will be used for monitoring the progress of all phases of the activity prior to completion. Funded Applicants will be required to provide progress reports at least quarterly. OHFA will utilize these progress reports in order to determine if the Project is proceeding on schedule.

#### Additional Required Information for CHDO Pre-development loans:

- O. Describe activities to be performed and tangible evidence that the potential development can be determined to be financially feasible. The Application should include a plan or course of action on how the Applicant will decide to go forward, not the actual determination of feasibility.
- P. A detailed description of the plan for repayment of the loan funds.
- Q. Applicant must have completed the Match section in Threshold.
- R. Production and implementation schedule, of no more than eighteen (18) months from the date of award, which clearly identifies all major phases of the activity, including close-out. This schedule should be thorough and detailed. If the Applicant is awarded funds for the Application, this schedule will be incorporated into the Special Conditions of the contract between OHFA and the Grantee. This schedule will be used for monitoring the progress of all phases of the activity prior to completion. Funded Applicants will be required to provide progress reports at least quarterly. OHFA will utilize these progress reports in order to determine if the Project is proceeding on schedule.

#### 10. Development Commitments

(Not Applicable to Homebuyer Assistance, CHDO Pre-Development Loans, or CHDO Operating Assistance Applications.)

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

All Applications for rental activities must provide documentation for item D below. Items A, B and C need only be documented if the Applicant is partnering with another entity to undertake the activity.

- A. An Applicant partnering with another entity must clearly demonstrate that the Applicant is the general partner or member with at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting majority over the use of HOME funds under all circumstances in any partnership, LLC or other legal entity. For CHDOs undertaking the activity as a CHDO Sponsorship activity, the CHDO must have 100% ownership of the General Partner of a Limited Partnership, or 100% ownership of the Managing Member of a Limited Liability Company. In either of these cases, Applicants must submit an organization chart.
- B. A copy of organizational documents filed with a Secretary of State for the partnership, LLC or other legal entity. If not organized in Oklahoma, provide documentation of authorization to do business in Oklahoma.
- C. Copy of draft agreements for all commitments. Terms must be specifically delineated.
- D. If utilizing a property management company, the Application must clearly identify by name, address, and contact information. If self-managing, the Applicant must provide a statement to that effect. If utilizing a third party management company:
  - a. Provide draft copy of management agreement.
  - b. Describe role of the Applicant and the processes to maintain control over, and supervise, the activities of any third party management company.

OHFA may choose not to release funds to any funded Project until OHFA has received, reviewed and accepted in writing all fully executed legally binding operating, management, ownership or other agreements.

# 11. Financing, Underwriting and Subsidy Layering

Applicants must provide a detailed budget that delineates all sources and uses of funds for the total Project. Within the budget, Applicants must detail the exact activities and costs to be paid using

HOME funds, including any and all soft costs. Generalizations such as "construction costs" are insufficient.

Some specific items in the Documentation Requirements below do not apply to all types of Projects. **If an item does not apply, the Applicant should so state.** If an item does apply, however, the Applicant should present as detailed and specific information as possible.

OHFA must carefully underwrite all HOME-assisted Projects, and make a determination regarding the long-term viability of the Project as well as the reasonableness of the amount of return to the owner or developer. OHFA must examine the sources and uses for each Project and determine whether the costs are reasonable. OHFA must also assure that there are firm financial commitments for every other funding source for the Project, if applicable.

If OHFA determines that the costs are not reasonable or that any other source of funds does not have a firm commitment, OHFA will advise the Applicant and request an adjustment to the costs and/or documentation of a firm commitment.

OHFA may adjust or deny funding requests based on underwriting, the subsidy layering review, and/or other factors. <u>Applicants should ensure that all schedules, budgets, and worksheets agree and balance.</u>

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

- A. Source of all funding with dollar amounts.
- B. Signed and dated commitment letters from all funding sources, including both private and governmental sources. Any terms must be clearly expressed. Commitment letters must contain specific numbers that match those in any and all provided budgets. All commitments must be firm commitments. No contingent commitments are permitted. If using CHDO Proceeds, the Applicant must include the most up-to-date log stating how much in proceeds the CHDO currently has.
- C. Detailed Project Budget, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Acquisition of land and/or buildings.
  - b. All costs for land development, infrastructure and/or site work.
  - c. All costs of construction.
  - d. Professional fees, for example, architect, engineer, attorney, and etc.
  - e. Reserves, e.g. operating and replacement (Rental activities only).
  - f. Budget should delineate exact activities and costs to be paid with HOME funds as well as all other sources of funds.
  - g. Budget should include all soft costs (if any) and clearly delineate which source(s) of funds will pay for them.
  - h. Soft costs (except developer fees) paid for with HOME funds must not exceed seven percent (7%) of the total HOME funds (including soft costs) and must be allowable costs under the HOME Program rules.
  - Developer fees, if applicable. Developer fees will be considered separately from other soft costs and must not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total HOME funds (including developer fees.) Budget should clearly delineate which source(s) of funds will pay for developer fees. For HOME Rental Activities in conjunction with AHTCs, HOME funds cannot pay for developer fees.
  - j. OHFA inspection fee's in the amount of \$8,000. OHFA currently provides \$2,000 Match for the inspection fees which constitutes 25% of the fee charged.

- k. Total sources of funds must equal total uses of funds.
- 1. Square footage of all units must be provided.
- m. All costs paid with HOME funds must be HOME-eligible costs.
- D. Operating budget (Rental Projects only) illustrating income, expenses, and debt service.
  - a. The budget should be presented over a fifteen (15) year time period.
  - b. Operating expenses must be reasonable.
  - c. The budget must delineate if utilities are included in the rent total and show calculations. Applicants must provide the source of the utility allowance(s) and the amount(s). Applicants must use a utility allowance calculation method that has been approved for use by HOME Program Compliance Staff. All Applicants are permitted to use the PHA utility allowance for underwriting purposes only. The use of PHA utility allowances for ongoing operations is no longer permitted in the HOME Program.
  - d. The budget must include achievable rent rates, market vacancies, all fees, and debt coverage ratio.
- E. Profit and loss statement, for Homebuyer Projects only.

# For CHDO Pre-Development Loans, the above listed documentation is not required. The following are the only requirements:

- F. The maximum loan amount is \$20,000. Loan terms will not exceed eighteen (18) months and interest rates are one percent (1%) simple interest per annum. Specific assistance loans will become due and payable on the first day of the nineteenth (19th) month.
- G. The Application must provide a detailed line item budget that indicates the eligible activities for which HOME loan funds will be expended.

# Applications to administer Down-Payment Assistance programs need only provide the following for this section:

- H. Items A and B as set forth above; and
- I. A budget showing costs of administration and how they will be paid
- J. If any of those costs are paid with HOME funds, they must be HOME-eligible costs

# 12. Organizational Structure, Capacity and Experience

Applicants are required to have a clear understanding of the rules and regulations that govern the HOME Program, and must demonstrate capacity to implement and operate the HOME Program in accordance with all applicable regulations. Applicants for HOME Program funds must have direct experience in the production of housing. Applicants may utilize the services of consultants, but they will be judged based upon the capacity and experience of their own staff and not that of the consultants.

OHFA must certify to HUD that Awardees of HOME funds have both the financial capacity and housing development expertise and experience to undertake the Project or Program awarded HOME funds. Applicants must document their organizational structure and experience in order to prove that they have the necessary capacity, expertise and experience.

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

A. Narrative describing the experience of the organization and staff persons in the use of HOME funds, other federally assisted housing activities, and all other types of housing development activities, including both affordable and market rate housing development. Include the number of years of direct experience in the HOME Program and the number of

- HOME Written Agreements awarded and successfully completed. <u>HOME Program experience is not a requirement for funding.</u> However, it helps to establish capacity.
- B. Proof of staff and organizational experience <u>related to the type of proposed Project, activity or form of assistance, if any.</u> For this item, the experience must be specific to the type of Project or activity proposed. (For instance, experience with Homeowner Projects will not be credited toward a Rental Acquisition/Rehabilitation activity.) **Applicants are not required to have experience in the specific type of proposed Project.** However, it helps to establish capacity.
- C. Document and delineate the <u>names and job titles</u> of all staff persons responsible for the proposed activity and their areas of responsibility. This should include, but is not limited to, daily oversight for overall Project financing, production, and administration.
- D. Document all HOME Program training classes, webinars and workshops attended by housing development staff members.
- E. HOME applicants must complete the HUD Wiser Training Modules on the HUD Exchange website that cover the Environmental material. You do not have to show certificates of passed quizzes, but the HUD Transcript must be submitted with your application showing that the applicant has completed required materials. If the applicant wishes to complete all 14 quizzes with the required 80% passing grade, the quizzes could count as part of the Training Section for consideration of 5 points towards the 10 point max for this section. If applicant is requesting points, all 14 certificates issued by HUD, or the HUD transcript showing passing quiz grades on all quizzes must be submitted with the application for documentation, no proration of points will be considered. The completed modules will be good for 3 years.
- F. Provide a narrative describing how and where all records and materials pertaining to the HOME Written Agreement will be maintained.
- G. Name, address and contact information of consultant if using a consultant to supplement staff capacity and experience. <a href="CHDO"><u>CHDO</u></a> Applicants should note that even if they are using a consultant, they must have paid staff with housing development experience in order to receive an award of funds. Consultants can, however, provide additional experience and expertise, and can provide training to the Applicant's paid staff.
- H. Detailed description of the experience of the consultant in consulting on HOME Written Agreements for the past three (3) years. <u>This information must include any Applications</u> <u>currently submitted to OHFA for review.</u> Applicants may provide information going back more than three years if needed to document the total number of HOME Written Agreements.
- The procurement procedures utilized in selecting the consultant. Specifics must be provided, so that OHFA can properly determine if all federal requirements were met.
- J. The exact services to be provided by the consultant.
- K. All Applicants for HOME funds in conjunction with Affordable Housing Tax Credits, and any Applicants with private, for-profit development partners, must submit signed financial statements or audited financial statements for all partners, for the most recent fiscal year. OHFA is required to assess the financial capacity of the developer of HOME-assisted Projects, in order to help ensure the long-term viability of the Project. If OHFA Staff determines that the developer of the Project does not have the financial capacity to undertake a Project of the size and complexity of the Project proposed in the Application, OHFA Staff will recommend denial of the Application. If the Applicant is the developer, OHFA Staff will make that determination in Threshold Section Five, Audit. OHFA must be assured that the developer has sufficient financial strength to provide for unforeseen costs and unanticipated delays.

#### 13. Capital Needs Assessment

A capital needs assessment (CNA) is required for all multi-family Rental Rehabilitation or Acquisition/Rehabilitation Projects of 26 or more units, and for all Applications in conjunction with Affordable Housing Tax Credits, regardless of the number of units. A CNA may be requested by OHFA for smaller Projects if deemed necessary to properly underwrite the Projects. Capital needs assessments performed for the same Project as a requirement of another funding source may, at OHFA's discretion, be accepted in lieu of a specific CNA for the HOME Application.

OHFA will <u>not</u> accept Capital Needs Assessments that are performed by the architect, or engineer who is involved with the rehabilitation of the proposed property. OHFA believes that if an architectural firm who performs a Capital Needs Assessment on a property for which they are involved in the rehabilitation constitutes an Identity of Interest. For example: the Architect that performs the Capital Needs Assessment could overstate the conditions of the property in order to inflate the rehabilitation scope, because they will receive further compensation in the event that the property were to be awarded. By overstating the conditions of the property, the property itself could then qualify for an unnecessary excess amount of award. One of OHFA's priorities is cost containment and the limitation of any excessive award.

Capital Needs Assessment (CNA) means a qualified professional's opinion of a property's current physical condition determined after a physical inspection of the interior and exterior of the units and structures. The physical inspection should include an interview with the onsite manager and maintenance personnel. This assessment should identify deferred maintenance, physical needs, <a href="maining useful life">remaining useful life</a>, material building code violations that affect the property use, structural and mechanical integrity, and the future physical and financial needs. The assessment must include the cost of labor and materials identified in detail and the extent of future expenditures contemplated to ensure the costs will be addressed through operating and replacement reserves. Components which should be examined and analyzed in this assessment include but are not limited to:

- Site, including topography, drainage, pavement, curbing, sidewalks, parking, landscaping, amenities, water, sewer, storm drainage, gas and electric utility lines;
- Structural systems, both substructure and superstructure, including exterior walls and balconies, exterior doors and windows, roofing system and drainage;
- Interiors, including unit and common area finishes (carpeting, vinyl or tile flooring, plaster
  walls, paint condition, etc.), unit kitchen finishes, cabinets and appliances, unit bathroom
  finishes and fixtures, and common area lobbies and corridors; and
- Mechanical systems, including plumbing and domestic hot water, HVAC, electrical, lighting fixtures, fire protection, and elevators.

Capital Needs Assessments must be performed by a qualified independent third-party (architect or engineer) which considers the proposed rehabilitation activities to ensure that the **proposed improvements have a useful life that meets the full term of affordability** pursuant to 24 CFR 92.252(e), or that there will be funds available to replace the improvements at the end of their useful life. The assessment should also demonstrate the need for the rehabilitation work and in the degree proposed. Assessment should also include notation of interview with onsite personnel or owner and the cost of labor and materials.

### **Documentation Requirement:**

- Third-party independent analysis performed by a qualified architect or engineer. The assessment may be prepared no more than eighteen (18) months prior to Application submission.
- Certification of the independent analyst that the proposed improvements have a useful life
  that meets the full term of affordability, and that an interview was conducted with either the
  owner or onsite personnel.

#### 14. Readiness to Proceed

(Not Applicable to DPA, TBRA, or CHDO Pre-Development Loan Applications)

# **Documentation Requirements:**

- A. Proof of acceptable form of ownership/site control-ownership, purchase contract or purchase option. For Acquisition and Acquisition/Rehabilitation, explain plan to obtain. Plans to obtain properties for Acquisition or Acquisition/Rehabilitation must show that the properties will be identified within six (6) months of the HOME award, so that there will not be a significant delay in executing a Written Agreement and committing the HOME funds. OHFA may revoke all or a part of a HOME Program award of funds if all properties are not identified within the six (6) month time frame, due to the HOME Program commitment deadlines.
- B. Production and implementation schedule, of <u>no more than twenty-four (24) months</u>, which clearly identifies all major phases of the proposed Project, **including close-out**. This schedule should be thorough and detailed, and should begin on the anticipated date of award. If the Applicant is awarded funds for the Application, this schedule will be incorporated into the Special Conditions of the Written Agreement between OHFA and the Awardee. This schedule will be used for monitoring the progress of all phases of the activity prior to completion.
- C. Include preliminary plans and specifications, unless the activity is Acquisition/Rehabilitation and the property has not been identified.
- D. Document that the zoning required for the Project is in place. This documentation is not required for Acquisition/Rehabilitation activities and the property has not been identified.

Applicants should note that any documentation regarding readiness to proceed that is not provided with the Application will be required before the execution of a Written Agreement for HOME funds.

# **Threshold Requirements Specific to CHDOs:**

# 15. CHDO Certification

This factor only applies if a CHDO is applying for a CHDO set aside activity, with or without CHDO Operating Assistance. CHDOs must, at the time of application, indicate any organizational changes in the eligibility criteria elements since the date of certification or last recertification.

#### **Documentation Requirement:**

Attachment E CHDO Checklist – If an Applicant is applying as a CHDO for a CHDO activity, they must complete Attachment F and provide all documentation as it relates to each specific topic for their Organization, and put a checkmark next to each item indicating they included it within their application. Please include the completed Attachment F and all relevant documentation in Tab 12.

#### 16. CHDO Operating Assistance Only

Operating funds will only be awarded to CHDOs that are applying for CHDO Set-Aside funds. **Applicants for CHDO Activities must specifically request CHDO Operating Assistance in the Application.** CHDO Operating Assistance will be awarded in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the CHDO Set-Aside funding award, up to a maximum of \$50,000 per CHDO per Program Year.

#### **Documentation Requirement:**

The Applicant must include a <u>detailed line item budget</u> that indicates precisely how the requested operating funds will be expended by employees in relation to those employees' CHDO job duties and responsibilities.

#### Threshold Requirements Specific to Non Profits only (not CHDOs):

17. Nonprofit

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This factor only applies to Nonprofits not applying as a CHDO.

# **Documentation Requirements:**

- A copy of Nonprofit certification letter from the IRS verifying the Nonprofit is a qualified Nonprofit organization as described in paragraph (3) or (4) of section 501(c) and is exempt from tax under section 501(a). The Nonprofit must have already obtained this certification; letters regarding pending certifications are not acceptable.
- A copy of organizational documents and any amendments. Documents must include as one
  of the purposes to provide decent housing affordable to Low Income persons.

# **Evaluation Criteria**

Applications are to be structured and information presented in such a way as to fully address each criterion. The information, data, and statements provided to each criterion will be the basis for evaluating each Application.

Upon submission of the Application, failure to submit or properly address evaluation criteria items will disqualify the Application from receiving points for those items. Some criteria may not apply to all Applications. Some requirements under a particular criterion may not apply to all Applications. Applicants cannot fix their scores.

Only TBRA, Homebuyer and Rental Applications will be scored (including Rental Activities in Conjunction with Affordable Housing Tax Credits.) For all other types of Applications, sufficient information will be provided in the responses to the Threshold Criteria, and tiebreakers will be used if there are insufficient funds available to fund all of the Applications for HOME funds from a specific set-aside at the same meeting of OHFA's Board of Trustees.

**DPA Applications will not be scored.** Tiebreakers will be used if there are insufficient funds available to fund all of the Applications for HOME funds from that set-aside at the same meeting of OHFA's Board of Trustees.

The score for an Application is expressed as a percentage of the total possible points for the type of activity and form of assistance for which the Applicant is applying. Application scores will be used

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to determine the order of funding if there are insufficient funds available to fund all of the Applications for HOME funds from a specific set-aside at the same meeting of OHFA's Board of Trustees

Unless otherwise specified, the method that OHFA staff uses to calculate the score for a particular criterion is to take the number of complete and correct answers divided by the number of applicable questions. Then that number is multiplied by the total number of points in that criterion to arrive at the total points awarded. The total points awarded for all the applicable criteria are added together for a total Application score. Applications that do not score at least a 50% will not be considered for funding regardless if threshold has been passed.

In the event of a tie on scores between Applications, and for Applications that are not scored, tiebreakers shall be used. The tiebreakers are set forth in the Tiebreakers criterion at the end of this section.

# 1. Leverage – 5 Points

Leverage is applicable only to Homebuyer and Rental activities. Applicants must fully describe all development leverage resources, inducements and incentives that are present in the proposed Application. All sources of construction or permanent financing, except HOME, paying development budget costs are eligible for leverage. However, assistance for homebuyers, such as first mortgages, is not considered leverage. If any source of funding provides both construction and permanent financing, it will not be counted twice.

Public and private resources, such as Rural Housing Incentive Districts, CDBG, AHP, AHTC equity, Historic Tax Credit equity, USDA-RHS, HUD, foundation funds, and private capital will be considered in the leverage analysis. If a source qualifies for both Match and Leverage, it can only be counted in one place. Some examples of Leverage are given below. This is not an exclusive list.

- All construction or permanent financing, public or private, except HOME, paying development budget costs (The maximum amount of a line of credit that will be calculated is the total development budget minus all other sources of construction funding.)
- The total equity provided to the development due to an award of Affordable Housing Tax Credits or from any other tax credits.
- Funds provided by the local governments and grants or loans from other sources.
- The value of donated labor, unskilled labor at \$10.00 per hour, and the value of skilled labor at a normal, accepted rate per hour. If using labor of any kind in leverage calculation, labor costs must be delineated from material costs.
- The value of land and/or a building donated or acquired for a development prior to the Application can count as leverage, but there must be an appraisal or tax assessment included in the Application to document its value.
- In order to count donated supplies or materials, only the documented value of the goods or materials will be considered. The expenses must be legitimately required by the program. The donor must provide a letter to confirm the amount.
- Discounts on supplies, materials, and professional services must be documented. Original
  prices and discount calculations are required.

- In addition, the value of State and local taxes, charges or fees that are waived, foregone or
  deferred in a manner that achieves affordability of HOME-assisted developments may be
  counted as leverage.
- If used to help pay development budget costs, CHDO proceeds may be counted as leverage, but only if the proceeds were generated from a prior Project. <u>CHDO proceeds to be earned</u> from the Project for which the Applicant is applying will not be considered in the leverage <u>calculation</u>.

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

- A. Signed commitment letters including amounts, terms and other pertinent information from all sources. All commitments must be firm commitments.
- B. Applicant's calculation of the leverage percentage. This is the percentage of the total HOME funds represented by the total eligible leverage resources. The formula for calculating the percentage is the total amount of leverage sources divided by the total amount of HOME funding. That number would then be multiplied by 100 to express it as a percentage.

If either A or B is insufficient or omitted from the original Application, the leverage source will not be included in the calculation. This documentation cannot be provided at a later date. It must be included with the Application.

#### Leverage points to be awarded:

At least 10% up to 25% of the HOME funds requested	1 point
At least 26% up to 50% of the HOME funds requested	2 points
At least 51% up to 75% of the HOME funds requested	3 points
At least 76% up to 100% of the HOME funds requested	4 points
101% or more of the HOME funds requested	5 points

When determining the leverage percentage, **normal rounding shall apply**. For example, 50.5% will be rounded up to 51%. 50.4% will be rounded down to 50%.

# 2. Energy Efficient/Green Building Certification – 18 Points (Not applicable to TBRA or CHDO Pre-Development Loans)

# **Documentation Requirements:**

Attachment D Energy Efficiency/Green Building Certification – specifically listing the energy efficient/green building items for which points are being claimed. This Certification must be signed by the Applicant. HOME Compliance Staff will monitor for these items on the initial compliance monitoring visit. Please have this list available at the initial HOME compliance monitoring, as it may be requested by staff. OHFA's Construction Inspector will also check for the promised amenities. Failure to provide the items as certified in the Application could result in a termination of the Written Agreement, de-obligation of the remaining funds, and repayment of funds already drawn down.

# 3. **HOME / Fair Housing Training – 10 Points**

Points will be awarded based on the attendance of at least one employee. Each class or webinar series, or the completed 14 HUD Wiser modules for environmental training will count as five (5) points, up to a maximum of ten (10) points. A class or series must be a total of four (4) hours in length to qualify. For Projects that will have a third-party management company, an employee of the third-party management company may attend in place of an employee of the Applicant. The

training class(es) will be good for 2 years prior to the date of application. The class(es) or webinar(s) content must be <u>relatingregarding</u> to HOME or Fair Housing.

# **Documentation Requirements:**

The Applicant must provide a certificate or other proof of attendance documenting at least 4 hours. Each class will be counted only once, regardless of the number of employees that attended or if same classes were attended multiple times.

Applicants must complete the 14 HUD Wiser Training Modules on the HUD Exchange website that cover the Environmental material. You do not have to show certificates of passed quizzes, but the HUD Transcript must be submitted with your application showing that the applicant has completed required materials. If the applicant wishes to complete all 14 quizzes with the required 80% passing grade, they can count this as part of the Training Section for consideration of 5 points towards the 10 point maximum for this section. The certificates must be submitted as proof of passed quizzed along with the HUD transcript. The completed modules will be good for 23 years. If utilizing a consultant, the consultants completed HUD Wiser transcript or certificates of completed quizzes will be considered.

### 4. Tenant Special Needs Populations – 5 Points (Rental Only)

Points will be awarded to a Project that commits to dedicate at least ten percent (10%) of the total residential units to serve a Special Needs Population, or multiple Special Needs Populations. A minimum of one (1) unit dedicated to a Special Needs Population is required in order to receive the points, regardless of the percentage. Points will be awarded for the following Special Needs Populations. This is an exclusive list and the tenant must meet the definition of the population type to be served to qualify:

- Homeless
- · Persons with mental or physical disabilities
- Military veterans
- Youth aging out of foster care- persons between 18-24 years of age.

# **Documentation Requirements:**

The Applicant must provide a signed certification that the unit(s) will be dedicated to serving the selected Special Needs Population(s). **HOME Compliance Staff will monitor for this on all compliance monitoring visits.** Any manager's unit must be included in the calculation of ten percent (10%) of the total residential units. Special Needs Populations cannot be concentrated in a single bedroom size or single building if there are multiple bedroom sizes and/or multiple buildings.

OHFA will require that the units dedicated to Special Needs Populations be held open for at least 90 days before attempting to lease to a household that is not a qualified Special Needs household. The 90 days will be from the placed in service date for new units, and from the date that the unit is available and ready for a new tenant for units that have previously been occupied. In order to lease a Special Needs unit to a household that is not a qualified Special Needs household, the Owner must obtain OHFA's permission to do so. OHFA will require proof that the Owner made reasonable attempts to lease the unit to a qualified Special Needs household, such as giving notice of the available unit to service providers and/or advocacy groups.

# **Definitions of the Special Needs Populations:**

#### **Homeless:**

Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; AND has a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private shelter providing temporary accommodations or a public or private place not ordinarily used as a sleeping accommodation for human beings; OR

An individual or family who has been displaced due to a major disaster declared by the President of the United States AND receives temporary federal housing assistance within the state of Oklahoma AND has a valid personal federal disaster identification number issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

An individual or family residing with friends or relatives on a temporary basis is not eligible as homeless unless the family has been displaced due to a major disaster declared by the President of the United States AND has established residency within the state of Oklahoma (employment, school enrollment, etc.) AND has a valid personal federal disaster identification number issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

#### **Homeless Verification:**

To verify homeless eligibility, the homeless applicant must provide one of the following:

- A referral from the shelter that the applicant is residing at; or
- If the shelter is full, a statement from each local shelter in the county verifying that the shelters are unable to accommodate the applicant; or
- If the county does not have a shelter, a statement from DHS that the applicant is homeless and there are not any shelters in that county.

# Youth Aging Out of Foster Care:

This is self-explanatory. Beneficiaries must provide proof that they were a participant in the foster care system, and proof of their current age, which must between 18-24

#### Military Veteran:

A Military Veteran is defined as a person who has served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

# **Persons with Mental or Physical Disabilities:**

This means a household composed of one or more persons, at least one of whom is an adult, who has a disability.

- (1) A person is considered to have a disability if the person has a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that:
- (i) Is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration;
- (ii) Substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and
- (iii) Is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.
- (2) A person will also be considered to have a disability if he or she has a developmental disability, which is a severe, chronic disability that:
- (i) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- (ii) Is manifested before the person attains age 22;
- (iii) Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (iv) Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency; and

(v) Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this definition, the term "person with disabilities" includes two or more persons with disabilities living together, one or more such persons living with another person who is determined to be important to their care or well-being, and the surviving member or members of any household described in the first sentence of this definition who were living, in a unit assisted with HOME funds, with the deceased member of the household at the time of his or her death.

#### 5. Storm Shelter – 5 Points

Storm shelter or Safe room that meets or exceeds FEMA guidelines and the ICC/NSSA standards (ICC-500). Storm shelters/Safe room must accommodate all possible residents based on number of bedrooms one and a half (1.5) people per bedroom. (Please find helpful information regarding storm shelters within the links below)

To review a copy of the OUBCC Storm Shelter Fact Sheet, Click Here

To review the FEMA 320 Standard, Click Here

Copies of the ICC/NSSA 500 Standard can be ordered on the International Code Council (ICC) website, <a href="www.iccsafe.org">www.iccsafe.org</a> or through your local book store.

Applicant will complete Attachment  $\underline{FG}$  to certify that they are making a commitment to add a storm shelter to the project.

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

Attachment F Amenities Certification — This Certification must be signed by the Applicant. HOME Compliance Staff will monitor for this item on the initial compliance monitoring visit. Please have this certification available at the initial HOME compliance monitoring, as it may be requested by staff. OHFA's Construction Inspector will also check for the promised amenities. Failure to provide the items as certified in the Application could result in a termination of the Written Agreement, de-obligation of the remaining funds, and repayment of funds already drawn down.

# 6. Visitability – 5 points

Applicants must commit to <u>all</u> three items in order to receive points by completing  $\underline{+\underline{A}}$  trachment  $\underline{\underline{FG}}$ . It is up to the applicant to follow all Section 504 requirements if applicable to the specific project.

#### Accepted items:

- 1. Door openings must be at a minimum 32" to accommodate a wheelchair
- 2. One bathroom on the main floor of the property that is accessible by wheelchair.
- 3. One zero-step entry located on at least one accessible entrance of the unit. If there is not one zero-step entry located on at least one accessible entrance to the unit, a ramp must be provided.

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

Attachment FG Amenities Certification – This Certification must be signed by the Applicant. HOME Compliance Staff will monitor for this item on the initial compliance monitoring visit. Please have this certification available at the initial HOME compliance monitoring, as it may be requested by staff. OHFA's Construction Inspector will also check for the promised amenities. Failure to provide the items as certified in the Application could result in a termination of the 2022+ HOME Application 32

Written Agreement, de-obligation of the remaining funds, and repayment of funds already drawn down.

# 7. HOME Investment per Unit – 10 Points

(Not applicable to TBRA or CHDO Pre-Development Loans)

Developments will be evaluated based on the amount of HOME assistance provided per <u>HOME-assisted</u> unit. Applicants should note that HOME assistance per unit cannot exceed the 20221 HOME Program Maximum Per-Unit Subsidy Limits. OHFA Staff will perform the calculation. No documentation is required for this criterion.

# Points will be awarded as follows:

\$1,000 to \$69,999 of HOME assistance per unit.	10 points
\$70,000 to \$89,999 of HOME assistance per unit.	8 points
\$90,000 to \$109,999 of HOME assistance per unit.	6 points
\$110,000 to \$129,999 of HOME assistance per unit.	4 points
\$130,000 or more of HOME assistance per unit.	0 points

#### 8. Tiebreakers

Applications for Down-Payment Assistance Programs compete only against each other. They will not be scored. Tie-breakers will be used in the event that there are sufficient funds remaining for only one Application, and two or more Applications remain to be funded from the DPA Set-Aside.

In all other cases, Applications compete only against other Applications for funding from the same set-aside being considered at the same Board meeting. If there are sufficient funds in a set-aside to fund all Applications that meet all threshold requirements, then all of the Applications in that set-aside will be funded. If not, Applications will be funded in rank order by score, from highest to lowest. Tie-breakers will be used in the event that there are sufficient funds remaining for only one Application, and the next two or more Applications in rank order have achieved an equal score.

The following tiebreakers will be used for Applications for the following types of activities:

#### **Down-Payment Assistance**

1. The tiebreaker will be a random drawing.

#### **All Other Applications**

- First, Applications for CHDO activities will be awarded ahead of Applications for non-CHDO activities. Applicants do not receive preference simply because they are a CHDO. The Application must be for a CHDO activity.
- Second, the Application with the least amount of HOME assistance per HOME-assisted unit will be awarded.
- 3. The third and final tiebreaker will be a random drawing.

# **Awards of CHDO Operating Assistance**

CHDO Operating Assistance is limited by statute and the HOME Final Rule to five percent (5%) of OHFA's annual allocation of HOME funds. It is possible that two or more Applications for CHDO activities will achieve the same total score, and OHFA will have sufficient Program funds to fully fund all the activities, but will not have sufficient CHDO Operating Assistance funding to fully fund 2022+ HOME Application 33

all Operating Assistance requests. In that event, the remaining Operating Assistance funding will be equally divided between or among the Applicants (as close as mathematically possible, considering that OHFA rounds all awards to the nearest dollar).

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Is Applicant applying as a CHDO for CHDO activities? Yes N	No
Does applicant expect the project to generate CHDO Proceeds? Yes	No
If yes, will applicant apply to retain CHDO Proceeds? Yes No	_
Location of Project:	
City (ies):	
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Oklahoma Senate District Number(s):	_
Oklahoma House District Number(s):	
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Units builtUnits rehabilitated	l/reconstructed
Units acquired Units acquired	l rehabilitated
Units receiving DPA	
Total units receiving HOME assistance:	
HOME Activity: Is this Application in conjunction with an Oklahoma HTF Application? Yes_ Is this Application in conjunction with an AHTC Application? Yes_ If yes, then what is the name of Development?	No
If the type of activity or form of assistance is not on the list, then it is not	an eligible activity.
1. Homebuyer	
Acquisition	
Acquisition/Rehabilitation	
New Construction	
Homebuyer Assistance	
2. Rental	
Single Family - Acquisition	
Single Family - Acquisition/ Rehabilitation	
Single Family - Rehabilitation	
Single Family - New Construction	
Multi-Family - Acquisition	
Multi-Family - Acquisition/ Réhabilitation	
Multi-Family - Rehabilitation	
Multi-Family - New Construction	
3 CHDO Pre-development loans	

4	CHDO Operating Assistance
HOME A	pplication Match Calculation and Match Request

HOME Program Funds	
CHDO Operating Assistance in conjunction with a CHDO Activity (If applicable)	
<b>Total HOME Funds Requested:</b>	
Total Match (25% of HOME Contract, excluding CHDO Operating Assistance)	

### Check the appropriate line and sign and date at the bottom. It must be signed by the Chairman, Executive Director, or highest elected official, and duly notarized. Match NO sources of match presented in this Application are from federal sources. (All Applications, regardless of sources of match, must complete.) NONE of the \$\_\_\_\_\_(amount) of banked match presented in this Application has been expended or committed to another development. (Only if using banked Monitoring - Program or Financial There are no HOME monitoring issues with any of Applicant's open contracts. OR There are some monitoring issues with some of open contracts. The plan(s) to correct the issues were submitted on to the HOME Compliance Staff. Not Applicable **CHDO Certification** No eligibility criteria have changed since the certification or recertification and supporting documents are on file in the CHDO's corporate office. OR

**OHFA HOME Application - Attachment A** 

The eligibility criteria of \_\_

Not Applicable

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the CHDO's corporate office.

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My commission expires				
			Notary Public	

### **OHFA HOME Application - Attachment B**

### **Certification of Compliance with Other Federal Requirements**

Affiant:	
Applicant:	
(Insert exact legal name of the organization)	

Affiant, as the duly authorized representative of the Applicant, does hereby on oath affirm the following:

- 1. Applicant understands and will comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, As Amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et. seq.); The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3620); Equal Opportunity in Housing (Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259; and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, As Amended (42 U.S.C. 6101).
- Applicant understands and will comply with the HOME Program requirements for Affirmative Marketing on any Project with five or more HOME-assisted units.
   Applicant certifies that it has an Affirmative Marketing Plan and/or written Affirmative Marketing procedures in place to assure compliance with the all of the requirements of 24 CFR 92.351.
- Applicant understands and will comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131; 47 U.S.C. 155,201,218, and 225); the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19); and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
   Applicant certifies that it has a Fair Housing Plan in place to assure compliance with all of the requirements of the Fair Housing Act.
- 4. Applicant understands and will comply with the requirements of Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246, as Amended); Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; and Minority/Women's Business Enterprise (Executive Orders 11625, 12432 and 12138). Applicant certifies that it has a Minority/Women's Business Enterprise Plan in place to assure compliance with all of the requirements of 24 CFR 92.351(b) and the aforementioned Executive Orders. Applicant further certifies that it has a written plan in place to address compliance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.
- 5. Applicant understands and will comply with the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and Related Acts (40 U.S.C. 276(A)-7); the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as Amended (40 U.S.C. 327-333); the Copeland (Anti-Kickback) Act (40 U.S.C. 276c); and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as Amended (29 U.S.C. 201, et. seq.).
- 6. Applicant understands and will comply with the contracting and procurement requirements of the HOME Program.
- 7. Applicant affirms that no person who is an employee, agent, consultant, or officer of the Applicant who could exercise any functions or responsibilities with respect to any activity assisted with HOME funds, or who would be in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to any HOME-assisted activity, will obtain a financial interest or benefit from any HOME-assisted activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect

- thereto, or the proceeds thereof, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.
- 8. Applicant understands and will comply with the requirements of the Environmental Review process for the HOME Program, including the requirements of 24 CFR Part 58 and CPD Notice 01-11.
- Applicant understands and will comply with Section 202 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4106).
- 10. For any new construction of rental housing units, the Applicant will provide housing that is suitable from the standpoint of facilitating and furthering full compliance with the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act and Executive Order 11063, and HUD regulations issued pursuant thereto, as well as ensuring that the proposed sites for new construction meet the requirements in 24 CFR 983.6(b).
- Applicant will ensure that all units in a Project assisted with HOME funds comply with 24 CFR Part 35 regarding the lead-based paint requirements for HUD-assisted housing.
- 12. Applicant understands and will comply with the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Act on all HOME Projects involving rehabilitation, conversion or demolition.
- 13. Applicant understands and will comply with the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (24 CFR 92.359). VAWA provides protections to applicants or tenants of HOME-units who are survivors of: domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This applies to HOME rental units and HOME TBRA where a HOME commitment was made after December 15, 2016.

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misstatement or falsification of information shall be grounds for cancellation of the contract and recapture of the HOME award.

Authorized Representative:	Date:	
Typed Name and Title:		
State of		
County of	<del></del>	
Attest:		
Subscribed and sworn to before me	,,	
My commission expires,	·	
		Notary Public

### **OHFA HOME Application - Attachment C**

### Certification of Financial Management

Affiant:		
Applicar	ıt:	
(Insert e	xact legal name of the organization)	

Affiant, as the duly authorized representative of the Applicant, on oath affirms the following:

- 1. Applicant has written policies and procedures in place to provide for the following:
  - A. Tracking expended and unexpended HOME funds
  - B. Tracking and allocation of administrative costs, if applicable
  - C. Tracking of Program Income or CHDO proceeds, if applicable
  - D. Properly maintaining source documentation of expenditures
  - E. Tracking of match liability and credit
- 2. Applicant has written policies and procedures in place to ensure that all expenditures are eligible, reasonable, and properly documented.
- 3. Applicant has written policies and procedures in place to ensure proper control of records and documents.
- 4. Applicant has written policies and procedures in place and adequate staff to ensure separation of duties.
- 5. Applicant has adequate internal controls in place to ensure proper maintenance and disbursement of the HOME funds.
- 6. Applicant certifies that it will comply with those parts of the OMB Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Part 200 (the "Super Circular") that are applicable based on the type of Applicant and the type of Activity. (CHDO's and For-Profit Developers are subject only to the cost reasonableness standards as set forth in 2 CFR Parts 200.404 and 200.405.)

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misstatement or falsification of information shall be grounds for cancellation of the contract and recapture of the HOME award.

Authorized Representative:	Date:		
Typed Name and Title:			-
State of			
County of			
Attest:			
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My commission expires	<i>,</i>		
			Notary Public

## OHFA HOME Application - Attachment D

Energy Efficiency/Green Building Certification – 18 points			
Development Name:			
The Undersigned hereby certifies: That the energy efficient/green building items marked below will be included in the plans and specifications for one hundred percent (100%) of units in the Development and that they have been included in the budget.			
That the energy efficient/green building items marked below exceed the minimum requirements of the applicable building codes.			
Substitutions will be permitted after a Development has been Awarded Credits. The total points after the substitution must equal the total points at the time of the award.			
These two items <u>must</u> be provided			
Carbon Monoxide detector in each unit with a fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage			
Smoke detector in each unit			
Check all that apply:			
Shower heads with a maximum of 2.5 gallons per minute flow rate (1 point)			
☐ The use of better than R-2 insulation on exposed hot water pipes (1 point)			
☐ Installation of Energy Star qualified appliances (1 point)			
Energy Star qualified windows with Low E glass (3 points)			
☐ Energy Star qualified HVAC (3 points)			
☐ Energy Star qualified Efficiency Water Heaters (2 points)			
☐ LED lighting in units or parking lot (2 points)			
Drought tolerant exterior plantings and grass to limit need for watering (2 points)			
Use of Low or no VOC paint throughout the Development for compliance period (1 point)			
Programmable thermostats (1 point)			
Foaming gaps at windows, doors, eave lines, electrical outlets, switches (2 point)			
Mold guard drywall, at least in bathrooms, kitchen, and laundry rooms. (3 Points)			
Applicants may select one (1) of the following:			

	or
<u>OR</u>	
Spray foam insulation exceeding code requirements (5 points)	
Applicants may select one (1) of the following:	
Radiant barrier per ASTM standards in attic and/or roof sheathing and/or exterior wall sheathing. May not be combined with spray foam insulation. N/A for Rehabilitation Developments. (2 points)	ion
<u>OR</u>	
Insulation: R-3 or better insulation installed around the exterior foundation of every Building (2 points)	
Applicant Date	

### DO NOT MODIFY THIS FORM.

### **OHFA HOME Application - Attachment E**

### **CHDO Checklist**

The information contained in this checklist refers to the definition of Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) in Subpart A, Section 92.2 of the HOME Final Rule. This checklist will be used as a tool to determine an organization's status as a CHDO before being funded from the CHDO Set-Aside.

**Directions:** Please provide the documentation below as it relates to each specific topic for your Organization, and put a checkmark next to each item indicating you included it within your application. Please include this checklist and all relevant documentation in Tab 12.

### **LEGAL STATUS** I.

A. The nonprofit organization is organized under State or local laws, as evidenced by:
Charter, ORArticles of Incorporation
B. No part of its net earnings inure to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor, or individual, as evidenced by:
Charter, OR
Articles of Incorporation, OR
A 501(c)(3) or (4) ruling from the IRS.
C. Has a tax exemption ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as evidenced by:
A 501(c)(3) or (4) Certificate from the IRS.
D. Has among its purposes the provision of decent housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income people, as evidenced by a statement in the organization's:
Charter, OR
Articles of Incorporation, OR
By-Laws, OR
Resolutions
II. CAPACITY

A. Conforms to the financial accountability standards of 2 CFR 200.302 and 200.303 [24 CFR 92.2 CHDO definition paragraph (6)], as evidenced by:

A notarized statement by the president or chief financial officer of the organization;
A certification from a Certified Public Accountant
B. Has a demonstrated capacity for carrying out activities assisted with HOME funds, as evidenced by:
Resumes and/or statements that describe the experience of key staff members who have successfully completed projects similar to those to be assisted with HOME funds, ORContract(s) with consulting firms or individuals who have housing experience similar to projects to be assisted with HOME funds to train appropriate key staff of the organization.
C. Has a history of serving the community where housing to be assisted with HOME funds will be used, as evidenced by:
Statement that documents at least one year of experience in serving the community, OR
For newly created organizations formed by local churches, service, or community organizations, a statement that documents that its parent organization has at least one year of experience in serving the community.
<b>NOTE:</b> The CHDO or its parent organization must be able to show one year of serving the community from the date the participating jurisdiction provides HOME funds to the organization. In the statement, the organization must describe its history (or its parent organization's history) of serving the community by describing activities which it provided (or its parent organization provided), such as developing new housing, rehabilitating existing stock, and managing housing stock, or delivering non-housing services that have had lasting benefits for the community, such as counseling, food relief, or childcare facilities. The statement must be signed by the president of the organization or by a HUD-approved representative.
III. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
A. Maintains at least one-third of its governing board's membership for residents of low income neighborhoods, other low-income community residents, or elected representatives of low-income neighborhood organizations, as evidenced by the organization's:
By-Laws, OR
Charter, ORArticles of Incorporation
Under the HOME Program, for urban areas, the term "community" is defined as one or several neighborhoods, a city, county, or metropolitan area. For rural areas, "community" is defined as one or several neighborhoods a town village county or multi-county area (but not the whole state)

B. Provides a formal process for low-income, program beneficiaries to advise the organization in all of its decisions regarding the design, siting, development, and management of all HOME-assisted affordable housing projects, as evidenced by:
Charter, OR
Articles of Incorporation, OR
By-Laws, OR
Resolutions, OR
A written statement of operating procedures approved by the governing body.
C. A CHDO may be chartered by a State or local government, however, the State or local government may not appoint: (1) more than one-third of the membership of the organization's governing body; (2) the board members appointed by the State or local government may not, in turn, appoint the remaining two-thirds of the board members; and (3) no more than one-third of the governing board members are public officials, as evidenced by the organization's:
By-Laws, OR
Charter, OR
Articles of Incorporation
D. If the CHDO is sponsored or created by a for-profit entity, the for-profit entity may not appoint more than one-third of the membership of the CHDO's governing body and the board members appointed by the for-profit entity may not, in turn, appoint the remaining two-thirds of the board members, as evidenced by the CHDO's:
By-Laws, OR
Charter, OR
Articles of Incorporation
IV. RELATIONSHIP WITH FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES
A. CHDO is not controlled, nor receives directions from individuals or entities seeking profit from the organization, as evidenced by:
The organization's By-Laws, OR
Charter, OR
Articles of Incorporation, OR
A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
B. A CHDO may be sponsored or created by a for-profit entity, however:  (1) The for-profit entity's primary purpose does not include the development or management of housing, as evidenced by:

The for-profit organization's	By-Laws
Charter, OR	
Articles of Incorporation, OR	
AND;	
(2) The CHDO is free to contract for gevidenced by the CHDO's:	goods and services from vendor(s) of its own choosing, as
By-Laws, OR	
Charter, OR	
Articles of Incorporation	

### **OHFA HOME Application - Attachment F Amenities Certification** Storm Shelter - 5 points Storm shelter or Safe room that meets or exceeds FEMA guidelines and the ICC/NSSA standards (ICC-500). Storm shelters/Safe room must accommodate all possible residents based on number of bedrooms one and a half (1.5) people per bedroom. (please find helpful information regarding storm shelters within the links below) o To review a copy of the OUBCC Storm Shelter Fact Sheet, Click Here o To review the FEMA 320 Standard, Click Here o Copies of the ICC/NSSA 500 Standard can be ordered on the International Code Council (ICC) website, www.iccsafe.org or through your local book store. Visitability - 5 points Applicants must commit to all three items in order to receive points by completing attachment G. It is up to the applicant to follow all Section 504 requirements if applicable to the specific project. Accepted items: Door openings must be at a minimum 32" wide to accommodate a wheelchair One bathroom on the main floor of the property that is accessible by wheelchair. One zero-step entry located on at least one accessible entrance to the unit. If there is not one zero-step entry located on at least one accessible entrance to the unit, a ramp must be provided.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW. DO NOT MODIFY THIS FORM.

I hereby certify that by receiving points for the items mer committing to add these amenities to the project.	ntioned on the previous page, I am
Name and Title (Type or Print)	Date
Signature	(SEAL)
State ofCounty of	
Attest: Subscribed and sworn to before me	<i>,</i> :
My commission expires,	
	Notary Public

### **DO NOT MODIFY THIS FORM.**

### **OHFA HOME Application Certification**

The Applicant hereby certifies that all of the information contained in this Application for funding through the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that all documentation supporting the information in this Application is on file in the Applicants office, available for review by Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) Staff during normal business hours.

Additionally, the Applicant understands that failure to provide any of the documentation necessary to support the information in this Application may result in the return of all HOME Program funds, both expended and unexpended, in accordance with the Program Sanctions under the codified rules of OHFA, contained in the Oklahoma Administrative Code, Chapter 55.

Additionally, the Applicant understands that in the event a HOME funding award is made, the content of the Application shall be incorporated as part of the contract and, as such, will be used to monitor performance. Activities, commitments, and representations offered in the Application that are not subsequently made a part of the Project as funded, shall be considered a material contract failure, and may result in a repayment of all HOME funds and/or suspension from Program participation.

Applicant has read the 2022+ HOME Program Application Packet, as well as the 2022+ HOME Program Processes, Procedures and Topical Guidance, and will comply with the rules and requirements of the 2022+ HOME Program.

Name and Title	(Type or Print)		Date
			(SEAL)
Signature		_	
State of		-	
Attest: Subscribed and swo	rn to before me	·	
My commission exp	pires,		5.11
			Notary Public

### **Submission Checklist**

The following checklist is designed to serve as a guide to Applicants to assist them in compiling their Applications. The list is only a guide and may not necessarily be comprehensive. Applicants should carefully review all submission requirements within the Application to ensure it is complete. Refer also to the HOME Application Matrix for guidance on page 51 of this Application Packet. Submit the checklist with the Application. If a factor or criteria is not applicable, so indicate with N/A, but do not delete the tab for said factor or criteria. Certain criteria may not be included in this submission checklist if no documentation is required. One Original Application.

Check box to indicate completion.

### Threshold Factors

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	Application Information Form and Attachments A, B and C HOME Application Certification, HUD Forms 2880 and 424 Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan Audit Match Market Analysis Description Development Commitments Financing, Underwriting & Subsidy Layering Organizational Structure and Experience Capital Needs Assessment Readiness to Proceed CHDO Eligibility Criteria CHDO Operating Nonprofit	TAB #  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
<u>Evalu</u>	ation Criteria	
	Leverage Energy Efficient Building Materials HOME or Fair Housing Program Training Targeted Special Needs Populations HOME Investment per Unit Storm Shelter Visitability	16 17 18 19 19 19
	Tiebreakers	19

# Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency HOME Application Matrix

### 2022

Threshold Factors
1. Application Information Form & Attachments
2. HOME Application Certification
3. HUD Form 2880
4. HUD Form 424
5. Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan
6. Audit
7. Match
8. Market Analysis
9. Description
10. Development Commitments
11. Financing
12. Org. Structure, Capacity and Experience
13. Capital Needs Assessment (Rehab only)
14. Readiness to Proceed
15. CHDO Eligibility Critieria Elements
16. CHDO Operating Assistance
17. Nonprofit

TBRA	Homebuyer Activities	Rental Activities	Homebuyer Assistance	Development Loans	CHDO Operating
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
No	No	Yes	No	No	No
NA	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA
No	Only if CHDO	Only if CHDO	No	Yes	Yes
No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Only if Nonprofit	Only if Nonprofit	Only if Nonprofit	Only if Nonprofit	NA	NA

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### **Evaluation Criteria**

1. Leverage
2. Energy Efficiency/Green Building Certification
3. HOME / Fair Housing Training
4. Tenant Special Needs Populations
5. HOME Investment per Unit
6. Storm Shelter
7. Visitability

NA	5	5	NA	NA	NA
NA	18	18	NA	NA	NA
10	10	10	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	5	NA	NA	NA
NA	10	10	NA	NA	NA
NA	5	5	NA	NA	NA
NA	5	5	NA	NA	NA