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§ 1291.2 Required annual AHP contributions; allocation of contributions.

(a) Annual AHP contributions. Each Bank shall contribute annually to its Program the greater of:

1. 10 percent of the Bank’s net earnings for the previous year; or

2. That Bank’s pro rata share of an aggregate of $100 million to be contributed in total by the Banks, such proration being made on the basis of the net earnings of the Banks for the previous year, except that the required annual AHP contribution for a Bank shall not exceed its net earnings in the previous year.

(b) Allocation of contributions. Each Bank, after consultation with its Advisory Council and pursuant to written policies adopted by the Bank’s board of directors, shall allocate its annual required AHP contribution as follows:

1. Competitive application program. Each Bank shall allocate annually that portion of its annual required AHP contribution that is not set aside to fund homeownership set-aside programs under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, to provide funds to members through a competitive application program, pursuant to the requirements of this part.

2. Homeownership set-aside programs—
   (i) Allocation amount; first-time homebuyers. A Bank, in its discretion, may set aside annually, in the aggregate, up to the greater of $4.5 million or 35% of the Bank’s annual required AHP contribution to provide funds to members participating in homeownership set-aside programs, including a mortgage refinancing set-aside program established under paragraph (f) of this section, provided that at least one-third of the Bank’s aggregate annual set-aside allocation to such programs shall be to assist first-time homebuyers, pursuant to the requirements of this part.

   (ii) No delegation. A Bank’s board of directors shall not delegate to Bank officers or other Bank employees the responsibility for adopting its homeownership set-aside program policies.

   (iii) Additional funding. A Bank may accelerate to its current year’s program from future annual required AHP contributions an amount up to the greater of $5 million or 20% of its annual required AHP contribution for the current year. The Bank may credit the amount of the accelerated contribution against required AHP contributions under this part 1291 over one or more of the subsequent five years.


§ 1291.3 AHP Implementation Plan.

(a) Adoption; no delegation. Each Bank, after consultation with its Advisory Council, shall adopt a written AHP Implementation Plan, and shall not amend the AHP Implementation Plan without first consulting its Advisory Council. The Bank’s board of directors shall not delegate to Bank officers or other Bank employees the responsibilities to consult with the Advisory Council prior to adopting or amending the AHP Implementation Plan. The AHP Implementation Plan shall set forth, at a minimum:

1. The applicable median income standard or standards adopted by the Bank consistent with the definition of median income for the area in §1291.1 of this part;

2. The Bank’s requirements for its competitive application program established pursuant to §1291.5 of this part;

3. The Bank’s requirements for its homeownership set-aside programs, if adopted by the Bank pursuant to §1291.6 of this part;

4. The Bank’s requirements for funding revolving loan funds, if adopted by the Bank pursuant to §1291.5(c)(13) of this part;

5. The Bank’s requirements for funding loan pools, if adopted by the Bank pursuant to §1291.5(c)(14) of this part;

6. The Bank’s requirements for monitoring under its competitive application program and any Bank homeownership set-aside programs, pursuant to §1291.7 of this part;

7. The Bank’s requirements, including time limits, for re-use of repaid AHP direct subsidy, if adopted by the Bank pursuant to §1291.6(f)(2) of this part; and

8. The retention agreement requirements for projects and households under the competitive application program and any Bank homeownership set-aside program, pursuant to §1291.9(a)(7) and (a)(8) of this part.
§ 1291.4 Advisory Councils.

(a) Appointment. (1) Each Bank’s board of directors shall appoint an Advisory Council of 7 to 15 persons who reside in the Bank’s District and are drawn from community and not-for-profit organizations that are actively involved in providing or promoting low- and moderate-income housing, and community and not-for-profit organizations that are actively involved in providing or promoting community lending, in the District.

(2) Each Bank shall solicit nominations for membership on the Advisory Council from community and not-for-profit organizations pursuant to a nomination process that is as broad and as participatory as possible, allowing sufficient time for responses.

(3) The Bank’s board of directors shall appoint Advisory Council members from a diverse range of organizations so that representatives of no one group constitute an undue proportion of the membership of the Advisory Council, giving consideration to the size of the Bank’s District and the diversity of low- and moderate-income housing and community lending needs and activities within the District.

(b) Terms of Advisory Council members. Pursuant to policies adopted by the Bank’s board of directors, Advisory Council members shall be appointed by the Bank’s board of directors to serve for terms of 3 years, which shall be staggered to provide continuity in experience and service to the Advisory Council, except that Advisory Council members may be appointed to serve for terms of 1 or 2 years solely for purposes of reconfiguring the staggering of the 3-year terms. No Advisory Council member may be appointed to serve for more than 3 full consecutive terms. An Advisory Council member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

(c) Election of officers. Each Advisory Council shall elect from among its members a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and any other officers the Advisory Council deems appropriate.

(d) Duties—(1) Meetings with the Banks. (i) The Advisory Council shall meet with representatives of the Bank’s board of directors at least quarterly to provide advice on ways in which the Bank can better carry out its housing finance and community lending mission, including, but not limited to, advice on the low- and moderate-income housing and community lending programs and needs in the Bank’s District, and on the use of AHP subsidies, Bank advances, and other Bank credit products for these purposes.

(ii) The Advisory Council’s advice shall include recommendations on:

(A) The amount of AHP subsidies to be allocated to the Bank’s competitive application program and any Bank homeownership set-aside programs;

(B) The AHP Implementation Plan and any subsequent amendments thereof;

(C) The scoring criteria, related definitions, and any additional optional District eligibility requirements for the competitive application program; and

(D) The eligibility requirements and any priority criteria for any Bank homeownership set-aside programs.

(2) Summary of AHP applications. The Bank shall comply with requests from the Advisory Council for summary information regarding AHP applications from prior funding periods.

(3) Annual analysis; public access. (i) Each Advisory Council annually shall