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### 2019 Program Manager School

# UNIT ELIGIBILITY Eileen Carroll







### **Unit Eligibility**

- 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 that
- Rentals must be occupied by or 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 Eligbiilty, cont'd

- Owner-Occupied:
- Must be primary residence of families with income at or below 80% area medium income
- ✓ Not less than 90% of the 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
- Must remain affordable for minimum 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

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

## Eligibility of Units for Assistance

#### PGI 2014-01 November 5, 2014

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| Occupant Type   | Income Level <sup>2</sup>  | Child Occupant <6 years old  |
| Renter  | 1. At least 50% units must be less than 50% AMI, and                             | <ol> <li>Not required at time of assistance</li> </ol>   |
|   | 2. Remaining units (<50%) must be less than 80% AMI                              | <ol><li>Property owner must give priority to families with child<br/>under 6 years old for at least 3 years.</li></ol> |
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| Multifamily Renter ( $\geq 5$ units in same property) | 1. 20% of total number of units in same building may exceed                      | 1. Not required at time of assistance  |
|   | 80% AMI  | 2. Property owner must give priority to families with child  |
|   | 2. Remaining units must meet renter income requirements above                    | e under 6 years old for at least 3 years.  |
| Owner (primary residence)                             | 100% of owner-occupied units must be occupied by families with less than 80% AMI | At least 90% of total number of owner-occupied units assisted     must have:   |
|   | icas mail co/o/with  | A child under 6 years old in residence, or   |
|   |  | A child under 6 years old spends a "significant amount of time" <sup>3</sup> or  |
|   |  | - A pregnant woman   |
|   |  | 2. Less than 10% of total number of units assisted may be  |
|   |  | occupied by families without a child   |
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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 18 years and older must be included.
- Use documentation required by the income eligibility method chosen by your program
- Income must be reverified if unit is not completed within 6 months initial application

### Lead Paint Hazards

- If unit meets construction, occupancy and income eligibility requirements, it must also have leadbased paint hazards identify:
- Complete a Tier II Environmental Review (Appendix A)
- Conduct a full 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.

### CASE EXAMPLE 1

- Case:
- ✓ Unit: Pre-1978, 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



### CASE EXAMPLE 2

- Application approved 1/20/2017
- Due to delay, hazard control work not scheduled to process until 10/1/2017
- 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

