

Office of the Secretary**[Docket No. FR 4108-D-03]****Delegation of Authority for the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice of delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: This notice delegates the authority to administer the Loan Guarantee Recovery Program, Authorized by the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996, from the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Johnston, Deputy Director, Financial Management Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Room 7180, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20410, (202) 708-1871. A TTY number is available for hearing/speech-impaired individuals at (202) 708-1455. This number may also be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399. FAX inquiries may be sent to Mr. Johnston at (202) 708-1798. Other than the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-155, 110 Stat. 1392, approved July 3, 1996, provides Federal, State and local law-enforcement agencies with additional means to address violent crimes against places of worship, strengthens the penalties for the commission of these crimes, and authorizes Federal assistance for rebuilding efforts. Section 4 of the Act, entitled "Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund," authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") to guarantee loans made by financial institutions to assist certain nonprofit organizations that have been damaged as a result of acts of arson or terrorism. The Act provides that the Secretary may use this guarantee authority to subsidize up to \$10 million in loan principal in accordance with such procedures as he may establish by regulation.

The present document delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development all power and authority granted by Section 4 of the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996. The authority delegated does not include the authority to sue or be sued. Additionally, by executing the present delegation of authority, the Secretary is

ratifying all actions taken by the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development on behalf of the Secretary, from September 5, 1996, through the date of the signature of this document, with respect to the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development all power and authority granted by Section 4 of the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996, entitled the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund, except as provided in Section B of this delegation of authority.

Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated under Section A does not include the power to sue and be sued.

Section C. Actions Ratified

The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development hereby ratifies all actions previously taken by the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, pursuant to this Act, from September 5, 1996, through the present date.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3535 (d).

Dated: October 8, 1996.

Henry G. Cisneros,

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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[Docket No. FR-4108-D-04]**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Redelegation of Authority for the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund****AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice of redelegation of authority.

SUMMARY: This notice redelegates the authority to administer the Loan Guarantee Recovery Program, authorized by the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996, from the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development

and to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs.

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Elsewhere in today's Federal Register, the Secretary transferred to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development the authority with respect to the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund. Thus, by this redelegation, the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development redelegates to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development and to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs all power and authority granted by Section 4 of the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996. The authority delegated does not include the authority to sue or be sued.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development redelegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development redelegates individually to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for