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(2) For the purposes of this threshold, Replacement Housing Factor funds will not be considered as "replacement housing assistance."

(3) A severely distressed project that has been legally vacated or demolished (but for which HUD has not yet provided replacement housing assistance, other than tenant-based assistance) must have met the definition of physical distress as of the day the demolition application approval letter was dated by HUD.

(4) To meet the severe distress requirement, you must certify that the public housing project or building in a project targeted in your HOPE VI application meets the definition of severe distress provided in Section V(A)(1). You will make this certification by signing the HOPE VI Revitalization Grant Applicant Certifications. The certification form is included in the HOPE VI Application and is included as part of Appendix A to this HOPE VI NOFA.

(5) In order to certify to the severe physical distress described in Section V(A)(1)(a) of this NOFA, your application must include a certification that is signed by an engineer or architect licensed by a State licensing board. The license does not need to have been issued in the same State as the severely distressed project. The engineer or architect must include his or her license number and State of registration on the certification. The engineer or architect may not be an employee of the housing authority or the city.

**(B) Rating Factor: Need—24 Points Total**

**(1) Need for Revitalization: Severe Physical Distress of the Public Housing Development—10 Points**

HUD will evaluate the extent of the severe physical distress of the targeted public housing development. If the targeted units have already been demolished, HUD will evaluate your description of the extent of the severe physical distress of the site as of the day the demolition application was approved by HUD. You will receive Points for the following separate subfactors, as indicated.

(a) You will receive 2 Points if you demonstrate that there are major deficiencies in the project's infrastructure, roofs, electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling, mechanical systems, settlement, and/or other deficiencies in Housing Quality Standards.

(b) You will receive 2 Points if you demonstrate that there are poor soil conditions, inadequate drainage, deteriorated laterals and sewers, and/or inappropriate topography.

(c) You will receive 3 Points if you demonstrate that the project has at least 3 of the following major design deficiencies, including:

(i) Inappropriately high population density, room, and/or unit size and configurations;

(ii) Isolation;

(iii) Indefensible space;

(iv) Significant utility expenses caused by energy conservation deficiencies that may be documented by an energy audit; and/or

(v) Inaccessibility for persons with disabilities with regard to individual units, entrance ways, and/or common areas.

(d) You will receive 3 Points if you demonstrate that there are (or were, if the site is already demolished) levels of unmitigated lead-based paint, PCBs, mold, and/or asbestos that make the site or a portion of the site and its housing structures unsuitable for residential use.

**(2) Need for Revitalization: Impact of the Severely Distressed Site on the Surrounding Neighborhood—3 Points**

HUD will evaluate the extent to which the severely distressed public housing project is a significant contributing factor to the physical decline of, and disinvestment by, public and private entities in the surrounding neighborhood. In making this determination, HUD will evaluate your description of your narrative, crime statistics, photographs or renderings, socio-economic data, trends in property values, evidence of property deterioration and abandonment, evidence of underutilization of surrounding properties, and indications of neighborhood disinvestment.

(a) You will receive 3 Points if your narrative adequately demonstrates that the project has a significant impact on the surrounding neighborhood, as documented by each item listed above.

(b) You will receive 2 Points if your narrative demonstrates that the project has a moderate impact on the neighborhood, and/or only some of the items listed above are adequately documented.

(c) You will receive 0 Points if your narrative does not demonstrate that the project has an impact on the surrounding neighborhood, or there is inadequate information in your application to rate this factor.

**(3) Need for Funding: Obligation of Capital Funds—8 Points**

HUD will evaluate the extent to which you could undertake the proposed revitalization activities without a HOPE VI grant. Large amounts of available Capital Funds indicate that the revitalization could be carried out without a HOPE VI grant. HUD will use data from LOCCS available at the time of the grant application deadline date to determine the amount of unobligated FY 1999–2002 Capital Grant (including CIAP and CGP) funds currently available that could be used to carry out the proposed revitalization activities. Applicants must ensure that their obligation and expenditure information was updated in LOCCS prior to the application deadline. Replacement Housing Factor funds are not excluded from the calculation of Capital Fund obligation rates, pursuant to 24 CFR 905.10(i), as they are part of the Capital Fund Program formula allocation. Information provided in the application will not be considered, except in the case of some moving to work applicants, which are not required to enter obligations into LOCCS in accordance with their MTW agreements. Those PHAS must provide a certification of their obligation rate in their applications in order to receive any points for this rating factor.

(a) You will receive 8 Points if your unobligated Capital Funds balance is up to 20 percent of the amount of HOPE VI funds requested.

(b) You will receive 6 Points if your unobligated balance is 21–45 percent of the amount of HOPE VI funds requested.

(c) You will receive 4 Points if your unobligated balance is 46–70 percent of the amount of HOPE VI funds requested.

(d) You will receive 2 Points if your unobligated balance is 71 to 90 percent of the amount of HOPE VI funds requested.

(e) You will receive 0 Points if your unobligated balance is more than 90 percent of the amount of HOPE VI funds requested.

**(4) Need for Affordable Accessible Housing in the Community—3 Points**

The applicant must demonstrate the need for affordable housing in the community. For purposes of this competition, the need for affordable housing in the community will be measured by Housing Choice Voucher program utilization rates and public housing occupancy rates, excluding the public housing site targeted for revitalization. This information must be demonstrated and documented in your application, as described below and