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# FY2021 NEW GRANTEE ORIENTATION

**Unit Eligibility** 

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## Unit Eligibility

### First things to look for

- √ Construction Year
- ✓ Unit Type
- ✓ Occupancy: child under 6 residing or spending significant time; pregnant woman.
- ✓ Resident Income Eligibility: At or below 80% median income
- ✓ Lead-Paint Hazards

# Determining Unit Eligibility

- ✓ Construction: Must be Pre-1978
  - check local Assessor or tax website
- ✓ Unit Type:
  - Single family (owner-Occupied or rental)
  - Multi-family
- ✓ Privately Owned Units Only- NO project based or public assisted units!
- ✓ Residents of owner-occupied and rental must meet income eligibility, and you must have income verification to document.
- ✓ Rentals made available to low-income families with children under 6.
- √ Vacant units must be marketed as lead safe, ideal for families with children under age 6.

## Determining Eligibility, cont'd

### Owner-Occupied:

- ✓ Must be primary residence of families with income at or below 80% Area Medium Income
- ✓ Not less than 90% of Owner-Occupied units assisted must be occupied by a child under age 6 includes visiting child who spends significant amount of time" which is defined as at least three hours per day on two separate days in a week (six hours per week total), and at least 60 hours total per calendar year.

# Determining Unit Eligibility

#### Rental:

- ✓ Tenants must meet income requirements:
  - At least 50% units must be less than 50% AMI
  - Remaining units must be less than 80% AMI
- ✓ Must remain affordable for a minimum of 3 years following the completion of lead abatement activities
- ✓ Marketed to families with a child under the age of six years, with preference given to these families- Program Responsibility to show this in contract and monitoring documents

#### Vacant:

- ✓ Must be marketed to low-income families with children under age 6 and remain affordable for 3 years
- ✓ Do not overload your unit production with vacant units

# Determining Unit Eligibility

### Occupancy:

- ✓ Occupied by a child under age 6
- ✓ Frequently visited by a child under age 6
- ✓ Pregnant woman
- ▼ The presence of a qualifying child at the time of assistance is not required in rental housing

Note: Zero Bedrooms are different they have their own policy!!

### Prioritization of Units

Prioritization of units should be clearly defined in your Policies & Procedures and Work Plan.

Priority should be given to units where:

- An EBL child resides
- A child under 6 years old is in residence
- A child under 6 years old spends a "significant amount of time" 3, or
- A pregnant woman resides

# Eligibility of Units for Assistance

Table Located in Policy Guidance PGI 2014-01

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### Zero Bedroom

- ✓ PGI 2017-03 0-Bedroom Pre 1978 Units with a child under 6
- ✓ Child under six must reside or expected to reside in the unit
- ✓ "Expected to reside" means actual knowledge of residency or expected residency (includes woman known to be pregnant. In cases of future move-in, a signed lease is required and must be part of the case file documents.)

# Income Eligibility

- ✓ Resident's must meet the guidelines of at or below 80% median income.
- ✓ Income of all occupants 18 years and older must be included.
- ✓ Use documentation required by the income eligibility method chosen by your program.
- ✓ Income must be re-verified if unit is not completed within 6 months initial application.
  - NOTE: GTR may consider extension requests based on PGI 2020-01 Pandemic-Related Income Verification Applicability Extension

### Lead Paint Hazards

If unit meets construction, occupancy, and income eligibility requirements, it must also have lead-based paint hazards identified through:

- ✓ A Tier II Environmental Review
- ✓ A <u>complete</u> Lead Inspection/Risk Assessment) LIRA which includes a lead paint inspection with XRF and a Risk Assessment identifying the lead paint hazards and providing suggested methods to eliminate the hazard either through abatement or interim controls.
  - NOTE: LIRA expires after 1 year and must be updated with new dust sampling.

### CASE EXAMPLE 1

Unit: Pre-1978, child with EBL, Household income over 80%: Can the unit receive grant funds for lead hazard control? No, even with a lead-poisoned child.

#### Possible Solution:

- ✓ Refer owner to HUD approved Housing Counselor to see if they qualify for a HUD 203K loan
- ✓ If in rural area, refer to local USDA Single Family Loan Program
- ✓ Suggest owner reapply if income changes
- Recommend the owner complete RRP training in the event they decide to do some of the work themselves.

## CASE EXAMPLE 2

Application approved 1/20/2021

Due to delay, hazard control work not scheduled to begin until 10/1/2021

Action Required: Income must be recertified.

Recertification shows unit is now over income. Can work proceed? No, Owner must meet income guidelines at time of assistance.

### RESOURCES

- **✓** NOFA
- ✓ PG 2017-03, Treatment of 0-Bedroom Pre-1978 Units
- ✓ PG 2014-01, Eligibility of Units for Assistance
- ✓ PG 2013-07, Income Verification Guidance
- ✓ PG 2013-05 Use of LHC funds in non-target housing and other prohibited activities
- ✓ PG 2012-02 Enrolling Previously Assisted Units