

may be made to the Borrower when an assisted unit is vacant, in accordance with the terms of the HAP contract.

*Project account* means a specifically identified and segregated account for each project that is established in accordance with §891.570(b) out of the amounts by which the maximum annual commitment exceeds the amount actually paid out under the HAP contract each year.

*Project occupancy requirements* means that eligible populations to be served under the Section 202 program are qualified individuals or families whose head of household or spouse is elderly, physically handicapped, developmentally disabled, or chronically mentally ill. Projects are designed to meet the special needs of the particular tenant population that the Borrower was selected to serve. Individuals from one eligible group may not be accepted for occupancy in a project designed for a different tenant group. However, a Sponsor can propose to house eligible tenant groups other than the one it was selected to serve, but must apply to the HUD field office for permission to do so, based on a plan that demonstrates that it can adequately serve the proposed tenant group. Upon review and recommendation by the field office, HUD Headquarters will approve or disapprove the request.

*Rent*, in the case of a unit in a cooperative project, means the carrying charges payable to the cooperative with respect to occupancy of the unit.

*Tenant rent* means the monthly amount defined in, and determined in accordance with part 5, subpart F of subtitle A of this title.

*Total tenant payment* means the monthly amount defined in, and determined in accordance with part 5, subpart F of subtitle A of this title.

*Utility allowance* is defined in part 5, subpart F of subtitle A of this title and is determined or approved by HUD.

*Utility reimbursement* is defined in part 5, subpart F of subtitle A of this title.

*Vacancy payment* means the housing assistance payment made to the Borrower by HUD for a vacant assisted unit if certain conditions are fulfilled, as provided in the HAP contract. The amount of the vacancy payment varies

with the length of the vacancy period and is less after the first 60 days of any vacancy.

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**§ 891.525 Amount and terms of financing.**

(a) The amount of financing approved shall be the amount stated in the Notice of Section 202 Fund Reservation, including any increase approved by the field office prior to the final closing of a loan; provided, however, that the amount of financing provided shall not exceed the lesser of:

(1) The dollar amounts stated in paragraphs (b) through (f) of this section; or

(2) The total development cost of the project as determined by the field office.

(b) For such part of the property or project attributable to dwelling use (excluding exterior land improvements, as defined by the Assistant Secretary) the maximum loan amount, depending on the number of bedrooms, may not exceed:

(1) \$28,032 per family unit without a bedroom.

(2) \$32,321 per family unit with one bedroom.

(3) \$38,979 per family unit with two bedrooms.

(c) In order to compensate for the higher costs incident to construction of elevator type structures of sound standards of construction and design, the field office may increase the dollar limitations per family unit, as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, to not to exceed:

(1) \$29,500 per family unit without a bedroom.

(2) \$33,816 per family unit with one bedroom.

(3) \$41,120 per family unit with two bedrooms.

(d) *Reduced loan amount—leaseholds.* In the event the loan is secured by a leasehold estate rather than a fee simple estate, the allowable cost of the property upon which the loan amount is based shall be reduced by the value of the leased fee.

(e) *Adjusted loan amount—rehabilitation projects.* A loan amount that involves a project to be rehabilitated shall be subject to the following additional limitations:

(1) *Property held in fee.* If the Borrower is the fee simple owner of the project not encumbered by a mortgage, the maximum loan amount shall not exceed 100 percent of the cost of the proposed rehabilitation.

(2) *Property subject to existing mortgage.* If the Borrower owns the project subject to an outstanding indebtedness, which is to be refinanced with part of the Section 202 loan, the maximum loan amount shall not exceed the cost of rehabilitation plus such portion of the outstanding indebtedness as does not exceed the fair market value of such land and improvements prior to the rehabilitation, as determined by the field office.

(3) *Property to be acquired.* If the project is to be acquired by the Borrower and the purchase price is to be financed with a part of the Section 202 loan, the maximum loan amount shall not exceed the cost of the rehabilitation plus such portion of the purchase price as does not exceed the fair market value of such land and improvements prior to the rehabilitation, as determined by the field office.

(f) *Increased Mortgage Limits—High Cost Areas.* (1)(i) The Assistant Secretary may increase the dollar amount limitations in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section:

(A) By not to exceed 110 percent in any geographical area in which the Assistant Secretary finds that cost levels so require; and

(B) By not to exceed 140 percent where the Assistant Secretary determines it necessary on a project-by-project basis.

(ii) In no case, however, may any such increase exceed 90 percent, where the Assistant Secretary determines that there is involved a mortgage purchased or to be purchased by the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) in implementing its Special Assistance Functions under section 305 of the National Housing Act (as section 305 existed immediately before its repeal on November 30, 1983).

(2) If the Assistant Secretary finds that because of high costs in Alaska, Guam, or Hawaii it is not feasible to construct dwellings without the sacrifice of sound standards of construction, design, and livability within the limitations of maximum loan amounts provided in this section, the principal amount of mortgages may be increased by such amounts as may be necessary to compensate for such costs, but not to exceed in any event the maximum, including high cost area increases, if any, otherwise applicable by more than one-half thereof.

(g) *Loan interest rate.* Loans shall bear interest at a rate determined by HUD in accordance with this section.

(1) *Annual interest rate.* Except as provided under paragraph (g)(2), loans shall bear interest at the rate in effect at the time the loan is made. The loan interest rate shall not exceed:

(i) The average yield on the most recently issued 30-year marketable obligations of the United States during the 3-month period immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the loan is made (adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of one percent), plus an allowance to cover administrative costs and probable losses under the program; and

(ii) Any applicable statutory ceiling on the loan interest rate including the allowance to cover administrative costs and probable losses.

(2) *Optional interest rate.* The Borrower may elect an optional loan interest rate. To elect the optional rate, the Borrower must request that HUD determine the loan interest rate at the time of the Borrower's request for conditional or firm commitment for direct loan financing.

(i) If the Borrower elects the optional loan interest rate, the loan interest rate shall not exceed:

(A) The average yield on the most recently issued 30-year marketable obligations of the United States during the 3-month period immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the request for commitment is submitted (adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of one percent), plus an allowance to cover administrative costs and probable losses under the program;

(B) The average yield on the most recently issued 30-year marketable obligations of the United States during the 1-month period immediately preceding the month in which the request for commitment is submitted (adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of one percent), plus an allowance to cover the administrative costs and probable losses under the program; and (C) Any applicable statutory ceiling on the loan interest rate including an allowance to cover administrative costs and probable losses under the program.

(ii) The date of submission of a request for conditional or firm commitment is the date that the Borrower submits the complete and acceptable request to HUD. The date of the submission of a request for commitment will not be affected by any subsequent resubmission of the request by the Borrower or by any reprocessing of the request by HUD.

(iii) The Borrower may withdraw its election of the optional interest rate at any time before initial loan closing. If the Borrower elected the optional interest rate with its request for conditional commitment and withdraws its election, the loan will bear interest at the rate determined under paragraph (g)(1) of this section, unless the Borrower elects an optional interest rate with its request for firm commitment. If the Borrower withdraws its election after the date of submission of its request for firm commitment, the loan will bear interest at the rate determined under paragraph (g)(1) of this section.

(iv) If initial loan closing has not occurred within 18 months after the Notice of Section 202 Fund Reservation is issued, the Borrower's election of the optional rate will be cancelled and the loan will bear interest at the rate determined under paragraph (g)(1) of this section.

(3) *Allowance for administrative costs and probable losses.* For the purpose of computing the loan interest rate under paragraphs (g) (1) and (2) of this section, the allowance to cover administrative costs and probable losses under the program is one-fourth of one percent (.25%) per annum for both the construction and permanent loan periods.

(h) *Announcement of interest rates.* (1) HUD will annually announce the loan interest rate determination under paragraph (g)(1) of this section by publishing notice of the rate in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The FEDERAL REGISTER notice will include a statement explaining the basis for the interest rate determination.

(2) Upon the Borrower's request, HUD will provide available current information concerning the determination of the interest rate under paragraph (g)(2) of this section.

(i) The loan shall be secured by a first mortgage on real estate in fee simple or long term leasehold. The mortgage shall be repayable during a term not to exceed 40 years and shall be subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Assistant Secretary.

(j) In order to assure HUD of the Borrower's continued commitment to the development, management, and operation of the project, a minimum capital investment is required of Section 202 Borrowers of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the mortgage amount committed to be disbursed, not to exceed the amount of \$10,000. Section 106(b) loans made pursuant to section 106 of the Housing Act of 1968 may not be utilized to meet the minimum capital investment requirement. Such minimum capital investment shall be placed in escrow at the initial closing of the Section 202 loan and shall be held by HUD or other escrow agent acceptable to the field office for not less than a 3-year period from the date of initial occupancy and may be used for operating expenses or deficits as may be directed by the field office. Any unexpended balance remaining in the minimum capital investment account at the end of the escrow period shall be returned to the Borrower.

#### § 891.530 Prepayment privileges.

(a) The prepayment (whether in whole or in part) or the assignment or transfer of physical and financial assets of any Section 202 project is prohibited, unless the Secretary gives prior written approval.

(b) The Secretary may not grant approval unless he or she has determined that the prepayment or transfer of the