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A. Introduction and Scope

The following Design and Architectural Standards (DAS) apply to all Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) multifamily affordable housing projects. These Standards represent the minimum requirements necessary to receiving OHFA funding. The DAS may be increased or modified by programmatic requirement or incentive; applicants should consult the relevant program guidelines for further information.

The intent of these Standards is to:

- Ensure consistency in the design approval process;
- Promote the use of durable materials that reduce long-term maintenance costs;
- Create a healthy living environment for residents of all backgrounds and abilities;
- Provide options for meeting requirements that can be tailored to location and population being served;
- Enhance energy efficiency to reduce costs to the project and residents; and
- Appropriately balance high-quality materials with cost containment principles.

OHFA values the creation and preservation of safe, healthy, and decent affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Ohioans, and requires development partners to uphold this overarching value as well. The DAS serves as a critical guide in achieving this mission.

All contacts for proposed project should be consistent throughout the Affordable Housing Funding Application (AHFA), Design and Construction Features Form (DCF), submitted architectural drawings, and any other OHFA forms at the time of submission. OHFA must be notified if there are changes to the contacts after submission.

Applicability

The DAS for which the project was approved for funding under must be used from application throughout compliance.

Funding Programs

These Standards apply to all new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse developments seeking funding through any of the programs administered by the OHFA Office of Multifamily Housing.

Exceptions

All program participants must conform to these requirements unless waived by OHFA in writing. OHFA will accept requests for exception to specific requirements as noted throughout the document and as summarized in Appendix A. Additionally, OHFA will evaluate certain aspects of the Standards that may require modification in order to meet the unique site, design or use of the development. In this event, OHFA will consider modification requests on a case-by-case basis.

All requests for exceptions must be submitted using the OHFA Exception Request form, must include reasonable justification for the exception, and must be submitted to OHFA on or before the date indicated...
in the respective program calendar. The OHFA staff architect will review requests and make a
recommendation to the management team to accept, deny, or modify the exception. A final determination
will be made by OHFA by the date indicated in the program calendars. All exceptions granted are based on
the unique circumstances of the project and the QAP, Design and Architectural Standards (DAS), and
guidelines for the funding year, and will not be transferred to other projects.

In the event that Code compliance creates a conflict with the OHFA Standards DAS requirement, the
Developer must notify OHFA of the conflict between the Code, the DAS, and OHFA's Architectural
Standards; other funding sources (e.g., HUD, USDA-RD, SHPO).

Notice & Disclaimer

All requirements are exclusive of federal, state, and local law or regulation that may further dictate design
requirements. If there is a conflict between the requirements of applicable codes and/or the DAS, the most stringent requirement will prevail. During the construction process,
owners/developers and/or architects will be asked to certify compliance with applicable regulations.

Nothing in the DAS must be construed to waive, override, modify, or extinguish any legal
or regulatory responsibility, including those governing accessibility issues. OHFA will not certify project
adherence to building code or other legal or design requirements. OHFA must, by the execution or
performance of any architectural review function, assume liability or otherwise become responsible for any
owner, developer, architect, construction contractor or other person's obligation; applicants and funding
recipients are explicitly advised to seek independent legal advice regarding non-OHFA design and
construction requirements particularly as they relate to accessibility.

Penalties

Violations of the requirements set forth in the DAS, failure to honor commitments made in
the application process, or other instances of noncompliance with OHFA requirements may result in any or
all of the sanctions as outlined in the applicable OHFA program guidelines, 2022-2023 Qualified
Allocation Plan.

B. Definitions

Unless otherwise noted, all definitions must be the same as the building code applicable to the
construction type.

Adaptive Reuse: See Construction Types.

Assemblies: A portion of a building system, piece of equipment, or building element.

Circulation Space: The path inside a building for access to living units, storage areas, common areas,
ingress and egress areas, and other spaces designed for resident use.

- Examples: Hallways, stairways, and areas that lead to other rooms

Common Space: A room or space outside the residential living unit designed for resident use that does
not impose a usage fee or participation in an activity for free enjoyment of the space.

- Examples:
  - Circulation space- hallways, elevators, lobby, etc.
  - Community space- meeting rooms, community rooms, multipurpose rooms, fitness center, etc.
  - Property management space- management offices
Components/Sub-Component: A portion of a building system, piece of equipment, or building element.

Dedicated Program Space: A room or space outside the residential living unit designed exclusively for tenant use that has a fixed, program-driven purpose. These spaces are not considered part of Common Space.
- Examples: Counseling space, wellness and health clinic areas, day care centers

Design and Construction Features Form (DCEDCF): The form submitted with the application that states all of the design-related features that will be included in the project. Compliance throughout the rest of the project period is checked against this information. The DCEDCF can be found on OHFA's Guidelines, Applications, and Forms webpage.

Expected Useful Life (EUL): The average amount of time in years that an item, assembly, component, or system is estimated to function without material repair when installed new and assuming routine maintenance is practiced. This is also used as the standard for new material durability/acceptability in rehabs, adaptive reuse, and new construction. A new material must conform to the applicable and acceptable use as defined in the EUL table.

Major Building Systems (MBS) or Major Building Component (MBC): Is a building system that is integral to the improvements of project. Major refers to the importance of the component and the extent of the replacement (i.e. roof structures, wall or floor structures, foundations and plumbing, central heating and air conditioning, or electrical systems). The element system must be significant to the building and its use, normally expected to last the useful life of the building, and not minor or cosmetic. OHFA considers the “major systems” in HOME and NHTF Property Standards equivalent to OHFA’s MBS. See the Minimum Rehabilitation Requirements section for details. Total replacement is not required but the greater part (at least 50%) must be replaced. The term provides a great deal of latitude, and good judgement is necessary and expected. OHFA architectural staff and OHFA Multifamily Development Staff will make the determination.

Major Building Systems (MBS): Interacting or independent components or assemblies, which form single integrated units that comprise a building and its site work. This includes Major Components, Components, and Sub-Components.

Net Rentable Area: The sum of the unit area, balcony area, garage (if included with the unit) and tenant storage area.

New Construction: See Construction Types.

Physical Capital Needs Assessment (PCNA): An inspection and resulting plan for a property that provides detail on the property’s current overall physical condition and identifies immediate physical needs, significant deferred maintenance, and an opinion of costs to remedy physical deficiencies. EUL values are used in a Capital Needs Assessment when assessing the current condition. Remaining useful life (RUL) is used to evaluate existing materials in meeting OHFA required durability.

Remaining Useful Life (RUL): Subjective estimate based upon observations, or average estimates of similar items, assemblies, components, or systems, or a combination thereof, of the number of remaining years that an item, assembly, component, or system is estimated to be able to function in accordance with its intended purpose before warranting replacement. Such period of time is affected by the initial quality of an item, assembly, component, or system, the quality of the initial installation, the quality and amount of preventive maintenance exercised, climatic conditions, and extent of use.

Safe Harbor: An objective and recognized standard, guideline, or code that, if followed without deviation, ensures compliance with specific requirements. For purposes of the Standards, the term safe
harbor is used in the context of the standards used for compliance with design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act and the standards used for compliance with Section 504.

Rehabilitation: See Construction Types and additional details are in Section J.: Minimum Rehabilitation Requirements.

Scope of Work Form (SoW): The form submitted with the application is used to define all major building materials and systems for new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse. The SoW can be found on OHFA’s Guidelines, Applications, and Forms webpage.

Support Space: A room or space outside the residential living unit that is not intended for resident use.
- Examples: Mechanical areas, janitor closets, security offices, fire control stations, supply areas, and mechanical storage areas

Construction Types

Construction Types [OHFA is seeking comments on this section, especially the definitions used for Rehabilitation Levels]
The following construction types relate solely to the application of these Guidelines and shall not be used to define project requirements or scopes outside of the criteria defined in these Guidelines.
- New Construction: Ground-up construction of a new building or buildings. Includes site preparation for, and construction of, entirely new structures whether or not the site was previously occupied.
- **Moderate Rehabilitation A**: A renovation where the dwelling unit demising walls, most interior walls and MEP infrastructure remain, and the new scope of work is built within the existing dwelling unit compartment. This type of rehabilitation often includes replacement of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) and roofing. It may include window replacement, siding replacement, and additional roofing scopes.
- Moderate Rehabilitation B*: A renovation where the dwelling unit demising walls and most of the interior walls remain. This type of rehabilitation includes many of the scoping items of Moderate Rehabilitation A, but also includes replacement of mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) infrastructure and equipment, either in part or in full.
- **Substantial Rehabilitation**: A renovation where the majority of the interior walls, finishes, systems and MEP (mechanical, electrical and plumbing) infrastructure are demolished and a new scope of work is constructed within the existing building shell. These projects are also sometimes referred to as “gut” rehabs.
- Adaptive Reuse*: A substantial renovation that occurs in a building or space that undergoes a change of use to residential occupancy, as defined by the applicable building code.
* Additional details are in Section J.: Minimum Rehabilitation Requirements.

OHFA Square Footage Calculation
Developments must use the following standards for measuring square footage:
- Multifamily buildings
  - Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) - Multi-Unit Residential Standard, Gross Method (ANSI/BOMA Z65.4)
- Single-family, 1, 2, or 3-family dwelling, or townhome buildings
  - BOMA - Gross Areas Standard (ANSI/BOMA Z65.3)
The area calculations for either of the above must include 100% of the building in which the project is contained regardless of whether that space is leased or condominiumized to another entity, and includes:

- All buildings, including those with Building Identification Numbers (BINs)
- Free-standing community buildings
- Maintenance buildings and sheds
- Picnic shelters/gazebos
- Garages
- Carports
- Porches
- Commercial space
- Market rate unit space
- Manager unit space
- Common space
- Dedicated Program Space
- Tenant storage

The calculation should not include:

- Trash enclosures
- Concrete patios without roofs
- Sidewalks

All square footages must be calculated and certified in the Affordable Housing Funding Application (AHFA) or Gap Financing Application (GFA) and the Design and Construction Features Form (DCFF) by the Architect of Record.

C. Code Compliance

All developments must conform to the below requirements:

- **Developments with four or more units:**
  - Ohio Administrative Code 4101:1 Board of Building Standards: Ohio Building Code (OBC), including any and all referenced codes

- **Developments with three or fewer units:**
  - Ohio Administrative Code 4101:8 Board of Building Standards: Residential Code of Ohio (RCO), including any and all referenced codes

All developments must also conform to the requirements set forth in the following, as applicable:

- Ohio Department of Development Residential Rehabilitation Standards
- Local codes, zoning codes, and fire codes as required by the jurisdiction or funding source.
- If receiving funding from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, developments must meet all requirements as outlined in 24 CFR §92.251 – Property Standards (also Appendix D).
- If receiving funding from the National Housing Trust Fund, developments must meet all requirements as outlined in 24 CFR §93.301 – Property Standards (also Appendix E).
- If receiving funding from the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program, developments must meet all requirements as outlined in 83 FR 5844 (also Appendix E).

D. Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction

OHFA is committed to the reduction of lead-based paint hazards in housing throughout Ohio. Deteriorating lead-based paint and its resulting lead dust are the most common causes of elevated blood lead levels in
children in Ohio. Because of Ohio’s aging housing stock, many residents are susceptible to lead hazards. Over 25% of housing units in Ohio were built before 1950, when the first laws banning lead-based paint were enacted. Over two-thirds of housing units in Ohio were built in 1979 or earlier, pre-dating the federal ban on lead in house paint.

Applicability

The requirements in this section apply to all properties seeking OHFA funding for rehabilitation of a pre-1978 structure. Review of lead-based paint is required as a non-scope consideration in the Phase I.

Certain properties may be exempt and are able to seek an exception to this requirement:

- Properties found not to have lead-based paint during earlier testing that meets the requirements of prior evaluations.
- Properties where all lead-based paint has been identified and removed using approved methods.
- Properties in an area where state and local governments banned lead-based paint prior to January 1, 1978.

Additionally, certain federal and state funding sources already require developments utilizing their funding to adhere to program-specific requirements for the reduction of lead-based paint hazards. Developments subject to these program-specific requirements should continue to follow the applicable guidance related to lead-based paint.

Requirements

Developments must comply with the requirements outlined in the HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR 35), specifically subparts A, B, J, and R as well as any other subparts applicable to the project. In general, this means projects must:

- Conduct an evaluation of lead-based paint hazards (i.e., a risk assessment, paint inspection, or a combination of the two).
  - For properties in good condition, a lead hazard screen risk assessment may be performed first to determine whether a full risk assessment is necessary.
- Control identified lead hazards per Ohio Department of Health and HUD hazard reduction requirements.
- Pass clearance testing of work area prior to re-occupancy.
- Inform occupants of evaluation and hazard control activities and results and provide the HUD/EPA Lead Hazard information disclosure pamphlet.

Develop a lead hazard control plan for the property which includes an ongoing lead-safe maintenance program. Additionally, developments must meet all other local, state, and federal requirements related to lead-based paint as may apply including those related to disclosure, professional qualifications, lead-safe work practices, etc.

Additional Resources

- HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR 35)
- HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-based Paint in Housing
- HUD/DEP Lead Disclosure Rule
- EPA’s Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP) Rule
- OAC Chapter 3701-32: Lead Hazard Abatement
- ORC 5302.30: Property disclosure form required for all residential real property transfers
- ODDO’s Residential Rehab Standards (RRS): Chapter 7 - The Elimination of Lead-Based Paint Hazards and Appendix 7-A Lead-Based Paint Requirements and Guidance
E. Radon Reduction and Prevention

Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas. It comes from the natural breakdown of naturally occurring uranium, thorium, or radium in rock, soil and water. Radon can get into the air in buildings by traveling through the ground and through seams, joints, utility penetrations and cracks in building foundations and slabs. Eventually, it decays into radioactive particles that can become trapped in the lungs when inhaled. As these particles decay, they release radiation that can damage lung tissue and lead to lung cancer.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has divided states and counties into three radon risk zones.

- **Zone 1:** Counties with predicted average indoor radon screening levels greater than 4 pCi/L
- **Zone 2:** Counties with predicted average indoor radon screening levels from 2 to 4 pCi/L
- **Zone 3:** Counties with predicted average indoor radon screening levels less than 2 pCi/L

Elevated levels of radon can be found in any of the three zones, but buildings in Zone 1 are at particularly high risk for having elevated levels, and the need for addressing radon in those locations is of greatest importance. As seen in the map, all of Ohio falls into either Zone 1 or Zone 2.

The EPA has developed an action level for radon of 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L). A picocurie is a measure of radioactivity. If a building’s indoor radon concentration is at or above 4 pCi/L, mitigation is recommended. If the concentration is between 2-4 pCi/L, mitigation should be considered.

**Applicability**

The requirements in this section apply to all OHFA-funded developments, including both new construction and rehabilitation/adaptive reuse. Review of radon is required as a non-scope consideration in the Phase I.

Additionally, certain federal and state funding sources already require developments utilizing their funding to adhere to program-specific requirements for radon testing and mitigation (for example, any development subject to HUD’s environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 50 and Part 58). Developments subject to these program-specific requirements should continue to follow the applicable guidance related to radon.

Radon testing, mitigation, and laboratory work for developments to be funded with OHFA resources must be performed by individuals who meet the certification and licensure requirements as outlined in OAC 3701-69.

**Requirements**

Developments must incorporate radon-resistant construction techniques into their project. Radon-resistant construction techniques include:

- a gas permeable layer such as gravel beneath the lowest building floor slab,
- a vapor retarding layer on top of the permeable layer,
- a vertical vent pipe from the permeable layer through the roof to vent outside,
- sealing and caulking of all cracks, joints and penetrations in the slab or basement, and
- installation of a junction box in the attic or highest interior space for use with an in-line vent fan if one is required for future active removal of radon.

Once construction/renovation is complete, but prior to occupancy, radon testing must be conducted in accordance with the current ANSI/AARST MAME-2017 (Revised 1/21), or the most current testing standards for the applicable structure. This includes testing in 100% of all ground-contact dwelling units and non-residential ground-contact rooms, as well as 10% of the upper floor dwelling units (with at least...
one unit tested on each floor) to determine the need for installation of exhaust fans (i.e. “active” removal).

If any sample result from the post-construction sampling meets or exceeds 4.0 pCi/L of radon, exhaust fans must be installed to convert the passive radon removal systems to active removal systems. Any area with test results above the action level must be retested after installation of fans until satisfactory results are obtained.

Rehabilitation Project Exception Requests
Rehabilitation Projects may request an exception to the requirement for a radon mitigation system based on pre-construction testing results below 4.0 pCi/L.

If the highest result of testing conducted before construction is between 2 and 4 pCi/L, it is recommended that passive system is installed in all impacted areas.

Radon levels fluctuate from day to day and across a year. The age of building, construction type, changes to HVAC equipment including fresh air exchanges, and other changes to air infiltration all impact radon levels. As a building becomes more air tight, the level of radon is more likely to increase.

Regardless of any exception granted, radon testing after construction but before occupancy is required. If any result from the post-construction testing is at above the threshold (4.0 pCi/L) a passive radon system must be retested after installation and the radon system adjusted (including conversion to an active system) until satisfactory results are obtained. Radon testing, mitigation, and laboratory work for developments to be funded with OHFA resources must be performed by individuals who meet the certification and licensure requirements as outlined in OAC 3701-69.

Testing
Professional Qualifications
Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 3701-69 sets forth all requirements for qualification as a radon tester, mitigation specialist, or mitigation contractor, as well as standards of conduct for each type of qualified professional. Radon testing, mitigation, and laboratory work for developments to be funded with OHFA resources must be performed by individuals who meet the certification and licensure requirements as outlined in OAC 3701-69.

Testing Protocols
Radon testing must be performed according to OAC 3701-69-07, Standards of conduct for radon testers, as well as current testing protocols for the applicable building type. The current testing protocol for multifamily buildings is the ANSI/AARST “Protocol for Conducting Radon and Radon Decay Product Measurements in Multifamily Buildings (MAMF-2017)”. The most current testing standard for the applicable building type, as of the date the testing occurs, should be followed.

Current testing protocols and standards can be found on the EPA’s Current Radon Standards of Practice webpage.

Additional Resources
EPA provides the following helpful resources for radon-resistant construction:
- Radon-Resistant Construction Basics and Techniques
- Builder and Contractor Resources for Radon-Resistant New Construction (RRNC)
- Radon Standards of Practice
- Building Codes and Standards for Radon-Resistant New Construction (RRNC)
The following are resources for radon mitigation systems in existing buildings:

- Radon Mitigation Standards for Multifamily Buildings (RMS-MF 2018)

Radon information for Ohio:

- Ohio – EPA Map of Radon Zones
- Ohio Department of Health – About Radon
- Geometric Mean Radon Concentrations by Zip Codes

F. Adaptability & Accessibility

Developments may be subject to one or more of the below laws, depending on the date of construction, type of space, funding sources utilized, and other project-specific information. The burden of compliance rests with the project team. In the application, during the construction process, and at project closeout owners/developers and/or architects will be required to certify compliance with applicable regulations.

When more than one law and accessibility standard applies, requirements must reviewed and implemented to allow for greater accessibility.

Additionally, all projects must comply with the accessibility requirements as outlined in the Ohio Building Code, Chapter 4101:1-11, which includes the use of ANSI/ICC A117.1-2017 for the design and construction of accessible units.

Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (FHA)

- Applicable to all new multi-family housing consisting of four or more dwelling units per building built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991.
- Applicant must state in the DCEEDCF which safe harbor will be used to demonstrate compliance with the Act’s design and construction requirements. The safe harbor for 504 is determined separately.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title II and Title III
  Applicable to common areas open for public use, such as a property management or rental office.
  (note: Section 504 mobility and sensory requirements supersede)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504)

- Applicable to recipients of federal financial assistance.
- Section 504 applies to the entire project which includes all sites, all buildings, all residential units, all common areas, all site features and must have a single Section 504 safe harbor designated in the DCEEDCF and 80% drawing documents submitted to OHFA.

504 Unit Types

- **Mobility Unit**: Is fully accessible for persons with mobility disabilities. Must meet requirements as defined in Section 504.
- **Sensory Units**: Units that are accessible for persons with hearing or visual disabilities. Required features include audio/visual notification systems for entry, physical peephole at any entry to the unit, and audio/visual fire alarms. Must meet requirements as defined in Section 504 and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Standards (2015).
• **Semi-Ambulatory Units:** Semi-ambulatory units serve mainly for people with crutches, canes & walkers. This includes but is not limited to handrails extension, stair nosing, blocking for grab bars that meets accessibility guidelines per project selected safe harbor. This semi-ambulatory unit must be designated as Section 504 modifiable per reasonable accommodation/modification. Must meet requirements in ABA Standards.

  Considerations for a semi-ambulatory unit typically include tub conversion to step-in shower, elevators and stair lifts are not required, must have a fully accessible path and entry to the greatest extent possible, and if parking is limited, it may preclude the use of a designated HC parking space but provide a reserved space that meets van accessible requirements.

**Applicable to recipients of federal financial assistance, however, OHFA requires that all developments receiving OHFA funding meet the accessibility requirements of Section 504. OHFA Accessibility Requirements**

- OHFA requires that all developments receiving OHFA funding meet the accessibility requirements of Section 504. Submission must include:
  - The DCF, AHFA, and the submitted architectural drawings must have the same number of accessible units identified for mobility and sensory and the single section 504 safe harbor must match.
  - Applicant must state in the DCF which standard will be used to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Section 504 (Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, 2010 ADA Standards, or an equivalent standard as defined in HUD’s Deeming Notice), and a single Section 504 safe harbor (Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, ADA-2010 Standards, or substantially equivalent or greater access to and usability of the building as defined in HUD’s Deeming Notice including ANSI/ICC A117.1-2009/2017 and current required in Ohio).

- This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Providing twice the number of that is federally mandated under Section 504 as accessible for persons with mobility disabilities. To calculate the number of 504-mobility units needed to meet this threshold standard, first multiply the total number of units by 5%, round up to the nearest whole unit, and multiply the result by 2 (10% of units in Competitive Housing Tax Credit developments), or at least one unit, whichever is greater, as accessible for persons with mobility disabilities:
    - Semi-ambulatory units may be used to meet the requirements by exception. When fully accessible 504 mobility unit or distribution is not achievable, the project will be required to have semi-ambulatory unit(s) that will be made accessible to the greatest extent possible.
    - In the case of Competitive HTC developments, units beyond the 6% statistically required mobility units may be “OHFA Flex Units” (see subsequent section) may be used to meet any quantity beyond the 5% rounded up amount.

    - To meet the 10% of units on Competitive HTC developments this is 5% rounded up + another 5% rounded up.
    - For example, if a Competitive HTC-development has 65 units the statutory 65 units (5% rounded up) must be 504 mobility units, and any quantity beyond the 5% rounded up may be a second set of 4 units is required that could be identified as 504 accessible units or OHFA Flex Units. OHFA Flex Units, traditional 504 mobility units, or a combination of either.

  - Providing an additional separate 2% (rounded up) of the dwelling units, or at least one unit, whichever is greater, as accessible for persons with hearing or visual disabilities:
    - Audio/visual notification systems are required in all habitable spaces (e.g. living rooms, bedrooms, and bathrooms)

- Design criteria includes but is not limited to:
Providing accessible units in a variety of unit configurations and distributed throughout the
development and buildings; and
  • When units are on multiple floors, distribution includes units on multiple floors. The
distribution neither precludes nor requires an accessible unit on all floors.
• Ensuring accessible units have comparable features to non-accessible units, such as storage
within kitchen and bathroom storage.
• Providing accessible site features and common areas including but not limited to dumpsters,
outdoor grills, parking, play areas, and community shelters.
  • An accessible route to the dumpster is not required if the building includes an interior
trash chute or trash room for residents, and residents are therefore not required to take
their trash to a dumpster outside of the building.
• Optional features for sensory units: Sensory Impaired thermostats, Within a unit, tactile
surfaces to aid with visual impairment, Task lighting for low visual acuity, High contrast floor,
countertop and edge banding to aid those with visual acuity limitations.
  • Applicant must state in the DCFF which standard will be used to demonstrate
compliance with the requirements of Section 504 (Uniform Federal Accessibility
Standards, 2010 ADA Standards, or an equivalent standard as defined in HUD’s
Deeming Notice) and a SINGLE section 504 safe harbor
(Uniform Federal Accessibility
Standards, 2010 ADA Standards, or substantially equivalent or greater access to and
usability of the building as defined in HUD’s Deeming Notice).

When more than one law and accessibility standard applies, it is currently necessary for the recipient to
determine on a section by section basis which standard affords greater accessibility.

Additionally, all projects must comply with the accessibility requirements as outlined in the Ohio Building
Code, Chapter 4101:1-11, which includes the use of ICC/ANSI A117.1-2009 for the design and construction
of accessible units.

**OHFA Flex Units**

[OHFA is seeking comments on this section]

**Intent and Use**

OHFA recognizes that there are a variety of features that may provide additional accessibility that are not
covered under current section 504 safe harbors. The inclusion of other features with OHFA Flex Units
(OFU) allows for the opportunity to create housing that is best suited that the population it will be serving.
Flex Units are not replace 504 mobility requirements in addition to the 5% of mobility units and 2% of
sensory units required by Section 504. They may serve as substitution the additional 5% of accessible
units required by the Competitive HTC program.

The intent is to have spaces that provide improved accessibility for mobility or sensory that features that
are not part of accessibility safe harbors selected by the project. Features proposed should address the
needs for accessibility currently not addressed by 504 requirements this can include features mobility
devices such as standing wheelchairs or power chairs. For example, this may include wheelchair
maneuvering approach and fixture clearances but provide features and appliances not in the accessibility safe harbor selected for the project.

- OFU can only be used on units that are above the 5% (rounded up) mobility units or 2% sensory units required by OHFA or federal funding sources.
- These extra units are not technically Section 504 units, so other options may be offered.
- All spaces for accessible path and space must meet the same project Section 504 safe harbor as the certified Section 504 units must.
- Minimum OFU requirements: Accessible clear areas, turning radiiuses, accessible path throughout the unit, and no step entrance as defined in Section 504 safe harbor selected for the project.

All OFU are required to follow reasonable accommodation and modification Section 504 process to allow the units to be reasonably modified as needed at the owner expense.

Use of OFU must be submitted at the time of application (in all application materials where applicable) and will be part of the architectural review process. The purpose of the features must be clearly stated and will be subject to discussion and acceptance with OHFA. OHFA Flex Units must be identified in leases of units throughout the compliance period.

**Suggested Items**

OHFA's partners are encouraged to bring other ideas that allow greater accessibility that are not covered here. This is not an inclusive list. Below are examples that have been presented to OHFA in the past or discussed at accessibility seminars or trainings. Some of the following ideas are based upon requests denied previously by OHFA because they did not meet an accessibility standard but were thought to have merit.

**Mobility Flex Units:**

- 48” step-in or roll-in showers in lieu of 60” showers in senior occupancies. This is a common request, so shower grab bars are closer and more reachable for fall mitigation. A floor drain outside of shower would still be required.
- Accessible tub or Transfer showers in lieu of roll-in. Space for the roll-in must exist if a reasonable modification request is made and the room floor drain must also exist in the construction scope of work.
- Higher counter with roll under sinks for power wheelchairs.
- Cabinets and shelves in a different reach range to accommodate semi-ambulatory and standing mobility chairs where lower reach is more difficult. Pull out drawers would still be recommended as a universal feature to suit a wider range of mobility disabilities.
- Pull down closet rods
- Step-in tubs
- Step-in showers
- Doorways up to 42” wide
- Unit entry doorways with electronic opening device
Sensory Flex Units:
- Sensory Impaired thermostats
- Within a unit, tactile surfaces to aid with visual impairment.
- Task lighting for low visual acuity.
- High contrast floor, countertop and edge banding to aid those with visual acuity limitations.

G. Universal Design
As defined by the Center for Universal Design, Universal Design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. OHFA recognizes the need to create housing that includes Universal Design features while maintaining aesthetics and affordability.

Certain elements of Universal Design are required in all OHFA-funded HTC developments. A list of mandatory and optional Universal Design components features can be found in Appendix A of the DAS. Program guidelines identify the amount of mandatory or additional universal design features incentivized or required. Appendix B of these Standards, and in Appendix D of the 2023 QAP. Applicants will designate which components feature of Universal Design will be incorporated into the development in the DCEPDCF. The architect will also be required to clearly identify the location of each feature component in the architectural drawings. Before issuance of Form 8609 or HDAP closeout, the applicant will be required to provide documentation to OHFA evidencing the required number of units meet the Universal Design commitment made in the application.

OHFA will accept proposed Universal Design features beyond the provided list that are relevant and necessary to the applicant’s development. The applicant will be required to clearly describe the additional feature and provide justification for the necessity of its inclusion. The evaluation, acceptance, and classification of universal design proposals is the sole discretion of OHFA.

Universal Design is a supplement to required accessibility codes and building codes and not a safe harbor for other required accessibility codes such as Section 504 or the Fair Housing Act.

H. Sustainability
[OHFA is seeking comments on this section]
In addition to meeting all energy efficiency requirements as stated in the Ohio Building Code or Residential Code, all multifamily developments must obtain one of the below energy efficiency or green building certifications. All HTC housing tax credit developments must obtain one of the listed green building certifications.

Evidence of final certification from a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rater or the applicable green building rating system is required upon construction completion. At OHFA’s discretion, exceptions may be granted for an otherwise qualified and licensed professional to verify compliance with these standards in projects unable to retain a HERS rater in their area.

Third Party Certifications
Developments must utilize the most current version of the below certifications. The current version is the version applicable at the time of project application to the certifying body.
- ENERGY STAR certification, buildings permitted prior to 1/1/2021.
- ENERGY STAR Multifamily High Rise program (Performance Path or Prescriptive Path);
- ENERGY STAR Certified Homes program; or
• ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction program, National Version 1.

• ENERGY STAR certification, buildings permitted on or after 1/1/2021:
  • ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction program, National Version 1
• Enterprise Green Communities Certification
• Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Residential - Silver Level Certification or higher
• ICC/ASHRAE 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS) - Silver Level Certification or higher
• Energy Star Multifamily New Construction (MFNC)
  o ASHRAE Pathway achieving 30% energy savings, pre-photovoltaic (PV)
  o ERI pathway achieving:
    • Multifamily Buildings: Maximum ERI performance of 0.75 x MFNC c11 ERI target, pre-PV
    • Townhomes: Maximum ERI performance of 45, pre-PV

By Exception Only:
Exception requests for the third-party certification must clearly articulate why the selected certification is equivalent or better to the third-party certifications above. An exception to use OHFA Rehab Green Standards must also include details on what aspects of the rehab prevent the use of a third-party certification.

• An equivalent ANSI-approved rating system
• Passive House Initiative - Passive House Certification
• PHIUS - Passive House Certification
• WELL Certification (requires recertification)
• Fitwel Certification (requires recertification)
• Zero Energy Ready Homes (ZERH)
• Living Building Challenge (LBC) Zero Carbon Certification
• or equivalent ANSI-approved rating system.

Requirements for Rehabilitation
HERS Rater projects unable to obtain the above certifications

For projects that consist of rehabilitation and that are unable to meet the requirements to obtain one of the above energy efficiency or green building certifications, the project may use the OHFA Limited Scope Rehabilitation Sustainability Standards ("Limited Scope Standards" or "LSS") as an alternative to meeting OHFA’s requirements for sustainability.

Use of a HERS rater is recommended required for all Rehab projects, and using the LSS. For Competitive 9% HTC projects selecting this option, the following are required in addition to the above:
  • Certification by a HERS rater for of the following:
    • The development meets or exceeds the higher of either the Overlay certification selected or the current Ohio Energy Code using the current ASHRAE 90.1 (e.g. 2019) adopted standard; and
    • For Rehab: The post-construction blower door test demonstrates 150% improvement over the pre-rehabilitation test, up to 12 ACH.
  • HERS Rater must be engaged at the application or preliminary phase through construction completion.

I. Minimum Rehabilitation Requirements

[OHFA is seeking comments on requirements and details of this section]
Any rehabilitation projects seeking HTC (competitive or non-competitive), must meet the requirements identified in this section and any additional criteria that may be include in program guidelines. OHFA will utilize the Physical Capital Needs Assessment (PCNA), scope of work, DCF, and AHFA submitted by the applicant to verify the project meets these minimal requirements.

1) Replacement of significantly address two or more major building components systems, a. Total replacement is not required but the greater part (at least 50%) must be replaced.
   • Structural: Concrete, Masonry, Metals
   • Thermal and Moisture Protection
   • Conveying Equipment (elevators)
   • Fire Suppression
   • Plumbing
   • Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
   • Electrical, Communications, Electronic Safety and Security
   • Earthwork, Exterior Improvements
   • Utilities
   b. Interior finishes and casework cannot be used to meet the two or more major building systems requirement and are assumed to be included in all OHFA funded rehabilitation projects and are not considered a major building component for the purpose of determining if the substantial rehabilitation threshold has been met.

2) All building systems/components assemblies in need of replacement and/or repair as identified in the PCNA (based on RUL of less than 50%) be included in the scope of work, regardless if these elements are used to meet the threshold standard.
   a. Any additional items identified by the architect that were not identified as needing replaced in the PCNA. The PCNA is considered a minimum for what should be included in the scope of work of the rehab.

3) Scope of Work that meets one of the definitions of construction type.
   a. Replacement, mechanical, electrical and plumbing demolished.

4) Applicants must clearly identify the following in their application submission:
   a. The systems/components assemblies needing replacement,
   b. Construction type being completed based on definitions for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse.
      i. Rehabilitation level selected is to facilitate a baseline understanding of magnitude of renovation.
   c. The EUL/RUL of the identified components/subcomponents assemblies included in the scope of work, and
      ii. New materials must be at 100% RUL and all existing materials at 50% RUL or greater. Items identified as not meeting 50% of the EUL or items not showing significant need for replacement may be rejected by OHFA as part of the scope of work.
   d. The page numbers of the PCNA & SoW that notes each identified major building system and components assemblies as needing replacement (this is separate from the EUL/RUL).

OHFA may require the applicant to adjust the scope of work if the proposed scope of work does not meet these minimum requirements, or requirements or address all the items identified in the PCNA. The PCNA must conform to OHFA’s standards. OHFA expects the final completed rehabilitation to appear complete with matching materials and finishes throughout and all systems to be in working order with new materials at 100% RUL and all existing materials at 50% RUL or greater.
**Expectations at Project Completion:**

All rehabilitation projects must be complete in scope such that materials and finishes appear clean and consistent. Mismatched, patchwork, or unwashed materials and finishes will not be accepted at completion of any rehabilitation. All deficiencies observed in the PCNA must be addressed. Materials such as carpet, vinyl composite tile (VCT) thickness, vinyl siding, building systems, and mechanical systems may not be patched or repaired if they do not meet the OHFA Design and Architectural Standards (DAS) for the year in which the project was funded. Exterior concrete, stairs, play equipment, shelters, and outbuildings shall be in good condition upon completion without damage, rust, or rot and must have a painted or weather cover meeting OHFA DAS.

Any exception to this standard must be in writing from OHFA prior to LIHTC equity closing or Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP) closing, whichever occurs first. The project scope of work, budget and underwrite may need to be revised to meet the above intent.

**I.-J.K. Physical Capital Needs Assessment Standards**

1. **Purpose**

A Physical Capital Needs Assessment (PCNA) represents a third-party qualified professional’s opinion of a property’s current overall physical condition and identifies significant deferred maintenance, existing deficiencies, and material building code violations that affect the property’s use and its structural and mechanical integrity.

2. **Qualifications:**

PCNAs must be prepared by an individual who has experience in the preparation of PCNAs and possesses a professional qualification/license in architecture or engineering. If the individual does not have a professional qualification/license in architecture or engineering, they must have at least 5 years of experience preparing PCNAs.

The third-party qualified professional preparing the PCNA must not be connected in any way to the project, including serving as the design architect, project architect of record, general contractor, property manager or sponsor. OHFA may grant an exception for small projects and adaptive reuse projects.

3. **Definitions**

OHFA will use the following definitions per ASTM E2018-15 or current standard.

- **Physical deficiency:** a conspicuous defect or deferred maintenance of a subject property’s material systems, assembles, components, or equipment as observed during completion of the PCNA. This definition specifically excludes deficiencies that may be remedied with routine maintenance, miscellaneous minor repairs, normal operating maintenance, etc., and excludes de minimis conditions that generally do not present material physical deficiencies of the subject property.

- **Deferred maintenance:** physical deficiencies that could have been remedied with routine maintenance, normal operating maintenance, etc., excluding de minimis conditions that generally do not present a material physical deficiency to the subject property.

- **Good condition:** in working condition and does not require immediate or short-term repairs above an agreed threshold.

- **Fair condition:** in working condition but may require immediate or short-term repairs above an agreed threshold.
• **Poor condition:** not in working condition or requires immediate or short-term repairs substantially above an agreed threshold.

• **Immediate costs:** opinions of costs that require immediate action as a result of any of the following: (1) material existing or potentially unsafe conditions, (2) material building or fire code violations, or (3) physical deficiencies that if left uncorrected would be expected to result in or contribute to critical element or system failure within one year or will result most probably in a significant escalation of its remedial cost.

• **Short-term costs:** opinions of costs to remedy physical deficiencies, such as deferred maintenance, which may not warrant immediate attention, but require repairs or replacements that should be undertaken on a priority basis in addition to routine preventive maintenance.

4. **Scope**

OHFA requires a PCNA for all projects involving rehabilitation, including adaptive reuse projects. The PCNA must conform to ASTM E2018-15 or current standards and must reflect the current condition of the building. OHFA may require the third-party qualified professional update any report that is greater than one year old at the time of submission. PCNAs produced for USDA or RAD projects may be used with OHFA approval of an Exception Request prior to submission.

The PCNA must identify any repair items that represent an immediate threat to health and safety, and all other significant defects, deficiencies, items of deferred maintenance, and material building code violations that would limit the expected useful life of major components or building systems or assemblies. The PCNA must identify electrical and mechanical systems in detail with manufacture, mechanical efficiencies, and/or component types.

The PCNA must include a completed PCNA Table of Contents template (including page numbers) and all items specified in Appendix A: PCNA Table of Contents.

5. **Process**

The professional shall conduct a site visit and physical inspection of interior and exterior of units and structures, including:

- 25% of all dwelling units (if less than 50 total units)
- 20% of all dwelling units (if 50 to 99 total units)
- 15% of all dwelling units (if greater than 100 total units)
- All accessible units
- All common facilities
- All site improvements
- All building exteriors

The units sampled must be comprehensive of all unit and building types. The visit(s) and PCNA must be within six months of OHFA submission deadline for funding.

The professional must interview available on-site property management and maintenance personnel and inquire about past repairs/improvements, pending repairs and existing or chronic physical deficiencies.

6. **Guidance**

The following are additional requirements.

- The PCNA should be a point-in-time observation of existing conditions at that time.
- The PCNA should not address or be catered to competitive scoring items.
• For Adaptive Reuse/Historic projects, the PCNA should make a point-in-time observation of all aspects of the building but give substantial detail on structure, façade, and items to remain.
• When the age of a component assembly is unknown, it should be stated as such. However, the condition must still be evaluated even if the age is an estimate or unknown.
• The EUL/RUL of an item does not equate to need. Need is the second half of evaluation for replacement that must be documented.
• Existing accessibility items should only be addressed in the PCNA if the owner requests it and the PCNA provider is adequately qualified to provide such an evaluation.
• The PCNA should not address any green building standards or certifications that the project may plan to seek.
• When evaluating a system or component assembly, the following questions must be clearly answered in the PCNA:
  o What is the current condition?
  o Does it need to be replaced?
  o How much of the system needs to be replaced (as a percentage)?
• Major systems and its component assemblies should be documented through photographs specifically highlighting areas of concern.
• Indicate when relying on information from the owner (“the owner reports the new windows were installed in...”).

J.K. Site and Exterior Requirements
The below requirements apply to all projects. However, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse projects may request exceptions to the following:

1. Durable Materials – Exterior
1.1. For all projects, the elements in this section are required to be constructed with the following:
1.1.1. Materials that have a 30-year Expected Useful Life (EUL) or longer, as defined by the OHFA EUL table found in Appendix C;
1.1.1.1. Materials that have a 30-year warranty or industry standard warranty for the material that covers 75% or more of material replacement costs
1.1.1.3. Any of the below pre-approved materials.
1.2. Materials that do not fall into any of the above categories must be approved by the OHFA architect.
1.3. Rehab Durability
1.3.1. All new materials must meet the requirements in 1.1.
1.3.2. Materials with a RUL of 50% or more or items in which the RUL of 50% as defined by the EUL table, may be replaced with OHFA’s approval through the Exception Request process.
1.3.3. Any material designated as existing to remain must meet the requirements of 1.1.1 and 1.1.3 and the DAS.
1.4. If a conflict exists between any of the required durable materials and a green certification...
requirement exists, the highest durability standard that is compatible with certification must prevail.

1.4.1.5.1. Exterior Walls
  1.4.1.1.5.1.1. Wood stud
  1.4.1.2.5.1.2. Brick or block
  1.4.1.3.5.1.3. Manufactured stone
  1.4.1.4.5.1.4. Metal stud framing

1.4.1.5.2. Exterior Veneers
  1.4.2.1.5.2.1. Vinyl siding 0.042-0.055
  1.4.2.2.5.2.2. Portland cement stucco (EIFS prohibited)
  1.4.2.3.5.2.3. Fiber cement board
  1.4.2.4.5.2.4. Brick
  1.4.2.5.1.5.2.5. Thin stone (stucco stone)
  1.4.2.6.1.5.2.6. Thin brick (Thin brick must be mud set and may not have a metal grid system. Thin brick systems must have 40 year+ warranty that matches OHFA EUL for brick veneer.)
  1.4.2.7.1.5.2.7. Laminated metal panels

1.4.1.5.3. Roofing
  1.4.3.1.5.3.1. Preformed metal
  1.4.3.2.5.3.2. 30-year asphalt shingles
  1.4.3.3.1.5.3.3. 20-year membrane roof (EPDM, PVC, TPO)

1.4.1.5.4. Insulation
  1.4.4.1.5.4.1. Must meet current ASHRAE 90.1 Standard -2012 (e.g. 2019) or current Ohio adopted standard

1.4.1.5.5. Windows & Exterior Doors
  1.4.5.1.5.5.1. New and replacement windows and exterior doors must be Energy Star rated for zone 5 and wind rated for 90mph or DP-20 minimum and meet the Energy Star rating for the location and year they were funded under.
  1.4.5.2. Exterior doors must be insulated core
  1.4.6.1.5.5.2.

2. Community Integration

2.1. Developments should coordinate with or complement the local architecture and promote resident integration with the broader neighborhood.

2.2. Design should promote community safety to the greatest extent practicable.

2.3. All developments are encouraged to contain or be located in close proximity to play space, walking paths, or other recreational features and amenities appropriate to the population being served.

2.4. Street networks and sidewalks that are internal to the development site should connect to municipal or surrounding streets and sidewalks wherever feasible.

3. Holes & Penetrations

3.1. Seal all holes and penetrations connected to interior
  3.1.1. Weepholes should not be sealed and should include corrugated vents or rope wicks
  3.2. UV stable materials for sealing any holes or penetrations

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3.4. Gutters and Downspouts

4.1. All downspouts must be piped (sched. 40 PVC to minimum of 12” above grade) to an appropriate location, and when piped is not feasible, empty onto concrete splash blocks with a positive slope away from the building or be piped to an appropriate location.

3.4.2. Unless if local code dictates an alternative design, then that must be followed is dictated by the local code.

4.5. Main Entry

5.1. All main entries must have a roof or awning over the entry area.
   5.1.1. Where the front of the building is not the main entry, the entry functioning as the main entry must meet the requirements of this section (4. Main Entry)

5.2. All covered entries must be a minimum of 30” depth and 48” width.

5.3. Accessible covered entries must be a minimum of 67” depth and 67” width clear floor space.

5.4. For single family homes must be a minimum of 67” depth and 96” width clear floor space.

5. Site Design & Landscaping

6.1. Provide landscaping that enhances the building(s), including native plants, berms, decorative fencing, special lighting, and signage.

6.2. Community facilities should be located for convenience to dwelling units.

6.3. Building entrances should provide shelter from sun, wind, and precipitation.

6.4. Should include interesting and enjoyable views from dwellings, indoor common areas, and outdoor sitting areas.

6.5. Plantings should be selected to minimize water usage. Consider xeriscaping or naturally occurring landscaping plants and materials.

6.6. Shade trees are encouraged wherever possible, especially to shade seating areas and building(s).

6.7. Existing trees should be maintained, where possible.

6.8. Project landscaping will not use species identified by the Ohio Department of Agriculture or Ohio Department of Natural Resources as invasive in Ohio.

6.8.1. During construction, measures will be implemented to remove invasive species and prevent their re-establishment.

6.9. If the soil is disturbed during construction, areas with plantings, turf, or lawn must have at least 3” of well-screened topsoil.

6.10. Provide lighting levels meeting Illuminating Engineering Society recommendations. Locate lighting to thoroughly illuminate pedestrian walkways from parking spaces and public sidewalks to building entrances. Distribute lighting to ensure safety and minimize security concerns.

6.11. Provide screening for all exterior mechanical equipment, meters, dumpsters, etc.

6.11.1. Screening should consider the viewing by residents and visitors to the property, as well as views/experience of using the site features and amenities.

6.11.2. Screening selected should fit the space and with the design (e.g., fencing or landscaping).

7. Parking & Pathways

7.1. Paved areas should be high quality, durable, easily maintained, stable, and have a non-slip texture.

7.1.1. Paved areas must be free of damaged and appropriately repaired.

Where parking is provided, areas must be paved and graded for proper drainage as set forth in the HUD Minimum Property Standards.
8. Sidewalks

7.2. All sidewalks along the accessible route must be a minimum of 5-feet in width.

7.3. For existing properties, worn (i.e. from use) or dirt pathways must be repaired, removed or addressed with permanent pathways. Repair and removal can include plantings, lawn, or other landscaping.

8.1. Where parking is provided, areas must be paved and graded for proper drainage.

8.2.7.4.

9.8. Dumpsters

9.1.8.1. Refuse collection stations must be screened with permanent enclosures.

8.2. Paved areas adjacent to the collection stations must be designed to provide adequate bearing for heavy garbage trucks.

9.2. A protected accessible path must be included meeting turning radius requirements of Section 504. Dumpster must have side-slide door.

9.3.8.3.

10.9. Outdoor Recreational Features

10.1.1.1. All recreational features provided must include an accessible path complying with Section 504 with turning radius and wheelchair parking space with a companion bench at the end. The wheelchair parking space cannot block the pedestrian path. All developments are encouraged to contain or be located in close proximity to play space, walking paths, or other recreational features and amenities appropriate to the population being served.

9.1. If provided, play areas for younger children must not be in isolated areas and must be located to maximize safety.

9.2. If provided, bicycle storage facilities shall be secure and easily accessed to encourage transportation and recreational use by bicycle. Sheltered bicycle storage facilities are recommended.

9.3. Open space should be useful and accommodating.

9.4.1. Sitting areas and walkways should be arranged to facilitate conversation, casual interaction, social contact, etc.

10.1.9.4.2. When applicable, clear separation between public and private space should be provided (e.g. defined edge with landscaping or fencing)

9.5. For single family dwellings, yard space must be maximized for outdoor activities/play areas. Sidewalks or other walkways must be located at the edge of the yard space to the extent feasible.

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13.10. Stormwater Management Retention/Detention Ponds

10.1. Stormwater management areas provided with recognized design measures to ensure safety for children and other residents of the project or the surrounding neighborhood.

10.2. Retentions/detention ponds must be clearly marked with “No Trespassing” signs; forbidding trespassing, swimming, skating, fishing, or boating.

10.3. Overflow and drainpipes must have safety grating.
K.L. Interior Requirements

The below requirements apply to all projects. However, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse projects may request exceptions to the following:

- Durable Materials - Interior
- Major Building Components
- Common Areas
- Elevators
- Interior Doors
- Floor Coverings
- Unit Sizes
- Bedroom Sizes
- Bathrooms
- Kitchen & Appliances

These requirements are specific to OHFA. They are in addition to all other applicable local and state codes, including those governing accessibility.

1. Durable Materials – Interior

1.1. For all projects, the elements in this section are required to be constructed with the following:

1.1.1. Materials that have a 30-year EUL must meet Expected Useful Life (EUL) or longer, as defined by the OHFA EUL table found in Appendix C;

1.1.1.1. Materials that have a 30-year warranty that covers 75% or more of material replacement costs or industry standard warranty for the material;

1.1.1.2. Any of the below pre-approved materials.

1.2. Materials that do not fall into any of the above categories must be approved by the OHFA architect.

1.3. Rehab Durability

1.3.1. All new materials must meet the requirements in 1.1.

1.3.2. Materials with a RUL of 50% or more in which the RUL of 50% as defined by the EUL table, may be replaced with OHFA’s approval through the Exception Request process.

1.3.3. Any material designated as existing to remain must meet the requirements of 1.1.1 and 1.1.3 and the DAS.

1.4. Pre-Approved Materials

1.4.1. Countertops

1.4.1.1. Plastic laminate on moisture resistant, high-density fiberboard substrates

1.4.1.1.1. Moisture resistant substrate is required in areas with water exposure (i.e., around kitchen sinks).

1.4.1.2. Solid surface

1.4.1.3. Granite and natural stone are not approved materials.

1.4.2. Cabinets and Drawers

1.4.2.1. Cabinet materials must be in accordance with the requirements of ANSI A161.1 “Minimum Construction Performance Standards for Kitchen Cabinets” and must also include:

1.4.2.1.1. Solid wood doors/fronst
1.4.2.1.2. Wood stile with plywood panel
1.4.2.1.3. Plywood frame
1.4.2.1.4. Particle board frame (Senior only)
1.4.3.1.5.3.1. Residential Living Unit Floors

1.4.4.1.5.3.1.1. Ceramic tile
1.4.4.1.5.3.1.2. WoodHardwood
1.4.4.1.5.3.1.3. Vinyl plank or tile
1.4.4.1.5.3.1.4. Sheet vinyl
1.4.4.1.5.3.1.5. Stained concrete

1.4.5. Carpet, must be solution-dyed nylon. If a pad is required, a high-density pad must be used with closed-cell and antimicrobial and water-resistant material. Carpet must be solution-dyed nylon with closed-cell and antimicrobial and water resistant backing. If a pad is required, a high-density pad with closed-cell and antimicrobial and water resistant material must be used.

1.5.4.1.5.5. Drywall Gypsum board wall finish

1.5.5.1. Moisture-resistant Paperless gypsum board ("paperless boardPGB") or equivalent must be used on all vertical and horizontal surfaces that are within four feet of any water sources where the drywall can be splashed, such as kitchen sink, next to water heater, and/or clothes washer at minimum in the following areas.

1.5.5.1.1. Behind kitchen sinks and bathroom/toilet room sinks to a height of approximately 3 inches above base cabinet.
1.5.5.1.2. Shower walls where the PGB will not have an exposed finish except 6 inches beyond shower and tub jambs (floor to top of tub surround or 6 inches above shower nipple and this may be cased with water and rot-resistant trim).
1.5.5.1.3. Behind toilets, the space between a tub/shower enclosure, and to the top of toilet tanks must be covered by PGB, as each is a high failure point.

1.5.5.2. Paper-faced moisture-resistant gypsum board is required in the following areas:

1.5.5.2.1. Located on ceilings that bathroom or toilet rooms are above.
1.5.5.2.2. Within 4 feet horizontally and vertically of any water source, except directly behind sinks, tub, and shower surrounds and behind toilets where PGB will be installed.
1.5.5.2.3. Within 4 feet in any direction behind laundry/clothes washing machines, water heaters, water meters, etc.
1.5.5.2.4. On walls less than 4 feet from sprinkler service controls and water service lines located in service rooms.
1.5.5.2.5. Behind public drinking fountains.

1.5.5.5.5. Water-resistant gypsum, when used on ceilings must be rated for the span.

2. Major Building System Subcomponents

Requirements in this section apply to all building systems, common areas, and residential units.

2.1. Water Heaters Plumbing systems

2.1.2. All bathroom fixtures must meet EPA WaterSense requirements.

2.2. HVAC systems

2.2.1. All existing buildings, should have full port stainless steel shut-off valves replaced.
2.2.2. Must meet ASHRAE 90.1-2012-2019 or current Ohio adopted standard.
2.2.3. Package Terminal Air Conditioning (PTAC) units are permitted only in rehabilitation projects in which they currently exist. Sleeves must be replaced with composite nonconductive energy efficient type. PTAC ducts may not block controls or windows.
1.6.4.2.4. All affordable units must be air conditioned.

1.6.5.2.2.5. Stacked mechanical units, if used, must allow for the access, service, and replacement of one unit without the removal of another (for example, a furnace must be able to be repaired without the removal of an adjacent water heater).

1.7.2.3. Electrical component systems

1.7.1.2.3.1. All light bulbs must have a 10,000-hour minimum life.

1.7.2.3.2. Residential fixtures shall use common lamp base type fixtures such as A-19 or tube bi-pin. Bases such as GU24 and similar specialty bases are prohibited in residential areas and discouraged in multitenant buildings as well. LED lights are encouraged and required in all unheated areas.

2.3.3. Obsolete electrical panels, meter equipment, disconnects etc. throughout the entire property must be replaced. This includes electrical panels that contain components that are not readily and commonly available at a reasonable cost. Common examples include: Federal Pacific, Wadsworth, Byant, Sylvania, Challenger, Cleveland (Cleveland Switch Board), Push-O-matic, Zinsco, any screw-in fuses, any split buss panels, etc. The PCNA must document panel equipment size, make and manufacturer. Replacement panel equipment must show load calculations with major load change such as HVAC.

2.3.3.1. Where MDP or disconnects utilize renewable cartridge fuses (such as Bussmann, Cooper, etc) these are not considered obsolete.

1.7.2.1.2.3.3.2. Where panels no longer manufactured have currently manufactured replacement breakers. These replacement breakers must have an Underwriters test letter from the replacement breaker manufacturer that allows the new U/L rated breakers to be installed in the project specific obsolete panel make and model number.

1.7.3. In developments serving a family population, electrical outlets must be tamper resistant.

2.3. Common Areas

2.1.3.1. Community facilities such as offices, dining, mail pick-up, and other necessary functions must be situated where they can be easily found by the residents. Most of these facilities shall be centrally located in close proximity of the primary entrance.

2.2.3.2. The maximum common area, using the Common Space definition for what constitutes common area, must not exceed 20 percent of the total gross building square footage.

2.2.1.3.2.1. This requirement does not apply to single-family homes, 1, 2, or 3-family dwellings, and townhomes, if the common area space is exclusively for use of the individual resident.

2.2.2.3.2.2. This requirement does not apply to existing rental units unless the footprint of the original building is expanded.

2.2.3.2.3. Developments serving seniors or a PSH population may submit an exception request to exceed 20 percent. Exception request should be based upon programmatic space needs.

3.3. Hallways must be a minimum of 42” in width (new construction only).

2.2.4. Floor drains and clean out caps must be within 12” of the hallway walls, and cannot be in entry vestibules and directly outside of entries/exits.

3.4. Elevators

3.4.1. All developments that exceed three stories must have an elevator accessible to all residents.

3.4.2. Developments serving seniors or a PSH population must not exceed one story unless the building has an elevator accessible to all residents. Exceptions for some PSH populations will be considered.

3.4.2.1. This requirement does not apply to single-family homes, 1-, 2-, or 3-family dwellings, or townhouses.
4.5. Interior Doors

4.5.1. In projects involving new construction, interior doors must meet the following requirements:

4.5.2. 36” doors are required to achieve minimum 32” clear width.

5.1.1. Solid wood or solid core (ex: particle board core, foam core)

5.2.1. Closets doors are not required to be solid wood or solid core.

5.2.2. Lever-style handles are required on all doors with latches or locks.

5.2.3. Mechanicals are not considered closets and are required to meet 5.1.2. or rated as required by the building code.

4.3.5.3. In projects involving rehabilitation or adaptive reuse, interior doors must meet the following requirements:

4.3.1. Existing bedroom and bathroom doors, if replaced, must be replaced with solid wood or solid core doors (ex: particle board core, foam core) or insulated steel.

5.3.1. Lever-style handles are required on all doors with latches or locks.

4.4.4.1. For mobility units, closet doors or pantry doors without latches or locks may have loop pulls or similar non graspable hardware. Roller catches do not constitute a latch or lock.

5.6. Floor Coverings

5.6.1. Floor coverings must be non-glare and slip resistant, and uniform in thickness and color throughout the entire room/space. Where intentional patterns or borders are included, then different colors are acceptable (for example flooring patterns selected to aid in navigation of senior developments).

5.6.2. Carpet is only permitted in the following development types and locations:

5.6.2.1. Management and social service office areas;

5.6.2.2. Bedrooms in residential living units (except for Service Enriched housing developments);

5.6.2.3. In senior developments, carpet is permitted in living/dining rooms only if a walk-off area is provided in front of any exterior/entry door.

5.6.2.4.6.2.3.

6.7. Storage Space

6.7.1. All affordable units must include adequate storage space for unit residents. OHFA recognizes that adequacy will vary by population served and construction type.

6.2. In mobility units, storage space within each room in accessible units must be equivalent to storage space in non-accessible units.

6.3.7.2.

7.8. Unit Sizes

8.1. All affordable units must meet the following minimum size requirements:

7.1.8.1.1. 0-bedroom/Efficiency units (i.e. studio, efficiency): 450 square feet

7.1.1.8.1.1. New Construction/Adaptive Reuse: 450 square feet

7.1.1.2.8.1.1. Rehabilitation: 450 square feet

7.1.1.3.8.1.1. Assisted Living: 350 square feet

7.1.2.8.1.2. 1-bedroom units:

7.1.2.1.8.1.2. New Construction/Adaptive Reuse: 550 square feet

7.1.2.2.8.1.2. Rehabilitation: 500 square feet

7.1.2.3.8.1.2. Service Enriched: 450 square feet

7.1.2.4.8.1.2. Assisted Living: 450 square feet, or all HTC 1-bedroom units combined must average 500 square feet

7.1.3.8.1.3. 2-bedroom units:

7.1.3.1.8.1.3. New Construction/Adaptive Reuse: 750 square feet

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7.1.3.2.8.1.3.2. Rehabilitation: 700 square feet
7.1.4.8.1.4. 3-bedroom units: 950 square feet
7.1.5.8.1.5. 4+ bedroom units: 1,100 square feet
7.2.8.2. Single-room occupancy units (SROs) are not permitted.
7.3.8.3. Senior Developments may not have any unit larger than two bedrooms.
7.4.8.4. Single-family homes must contain three or more bedrooms.
7.5. OHFA reserves the right to limit the size of units during the application review process.

8.9. Bedroom Sizes
8.9.1. All affordable unit bedrooms must meet the following minimum size requirements:
9.1.1. Primary bedroom:
9.1.1.1. New Construction/Adaptive Reuse: 120 square feet
9.1.1.2. Rehabilitation: 110 square feet
9.1.2. Secondary bedrooms:
9.1.2.1. New Construction/Adaptive Reuse: 100 square feet
9.1.2.2. Rehabilitation: 90 square feet
8.2.9.2. OHFA encourages bedrooms on accessible floors wherever practical.
9.3. At a minimum, three- and four-bedroom affordable units must support double occupancy in each bedroom under local zoning and building requirements.
8.3. Closets are excluded from the required minimum size requirements identified in 9.1.
8.4.9.4.

9.10. Bathrooms
9.1.10.1. For new construction only, affordable units must provide the following number of bathrooms based on unit size:
9.1.2.1. 0-bedroom/efficiency units (i.e., studio, efficiency): 0-bedroom units: 1 full bathroom
9.1.2.2. 1-bedroom units: 1 full bathroom
9.1.2.3. 2-bedroom units: Either 1 full bathroom or more up to 2 full bathrooms
9.1.3.1. 3-bedroom units: Either 1.5 bathrooms or more 2 full bathrooms
9.1.4.1. 4-bedroom units: Either 2 full bathrooms or more 2.5 bathrooms
9.2.10.2. All plumbing fixtures must have lever-style handles.
9.3.10.3. Any wall-hung sinks must have concealed floor and stud-braced carriers.
8.4.10.4. New construction multi-story townhomes must have an accessible bathroom or accessible half-bathroom on the accessible floor.
9.5.10.5. All 504 mobility units provided must have one roll-in shower.
10.5.1. If a trench drain is not provided at the threshold of the roll-in shower, then a floor drain must be provided outside of the shower. When a floor drain is used, it must be approximately at the center of the open floor.
9.5.1.10.5.2. OHFA Flex Units may have roll-in showers, transfer showers, or accessible tubs with grab bars that are compliant with the project selected safe harbor.
9.6. Sink cabinets may be removable in accessible units. If removable cabinets are used, the flooring and walls underneath the cabinet must be finished. Excluding the removable cabinet, equivalent storage must be provided within the bathroom.
9.7.10.6.

10.11. Kitchen & Appliances
10.1.11.1. All affordable unit kitchens must include:
10.1.11.1.1. Either a stand-alone range that is at least 30-inches wide or a cooktop and wall oven;
10.1.11.1.2. An Energy Star-certified refrigerator (under-counter refrigerators will not be accepted);
10.1.11.1.3. An Energy-Star certified dishwasher (if provided); and
10.1.4.11.1.4 Plumbing fixtures with lever-style handles.

11.2 All kitchen appliances that are replaced or installed must be new.

11.3 All kitchen venting must exhaust to the outside of building. This may be by hood, ceiling vent or wall vent.

11.3.1 Moderate Rehabilitation A only required to have a recirculating hood will be required.

10.2.11.3.2 If venting is not possible in a rehab or historic building, an exception request is required. If a hood exception is approved, then a recirculating hood will be required.

10.3.11.4 Kitchens in accessible units must have at least a 12” x 15” appliance-free counter-space adjacent to all appliances.

10.4.11.4.1 Sink cabinets may be removable in accessible units. If removable cabinets are used, the flooring and walls underneath the cabinet must be finished. Excluding the removable cabinet, equivalent storage must be provided within the kitchen.

11.6.1 Refrigerator doors must open to access 15” landing zone adjacent to the refrigerator.

11.7 Kitchens in accessible units, common areas, or staff kitchenettes must have a continuous work surface that does not exceed 34” in height, including the stove/cooktop.

10.4.11.7.1 Multi-height countertops do not meet this requirement.

10.5 Assisted Living units must be hard wired for an optional stove and located such that adding it does not require modification to the countertop or cabinet layout. A hoodKitchen venting (11.3) must be provided. Stove When requested, the optional stove must be installed and made available at owner expense if requested by the resident and if doing so would not pose a health or safety risk to the requesting resident.

10.6.11.8

11.12. Laundry Facilities

11.1.12.1 All affordable units must include washer and dryer hookup unless laundry facilities are provided on-site.

12.1.12.1.1 This requirement does not apply to Service Enriched, Assisted Living, or 0-bedroom/efficiency units.

12.2 When provided, laundry facilities must be centrally located to the greatest extent possible.

12.3 Laundry facilities must comply with accessibility requirements. This is inclusive of accessible units.

12.3.1 When multiple machines are provided, there must be a mix of front and top loading washers.

12.4 When provided, laundry sinks must accommodate accessible side approach.

12.5 All clothes washers and clothes dryers provided by the property owner must be Energy Star certified, excluding common area laundry facilities.

13. Holes & Penetrations

13.1 Provide sealed separation between floors and adjacent units.

13.1.1 This includes electrical outlets and panels that are on shared walls.

13.2 Seal all penetrations to the back of the cabinets.

13.3 Seal all holes and penetrations to stud and joist cavities (e.g., behind cabinets, mechanical closets).

M. Operations & Maintenance Plans

[OHFA seeking comments on this section for minimum requirements on O&M Plans]

Provide OHFA operations & maintenance plans at project closeout or 8609 submission. O&M plans should be produced by the Architect or General Contractor on the project team. O&M Plans provided must include the following:

- Project Section 504 Requirements
  - List safe harbor
- List special features required for long term maint: lever hardware, Delay action closers – (common area and units entry, etc), 9” toe kicks (UFAS),
- What features were provided and required to be maintained for 504 MU compliance
- What features were provided and required to be maintained for 504 SU compliance

- A simple list of building products, manufacturers, and warranties, at minimum:
  - Lever hardware manufacture (MFR), finish, warranties
  - Doors (solid core/ hollow where applicable) MFR, finish, warranties
  - Flooring: MFR, finish, warranties
  - Siding: MFR, finish, warranties
  - Shingles: MFR, finish, warranties
  - Windows: MFR, finish, warranties

- A maintenance schedule for furnace filters (a standard 30 day filter in commercial use does not make it a quarterly filter) or filter cleaning (ductless split), etc.
- Any O&M plans required by the third-party green certification

L.N. Architectural Submission and Review Process

Submissions and Correspondence

All communications related to the architectural review, including notification of submission of architectural plans, must be sent to arch@ohiohome.org. The architectural plans must be submitted on the OHFA FTS. State the project name as it appears in the AHFA/GFA and OHFA tracking number in the subject line, and carbon copy the OHFA architectural staff, and the OHFA Underwriting Aproject’s development analyst on the email. If documents are too large to be sent via email, they must be submitted on a compact disc.

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All drawings and specifications must be prepared under direct supervision of an Ohio Licensed (active and current) Architect in accordance with the Architectural Practice Act, bear the license number of the architect, and if the architect is part of any business structure other than a sole proprietorship, he or she must include the Project Design Firm registration number on the drawings. The drawings are required to be signed and sealed by the design architect (“Architect of Record”).

All contacts for proposed project should be consistent throughout the AHFA, DCF, submitted architectural drawings, and any other OHFA forms at the time of submission. OHFA must be notified if there are changes to the contacts after submission.

**Review Process**

It is recommended that OHFA staff be involved in the design concept at the earliest stage possible to provide guidance through the review process.

Applicants must receive design approval from OHFA before proceeding with any element of construction or rehabilitation. OHFA will review plans for conformity to the requirements contained herein which include but are not limited to appropriateness for occupancy served, functionality, life safety, durability, quality of life, and scope of work. The development must not change, convert, modify, reconfigure, or otherwise alter the number of bedrooms and the size of those bedrooms without prior written approval from OHFA.

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All OHFA architectural reviews and approvals should be completed prior to construction commencement. For any outstanding items the development team must contact the OHFA architectural staff the earlier of 60 days prior to construction commencement or as identified in the architectural review. OHFA may complete a joint architectural review with any other governmental entity involved in the project, including but not limited to USDA, HUD, SHPO, and local governments.

Requirements identified in the Architectural Review/Approval must be followed. All OHFA architectural reviews and approvals must be posted on site with the permit and construction documents.

OHFA may complete a joint architectural review with any other governmental entity involved in the project, including but not limited to USDA, HUD, SHPO, and local governments.

Decisions made by the OHFA Staff Architect may be appealed to the Director of Multifamily Housing in writing. Appeals must be specific and, where appropriate, cite the governing regulation that conflicts with the Staff Architect decision.

**Required Documents - Preliminary Architectural Submission**

At minimum, the proposal application architectural submission must include all of the following:

- The Design and Construction Features Form (DCFFDCF), including Construction Certification, completed, signed and submitted as a pdf.
- Scope of Work form.
- Exception Request form(s), if applicable.
- Preliminary drawings, which must include all of the following:
  - Cover sheet with name of development, development address, development team, drawing index, code information, and table indicating unit schedule (including accessible, adaptable and sensory impaired units), types and sizes;
  - Site plan, including adjacent parcel information (e.g. zoning, roads, railroad tracks, etc.)
  - Clearly show the context of the neighborhood that the property will exist all site details, and parking data and layouts;
  - Landscape plan; intent
  - Description of Historic Features (adaptive reuse & historic rehabs)
  - Dimensioned floor plans with room designations and proposed finishes;
  - Exterior elevations with material notations;
  - Typical wall sections (new construction only); and
  - Schematic Drawings and/or specifications for HVAC, plumbing, and electrical or similar items included in the scope of work.

Preliminary drawings, described above, must be submitted in all of the following formats:

- Electronic format (pdf)
  - Single PDF file for all drawings specified above.
  - Separate PDF for specifications.
- Hard copy
  - Full set of architectural plans, 11”x17” scaled to fit. Full-size architectural plans will be rejected.

Upon request only, preliminary drawings must be submitted in DXF R-14 format or DWG AutoCAD R-14 format.
Required Documents - Final Architectural Submission

Final applications must include 80 percent complete permit sets, including final plans for all trades. Unless approved by OHFA, the plans must include the project name as submitted with the proposal application and OHFA tracking number. The submission must show conformity to the preliminary submittal, including the information included within the Design and Construction Features Form.

At minimum, the final application architectural submission must include all of the following:

- AHFA, DCF, SoW and 80% plans must all be consistent with matching information (e.g. safe harbor, number of units, accessible units, contact information, etc.).
- The DCEEDCF included/incorporated into the front of the 80% plan sets. The DCEEDCF must include:
  - Updated information, if needed, from the proposal application submission, matching the information in the 80% plans;
  - The signed Construction Certification pages;
  - Completed verifications, as applicable, that the drawings comply with any and all accessibility (a single Section 504 safe harbor), energy efficiency, universal design, and/or green building requirements required for the development or committed to in the application for funding.
- Updated Scope of Work form.
- Asbestos, mold, lead-based paint considerations as required.
- Items required to be completed per Phase I or II Environmental Site Assessment, or per applicable Environmental Review performed by OHFA.
- Plan sets must include 80% minimum, which must include all of the following:
  - Site plans
    - including adjacent parcel information (e.g. zoning, roads, railroad tracks etc.)
    - all site details, and parking data and layouts;
  - Landscape intent
  - Demolition plan
  - Plan identifying historic features (adaptive reuse & historic rehabs)
  - Interior and exterior elevations
    - Interior includes material notations (casework, PGB and MR gypsum board locations, etc.)
  - Dimensioned floor plans
  - Wall sections (if applicable)
  - Structure (if applicable)
  - Finishes and schedules
  - Details
  - Mechanical plans
    - Drawings must have a dimensioned plumbing plan and control points located for rough-in site verification. All pipes-through-floor and the walls they are intended to be located within must be dimensioned relative to the foundation where they must align with walls and/or islands above.
    - OHFA strongly encourages a surveyor to locate wall and through-slab pipe penetrations. Foundation over dig must be filled with insulation or forms and then back filled.

Plan sets, described above, must be submitted in all of the following formats:

- Electronic format (pdf)
  - Single PDF files for drawings including all site plans, dimensioned floor plans, elevations, wall sections, structure, finishes, details and mechanical plans.
  - Separate PDF file for specifications.
- Electronic format (AutoCAD)
Dimensioned floor plans only, submitted in DXF or DWG AutoCAD R-14 format.
- It is preferred to include the project architect’s polylines used for the area calculations as required by the DAS.
- If drawings are externally referenced (xref), submissions must be bound (xbind) prior to creating files for OHFA.
- Proprietary authorship information such as title blocks, Architecture seals, etc. should be removed.
- DXF should be generated from the base file and not a plan sheet file.

- Hard copy
  - Full set of architectural plans, 11”x17” scaled to fit. Full-size architectural plans will be rejected.

**M.O. Exception Requests**

**New Construction**

All items in the [Site and Exterior Requirements](#) and [Interior Requirements](#) sections are required for developments involving new construction. Requests for exceptions may only be submitted for the following:
- Items that are subject to non-OHFA (such as local codes or design standards, funding source, etc.) requirements that may conflict with these Standards or the DAS;
- Items that are unable to be complied with for a compelling reason, as fully described by the applicant in the Exception Request form.

Exception requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must include supporting documentation to justify the request. As noted in the Exception section, the OHFA staff architect will review requests and make a recommendation to the management team to accept, deny, or modify the exception. A final determination will be made by OHFA by the date indicated in the program calendars.

**Supply Chain Delays**

OHFA will consider exception requests related to significant supply chain shortages that are either protracted or it is unclear when it will be resolved. These requests must include supporting documentation that clearly identify what materials there are a shortage of, impacted features, and what materials will be used in place. Any materials substituted should meet the durability requirements of the EUL tables, and if they do not meet this, additional discussion during the review of the request will be required. It is at OHFA’s discretion if the exception is in materials in long-term or for initial construction only, where upon replacement, materials that are fully compliant with the DAS requirements must be used.

**Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse**

Projects involving rehabilitation or adaptive reuse may seek an exception to certain requirements in the [Site and Exterior Requirements](#) and [Interior Requirements](#) sections as noted below if able to evidence that incorporating a specific element is infeasible. The exception request must include adequate supporting documentation to demonstrate how incorporation of the element is infeasible.

- Durable Materials - Exterior
  - Holes & Penetrations
  - Main Entry
  - Site Design & Landscaping
  - Sidewalks
  - Parking & Pathways
  - Outdoor Recreational Features
  - Stormwater Management
  - Durable Materials - Interior
  - Major Building Components
  - Systems
  - Common Areas
  - Elevators
  - Interior Doors
  - Floor Coverings
  - Unit Sizes
Rehabilitation and adaptive reuse projects may also request exceptions to the following:

- Universal Design mandatory components/features (if seeking competitive points through the Competitive HTC program)
- Existing-to-remain that does not meet DAS requirements
- Items with 75% or more RUL (if replacement required for green certification)
- Accessibility requirements (if compliance is technically infeasible)

### Historic Preservation

If a project’s development budget includes federal and/or state historic tax credits, the applicant is not required to submit an Exception Request form for approval in advance of the proposal application.

The Exception Request form must still be completed only to identify those areas in which the project cannot meet OHFA’s requirements. The form must be submitted with the proposal application, physically attached to the preliminary plans. OHFA will work with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to ensure those OHFA requirements that can be met, will be met.

### Supply Chain Delays

OHFA will consider exception requests related to significant supply chain shortages that are either protracted or it is unclear when it will be resolved. These requests must include supporting documentation that clearly identify what materials there are a shortage of, impacted features, and what materials will be used in place. Any materials substituted should meet the durability requirements of the EUL tables, and if they do not meet this, additional discussion during the review of the request will be required. It is at OHFA’s discretion if the exception is in materials is long-term or for initial construction only, where upon replacement, materials that are fully compliant with the DAS requirements must be used.

### Submission Requirements

Applicants will be required to submit the request using the OHFA Exception Request form found on the OHFA website and must provide supporting documentation as necessary to justify the request. All exception requests must include concise supporting documentation such as an applicable section of code, site plan, floor plan, etc. as is applicable. All exception requests must be submitted to Arch@ohiohome.org and the appropriate program inbox.

All requests must include:

- Reasonable justification for the request
  - How different is the proposed exception from the OHFA standard?
  - What impact will the proposed exception have on the project?
  - What unique characteristics with the project have created a technical infeasibility or justification for the request?
- Number of units and building included in the request
- Site or floor plans or elevations pertaining to the request
- Material requests should include detail on the existing materials and conditions.

Universal Design exceptions for mandatory items must include two non-mandatory items as accepted by OHFA.

### Deadlines

Applicants must reference the applicable program guidelines to determine when exception requests are due. All requests for design exceptions are due prior to the applicable application deadline, with the exception of the following which may be submitted with the application:

- Developments utilizing federal or state historic tax credits; or
• Developments applying for 4% tax credits only (non-BGF); or
• Existing multifamily rental rehabilitation developments seeking an exception to minimum unit size and/or minimum bedroom size requirements.

In the above cases, the Exception Request form for these items must still be completed but must be submitted with the application, instead of in advance, physically attached to the preliminary plans.

**Exceptions after Architectural Review Approval**

Exceptions submitted after Architectural Review Approval must be based on something that is outside of the control of the project team. Any exceptions requested cannot violate the program requirements or scoring criteria used for OHFA funding received. OHFA must be notified of such a request within 30 days, and the complete exception request can be submitted when a solution has been identified. The complete exception request must include all information required in the Submission Requirements noted above. OHFA will respond to the complete exception request within two weeks.

**Supply Chain Delays**

OHFA will consider exception requests related to significant supply chain shortages that are either protracted or it is unclear when it will be resolved. These requests must include supporting documentation that clearly identify what materials there are a shortage of, impacted features, and what materials will be used in place. Any materials substituted should meet the durability requirements of the EUL tables, and if they do not meet this, additional discussion during the review of the request will be required. It is at OHFA’s discretion if the exception is in materials is long-term or for initial construction only, where upon replacement, materials that are fully compliant with the DAS requirements must be used.

**N.P. Construction Progress & Monitoring & Compliance**

**Construction Monitoring**

The OHFA Project Administration team ensures that construction progresses according to schedule and that the recipient fulfills all terms of the funding agreements and related policies. Staff will conduct periodic site visits during construction to provide technical assistance, verify that the project is on schedule to meet required deadlines, and to ensure requirements of the various funding sources are being met based on the Architectural Approval for the project and DAS that the project was awarded under. Staff may provide suggestions for best practices where a concern is flagged that is not specifically addressed by the DAS or Architectural Approval.

For projects utilizing HDAP funds, staff will also review construction costs, progress, third-party inspection reports and change orders as part of each request for funds. OHFA may request copies of change orders if additional information is needed to verify project costs or to verify that commitments made by the recipient during the application process will still be met.

Additionally, for all OHFA projects, OHFA requires the submission of any change orders for any major major Building Components systems that do not have a substantially similar material or solution.

Examples of change orders that should be submitted included but not limited to: 1) durability of materials, 2) changes in or removal of features, e.g. fences, pools, community rooms/buildings, accessibility features, 3) loss or moving of units between buildings, 4) changes in programmatic space, 5) substantial changes in costs including, cost changes of 20% or greater, use of contingency 10% or greater, cost savings of $10,000 or more, and value engineering.

The development must notify OHFA of any substantial changes in plans, scope of work, or materials that are contemplated after submitting 80 percent plans and throughout construction of the project. This includes any...
damages, fires, or environmental issues that adversely impact the project, project completion or occupancy. Notifications must be made through the existing constructionmonitoring@ohiohome.org mailbox. When a change order is submitted it should include the related AIA G702 and AIA G703, OHFA staff will provide a response within two weeks.

OHFA will consider requests related to significant supply chain shortages that are either protracted or it is unclear when it will be resolved. These requests must include supporting documentation that clearly identify what materials there are a shortage of, impacted features, and what materials will be used in place. Documentation must include verification from the manufacturer regarding the availability. Any materials substituted must be approved EUL table materials and should meet the durability requirements of the EUL tables, and if they do not meet this, additional discussion during the review of the request will be required. It is at OHFA’s discretion if the exception is in materials is long-term or for initial construction only, where upon replacement, materials that are fully compliant with the DAS requirements must be used.

Notification of Construction Start
Projects must notify OHFA when construction begins and should invite an OHFA Project Administration Staff to any pre-construction meetings, if held. Regular communication with the Project Administration team ensures that projects meet all the necessary requirements and are completed on time.

Quarterly Construction Monitoring Reports
All developments utilizing HTC or HDAP funds are required to complete the OHFA Quarterly Construction Monitoring Report (the ReportQCM), available on the OHFA Project Administration webpage. The Report must be submitted quarterly beginning the first quarterly reporting period following either OHFA Board approval or actual construction start, whichever is earlier. Reports are due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year until the project is placed into service. OHFA reserves the right to suspend disbursement of funds if the Report is not submitted.

Additional Documentation required for HOME and NHTF
Starting with 2021 awards, all HOME and NHTF awards must complete documentation to comply with Section 3 requirements. Documentation at minimum includes identifying the total hours, Section 3 hours, and Section 3 targeted hours for all contractor employees working on the project on the Monthly Section 3 Utilization Report, identification of if the contractor has Section 3 business concern status, and to the greatest extent feasible meet or exceed the following benchmark goals.

1. Section 3 workers are 25% or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project.
2. Targeted Section 3 workers are 5% or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project.

Please note that contractors also have to submit Section 3 Worker Status Certification forms (for each worker) and a Contractor Workforce Section 3 Certification form to OHFA with the first Monthly Section 3 Utilization Report. Review Policy 21-04 for details on compliance including when the benchmarks aren’t met to complete “Qualitative efforts”.

For additional details on all Section 3 requirements review the Ohio Department of Development resource page, All Section 3 submissions to OHFA can be attached to the OHFA Quarterly Construction Monitoring Form.
Contact your Project Administration Analyst with any questions.

Construction Completion
OHFA Project Administration staff will conduct a construction closeout visit once construction is substantially complete to verify all required and committed components have been constructed and that the development meets life safety requirements. Requirements are being met based on the Architectural Approval for the project.
and DAS that the project was awarded under. Staff may provide suggestions for best practices where a concern is flagged that is not specifically addressed by the DAS or Architectural Approval.

In addition, the following documents are required to be submitted to OHFA with the request for HDAP project closeout and/or issuance of Form 8609:

- Certificate(s) of Occupancy (or Final Inspection from the governing jurisdiction, if applicable);
- AIA G704 Certificate of Substantial Completion;
- O&M Plans;
- Evidence of final certification from third-party for Sustainability requirements from Energy Star, Enterprise Green Communities, LEED, or NGBS;
- Verification that architectural/design requirements that were committed to as part of the 9% LIHTC process, such as Exceptional Development criteria, exercise and wellness features, aging in place components, or universal design components/features, have been completed; and
- Verification that any unresolved site-specific mitigations as specified in the project’s environmental review clearance letter from OHFA have been completed (HDAP and 811 only).

Project closeout and issuance of Form 8609 will not occur until the above have been submitted and reviewed by OHFA and any remaining issues have been resolved.
APPENDIX A: Universal Design Features
APPENDIX B: Universal Design COMPONENTS

In all units, all HTC developments must incorporate all mandatory components (marked with a check) in all units, as well as the specified number of additional components. Developments must incorporate all mandatory Universal Design features (marked R), as well as the specified number of additional features required for points. Exception requests for mandatory features will be accepted for rehabilitation projects, and for each mandatory item included in the exception request will require from any category two non-mandatory items as accepted by OHFA.

Entry

- R 36”-wide (minimum) entry door with lever-style handle (mandatory for NC only)
- R Entry door with lever-style handle
- R For primary entrance, Minimum-minimum 5’ x 5’ level clear space inside and outside entry door
- R Adequate non-glare lighting at walkways, accessible routes, and exterior spaces
- R Adequate lighting both inside and outside the building and unit entrance
- R High visibility address numbers (both building and exterior units)
- R Overhead weather protection at entrances (mandatory for NC only)
  - R On rehab/adaptive reuse only, not required on all units if infeasibility can be proven
- ☐ Built-in shelf/bench/ledge located outside the door
- ☐ Nonslip surfaces on walkways and entryways
- ☐ Primary unit entry with an accessible/dual peephole and backlit doorbell
- ☐ Door locks that are easy to operate, such as keyless locks with remote control or keypad
  - ☐ No-step entry (1/2” or less threshold) at main entrance

Interior Stairs and Hallways

- R Adequate lighting to illuminate all stairway(s), landings, and hallway(s)
- R Hallways with a minimum width of 42”
- R Anti-slip strips on front edge of steps in color-contrast material
  - ☐ Color contrast between stair treads and risers
  - ☐ Handrails on both sides of interior stairs

Interior Doors

- R 34”-wide (minimum) doors leading to habitable room, allowing for a 32” minimum clearance
- R Lever-style door hardware on all interior doors
- R Interior maximum door threshold of ¼ inch beveled or flush
  - ☐ Pocket doors with easy-to-grip handles

Faucets

- R Anti-scald faucets with lever handle for all sinks, bathtubs, and showers
- R Pressure balanced faucets
- R

Electrical

- R Thermostat and control panels that are easy to read and simple to operate
- R Rocker, touch light, or hands-free switches
- R Extra electrical outlets (for medical equipment or rechargeable items, etc.) placed 18” to 24” above finished floor (bedroom only)
  - ☐ Lighted switches visible in the dark
  - ☐ Switched outlets for lamps, etc. to be turned on with wall switch
  - ☐ Electrical outlets, phone jacks, and data ports at least 18” above finished floor
Light switches between 44”-48” above finished floor; thermostats no more than 48” above finished floor

Clear access space of 30” by 48” in front of switches, outlets, and controls

Audible and visual alarms for smoke/fire/carbon monoxide in all code-required accessible areas and all units

Bathrooms

R Countertops with beveled/radiused corners. Outside corners are suggested to be a two-inch corner radius, waterfall edge with one-inch radius, or two-inch chamfer.

R Adjustable-height showerhead or hand-held showerhead with flexible hose and easily operable controls

R Non-glare lighting at vanities

A full- or half-bath on the main floor with clear floor space of 30” x 48”

R Overhead light fixture in tub/shower

R Mirror(s) placed for both standing and sitting, such as a full-length or tilting mirror

R Toilet centered at least 18” from any side wall, tub, or cabinet

R In at least one bathroom per unit:

- Low-threshold or curbless shower at least 5’ x 3’ OR ADA bathtub with seat
- Clear knee space (at least 27” high) under sink. May be open knee space or achieved by means of removable vanity or fold-back or self-storing doors. Pipe protection panels must be provided to prevent contact with hot or sharp surfaces.
- Grab bars, or wall-blocking for future installation of grab bars, in tub/shower, and toilet. Grab bars must be properly anchored and supported.

Kitchen

R At least 15” clear space/”landing zone” on each side of stove and sink, and at least one side of refrigerator. This is countertop clear space and may be shared with another appliance and/or required work surface if applicable.

R Loop handles on drawers and cabinets

R Non-glare task lighting to illuminate sink, stove, and work areas

R Adjustable height shelves in wall cabinets

R Base cabinets with pull out drawers

R Pull-out work surface near the oven, refrigerator and/or microwave.

R Visual contrast at front edge of countertop or between the countertop and the cabinets

R Side-by-side refrigerator-freezer

R Cooktop/range with front or side-mounted controls (senior units only)

R Extra outlets for small appliances, electronics, etc.

R Clear knee space (at least 27” high) under sink, counters, and/or cook tops. If under sink, pipes must have protection and may not be in the required knee space. May be open knee space or achieved by means of removable base cabinets or fold-back or self-storing doors.

Closets/Storage

R Area is well-lit with a switch located outside the space

R Doors and handles that are easy to operate. No bi-fold or accordion-type doors.

R Adjustable-height shelving and/or closet rods OR clothes rods installed at multiple heights

R Pull-out shelves, rollout cabinets, and other easy to access storage components
APPENDIX B: OHFA PCNA Table of Contents

This PCNA Table of Contents (TOC) template must be used in all PCNAs submitted to OHFA. All items in the TOC must be included in the PCNA. If an item is not applicable, it must be stated as such.

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deficiencies, if any. Please notate with corresponding numbers listed in the EUL Table. Include:

1. **The item’s Estimated Useful Life (based on the OHFA EUL table) and Remaining Useful Life;**
2. **The item’s current physical condition, stated as “good”, “fair”, or “poor”;**
3. **PCNA provider’s recommendation for critical replacements/repair.**

This list should not be considered all-inclusive. Conversely, some items may not be applicable to the subject property and should be noted as such.

4. **Document Reviews and Interviews**

Identify any material information relating to physical deficiencies of the subject property resulting from the review of documents and interviews conducted.

5. **Additional Considerations**

Identify any material additional considerations or out of scope considerations that are included in the PCNA. This may include:

1. Capital improvements, enhancements, or upgrades to building components, systems, or finishes; and/or
2. Improvements, capital expenditures, repairs, maintenance and other activities that are or may be required at a future date, except as needed in the review of short term and long-term needs; and/or
3. Environmental considerations, such as mold, asbestos, or lead-based paint.
4. Observations for accessibility should be based on Section 504 (not a safe harbor such as UFAS or ADA).

6. **Opinions of Costs**

6.1 **Identification of material physical deficiencies and suggested remedies, including opinions of costs.**

For each material physical deficiency, the consultant should provide a suggested remedy, which may include recommending further research or testing, or both, if appropriate in the consultant’s opinion.

Opinions of costs should be provided for material physical deficiencies and not for repairs or improvements that could be classified as: (1) cosmetic or decorative; (2) part or parcel of a building renovation program (3) tenant improvements/finishes; (4) enhancements to reposition the subject property in the marketplace; (5) for warranty transfer purposes; or (6) routine or normal preventive maintenance, or a combination thereof.

Identify all Immediate Repairs as occurring in year zero and project the expected reserve requirements necessary for at least the following 20 years of operations.

6.1(a) **Immediate Costs (table)**

Identify each material physical deficiency, suggested remedy, and opinion of cost.

6.1(b) **Short-term Costs (table)**

Identify each material physical deficiency, suggested remedy, and opinion of cost.

6.1(c) **Replacement Reserves/Ongoing Physical Needs (table)**
Provide opinion of cost for all long-term capital expenses. Long-term capital expenses are typically based on the expected useful life of the building systems and components.

6.1(d) Costs for Additional Study

Provide the opinions of costs for additional study for any physical deficiencies that warrant further study/research or design, testing, exploratory probing, and exploration of various repair schemes, or a combination thereof, in order to determine the appropriate suggested remedy or scope.

7. Qualifications

Provide the qualifications for the professionals contributing to and completing the PCNA.

8. Limiting Conditions

Provide all limiting conditions of the PCNA.

9. Exhibits

9.1 Representative photographs
9.2 Pre-survey questionnaire
9.3 User/owner submitted documents
9.4 Photocopied plot plans, sketches, etc.
9.5 Inspected units list (unit number, size, accessibility)
9.6 Other exhibits considered appropriate by the consultant

Representative photographs must typically include photographs of existing roof condition, exterior windows, sidings, doors, gutters, downspouts, existing site feature conditions (ex: swimming pools, play areas, maintenance building, garages, dumpster etc.), interior unit conditions (includes all room), mechanical units, electrical panels (type), accessible unit (includes all room), common areas such community room, laundry room etc., Asphalt paving condition, sidewalk condition, site signage, fence, parking etc.
### APPENDIX C: OHFA EUL Table

**OHFA is seeking comments on this section.**

Note: this table is sorted by CSI Divisions with assemblies and parts grouped within the divisions. Each Division corresponds with the format of the OHFA Scope of Work (SoW) Excel form.

Any materials used in OHFA projects (New or rehab) must be in the table to be used in OHFA projects. This includes existing items to remain.

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**Division 8**  
**Openings**

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| .        | 8-A-i  | Unit Entry Door, Exterior, solid wood/metal clad | 25 | 30 |</p>
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|          |           | Range, cook top, wall oven | 20 | 25 |
|          |           | Range hood | 20 | 25 |
|          |           | Microwave | 10 | 10 |
|          |           | Disposal (food waste) | 7 | 10 |
|          |           | Compactors (interior, residential grade) | 7 | 10 |
|          |           | Dishwasher | 10 | 15 |
|          |           | Clothes washer/dryer | 10 | 15 |
|          |           | Ceiling fans | 15 | 15 |

Division 12

| 12-A     | Furnishings & Casework | Window treatments, drapery rods, shades, blinds, etc | 15 | 25 |
|          | 12-B-i  | Indoor recreation and fitness equipment | 10 | 15 |
|          | 12-B-ii | Seating for entertainment centers | 15 | 25 |
|          | 12-C-i  | Cabinets & vanities | 20 | 25 |
|          | 12-D-i  | Engineered stone | 50 | 50 |
|          | 12-D-ii | Solid surface, stainless steel | 40 | 50 |
|          | 12-D-iii | Plastic laminates, wood | 15 | 25 |
|          | 12-D-iv | Vanity tops, cultured marble, molded acrylic, fiberglass | 25 | 35 |

Division 14

<p>| 14-A     | Conveying Equipment | Electrical switchgear | 50 | 50 |
|          | 14-A-ii | Electrical wiring | 30 | 30 |
|          | 14-A-iii | Elevator controller, call, dispatch, emergency | 10 | 20 |
|          | 14-A-iv | Elevator cab, interior finish | 10 | 20 |
|          | 14-A-v | Elevator cab, frame | 35 | 50 |
|          | 14-A-vi | Elevator, machinery | 20 | 30 |
|          | 14-A-vii | Elevator, shaftway doors | 10 | 20 |
|          | 14-A-viii | Elevator, shaftway hoist rails, cables, traveling | 20 | 25 |
|          | 14-A-ix | Elevator, shaftway hydraulic piston and leveling | 20 | 25 |
|          | 14-A-x | Escalators | 50 | 50 |</p>
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**Division 33**

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| .        | 33-A-ii | Electric distribution lines                    | 40     | 40     |
| .        | 33-A-iii| Transformer                                    | 30     | 30     |
| .        | 33-A-iv | Emergency Generator                            | 25     | 25     |
| .        | 33-A-v  | Solar Photovoltaic panels                      | 15     | 15     |
| .        | 33-A-vi | Photovoltaic Inverters                          | 10     | 10     |
| .        | 33-A-vii| Pole mounted lights                            | 25     | 25     |</p>
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**APPENDIX D: HOME PROPERTY STANDARDS**

In addition to the Standards outlined in the DAS, for all projects receiving HOME funds the following provisions will be applicable as per **24 CFR § 92.251**.

**§ 92.251 Property standards.**
(a) New construction projects.

(1) State and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements. Housing that is newly constructed with HOME funds must meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements. HOME-assisted new construction projects must meet State or local residential building codes, as applicable, or in the absence of a State or local building code, the International Residential Code or International Building Code (as applicable to the type of housing) of the International Code Council. The housing must meet the applicable requirements upon project completion.

(2) HUD requirements. All new construction projects must also meet the requirements described in this paragraph:

(i) Accessibility. The housing must meet the accessibility requirements of 24 CFR part 5, which implements Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) implemented at 28 CFR parts 35 and 36, as applicable. Covered multifamily dwellings, as defined at 24 CFR 100.201, must also meet the design and construction requirements at 24 CFR 100.205, which implements the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619).

(ii) [Reserved]

(iii) Disaster mitigation. Where relevant, the housing must be constructed to mitigate the impact of potential disasters (e.g., earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires), in accordance with State and local codes, ordinances, or other State and local requirements, or such other requirements as HUD may establish.

(iv) Written cost estimates, construction contracts, and construction documents. The participating jurisdiction must ensure that the construction contract(s) and construction documents describe the work to be undertaken in adequate detail so that inspections can be conducted. The participating jurisdiction must review and approve written cost estimates for construction and determine that costs are reasonable.

(v) Construction progress inspections. The participating jurisdiction must conduct progress and final inspections of construction to ensure that work is done in accordance with the applicable codes, the construction contract, and construction documents.

(vi) Broadband infrastructure. For new commitments made after January 19, 2017, for a new construction housing project of a building with more than 4 rental units, the construction must include installation of broadband infrastructure, as this term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, except where the participating jurisdiction determines and, in accordance with 892.2508(a)(3)(iv), documents the determination that:

(A) The location of the new construction makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible; or

(B) The cost of installing the infrastructure would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of its program or activity or in an undue financial burden.

(b) Rehabilitation projects. All rehabilitation that is performed using HOME funds must meet the requirements of this paragraph (b).

(1) Rehabilitation standards. The participating jurisdiction must establish rehabilitation standards for all HOME-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The participating jurisdiction’s description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The rehabilitation standards must address each of the following:

(i) Health and safety. The participating jurisdiction’s standards must identify life-threatening deficiencies that must be addressed immediately if the housing is occupied.

(ii) Major systems. Major systems are: structural support; roofing; cladding and weatherproofing (e.g., windows, doors, siding, gutters); plumbing; electrical; and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. For rental housing, the participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the participating jurisdiction to estimate, based on age and condition, the remaining useful life of these systems, upon project completion of each major systems. For multifamily housing projects of 26 units or more, the participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the participating jurisdiction to determine the useful life of major systems through a capital needs assessment of the project. For rental housing, if the remaining useful life of one or more major system is less than the applicable period of affordability, the participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the participating jurisdiction to ensure that a replacement reserve is established and monthly payments are made to the reserve that are adequate to repair or replace the systems as needed. For homeownership housing, the participating jurisdiction’s standards must require, upon project completion, each of the major systems to have a remaining useful life for a minimum of 5 years or for such longer period specified by the participating jurisdiction, or the major systems must be rehabilitated or replaced as part of the rehabilitation work.

(iii) Lead-based paint. The participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the housing to meet the lead-based paint requirements at 24 CFR part 35.

(iv) Accessibility. The participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the housing to meet the accessibility requirements in 24 CFR part 5, which implements Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) implemented at 28 CFR parts 35 and 36.
as applicable. Covered multifamily dwellings, as defined at 24 CFR 100.201, must also meet the design and construction requirements at 24 CFR 100.205, which implements the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619). Rehabilitation may include improvements that are not required by regulation or statute that permit use by a person with disabilities.

(vi) [Reserved]

(vii) Disaster mitigation. Where relevant, the participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the housing to be improved to mitigate the impact of potential disasters (e.g., earthquake, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires) in accordance with State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements.

(viii) State and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements. The participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the housing to meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements or, in the absence of a State or local building code, the International Existing Building Code of the International Code Council.

(ix) Uniform Physical Condition Standards. The standards of the participating jurisdiction must be such that, upon completion, the HOME-assisted project and units will be decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair. At minimum, the standards must provide that the housing meets all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements.

(x) Cost estimate. The participating jurisdiction must approve a written cost estimate for rehabilitation after determining that costs are reasonable.

(xi) Broadband infrastructure. For new commitments made after January 19, 2017, for a substantial rehabilitation project of a building with more than 4 rental units, any substantial rehabilitation, as defined in 24 CFR 5.100, must provide for installation of broadband infrastructure, as this term is also defined in 24 CFR 5.100, except where the participating jurisdiction determines and, in accordance with § 92.508(a)(3)(iv), documents the determination that:

(A) The location of the substantial rehabilitation makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible;

(B) The cost of installing broadband infrastructure would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of its program or activity or in an undue financial burden; or

(C) The structure of the housing to be substantially rehabilitated makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible.

(2) Construction documents and cost estimates. The participating jurisdiction must ensure that the work to be undertaken will meet the participating jurisdiction’s rehabilitation standards. The construction documents (e.g., written scope of work to be performed) must be in sufficient detail to establish the basis for a uniform inspection of the housing to determine compliance with the participating jurisdiction’s standards. The participating jurisdiction must review and approve a written cost estimate for rehabilitation after determining that costs are reasonable.

(3) Frequency of inspections. The participating jurisdiction must conduct an initial property inspection to identify the deficiencies that must be addressed. The participating jurisdiction must conduct progress and final inspections to determine that work was done in accordance with work write-ups.

(c) Acquisition of standard housing.

(1) Existing housing that is acquired with HOME assistance for rental housing, and that was newly constructed or rehabilitated less than 12 months before the date of commitment of HOME funds, must meet the property standards of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this section, as applicable, of this section for new construction and rehabilitation projects. The participating jurisdiction must document this compliance based upon a review of approved building plans and Certificates of Occupancy, and an inspection that is conducted no earlier than 90 days before the commitment of HOME assistance.

(2) All other existing housing that is acquired with HOME assistance for rental housing must meet the rehabilitation property standards requirements of paragraph (b) of this section. The participating jurisdiction must document this compliance based upon an inspection that is conducted no earlier than 90 days before the commitment of HOME assistance.

(3) Existing housing that is acquired for homeownership (e.g., down payment assistance) must be decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair. The participating jurisdiction must establish standards to determine that the housing is decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair. At minimum, the standards must provide that the housing meets all applicable State and local housing quality standards and code requirements and the housing does not contain the specific deficiencies prescribed by HUD based on the applicable inspectable items and inspected areas in HUD-prescribed physical inspection procedures (Uniform Physical Condition Standards) issued pursuant to 24 CFR 5.705. The participating jurisdiction must inspect the housing and document this compliance based upon an inspection that is conducted no earlier than 90 days before the commitment of HOME assistance. If the housing does not meet these standards, the housing must be rehabilitated to meet the standards of this paragraph (c)(3) or it cannot be acquired with HOME funds.
(d) Occupied housing by tenants receiving HOME tenant-based rental assistance. All housing occupied by tenants receiving HOME tenant-based rental assistance must meet the standards in 24 CFR 982.401, or the successor requirements as established by HUD.

(e) Manufactured housing. Construction of all manufactured housing including manufactured housing that replaces an existing substandard unit under the definition of “reconstruction” must meet the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards codified at 24 CFR part 3280. These standards preempt State and local codes which are not identical to the federal standards for the new construction of manufactured housing. Participating jurisdictions providing HOME funds to assist manufactured housing units must comply with applicable State and local laws or codes. In the absence of such laws or codes, the installation must comply with the manufacturer’s written instructions for installation of manufactured housing units. All new manufactured housing and all manufactured housing that replaces an existing substandard unit under the definition of “reconstruction” must be on a permanent foundation that meets the requirements for foundation systems as set forth in 24 CFR 203.43(f)(1). All new manufactured housing and all manufactured housing that replaces an existing substandard unit under the definition of “reconstruction” must, at the time of project completion, be connected to permanent utility hook-ups and be located on land that is owned by the manufactured housing unit owner or land for which the manufactured housing owner has a lease for a period at least equal to the applicable period of affordability. In HOME-funded rehabilitation of existing manufactured housing the foundation and anchoring must meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements or in the absence of local or state codes, the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards at 24 CFR part 3285. Manufactured housing that is rehabilitated using HOME funds must meet the property standards requirements in paragraph (h) of this section, as applicable. The participating jurisdiction must document this compliance in accordance with inspection procedures that the participating jurisdiction has established pursuant to § 92.251, as applicable.

(f) Ongoing property condition standards: Rental housing.

(1) Ongoing property standards. The participating jurisdiction must establish property standards for rental housing (including manufactured housing) that apply throughout the affordability period. The standards must ensure that owners maintain the housing as decent, safe, and sanitary housing in good repair. The participating jurisdiction’s description of its property standards must be in sufficient detail to establish the basis for a uniform inspection of HOME rental projects. The participating jurisdiction’s ongoing property standards must address each of the following:

(i) Compliance with State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements. The participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the housing to meet all applicable State and local code requirements and ordinances. In the absence of existing applicable State or local codes, the participating jurisdiction’s ongoing property standards must include all inspectable items and inspectable areas specified by HUD based on the HUD physical inspection procedures (Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS)) prescribed by HUD pursuant to 24 CFR § 705. The participating jurisdiction’s property standards are not required to use any scoring, item weight, or level of criticality used in UPCS.

(ii) Health and safety. The participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the housing to be free of all health and safety defects. The standards must identify life-threatening deficiencies that the owner must immediately correct and the time frames for addressing these deficiencies.

(iii) Lead-based paint. The participating jurisdiction’s standards must require the housing to meet the lead-based paint requirements in 24 CFR part 35.

(2) Projects to which HOME funds were committed before January 24, 2015 must meet all applicable State or local housing quality standards or code requirements, and if there are no such standard or code requirements, the housing must meet the housing quality standards in 24 CFR 982.401.

(3) Inspections. The participating jurisdiction must undertake ongoing property inspections in accordance with § 92.504(d).

(A) Corrective and remedial actions. The participating jurisdiction must have procedures for ensuring that timely corrective and remedial actions are taken by the project owner to address identified deficiencies.

(B) Inspection procedures. The participating jurisdiction must establish written inspection procedures. The procedures must include detailed inspection checklists, description of how and by whom inspections will be carried out, and procedures for training and certifying qualified inspectors. The procedures must also describe how frequently the property will be inspected consistent with this section, § 92.209, and § 92.504(d).
In addition to the Standards outlined in the DAS, for all projects receiving NHTF funds the following provisions will be applicable as per 24 CFR § 93.301.

§ 93.301 Property standards.

(a) New construction projects.

(1) State and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements. Housing that is newly constructed with NHTF funds must meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements. NHTF-assisted new construction projects must meet State or local residential and building codes, as applicable or, in the absence of a State or local building code, the International Residential Code or International Building Code (as applicable to the type of housing) of the International Code Council. The housing must meet the applicable requirements upon project completion.

(2) HUD requirements. All new construction projects must also meet the requirements described in this paragraph:

(i) Accessibility. The housing must meet the accessibility requirements of 24 CFR part 8, which implements section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) implemented at 28 CFR parts 35 and 36, as applicable. “Covered multifamily dwellings,” as defined at 24 CFR 100.201, must also meet the design and construction requirements at 24 CFR 100.205, which implements the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619).

(ii) Energy efficiency. The housing must meet the energy efficiency standards established pursuant to section 109 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12709).

(iii) Disaster mitigation. Where relevant, the housing must be constructed to mitigate the impact of potential disasters (e.g., earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires), in accordance with State and local codes, ordinances, or other State and local requirements, or such other requirements as HUD may establish.

(iv) Written cost estimates, construction contracts, and construction documents. The grantee must ensure the construction contract(s) and construction documents describe the work to be undertaken in adequate detail so that inspections can be conducted. The grantee must review and approve written cost estimates for construction and determine that costs are reasonable.

(v) Construction progress inspections. The grantee must conduct progress and final inspections of construction to ensure that work is done in accordance with the applicable codes, the construction contract, and construction documents.
(vi) Broadband infrastructure. For new commitments made after January 19, 2017, for a new construction housing project of a building with more than 4 rental units, the construction must include installation of broadband infrastructure, as this term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, except where the grantee determines and, in accordance with § 93.407(a)(2)(iv), documents the determination that:

(A) the location of the new construction makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible; or

(B) the cost of installing broadband infrastructure would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of its program or activity or in an undue financial burden.

(b) Rehabilitation projects. All rehabilitation that is performed using HTF funds must meet the requirements of this paragraph (b).

(1) Rehabilitation standards. The grantee must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The grantee’s description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The rehabilitation standards must address each of the following:

(i) Health and safety. The grantee’s standards must identify life-threatening deficiencies that must be addressed immediately if the housing is occupied.

(ii) Major systems. Major systems are: structural support, roofing, cladding and weatherproofing (e.g., windows, doors, siding, gutters), plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. For rental housing, the grantee’s standards must require the grantee to estimate (based on age and condition) the remaining useful life of these systems upon project completion of each major system. For multifamily housing projects of 26 units or more, the grantee’s standards must require the grantee to determine the useful life of major systems through a capital needs assessment of the project. For rental housing, if the remaining useful life of one or more major system is less than the applicable period of affordability, the grantee’s standards must require the grantee to ensure that a replacement reserve is established and monthly payments are made to the reserve that are adequate to repair or replace the systems as needed. For homeownership housing, the grantee’s standards must require, upon project completion, each of the major systems to have a remaining useful life for a minimum of 5 years or for such longer period specified by the grantee, or the major systems must be rehabilitated or replaced as part of the rehabilitation work.

(iii) Lead-based paint. The grantee’s standards must require the housing to meet the lead-based paint requirements at 24 CFR part 35.

(iv) Accessibility. The grantee’s standards must require the housing to meet the accessibility requirements in 24 CFR part 5, which implements section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189), implemented at 28 CFR, parts 35 and 36, as applicable. “Covered multifamily dwellings,” as defined at 24 CFR 100.201, must also meet the design and construction requirements at 24 CFR 100.205, which implements the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619). Rehabilitation may include improvements that are not required by regulation or statute that permit use by a person with disabilities.

(v) [Reserved].

(vi) Disaster mitigation. Where relevant, the grantee’s standards must require the housing to be improved to mitigate the impact of potential disasters (e.g., earthquake, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires) in accordance with State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements, or such other requirements as HUD may establish.

(vii) State and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements. The grantee’s standards must require the housing to meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements or, in the absence of a State or local building code, the International Existing Building Code of the International Code Council.
(viii) Uniform Physical Condition Standards. The standards of the grantee must be such that, upon completion, the HTF-assisted project and units will be decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair as described in 24 CFR 5.703. HUD will establish the minimum deficiencies that must be corrected under the grantee’s rehabilitation standards based on inspectable items and inspected areas from HUD-prescribed physical inspection procedures (Uniform Physical Conditions Standards) pursuant to 24 CFR 5.705.

(ix) Capital Needs Assessments. For multifamily rental housing projects of 26 or more total units, the grantee must determine all work that will be performed in the rehabilitation of the housing and the long-term physical needs of the project through a capital needs assessment of the project.

(x) Broadband Infrastructure. For new commitments made after January 19, 2017 for a substantial rehabilitation project of a building with more than 4 rental units, any substantial rehabilitation, as defined in 24 CFR 5.100, must provide for installation of broadband infrastructure, as this term is also defined in 24 CFR 5.100, except where the grantee determines and, in accordance with § 93.407(a)(2)(iv), documents the determination that:

(A) The location of the substantial rehabilitation makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible;

(B) The cost of installing broadband infrastructure would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of its program or activity or in an undue financial burden; or

(C) The structure of the housing to be substantially rehabilitated makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible.

(2) Construction documents and cost estimates. The grantee must ensure that the work to be undertaken will meet the grantee’s rehabilitation standards. The construction documents (i.e., written scope of work to be performed) must be in sufficient detail to establish the basis for a uniform inspection of the housing to determine compliance with the grantee’s standards. The grantee must review and approve a written cost estimate for rehabilitation after determining that costs are reasonable.

(3) Frequency of inspections. The grantee must conduct an initial property inspection to identify the deficiencies that must be addressed. The grantee must conduct progress and final inspections to determine that work was done in accordance with work write-ups.

(e) Acquisition of standard housing.

(1) Existing housing that is acquired with HTF assistance for rental housing, and that was newly constructed or rehabilitated less than 12 months before the date of commitment of HTF funds, must meet the property standards of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this section, as applicable, for new construction and rehabilitation projects. The grantee must document this compliance based upon a review of approved building plans and Certificates of Occupancy, and an inspection that is conducted no earlier than 90 calendar days before the date of commitment of HTF assistance.

(2) All other existing housing that is acquired with HTF assistance for rental housing must meet the rehabilitation property standards requirements of paragraph (b) of this section. The grantee must document this compliance based upon an inspection that is conducted no earlier than 90 calendar days before the date of commitment of HTF assistance.

(3) Existing housing that is acquired for homeownership (e.g., down payment assistance) must be decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair. The grantee must establish standards to determine that the housing is decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair. At minimum, the standards must provide that the housing meets all applicable State and local standards and code requirements and the housing does not contain the specific deficiencies proscribed by HUD based on the applicable inspectable items and inspected areas in HUD-prescribed physical inspection procedures (Uniform Physical Condition Standards) issued pursuant to 24 CFR 5.705. The grantee must inspect the housing and document this compliance based upon an inspection that is conducted...
no earlier than 90 calendar days before the date of commitment of HTF assistance. If the housing does not meet these standards, the housing must be rehabilitated to meet the standards of this paragraph (c)(3) or it cannot be assisted with HTF funds.

(d) Manufactured housing.

Construction of all manufactured housing (including manufactured housing that replaces an existing substandard unit under the definition of “reconstruction”) must meet the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards codified at 24 CFR part 3280. These standards preempt State and local codes which are not identical to the Federal standards for the new construction of manufactured housing. The grantees providing HTF funds to assist manufactured housing units must comply with applicable State and local laws or codes. In the absence of such laws or codes, the installation must comply with the manufacturer’s written instructions for installation of manufactured housing units.

All new manufactured housing and all manufactured housing that replaces an existing substandard unit under the definition of “reconstruction” must be on a permanent foundation that meets the requirements for foundation systems as set forth in 24 CFR 203.43(f)(i). All new manufactured housing (and all manufactured housing that replaces an existing substandard unit under the definition of “reconstruction”) must, at the time of project completion, be connected to permanent utility hook-ups and be located on land that is owned by the manufactured housing unit owner or land for which the manufactured housing owner has a lease for a period at least equal to the applicable period of affordability.

In HTF-funded rehabilitation of existing manufactured housing the foundation and anchoring must meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements or in the absence of local or State codes, the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards at 24 CFR part 3285. Manufactured housing that is rehabilitated using HTF funds must meet the property standards requirements in paragraph (b) of this section, as applicable. The grantee must document this compliance in accordance with inspection procedures that the grantee has established pursuant to § 92.301, as applicable.

(e) Ongoing property condition standards: Rental housing.

(1) Ongoing property standards. The grantee must establish property standards for rental housing (including manufactured housing) that apply throughout the affordability period. The standards must ensure that owners maintain the housing as decent, safe, and sanitary housing in good repair. The grantee’s description of its property standards must be in sufficient detail to establish the basis for a uniform inspection of HTF rental projects. The grantee’s ongoing property standards must address each of the following:

(i) At a minimum, the grantee’s ongoing property standards must include all inspectable items and inspectable areas specified by HUD based on the HUD physical inspection procedures (Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS)) prescribed by HUD pursuant to 24 CFR 5.705.

(ii) Health and safety. The grantee’s standards must require the housing to be free of all health and safety defects. The standards must identify life-threatening deficiencies that the owner must immediately correct and the time frames for addressing these deficiencies.

(iii) Lead-based paint. The grantee’s standards must require the housing to meet the lead-based paint requirements in 24 CFR part 35.

(2) Inspections. The grantee must undertake ongoing property inspections, in accordance with § 93.404.

(3) Corrective and remedial actions. The grantee must have procedures for ensuring that timely corrective and remedial actions are taken by the project owner to address identified deficiencies.

(4) Inspection procedures. The grantee must establish written inspection procedures. The procedures must include detailed inspection checklists, description of how and by whom inspections will be carried out, and
procedures for training and certifying qualified inspectors. The procedures must also describe how frequently the property will be inspected, consistent with section § 93.404(d).

(f) Environmental provisions.

(1) New construction projects environmental requirements.

(i) Historic preservation. The project activities (including demolition) must not be performed on properties that are either listed in or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, unless the project activities meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, either as certified through the Federal and/or State historic rehabilitation tax credit programs or as verified by someone that meets the relevant Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards.

(B) Archaeological resources. If archaeological resources or human remains are discovered on the project site during construction, the grantee must consult with affected tribes and/or descendant communities and comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013), State law, and/or local ordinance (e.g., State unmarked burial law).

(ii) Farmland. Project activities must not result in the conversion of unique, prime, or statewide or locally significant agricultural properties to urban uses.

(iii) Airport zones. Projects are not permitted within the runway protection zones of civilian airports, or the clear zones or accident potential zones of military airfields.

(iv) Coastal Barrier Resource System. No projects may be assisted in Coastal Barrier Resource System (CBRS) units. CBRS units are mapped and available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(v) Coastal zone management. Development must be consistent with the appropriate State coastal zone management plan. Plans are available from the local coastal zone management agency.

(vi) Floodplains. Except as modified below, definitions for terms used below can be found at 24 CFR part 55.

(A) Construction and other activities in the 100-year floodplain are to be avoided when practicable. If there are no practicable alternatives to new construction or substantial improvement in the 100-year floodplain, the structure must be elevated at least the base flood elevation (BFE) or flood proofed to one foot above the BFE. Elevated and flood-proofed buildings must adhere to National Flood Insurance Program standards. The primary sources of floodplain data are Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). When FEMA provides interim flood hazard data, such as Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) or preliminary maps or studies, the latest of these sources must be used.

(B) No HTF assistance may be approved with respect to:

(1) Any action, other than a functionally dependent use, located in a floodway;

(2) Any new construction critical action located in a coastal high hazard area, 100- or 500-year floodplain; or

(3) Any non-critical new construction action in a coastal high hazard area, unless the action is reconstruction following destruction caused by a disaster and is designed for location in a coastal high hazard area consistent with the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements for V-Zones.

(vii) Wetlands.

(A) No draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, or related grading activities are to be performed in wetlands. No activities, structures, or facilities funded under this program are to adversely impact a wetland.
A wetland means those areas that are inundated by surface or ground water with a frequency sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances, does or would support a prevalence of vegetation or aquatic life that requires saturated or seasonally saturated soil conditions for growth and reproduction. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas such as sloughs, potholes, wet meadows, river overflows, mud flats, and natural ponds. This definition includes those wetland areas separated from their natural supply of water as a result of activities, such as the construction of structural flood protection methods or solid-fill road beds, or mineral extraction and navigation improvements. This definition is independent of the definition of jurisdictional wetland used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

(viii) Explosives and hazards. Projects must be in compliance with the standards for acceptable separation distance, as set forth at 24 CFR part 51, subpart C.

(ix) Contamination. All properties assisted with HTF funds must be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property.

(A) All proposed multifamily (more than four housing units) HTF projects require a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA-ASTM). If the Phase I ESA identifies recognized environmental concerns (RECs), a Phase II (ESA-ASTM) will be required. ASTM reports must be prepared in accordance with the most current ASTM standard. Single family housing does not require a Phase I ESA.

(B) HTF projects must avoid sites located within 0.25 miles of a Superfund or CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System) site or other contaminated site reported to Federal, State, or local authorities without a statement in writing from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the appropriate State agency that there is no hazard that could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property.

(x) Noise.

(A) Internal noise levels: All activities will be developed to ensure an interior noise level of no more than 45 decibels (dB).

(B) External noise levels:

(1) Project sites exposed to less than or equal to 65 dB of environmental noise are acceptable.

(2) Sites between 65 dB and less than 75 dB are acceptable with mitigation (e.g., noise walls, careful site planning) that result in an interior standard of 45 dB.

(3) Locations with environmental noise levels of 75 dB or greater may not have noise-sensitive outdoor uses (e.g., picnic areas, tot lots, balconies, or patios) and require sound attenuation in the building shell to achieve the 45 dB interior standard.

(xi) Endangered species. The grantee must avoid all actions which could jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species, as designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service, or would result in the destruction or adversely modify the designated critical habitat of such species.

(xii) Wild and scenic rivers. The grantee must avoid activities that are inconsistent with conservation easements, land-use protections, and restrictions adjacent to wild and scenic rivers, as designated/listed by the Departments of Agriculture or Interior. Maps for the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System are available at the governing departments.

(xiii) Safe drinking water. Projects with a potable water system must use only lead-free pipes, solder, and flux.
(xiv) **Sole-source aquifers.** Project activities should avoid sites and activities that have the potential to contaminate sole-source aquifer areas (SSAs). EPA defines a sole or principal source aquifer as an aquifer that supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer. If the project overlies an SSA, EPA must review the project. EPA review is designed to reduce the risk of ground water contamination that could pose a health hazard to those who use it.

(2) **Rehabilitation projects environmental requirements.**

(i) **Historic preservation.**

(A) The project activities (including demolition) must not be performed on properties that are either listed in or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, unless the project activities meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation either as certified through the Federal and/or State historic rehabilitation tax credit programs or as verified by someone that meets the relevant Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards;

(B) **Archaeological resources.** If archaeological resources or human remains are discovered on the project site during construction or rehabilitation, the grantee must consult with affected tribes and/or descendant communities and comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013), State law, and/or local ordinance (e.g., State unmarked burial law).

(ii) **Farmland.** Project activities must not result in the conversion of unique, prime, or locally significant agricultural properties to urban uses.

(iii) **Airport zones.** Projects are not permitted within the runway protection zones of civilian airports, or the clear zones or accident potential zones of military airfields.

(iv) **Coastal Barrier Resource System.** No projects may be assisted in Coastal Barrier Resource System (CBRS) units. CBRS units are mapped and available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(v) **Coastal zone management.** Development must be consistent with the appropriate State coastal zone management plan. Plans are available from the local coastal zone management agency.

(vi) **Floodplains.** Except as modified below, definitions for terms used below can be found at 24 CFR part 55.

(A) Construction and other activities in the 100-year floodplain are to be avoided when practicable. If there are no practicable alternatives to new construction or substantial improvement in the 100-year floodplain, the structure must be elevated at least to the base flood elevation (BFE) or floodproofed to one foot above the BFE. Elevated and floodproofed buildings must adhere to National Flood Insurance Program standards. The primary sources of floodplain data are Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). When FEMA provides interim flood hazard data, such as Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) or preliminary maps or studies, the latest of these sources must be used.

(B) No HTF assistance may be approved with respect to:

1. Any action, other than functionally dependent uses, located in a floodway;
2. Any critical action located in a coastal high hazard area, 100- or 500-year floodplain; or
3. Any non-critical action located in a coastal high hazard area, unless the action is designed for location in a coastal high hazard area consistent with the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements for V-Zones. 'Any non-critical action in a coastal high hazard area, unless the action is reconstruction following destruction caused by a disaster and is designed for location in a coastal high hazard area consistent with the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements for V-Zones.'
(vii) **Wetlands.** No rehabilitation of existing properties that expands the footprint into a wetland is allowed. A wetland means those areas that are inundated by surface or ground water with a frequency sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances, does or would support a prevalence of vegetative or aquatic life that requires saturated or seasonally saturated soil conditions for growth and reproduction. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas such as sloughs, potholes, wet meadows, river overflows, mud flats, and natural ponds. This definition includes those wetland areas separated from their natural supply of water as a result of activities such as the construction of structural flood protection methods or solid-fill road beds and activities such as mineral extraction and navigation improvements. This definition is independent of the definition of jurisdictional wetland used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

(viii) **Explosives and hazards.** If the rehabilitation of the building increases the number of dwelling units, then the project must be in compliance with the standards for acceptable separation distance as set forth at 24 CFR part 51, subpart C.

(ix) **Contamination.** All properties assisted with HTF funds must be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property:

(A) All proposed multifamily (more than four housing units) HTF project activities require a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA - ASTM). If the Phase I ESA identifies recognized environmental concerns (RECs), a Phase II (ESA - ASTM) will be required. ASTM reports must be prepared in accordance with the most current ASTM standard. Single family housing does not require a Phase I ESA.

(B) HTF projects must avoid sites located within 0.25 miles of a Superfund or CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System) site or other contaminated site reported to Federal, State, or local authorities without a statement in writing from EPA or the appropriate State agency that there is no hazard that could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property.

(x) **Noise.**

(A) **Internal noise levels.** All activities will be developed to ensure an interior noise level of no more than 45 decibels (dB).

(B) [Reserved].

(xi) **Endangered species.**

(A) The grantee must avoid all actions that could jeopardize the continued existence of any species designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service as endangered or threatened.

(B) The grantee must avoid all actions that adversely modify the critical habitat of such species.

(xii) **Wild and scenic rivers.** The grantee must avoid activities that are inconsistent with conservation easements, land-use protections, and restrictions adjacent to wild and scenic rivers, as designated listed by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior. Maps for the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System are available at the governing departments.

(xiii) **Safe drinking water.** Projects with a potable water system must use only lead-free pipes, solder, and flux.

(xiv) **Sole-source aquifers.** Project activities should avoid sites and activities that have the potential to contaminate sole source aquifer areas (SSAs). The EPA defines a sole or principal source aquifer as an aquifer that supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer. If the project overlies an SSA, the EPA must review the project. The EPA review is designed to reduce the risk of ground water contamination, which could pose a health hazard to those who use it.
(3) Acquisition projects environmental requirements.

(i) (A) Existing housing that is acquired with HTF funds, and has been newly constructed or rehabilitated less than 12 months before the commitment of HTF funds must meet the property standards at paragraph (f)(1) of this section.

(B) All other existing housing that is acquired with HTF assistance must meet the property standards requirements of paragraph (f)(2) of this section.

(ii) If under paragraph (f)(3)(i)(A) or paragraph (B) of this section, the property does not meet these standards, with the exception of the noise standards in paragraph (f)(2) of this section, HTF funds cannot be used to acquire the property.

(4) Manufactured housing environmental requirements. Manufactured housing is subject to the environmental standards in paragraph (f)(1) of this section for new construction or paragraph (f)(2) of this section for rehabilitation, as applicable. If an existing property does not meet these standards, HTF funds cannot be used to acquire the property, unless it is rehabilitated to meet the standards in paragraph (f)(2), as applicable, with the exception of noise standards in paragraph (f)(2)(X).
APPENDIX F: CBDG-DR PROPERTY STANDARDS

In addition to the Standards outlined in the DAS, for all projects receiving CDBG-DR funds the following provisions will be applicable as per 84 FR 5844.

B. Housing and Related Floodplain Issues

32. Housing-related eligibility waivers.

a. Green Building Standard for Replacement and New Construction of Residential Housing. Grantees must meet the Green Building Standard in this subparagraph for: (i) All new construction of residential buildings and (ii) all replacement of substantially damaged residential buildings. Replacement of residential buildings may include reconstruction (i.e., demolishing and rebuilding a housing unit on the same lot in substantially the same manner) and may include changes to structural elements such as flooring systems, columns, or load bearing interior or exterior walls.

b. Meaning of Green Building Standard. For purposes of this notice, the Green Building Standard means the grantee will require that all construction covered by subparagraph a, above, meet an industry-recognized standard that has achieved certification under at least one of the following programs: (i) ENERGY STAR (Certified Homes or Multifamily High-Rise), (ii) Enterprise Green Communities, (iii) LEED (New Construction, Homes, Midrise, Existing Buildings, Operations and Maintenance, or Neighborhood Development), (iv) ICC-700 National Green Building Standard, (v) EPA Indoor AirPlus (ENERGY STAR a prerequisite), or (vi) any other equivalent comprehensive green building program acceptable to HUD. Grantees must identify which Green Building Standard will be used in the program policies and procedures.

c. Standards for rehabilitation of nonsubstantially damaged residential buildings. For rehabilitation other than that described in subparagraph a, above, grantees must follow the guidelines specified in the HUD CPD Green Building Retrofit Checklist, available at https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3684/guidance-on-the-cpdgreen-building-checklist/. Grantees must apply these guidelines to the extent applicable to the rehabilitation work undertaken, including the use of mold resistant products when replacing surfaces such as drywall. When older or obsolete products are replaced as part of the rehabilitation work, rehabilitation is required to use ENERGY STAR-labeled, WaterSense-labeled, or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-designated products and appliances. For example, if the furnace, air conditioner, windows, and appliances are replaced, the replacements must be ENERGY STAR-labeled or FEMP-designated products. WaterSense-labeled products (e.g., faucets, toilets, showerheads) must be used when water-products are replaced. Rehabilitated housing may also implement measures recommended in a Physical Condition Assessment (PCA) or Green Physical Needs Assessment (GPNA).

d. Implementation of green building standards.

(i) For construction projects completed, underway, or under contract prior to the date that assistance is approved for the project, the grantee is encouraged to apply the applicable standards to the extent feasible, but the Green Building Standard is not required.

(ii) For specific required equipment or materials for which an ENERGY STAR- or WaterSense-labeled or FEMP-designated product does not exist, the requirement to use such products does not apply.

e. Elevation standards for new construction, repair of substantial damage, or substantial improvement. The following elevation standards apply to new construction, repair of substantial damage, or substantial improvement of structures located in an area delineated as a flood hazard area or equivalent in FEMA’s data source identified in 24 CFR 55.2(b)(4). All structures, defined at 44 CFR 59.1, designed principally for residential use and located in the 100-year (or 1 percent annual chance) floodplain that receive assistance for new construction, repair of substantial damage, or substantial improvement, as defined at 24 CFR 55.2(b)(10), must be elevated with the lowest floor, including the basement, at least two feet above the base flood elevation. Mixed-use structures with no dwelling units and no residents below two feet above base flood elevation, must be elevated or
floodproofed, in accordance with FEMA flood proofing standards at 44 CFR 60.3(c)(ii) or successor standard, up to at least two feet above base flood elevation. Please note that grantees should review the UFAS accessibility checklist available at https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/796/ufas-accessibilitychecklist/ and the HUD Deeming Notice, 79 FR 29671 (May 23, 2014) to ensure that these structures comply with accessibility requirements.

All Critical Actions, as defined at 24 CFR 55.2(b)(3), within the 500-year (or 0.2 percent annual chance) floodplain must be elevated or flood proofed (in accordance with the FEMA standards) to the higher of the 500-year floodplain elevation or three feet above the 100-year floodplain elevation. If the 500-year floodplain is unavailable, and the Critical Action is in the 100-year floodplain, then the structure must be elevated or flood proofed at least three feet above the 100-year floodplain elevation. Critical Actions are defined as an “activity for which even a slight chance of flooding would be too great, because such flooding might result in loss of life, injury to persons or damage to property.” For example, Critical Actions include hospitals, nursing homes, police stations, fire stations and principal utility lines.

Applicable State, local, and tribal codes and standards for floodplain management that exceed these requirements, including elevation, setbacks, and cumulative substantial damage requirements, must be followed.

f. Broadband infrastructure in housing. Any substantial rehabilitation, as defined by 24 CFR 5.100, or new construction of a building with more than four rental units must include installation of broadband infrastructure, except where the grantee documents that: (a) The location of the new construction or substantial rehabilitation makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible; (b) the cost of installing broadband infrastructure would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of its program or activity or in an undue financial burden; or (c) the structure of the housing to be substantially rehabilitated makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible.

g. Resilient Home Construction Standard. Grantees are strongly encouraged to incorporate a Resilient Home Construction Standard, meaning that all construction covered by subparagraph (a) meet an industry-recognized standard such as those set by the FORTIFIED Home™ Gold level for new construction of single-family, detached homes, and FORTIFIED Home™ Silver level for reconstruction of the roof, windows and doors; or FORTIFIED Home™ Bronze level standard for roof repair or reconstruction, for all construction covered under subparagraph B.32.c.

FORTIFIED Home™ is a risk-reduction program providing construction standards for new homes and retrofit standards for existing homes, which will increase a home’s resilience to natural hazards, including high wind, hail, and tropical storms. Insurers can provide discounts for homeowner’s insurance for properties certified as FORTIFIED. Grantees should advise property owners to contact their insurance agent for current information on what discounts may be available. More information is also available at https://disastersafety.org/fortified/fortified-home/.

In addition to the requirements listed above, all project receiving CDBG-DR funds must comply with the HUD Lead Safe Housing Rule outlined in 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R, as well as the environmental requirements at 24 CFR part 58.