

<b>Guide for Review of National Objective of Area Slums or Blight</b>			
<b>Name of Program Participant:</b>			
<b>Staff Consulted:</b>			
<b>Activity Name, Number and Brief Description:</b>			
<b>Name(s) of Reviewer(s)</b>		<b>Date</b>	

**NOTE:** All questions that address requirements contain the citation for the source of the requirement (statute, regulation, NOFA, or grant agreement). If the requirement is not met, HUD must make a finding of noncompliance. All other questions (questions that do not contain the citation for the requirement) do not address requirements, but are included to assist the reviewer in understanding the participant's program more fully and/or to identify issues that, if not properly addressed, could result in deficient performance. Negative conclusions to these questions may result in a "concern" being raised, but not a "**finding.**"

**Instructions:** Use this Exhibit for activities that are classified by the program participant as meeting the national objective of area slums or blight. One Exhibit is to be completed for each activity reviewed.

**Questions**

1.

a. When was the area designated as a slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating area? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(i) and 24 CFR 570.506(b)(8)(ii)]
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b. Does the program participant's file documentation identify the state or local law that contains the definition of a slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating area used to qualify the area? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(i) and §570.506(b)(8)(ii)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>	

2.

Do the program participant's files clearly describe the geographical boundaries of the designated area for the activity? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(iii) and 24 CFR 570.506(b)(8)(i)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>	

3.

a. Was the area qualified on the basis of deteriorated or deteriorating buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>	

<p>b. If “yes” to “a,” is there documentation showing that the area, at time of designation, had a substantial number of deteriorating or deteriorated buildings? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(ii) and the CDBG Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities, p. 3-38]</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	N/A
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<p>c. If the percentage of deteriorated or deteriorating buildings in the area was less than the proportion specified in the State law or 25 percent, how did the participant qualify the area on this basis?</p>
<p><b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b></p>

4.

<p>a. Was the area qualified on the basis of the condition of the public improvements (e.g., streets, sidewalks) in the area?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No
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<p>b. If “yes” to “a” above, is there documentation to show that the public improvements throughout the area were in a general state of deterioration? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(ii)]</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	N/A
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5.

Does the documentation show that the conditions in the area satisfy(ied) the state or local law requirements for a slum or blighted area at time of designation? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(i)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>  	

6.

[OS] If you inspected the area and program participant files, is there any evidence that would call into question that the area is, or was, slum/blighted at the time of designation? [24 CFR 570.208(b)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No N/A
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>  	

7.

a. Has the program participant funded, or does it intend to fund, residential buildings rehabilitated under the slum and blight area national objective? (If “no,” skip to question 9.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
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b. If the answer to 7.a. is “yes,” does the program participant have a local definition of “substandard” housing conditions? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(iv) and 24 CFR 570.506(b)(9)(i)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    No    N/A
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>   	

c. If the answer to 7.b. above is “yes,” <i>at a minimum</i> , does a property meeting the local definition of substandard also fail to meet the housing quality standards for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program at 24 CFR 882.109? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(iv)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    No    N/A
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>   	

8.

a. If the answer to “7.a.” above is “yes,” does a review of a sample of files show documentation, by structure, that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. how the building met the local definition of “substandard?”</li> <li>ii. a pre-rehabilitation inspection report describing all deficiencies in the structure to be rehabilitated?</li> <li>iii. details and scope of the CDBG-assisted rehabilitation?</li> <li>iv. information to show that the deficiencies making the unit substandard were eliminated prior to less critical work on the structure?</li> </ul> [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(iv) and 24 CFR 570.506(b)(9)(ii) and (iii)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    No    N/A
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9.

Did your inspection of the records validate the information contained in the Integrated Disbursements and Information System (IDIS) and/or the program participant's most recently completed Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the activity? [24 CFR 91.525(a)(3)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>  	

10.

Does the activity/do the activities assisted under this national objective address one or more of the conditions which contributed to the deterioration of the area? [24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)(iv)]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>  	

11.

a. If the CDBG regulations for the slums or blight area have been revised to become more stringent since time of designation by the program participant, did the program participant requalify the area?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes No N/A
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b. If any activities were assisted with CDBG funds after a stricter regulatory revision, did the activities meet the new requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Describe Basis for Conclusion:</b>	Yes	No	N/A