

Date Granted: September 27, 2002.

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• *Regulation:* Section II subpart E and subpart F of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance.

Project/Activity: The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA), Minneapolis, Minnesota; Project-based Assistance Program. The MPHA requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to the Phillips Park Initiative that is in a census tract with a poverty rate that exceeds 20 percent. The MPHA also requested an exception to waive the requirement that no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a housing assistance payments (HAP) contract for PBA except for dwelling units that are specifically made available for elderly families, disabled families and families receiving supportive services for this project.

Nature of Requirement: Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent. Section II subpart F requires that no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a housing assistance payments (HAP) contract for PBA except for dwelling units that are specifically made available for elderly families, disabled families, and families receiving supportive services.

Granted by: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary For Public And Indian Housing.

Date Granted: July 26, 2002.

Reason Waived: Approval of the exception for deconcentration was granted since the Phillips Park Initiative is in the Minneapolis Empowerment Zone the goals of which are to open new businesses, create jobs, housing, and new educational and healthcare opportunities. These goals are consistent with the goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities. Approval of the exception for the number of units in a building that may be project-based was granted because the families living in the building will receive supportive services including tenant education, budgeting, parenting skills and will be

able to access the Train to Work program that will prepare them for entry-level jobs in the community. These supportive services are consistent with the statute.

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• *Regulation:* Section II subpart E of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance.

Project/Activity: San Francisco Housing Authority, San Francisco, California; Project-based Assistance Program. The San Francisco Housing Authority requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to six projects that are in census tracts with poverty rates that exceed 20 percent.

Nature of Requirement: Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent.

Granted by: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: July 16, 2002.

Reason Waived: Approval of the exception was granted since one of the projects, the Dudley Hotel was within the boundaries of Rochester's HUD-designated Enterprise Community whose goals of creating jobs, housing, and new educational and healthcare opportunities are consistent with the goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, and the other five projects (999 Geary Street, 145 Taylor Street, the West Hotel, the Dalt Hotel, and 421 Turk Street) are located within the Tenderloin Neighborhood Revitalization Area designated as such in the City of San Francisco's Consolidated Plan whose goals are also consistent with the statute.

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• *Regulation:* Section II subpart F of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register**

Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance and 24 CFR 983.51.

Project/Activity: Fort Wayne Housing Authority (FWHA), Fort Wayne, Indiana; Project-based Assistance Program. FWHA requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to units at McMillan Park that exceed the 25 percent cap on the number of units in a building to which PBA can be attached for families receiving supportive services. The FWHA also requested a waiver of competitive selection of owner proposals.

Nature of Requirement: Section II subpart F of the initial guidance requires that unless waived, no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a housing assistance payments contract for PBA except for dwelling units that are specifically made available for elderly families, disabled families, and families receiving supportive services. Section 983.51 requires competitive selection of owner proposals in accordance with a housing authority's HUD-approved advertisement and unit selection policy.

Granted by: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: July 5, 2002.

Reason Waived: Approval of the exception was granted because the families living in McMillan Park will participate in the FWHA's Family Self-Sufficiency program and will have access to a Neighborhood Networks Center, after-school tutoring programs for children and adult educational classes. These supportive services are consistent with the statute. Competitive selection was conditionally waived since the FWHA will acquire a 50 percent interest in the general partner and will maintain the project as a housing resource for low-income families. The waiver was conditional based on sale of the property to the FWHA within six months of the approval date.

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• *Regulation:* Section II subpart F of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance.

Project/Activity: Laurinburg Housing Authority (LHA); Laurinburg, North