

specified housing, the Secretary shall enter into a contract with the eligible management entity.

**(2) Terms**

A contract under this subsection shall contain provisions establishing the rights and responsibilities of the manager with respect to the specified housing and the Secretary and shall be consistent with the requirements of this chapter applicable to public housing projects.

**(e) Compliance with public housing agency plan**

A manager of specified housing under this section shall comply with the approved public housing agency plan applicable to the housing and shall submit such information to the public housing agency from which management was transferred as may be necessary for such agency to prepare and update its public housing agency plan.

**(f) Demolition and disposition by manager**

A manager under this section may demolish or dispose of specified housing only if, and in the manner, provided for in the public housing agency plan for the agency transferring management of the housing.

**(g) Limitation on PHA liability**

A public housing agency that is not a manager for specified housing shall not be liable for any act or failure to act by a manager or resident council for the specified housing.

**(h) Definitions**

For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

**(1) Eligible management entity**

The term “eligible management entity” means, with respect to any public housing project, any of the following entities:

**(A) Nonprofit organization**

A public or private nonprofit organization, which may—

- (i) include a resident management corporation; and
- (ii) not include the public housing agency that owns or operates the project.

**(B) For-profit entity**

A for-profit entity that has demonstrated experience in providing low-income housing.

**(C) State or local government**

A State or local government, including an agency or instrumentality thereof.

**(D) Public housing agency**

A public housing agency (other than the public housing agency that owns or operates the project).

The term does not include a resident council.

**(2) Manager**

The term “manager” means any eligible management entity that has entered into a contract under this section with the Secretary for the management of specified housing.

**(3) Nonprofit**

The term “nonprofit” means, with respect to an organization, association, corporation, or

other entity, that no part of the net earnings of the entity inures to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor, or individual.

**(4) Private nonprofit organization**

The term “private nonprofit organization” means any private organization (including a State or locally chartered organization) that—

- (A) is incorporated under State or local law;
- (B) is nonprofit in character;
- (C) complies with standards of financial accountability acceptable to the Secretary; and
- (D) has among its purposes significant activities related to the provision of decent housing that is affordable to low-income families.

**(5) Public nonprofit organization**

The term “public nonprofit organization” means any public entity that is nonprofit in character.

**(6) Specified housing**

The term “specified housing” means a public housing project or projects, or a portion of a project or projects, for which the transfer of management is requested under this section. The term includes one or more contiguous buildings and an area of contiguous row houses, but in the case of a single building, the building shall be sufficiently separable from the remainder of the project of which it is part to make transfer of the management of the building feasible for purposes of this section.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, title I, §25, as added Pub. L. 105-276, title V, §534, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2579.)

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**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1437w, act Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, title I, §25, as added Pub. L. 102-550, title I, §121(b), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3701; amended Pub. L. 104-330, title V, §501(b)(10), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4042, known as the Choice in Public Housing Management Act of 1992, related to choice in public housing management, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-276, title V, §§503, 534, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2521, 2579, effective and applicable beginning upon Oct. 1, 1999, except as otherwise provided, with provision that Secretary may implement repeal before such date, and with savings provision.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective and applicable beginning upon Oct. 1, 1999, except as otherwise provided, with provision that Secretary may implement section before such date except to extent otherwise provided, see section 503 of Pub. L. 105-276, set out as an Effective Date of 1998 Amendment note under section 1437 of this title.

**§ 1437x. Environmental reviews**

**(a) In general**

**(1) Release of funds**

In order to assure that the policies of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.] and other provisions of law which further the purposes of such Act (as

specified in regulations issued by the Secretary) are most effectively implemented in connection with the expenditure of funds under this subchapter, and to assure to the public undiminished protection of the environment, the Secretary may, under such regulations, in lieu of the environmental protection procedures otherwise applicable, provide for the release of funds for projects or activities under this subchapter, as specified by the Secretary upon the request of a public housing agency under this section, if the State or unit of general local government, as designated by the Secretary in accordance with regulations, assumes all of the responsibilities for environmental review, decisionmaking, and action pursuant to such Act, and such other provisions of law as the regulations of the Secretary may specify, which would otherwise apply to the Secretary with respect to the release of funds.

**(2) Implementation**

The Secretary, after consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality, shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section. Such regulations shall specify the programs to be covered.

**(b) Procedure**

The Secretary shall approve the release of funds subject to the procedures authorized by this section only if, not less than 15 days prior to such approval and prior to any commitment of funds to such projects or activities, the public housing agency has submitted to the Secretary a request for such release accompanied by a certification of the State or unit of general local government which meets the requirements of subsection (c). The Secretary's approval of any such certification shall be deemed to satisfy the Secretary's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.] and such other provisions of law as the regulations of the Secretary specify insofar as those responsibilities relate to the release of funds which are covered by such certification.

**(c) Certification**

A certification under the procedures authorized by this section shall—

- (1) be in a form acceptable to the Secretary;
- (2) be executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of the State or unit of general local government who qualifies under regulations of the Secretary;
- (3) specify that the State or unit of general local government under this section has fully carried out its responsibilities as described under subsection (a); and
- (4) specify that the certifying officer—
  - (A) consents to assume the status of a responsible Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.] and each provision of law specified in regulations issued by the Secretary insofar as the provisions of such Act or other such provision of law apply pursuant to subsection (a); and
  - (B) is authorized and consents on behalf of the State or unit of general local government and himself or herself to accept the ju-

isdiction of the Federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of his or her responsibilities as such an official.

**(d) Approval by States**

In cases in which a unit of general local government carries out the responsibilities described in subsection (c), the Secretary may permit the State to perform those actions of the Secretary described in subsection (b) and the performance of such actions by the State, where permitted by the Secretary, shall be deemed to satisfy the Secretary's responsibilities referred to in the second sentence of subsection (b).

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, title I, §26, as added Pub. L. 103-233, title III, §305(b), Apr. 11, 1994, 108 Stat. 371; amended Pub. L. 104-330, title V, §501(b)(11), Oct. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 4042.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1), (b), and (c)(4)(A), is Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§4321 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4321 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsecs. (a)(1), (b). Pub. L. 104-330 struck out “(including an Indian housing authority)” after “public housing agency”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-330 effective Oct. 1, 1997, except as otherwise expressly provided, see section 107 of Pub. L. 104-330, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4101 of Title 25, Indians.

**§ 1437y. Provision of information to law enforcement and other agencies**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, at least 4 times annually and upon request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Service”), furnish the Service with the name and address of, and other identifying information on, any individual who the Secretary knows is not lawfully present in the United States, and shall ensure that each contract for assistance entered into under section 1437d or 1437f of this title with a public housing agency provides that the public housing agency shall furnish such information at such times with respect to any individual who the public housing agency knows is not lawfully present in the United States.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 896, title I, §27, as added Pub. L. 104-193, title IV, §404(d), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2267; amended Pub. L. 105-33, title V, §5564, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 639.)

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CODIFICATION

Another section 27 of act Sept. 1, 1937, was renumbered section 28, and is classified to section 1437z of this title.