§ 280.10 NHOP assistance.

Recipients may only use assistance under this part to provide loans to families purchasing homes constructed or substantially rehabilitated in accordance with an approved program.

§ 280.15 Assistance under other HUD programs.

Except for assistance made available under the Community Development Block Grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), a recipient’s program is not eligible for assistance under other HUD assistance programs. Dwellings purchased under the program are eligible for mortgage insurance under section 203(b) (one- to four-family home mortgages), section 203(k) (rehabilitation of one- to four-family homes), section 221(d)(2) (low- and moderate-income families), section 234(c) (condominium mortgages), section 245(a) (graduated payment mortgages), and section 251 (adjustable rate mortgages) of the National Housing Act.

§ 280.20 Home quality.

(a) Generally. Except for manufactured homes, homes constructed or substantially rehabilitated under a program must comply with applicable local building code standards. (If no local building code standards are applicable, the homes must comply with a nationally recognized model building code (such as the CABO One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code) mutually agreed upon by the recipient and HUD). All such homes must also comply with the energy performance requirements contained in the minimum property standards under 24 CFR part 200, subpart S.

(b) Manufactured homes. Manufactured homes under a program must comply with the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards in 24 CFR part 3280; the installation, structural, and site requirements described in 24 CFR 203.43f; and the energy performance requirements of 24 CFR 200.926d(e).

§ 280.25 Other Federal requirements.

In addition to the requirements set forth in 24 CFR part 5, the following additional Federal requirements apply to this program:
(a) Nondiscrimination and equal opportunity. (1) The affirmative fair housing marketing requirements at 24 CFR part 200, subpart M, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 108.

(2) Racial and ethnic data collection requirements. Recipients must maintain current data on the race and ethnicity of program beneficiaries.

(b) Displacement and relocation assistance. (1) The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601) as amended by the Uniform Relocation Act Amendments of 1987, title IV of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100–17, approved April 2, 1987) (URA) and government-wide implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 set forth relocation assistance requirements that apply to the displacement of any person (family, individual, business, nonprofit organization or farm) as a direct result of acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition for a program assisted under this part.

(2) A displacement from the real property is covered by the URA if it occurs on or after the date that an application is submitted under this part and the application is later approved and funded, unless:

(i) The person has been evicted for cause based upon a serious or repeated violation of the material terms of the lease or occupancy agreement and HUD determines that the eviction was not undertaken for the purpose of evading the obligation to provide relocation assistance;

(ii) The person moved into the real property after the application was submitted, but received prior written notice of the expected displacement;

(iii) The person is an owner-occupant and has been informed that the real property will not be acquired for the program under the threat of eminent domain; or

(iv) The applicant (recipient) determines that the displacement did not occur as a direct result of the acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition, the person shall be eligible for relocation assistance as a displaced person.

(4) The applicant (recipient) may, at any time, request a HUD determination whether a displacement will be covered by the URA and the implementing regulations.

(5) A displaced person’s eligibility for relocation assistance is subject to the requirements in 49 CFR part 24.

(c) Flood insurance purchase requirements. Grants will not be provided to programs involving the acquisition or rehabilitation of a building located in an area that has been identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a special flood hazard area, unless: (1) the community in which the area is situated is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program in accordance with the regulations under that program (44 CFR parts 59 through 79); or (2) less than a year has passed since FEMA notification regarding such hazards. A recipient may not make a loan under this part involving buildings located in these areas unless flood insurance on the structure is obtained by the purchaser in compliance with section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

(d) Applicability of OMB Circulars. The policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular Nos. A–110 and A–122 apply to the acceptance and use of assistance by nonprofit organizations.


(f) Conflicts of interest. No person (1) who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected or appointed official of the recipient that receives assistance under the program and who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to activities under the program or


(2) Who is in a position to participate in a decisionmaking process of gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a personal or financial interest of benefit from the activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for him or herself or for those with whom he or she has family or business ties, during his or her tenure or for one year thereafter. The provisions of paragraph (e)(1) of this section do not prohibit a non-managerial and nonsupervisory employee who is otherwise eligible, from purchasing a home under this part.

(g) Audit. Recipients are subject to the audit requirements of OMB Circular A–133 (as set forth in 24 CFR part 45). HUD may perform or require further and additional audits as it finds necessary or appropriate.


(i) Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing wage rate determinations under the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a–276a–5) do not apply to the program.

§ 280.35 Minimum participation.

Except as provided in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, the recipient may not begin the construction or substantial rehabilitation of homes until 25 percent of the homes to be constructed or substantially rehabilitated under the program are contracted for sale to purchasers who intend to live in the homes and the downpayments required under §280.45(b) have been made.

(a) Recipients may submit a phasing plan to HUD for approval. The phasing plan may propose that the grantee begin construction or substantial rehabilitation on an individual phase of the program when 25 percent of the homes in the individual phase of the program have been pre-sold. Each phase for which approval is sought must contain at least 16 homes. Each submission must include documentation that the phasing plan has been approved by the unit of local government in which the homes are to be located.

(b) Recipients may construct and substantially rehabilitate homes for the purpose of display to potential homeowners. The maximum number of display homes is limited to five percent of the number of homes to be constructed or substantially rehabilitated under the program, or three homes, where the program involves less than 60 homes.

§ 280.40 Eligible purchasers.

(a) Income limitations. (1) Each family purchasing a home constructed or substantially rehabilitated under a program must have a family income on the date of purchase that does not exceed the following limitations:

(i) For programs located in a metropolitan statistical area, the family income may not exceed:

(A) The median family income for the metropolitan statistical area in which the program is located. At any time during the development of the program, the recipient may request HUD to modify this family income requirement. To obtain a modification, the recipient must submit a request by a unit of general local government in