

VII. DISPLACEMENT POLICY

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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The State will review and determine whether any subgrantee activity will cause temporary or permanent displacement as a result of the operation of its LCDBG program. If the State determines that an individual, family, or business will be permanently displaced as a result of any activity, then the locality will insure that reasonable benefits will be provided.

Reasonable benefits include but are not limited to:

- (1) counseling and referral services;
- (2) providing assistance in obtaining suitable living quarters/business location whether renting or purchasing;
- (3) provide some form of benefits for moving expenses consisting of the cost of the actual move or a fixed payment based on the number of rooms as allowed by the U. S. Department of Transportation's moving schedule.

In accordance with federal regulations, the State requires each recipient locality to prepare and implement a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan. That plan must include:

- (a) A requirement that all low/moderate income dwelling units that are demolished or converted to a use other than low/moderate income housing as a direct result of the use of LCDBG assistance will be replaced and
- (b) A relocation assistance component.

Substandard but economically repairable units that have been demolished or converted must be replaced under this provision, but more seriously deteriorated units need not be replaced. A sample guide to follow when preparing this plan is attached.

Guide for Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance
Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community
Development Act of 1974, as Amended.

The (jurisdiction) will replace all occupied and vacant (but suitable for occupancy) low/moderate income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate income housing as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, as described in 24 CFR 570.606(b)(1). The contact person for antidisplacement in (jurisdiction) is _____ who can be reached at (address and telephone number).

All replacement housing will be provided within three years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion. Before obligating or expending funds that will directly result in such demolition or conversion, the (jurisdiction) will make public and submit to the State the following information in writing:

1. A description of the proposed assisted activity;
2. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
3. A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
4. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
5. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units; and
6. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a low/moderate income dwelling unit for at least ten years from the date of initial occupancy.

The (jurisdiction) will provide relocation assistance, as described in 570.606(b)(2), to each low/moderate income household permanently displaced by the demolition of housing or by the conversion of a low/moderate income dwelling to another use as a direct result of assisted activities.

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, the (jurisdiction) will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes.

1. All public facilities projects (water, sewer, gas, et cetera) will be designed so that there will be no permanent displacement of any residences or businesses;
2. No homes will be demolished that can be rehabilitated;
3. There will be no permanent displacement of any residential or business occupants on LCDBG projects.