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I. Introduction

This FHLBank Policy, governed by the board of directors (board), sets forth the provisions of the 2016 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) Implementation Plan (Plan) for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka (FHLBank). FHLBank’s board is required to adopt, after consultation with its Affordable Housing Advisory Council (Advisory Council), a written Plan as set forth in 12 C.F.R. Part 1291—Federal Home Loan Banks’ Affordable Housing Program (Regulations). The board shall not amend the Plan without first consulting its Advisory Council, which shall provide recommendations of amendments to the board for consideration. The board shall not delegate to FHLBank officers or other FHLBank employees the responsibility to consult with the Advisory Council prior to adopting or amending the Plan. FHLBank shall notify the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) of any amendments made to its Plan within 30 days after the date of adoption. FHLBank shall publish its current Plan on its website and any amendments made thereto within 30 days after the amendments are adopted. While the Plan includes information pertaining to FHLBank’s AHP, it is not intended to be a comprehensive statement of all AHP policies and procedures. In the event of a conflict between the Plan and the Regulations, the Regulations shall govern.

II. Overview

A. Purpose. The purpose of this Plan is to set forth the policy and provisions of the AHP for FHLBank as required by the Regulations. This Plan shall serve to establish requirements for AHP, which includes the Homeownership Set-aside Program (HSP).

B. Scope. This Plan provides the framework and guidance for managing FHLBank’s AHP.

C. Applicable Statutory and Regulatory Provisions. Applicable provisions of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Act) and the Regulations supersede this Plan, and any actions taken hereunder shall be consistent with such provisions.

D. Defined Terms. Terms used within this Plan and in all applicable AHP agreements, AHP forms, AHP applications and on FHLBank’s website related to the AHP shall have the meanings as set forth in Exhibit D.

E. Affordable Housing Advisory Council. Per 12 C.F.R. §1291.4, FHLBank’s board shall appoint an Advisory Council of 7 to 15 members. These members shall reside in FHLBank’s District and shall be drawn from the community and not-for-profit organizations that are actively involved in providing or promoting low-and moderate-income housing and community lending in FHLBank’s District.

1. FHLBank shall solicit nominations for membership on the Advisory Council from the community and not-for-profit organizations.

2. The board shall appoint Advisory Council members from a diverse range of organizations so that representatives of no one group constitute an undue proportion of the membership of the Advisory Council, giving consideration to the size of FHLBank’s District and the diversity of low-and moderate-income housing and community lending needs and activities within FHLBank’s District.

3. Advisory Council members shall be appointed to serve a three-year term with term limitations of three full consecutive terms, which shall be staggered to provide continuity in experience and service to the Advisory Council (except that Advisory Council members may be appointed to serve for terms of one or two years solely for purposes of reconfiguring the staggering of the three-year terms). An Advisory Council member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

4. The Advisory Council shall elect from among its members a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and any other officers the Advisory Council deems appropriate.
5. The Advisory Council shall meet quarterly with the FHLBank board Housing and Governance Committee (HGC) to provide advice regarding how to carry out the housing finance and community lending mission of FHLBank, including, but not limited to, advice on the low- and moderate-income housing and community lending programs and needs in FHLBank’s District, and on the use of AHP subsidies, FHLBank advances, and other FHLBank credit products for these purposes.

6. The Advisory Council’s advice shall include recommendations on:
   a. The amount of AHP subsidies to be allocated to FHLBank’s competitive program and HSP;
   b. The Plan and any subsequent amendments thereto;
   c. The scoring criteria, related definitions, and any additional optional FHLBank District eligibility requirements for the competitive program; and
   d. The eligibility requirements and any priority criteria for the HSP.

7. Prior to adoption, the Advisory Council shall review the Plan and any subsequent amendments thereto, and provide its recommendations to the HGC.

8. The Advisory Council annually shall submit to the FHFA by May 1 its analysis of the low- and moderate-income housing and community lending activity of FHLBank. Within 30 days after the date the analysis is submitted to the FHFA, FHLBank shall publish the analysis on its publicly available website.

F. Housing and Governance Committee (HGC). The HGC shall provide primary review and oversight of all activities regarding FHLBank’s housing initiatives. Among other responsibilities, the HGC is charged with advising the board with respect to the following:

   1. FHLBank’s AHP Plan;
   2. Competitive awards;
   3. Advisory Council Charter; and
   4. Advisory Council appointments.

III. Affordable Housing Program

A. Program Summary. The AHP is a special program that helps members provide financing for owner-occupied and rental housing that is affordable to very low-income (VLI), low- and moderate-income households through the use of subsidized advances and direct subsidies. Each year, FHLBank shall allocate the greater of (1) ten percent of its net earnings from the prior year, or (2) FHLBank’s pro rata share of an aggregate of $100 million to be contributed in total by all Federal Home Loan Banks, such proration being made on the basis of the net earnings of all the Federal Home Loan Banks for the prior year (except that the required annual AHP contribution for FHLBank shall not exceed its net earnings in the prior year) to award in AHP subsidies.

B. Allocation of Contribution. FHLBank, after consultation with its Advisory Council and pursuant to the Plan, shall allocate its annual required AHP contribution as follows:

   1. FHLBank shall allocate that portion of its annual required AHP contribution that is not set aside to fund HSP, to provide funds to members through a competitive program.
   2. FHLBank may accelerate to its current year’s Program from future annual required AHP contributions an amount up to the greater of $5 million or 20 percent of its annual required AHP contribution for the current year. FHLBank may credit the amount of the accelerated contribution against required AHP contributions pursuant to the Regulations over one or more of the subsequent five years.
C. Funding Period and Application Process. FHLBank shall offer one competitive program funding period in 2016. The 2016 application period shall begin March 7, 2016, and end April 15, 2016. All applicants shall be notified regarding the final status, either approved or denied, of application no later than October 1, 2016.

D. Eligible Applicants. FHLBank shall accept applications for AHP subsidy only from institutions that are members of FHLBank at the time the application is submitted.

E. Applications. Complete applications must be submitted through FHLBank’s online application system utilizing FHLBank’s current forms and instructions by midnight, Topeka, Kansas time on April 15, 2016. All signature pages, accompanying exhibits, and other documentation must be received by FHLBank by 5 p.m., Topeka, Kansas time on April 18, 2016.

IV. AHP Minimum Eligibility Requirements

A. Maximum Funding Per Project and Per Unit. The maximum 2016 AHP subsidy per project is $500,000. Each AHP project is limited to a maximum AHP subsidy of $30,000 per AHP eligible unit. Multiple applications representing the same project, as determined in FHLBank’s sole discretion, will be deemed a single project regardless of the year or years in which the applications were submitted and/or awarded and limited to receiving the maximum project subsidy and subsidy per unit allowable in the year of the original award.

B. Eligible Projects. FHLBank shall determine whether the application involves projects or activities meeting either of the two broad purposes of the Program for which the AHP subsidy shall be used exclusively, as identified below:

1. Owner-occupied Projects. The purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of an owner-occupied project where 100 percent of the units in the project are for VLI or low- or moderate-income households. Status as VLI or low- or moderate-income household shall be determined for owner-occupied units using 26 U.S.C. §143(f) (Mortgage Revenue Bonds) as published by a State agency or instrumentality, or HUD and adjusted for household size. An eligible household must have an income meeting the income targeting commitments in the approved AHP application at the time it is qualified by the member or project sponsor for participating in the project. A project combining owner-occupied rehabilitation with owner purchase is not allowed.

2. Rental Projects. The purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of a rental project, where at least 20 percent of the units in the project are occupied by and affordable for VLI households. Status as VLI shall be determined for rental projects using HUD AMI limits and adjusted for household size. An eligible household must have an income meeting the income targeting commitments in the approved AHP application at the time the application for AHP subsidy is submitted to FHLBank for approval.

C. Need for Subsidy. A project’s estimated sources of funds, including AHP subsidy, must equal its estimated uses of funds, as reflected in the project’s development budget. The difference between a project’s sources of funds (net the AHP subsidy) and uses of funds is the project’s funding gap, which shall not exceed the maximum funding per project.

1. Sources of Funds. The project’s estimated sources of funds include conventional financing, funds from other agencies, and donations. It may include the estimated market value of in-kind donations and voluntary professional labor or services (excluding the value of sweat equity), provided that the project’s uses of funds also includes or excludes, respectively, the value of such estimates.
a. A project’s cash sources of funds include: all cash contributions from the project sponsor or project owner, other cash sources, and estimates of funds a project sponsor or project owner intends to obtain but which have not yet been committed to the project.

b. In owner-occupied projects where the project sponsor provides permanent financing, the project sponsor’s cash contribution must include the present value of the buyer’s payments including cash down payments, plus the present value of any purchase note the project sponsor holds on the unit. If the note carries a market interest rate commensurate with the credit quality of the buyer, the present value of the note equals the face value of the note. If the note carries an interest rate below the market rate, the present value of the note shall be determined using the market rate to discount the cash flows.

c. In owner-occupied purchase projects, the homebuyer must contribute a minimum $500 down payment or other costs paid outside of closing of at least $500. Participation in USDA direct loans, USDA Self-Help, Habitat for Humanity, or other mutual self-help housing programs supported by documented sweat equity may be substituted for the $500 down payment. Homeowners who receive AHP subsidy for owner-occupied rehabilitation projects are not required to provide a down payment.

d. FHLBank shall determine if a project’s sources, as reflected in the sources of funds on the development budget, are reasonable.

2. **Uses of Funds.** The project’s estimated uses of funds are the actual outlay of cash needed to pay for materials, labor and acquisitions or other costs of completing the project. If the sources of funds included the estimated market value of in-kind donations and voluntary professional labor or services (excluding the value of sweat equity), they must also be included in the uses of funds.

   a. Cash costs do not include in-kind donations, voluntary professional labor or services or sweat equity.

   b. FHLBank shall determine if a project’s costs, as reflected in the uses of funds on the development budget, are reasonable.

3. **FHLBank’s Review of Need for Subsidy.** A project may not need the AHP subsidy even if the project has demonstrated feasibility. FHLBank may, in its sole discretion, determine that certain development costs (e.g., ineligible LIHTC basis finance costs) are not eligible for funding.

   a. FHLBank shall deny funds to an application, even if the application’s score was high enough to be funded, if FHLBank, in its sole discretion, determines that the project does not meet FHLBank’s established feasibility guidelines, the project does not demonstrate a need for AHP subsidy, or proposed costs are not reasonable and customary in light of industry standards for the location of the project and the long-term financial needs of the project.

   b. A project should not be complete as evidenced by having a certificate of occupancy or other indications of completion, as determined by FHLBank in its sole discretion, prior to the date of board approval of the project’s application.

   c. Any request for additional AHP subsidy for a previously awarded project must be made through a modification request. Requests for additional subsidy must be justified and not for the sole purpose of increased fees to the developer. Total subsidy for the project cannot exceed the maximum subsidy per project allowed at the time of application. Maximum subsidy per unit cannot exceed the maximum subsidy per unit allowed at the time of application, if applicable.

   d. FHLBank may request an independent third-party review of any aspect of a project’s feasibility to be completed at the expense of the project sponsor or project owner.
4. **Subsidy Allowable/Changes.** Based on the evaluation of feasibility and the project’s funding gap, FHLBank shall estimate the amount of AHP subsidy allowable for the project at the time of application based upon the project’s estimated sources/uses of funds. This determination is made solely at FHLBank’s discretion and is not a representation as to the actual funding gap or feasibility of the project. The amount of allowable AHP subsidy may change during the project’s life as actual development costs, mortgage amounts, tax credits and other funding source allocations become available. If there are changes in sources/uses of funds or other material changes that would decrease the project’s need for AHP subsidy, FHLBank shall adjust the amount of approved AHP subsidy or, if already disbursed, recapture the appropriate amount of the AHP subsidy.

D. **Project Costs.** In determining the reasonableness of the project’s total cost, FHLBank shall take into consideration the geographic location of the project, development conditions, and other non-financial household or project characteristics, in accordance with the Project Cost Guidelines identified in Exhibit A.

1. **Reasonableness of Fees.** FHLBank has established limits for fees that may be charged in competitive projects. For purposes of determining the reasonableness of a developer’s fee as a percentage of development costs, FHLBank will include estimates of the market value of in-kind donations and volunteer professional labor or services (excluding sweat equity value) committed to the project as part of the total development costs.

2. **Cost of Property and Services Provided by a Member Institution.** The purchase price of a property or services, as reflected in the project’s development budget, sold to the project by a member providing AHP subsidy to the project, or, in the case of property, upon which such member holds a mortgage or lien, cannot exceed the market value of such property or services as of the date the purchase price was established. In the case of real estate owned property sold to a project by a member providing AHP subsidy to the project, or property sold to the project upon which the member holds a mortgage or lien, the market value of such property is deemed to be the “as-is” or “as-rehabilitated” value of the property, whichever is appropriate. The value shall be determined by an independent appraisal of the property performed by a state-certified or licensed appraiser, as defined in 12 C.F.R. §564.2(j), (k), within six months prior to the date of the disbursement of the AHP subsidy.

3. **Acquisition Costs of Rental Projects.** If the proposed project budget includes the acquisition of vacant land and/or existing buildings, documentation of the proposed acquisition costs is required at the time of the AHP application submission; such documentation must be attached as an applicable exhibit. Acceptable documentation of acquisition costs consists of an executed purchase agreement, executed settlement statement, executed option to purchase, or other documentation acceptable to FHLBank.

E. **Reasonable Financing Costs.** The rate of interest, points, fees, and any other charges for all loans made in conjunction with the AHP direct subsidy shall not exceed guidelines for interest, points, fees, and other charges for loans of similar maturity, terms, and risk. (See Exhibit A and Exhibit B).

F. **Project Feasibility.** FHLBank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to regard an application as infeasible and therefore ineligible if it appears unlikely that debt or equity funds identified in the sources of funds will be obtained in a timely manner. (See Exhibit B).

1. **Developmental Feasibility.** The project must be likely to be completed and occupied, based on relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the project’s development budget, operating pro forma statement (rental projects only), market analysis and the project sponsor’s experience in
providing the requested assistance to households. FHLBank evaluates a project’s readiness to proceed and its capacity to finish. (See Exhibit B.)

a. The status of debt and equity sources will be assessed at the time of feasibility analysis. Projects without firm debt and equity commitments may be regarded as infeasible for the applicable AHP funding period.

b. FHLBank in its sole discretion may recommend approval of an AHP application for which additional documentation (including but not limited to cost reasonableness data, or Low-income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) awards) is required in order to demonstrate cost reasonableness or feasibility. The additional documentation must be provided by the end of the calendar year in which the AHP application was approved. If such documentation is not provided in the prescribed time frame, the award will be deobligated and offered to a qualified alternate or, if no alternates are available, returned to the AHP fund.

c. The property and buildings associated with the application must be owned, leased, subject to a commitment to purchase or subject to a commitment for a long term lease.

2. Operational Feasibility of Rental Projects. A rental project must be feasible, i.e., able to operate in a financially sound manner as projected in the project’s operating pro forma statement. (See Exhibit B.)

a. The pro forma is used to evaluate the project’s likelihood to operate as committed through the retention period. The pro forma is located in the Rental Feasibility Workbook. Guidelines are provided for operating costs, annual reserve contributions, income and expense escalators, reasonable vacancy rates, debt coverage ratio and fees. (See Exhibit B.)

b. Rental acquisition projects shall provide three years of operating or income statements that demonstrate the validity of all assumptions provided in the pro forma.

c. Projects that rely on donations for the support of the operating pro forma must be able to demonstrate it has a track record of raising the funds necessary to support the project.

d. FHLBank, at its sole discretion, may request the project to demonstrate the ability to cover any operating shortfalls. The member, project sponsor, or project owner must establish that a market exists for the units, as proposed, and that a significant number of potential homebuyers or potential tenants exist in the marketplace for those units.

G. Previous Experience with the Member, Project Sponsor, or Project Owner.

1. A project sponsor must be qualified and able to perform its responsibilities as committed to in the application for AHP subsidy funding of the project.

2. Members, project sponsors or project owners with previous experience must have a demonstrated ability to provide timely monitoring information and to complete projects on a timely basis. FHLBank reviews performance on past AHP projects as an indication of performance on new applications.

3. Members, project sponsors or project owners with no previous experience must provide information as required in the application exhibits sufficient to demonstrate qualifications and abilities.
H. Timing of AHP Subsidy Use. Within 12 months of the date of AHP application approval, one of the following must be submitted by the project:

- For rental projects, the project must submit a disbursement request for a minimum of 10 percent of the subsidy awarded, or, provide documentation establishing that AHP subsidy was used to procure financing commitments that were not approved at the time of AHP application.
- For owner-occupied projects, the project must submit a minimum of one disbursement request.

In its sole discretion, FHLBank may determine that the subsidy request is insufficient to demonstrate project start (See Exhibit B). FHLBank may extend the project start date for one six-month period, provided that reasonable progress is being made in obtaining funding or toward completion of the project (See Exhibit B). All requests for disbursement of AHP subsidy must be submitted within 42 months from project approval date. The project must be completed with all requested funds disbursed no later than 48 months from project approval date.

I. Counseling Costs. AHP funds may be used to pay for counseling costs only where: 1) such costs are incurred in connection with counseling of homebuyers who actually purchase an AHP-assisted unit; and 2) the cost of the counseling has not been covered by another funding source, including the member.

J. Cash Back to Household. A household may not receive cash back at closing. Any AHP direct subsidy that exceeds what is needed to address closing costs and the approved mortgage amount shall be applied as a credit to reduce the principal of the mortgage loan or as a credit toward the household’s monthly payment on the mortgage loan.

K. Reimbursement to Household. Households may be reimbursed only for eligible rehabilitation expenses paid outside of closing for which there is supporting documentation. FHLBank, in its sole discretion, will determine the eligibility of items paid outside of closing.

L. Occupancy. Non-occupying co-borrowers and co-owners are not permitted. At least one occupant of the house or residence must be of legal age to enter into an enforceable contract.

M. Refinancing. A project may use AHP subsidies to refinance an existing single-family or multifamily mortgage loan, provided that the refinancing produces equity proceeds and such equity proceeds up to the amount of the AHP subsidy in the project shall be used only for purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of housing units meeting the eligibility requirements of the Regulations. AHP funds cannot be used to refinance existing projects in cases where no equity is taken out of the project and the refinancing results in a lower debt service cost for the project, as such use of AHP subsidy would not result in the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of projects that meet the AHP criteria.

N. Retention.

1. Owner-occupied projects shall be subject to agreements ensuring retention for five years (60 months) from a) the date of the closing as evidenced by the closing disclosure for purchase projects, and b) the date of the AHP retention document or deed, or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism for rehabilitation projects. FHLBank or its designee shall be given notice of any sale or refinancing of the unit occurring prior to the end of the retention period. If a unit is sold or refinanced before the end of the retention period, an amount equal to a pro rata share of the AHP subsidy that financed the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of the unit, reduced for every month beginning the month following the date of the AHP mortgage attached to the seller owned unit, shall be repaid to FHLBank from any net gain realized upon the sale or refinancing, unless (1) the unit was
assisted with a permanent mortgage loan funded by an AHP subsidized advance; (2) the unit is sold to a VLI, low-, or moderate-income household, or proxy for such household; or (3) following a refinancing, the unit continues to be subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism.

2. Rental projects shall have agreements ensuring retention for 15 years (180 months) from the project completion date. The rental units must remain occupied by and affordable to households with incomes at or below the income commitments. FHLBank or its designee is to be given notice of any sale or refinancing of the unit occurring prior to the end of the retention period. If the project or any portion thereof is sold or refinanced before the end of the retention period, an amount equal to the full amount of the AHP subsidy shall be repaid to FHLBank, unless the project continues to be subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism incorporating the income-eligibility and affordability restrictions committed to in the AHP application for the duration of the retention period.

O. **Project Sponsor and Project Owner Qualifications.** A project sponsor and/or project owner (if applicable) must be qualified and able to perform its responsibilities as committed to in the application for AHP subsidy and as determined by FHLBank in its sole discretion. If the project sponsor or project owner is not qualified and able to perform its responsibilities, such project sponsor or project owner will not be eligible to participate in AHP, and any pending applications will be deemed ineligible to participate in AHP. An application with a project sponsor or project owner determined by FHLBank, in its sole discretion, to be of insufficient capacity may be subject to an adjustment in scoring, the number of units requested, or to the requested subsidy.

P. **Affirmative Fair Housing.** The project as proposed and as approved must, and the member, project sponsor and project owner must agree to comply with all federal and state laws on fair housing and housing accessibility including but not limited to: Fair Housing Act, the Architectural Barriers Act of 1969, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The member, project sponsor and project owner must demonstrate how the project will be affirmatively marketed to promote fair housing in the community.

Q. **Calculating Subsidy to Reduce Interest Rate.**

1. **Lender Loans.** When AHP funds are used to write down the interest rate on a loan, extended by a member, project sponsor, or other party to a project, the net present value of the interest foregone from making the loan below the lender’s market interest rate shall be calculated as of the date of the AHP application submission and subject to adjustment as provided by Regulations.

2. **Subsidized Advances.** When an AHP subsidized advance is provided to a project, the net present value of the interest revenue foregone from making a subsidized advance at a rate below FHLBank’s cost of funds shall be determined as of the earlier of the date of disbursement of the subsidized advance, or the date prior to distribution on which FHLBank obtains the funding to support the subsidized advance through its asset/liability management system, or otherwise.

R. **Prohibited Uses of AHP Subsidies.** AHP subsidies may not be used to pay for any of the following:

1. FHLBank prepayment fees imposed on a member for a prepaid subsidized advance unless:
   a. The project is in financial distress that cannot be remedied through a project modification pursuant to 12 C.F.R §1291.5(f) of the Regulations and as set forth in this Plan;
   b. The prepayment of the subsidized advance is necessary to retain the project’s affordability and income targeting commitments;
c. Subsequent to such prepayment, the project shall continue to comply with all original terms of the AHP application and all applicable Regulations for the duration of the original retention period;

d. Any unused AHP subsidy is returned to FHLBank and made available for other AHP projects;

e. The amount of subsidy used for the prepayment fee may not exceed the amount of the member’s prepayment fee on the subsidized advance to FHLBank.

2. Processing fees charged by members for providing AHP subsidies to the project.

S. Site Visits. FHLBank, in its sole discretion, may perform site visits, access the property and review project tenant and financial information.

V. AHP Application Scoring. Applications submitted to FHLBank for AHP funding consideration are scored based upon specific criteria (See Exhibit C). Applications shall be scored based only on the information provided in the application and obtained during the follow-up process initiated by FHLBank.

VI. AHP Agreements.

A. Agreements between FHLBank and Members. FHLBank shall have in place with each member receiving an AHP subsidized advance or AHP direct subsidy an agreement or agreements containing, at a minimum, the following provisions, where applicable:

1. Notification of Member. The member has been duly notified (notification may be made via letter delivered by U.S. Postal Service, a fax sent from FHLBank, linked announcement on FHLBank’s website or an email sent by FHLBank) of the requirements of the Regulations, as they may be amended from time to time, and all FHLBank policies relevant to the member’s approved application for AHP subsidy.

2. AHP Subsidy Pass-Through. The member receiving the AHP subsidy shall pass on the full amount of the AHP subsidy to the project or household, as applicable, for which the subsidy was approved.

3. Use of AHP Subsidy.

a. Use of Subsidy by Member. The member shall use the AHP subsidy in accordance with the terms of the member’s approved application for the subsidy and the requirements of the Regulations.

b. Use of AHP Subsidy by the Project Sponsor or Project Owner. The member shall have in place an agreement with each project sponsor or project owner and FHLBank in which the project sponsor or project owner agrees to use and repay the AHP subsidy in accordance with the terms of the member’s approved application for the subsidy and the requirements of the Regulations. This agreement shall contain a provision stating that if the project sponsor or project owner is found in noncompliance, the project sponsor or project owner shall repay AHP subsidies to the member or FHLBank in accordance with the Regulations.

4. Repayment of AHP Subsidies in Case of Noncompliance.

a. In the instance of noncompliance by a member, the member shall repay AHP subsidies to FHLBank in accordance with the Regulations.

b. The member shall have in place an agreement with each project sponsor and in the case of rental projects also the project owner, in which the project sponsor, and project owner if applicable, agrees to repay AHP subsidies to the member or FHLBank in accordance with the Regulations.
5. Monitoring.
   a. The member shall comply with the monitoring requirements applicable to the member as established by FHLBank in this Plan pursuant to the Regulations.
   b. The member shall have in place an agreement with each project sponsor and in the case of rental projects also the project owner, in which the project sponsor, and project owner if applicable, agrees to comply with the monitoring requirements applicable to such parties as established by FHLBank in its monitoring policies pursuant to Regulations.

6. Transfer of AHP obligations.
   a. The member shall make best efforts to transfer its obligations under the approved application for AHP subsidy to another member in the event of its loss of membership in FHLBank prior to FHLBank’s final disbursement of AHP subsidies; or
   b. If, after final disbursement of AHP subsidies to the member, the member undergoes an acquisition or a consolidation resulting in a successor organization that is not a member of FHLBank, the nonmember successor organization assumes the member’s obligations under its approved application for AHP subsidy, and where the member received an AHP subsidized advance, the nonmember assumes such obligations until prepayment or orderly liquidation by the nonmember of the subsidized advance.

7. Deed Restriction - Owner-occupied Projects. The member shall ensure that an AHP-assisted owner-occupied unit is subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism requiring that:
   a. FHLBank or its designee is to be given notice of any sale or refinancing of the unit occurring prior to the end of the retention period;
   b. In the case of a sale or refinancing of the unit prior to the end of the retention period, an amount equal to a pro rata share of the AHP subsidy that financed the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of the unit, shall be repaid to FHLBank from any net gain realized upon the sale or refinancing, reduced for every month beginning the month following the date of the AHP mortgage attached to the seller owned unit, unless:
      • The unit was assisted with a permanent mortgage loan funded by an AHP-subsidized advance;
      • The unit is sold to a VLI, low-, or moderate-income household, or proxy for such household; or
      • Following a refinancing, the unit continues to be subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism described in this section.
   c. In the case of a direct subsidy, such repayment of the AHP subsidy shall be made to FHLBank, if FHLBank has not authorized re-use of the repaid AHP subsidy or has authorized re-use of the repaid subsidy but not retention of such repaid subsidy by the member or project sponsor pursuant to the Regulations, or has authorized retention and re-use of such repaid subsidy by the member or project sponsor pursuant to such section and the repaid subsidy is not re-used in accordance with the requirements of FHLBank and such section.
   d. The obligation to repay AHP subsidy to FHLBank shall terminate after any foreclosure, deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, assignment to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the death of the homeowner.
   e. Compliance with these provisions must be maintained through the retention period.
8. **Deed Restriction - Rental Projects.** Before disbursement, the member shall ensure that an AHP-assisted rental project is subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism requiring that:

- The project’s rental units, or applicable portion thereof, must remain occupied by and affordable for households with incomes at or below the levels committed to be served in the approved AHP application for the duration of the retention period;
- FHLBank or its designee be given notice of any sale or refinancing of the project occurring prior to the end of the retention period;
- In the case of a sale or refinancing of the project prior to the end of the retention period, the full amount of the AHP subsidy received by the project owner shall be repaid to FHLBank, unless:
  - The project continues to be subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism incorporating the income-eligibility and affordability restrictions committed to in the approved AHP application for the duration of the retention period; or
  - If authorized by FHLBank, in its discretion, the households are relocated, due to the exercise of eminent domain, or for expansion of housing or services, to another property that is made subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism incorporating the income-eligibility and affordability restrictions committed to in the approved AHP application for the remainder of the retention period.
- The income eligibility and affordability restrictions applicable to the project shall terminate after any foreclosure; and
- Compliance with these provisions must be maintained through the retention period.

9. **Final Closing Documents for Owner-occupied Projects.** Member must submit to FHLBank an original or facsimiled copy of the recorded deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism as required by FHLBank, final signed settlement statement, if applicable, and other documentation requested by FHLBank within 90 days of AHP funds disbursement to the member. Failure to provide such documentation may result in suspension of disbursements, recapture of funds or exclusion from participation in the AHP.

10. **Lending of AHP Direct Subsidy.** If a member, project sponsor, or project owner lends AHP direct subsidy to a project, any repayments of principal and payment of interest received by the member, project sponsor, or project owner must be paid within a reasonable amount of time to FHLBank.

11. **Special Provision – For Subsidized Advances.**

    - The term of the AHP-subsidized advance shall be no longer than the term of the member’s loan to the project funded by the advance, and at least once in every 12-month period, the member shall be scheduled to make a principal repayment to FHLBank equal to the amount scheduled to be repaid to the member on its loan to the project in that period.
    - Upon a prepayment of an AHP subsidized advance, FHLBank shall charge a prepayment fee only to the extent FHLBank suffers an economic loss from the prepayments.
    - If all or a portion of the loan or loans financed by an AHP subsidized advance are prepaid by the project to the member, the member may, at its option, either:
      - Repay to FHLBank that portion of the advance used to make the loan or loans to the project, and be subject to a fee imposed by FHLBank sufficient to compensate
FHLBank for any economic loss FHLBank experiences in reinvesting the repaid amount at a rate of return below the cost of funds originally used by FHLBank to calculate the interest rate subsidy incorporated in the advance; or

- Continue to maintain the advance outstanding, subject to FHLBank resetting the interest rate on that portion of the advance used to make the loan or loans to the project to a rate equal to the cost of funds originally used by FHLBank to calculate the interest rate subsidy incorporated in the advance.

B. Agreements between FHLBank and Project Sponsor or Project Owner. FHLBank shall have in place an agreement with each project sponsor, and in the case of rental projects also the project owner, in which the project sponsor and/or project owner agrees to repay AHP subsidies directly to FHLBank in accordance with the Regulations.

VII. AHP Processes

A. AHP Funding Procedures.

1. Project Approval. FHLBank’s board shall approve AHP applications beginning with the highest scoring application until the total funding amount available is exhausted (except for any amount insufficient to fund the next highest scoring application). The board shall also approve the next six highest scoring applications as alternates. FHLBank may fund an approved alternate within one year of approval if any previously committed AHP subsidies become available. Alternates must provide updated feasibility information, if requested, at the time AHP funding is offered.

2. Agreements. A written agreement must be fully executed among FHLBank, the member, project sponsor and project owner, as applicable, for each approved AHP project.

3. Modifications. If there are changes to a project, the project sponsor (owner projects) and project owner (rental projects), as applicable, must submit a written modification request signed by the member including an explanation of good cause for the modification. FHLBank may approve/deny the request based upon but not limited to the following: the project meets regulatory eligibility requirements including project feasibility; the revised score is high enough to have been approved in the funding period in which it was originally scored and approved; and there is good cause for the modification. Good cause shall be determined by FHLBank, in its sole discretion. Modifications involving an increase in AHP subsidy must be approved or denied by FHLBank’s board.

4. Disbursements. Prior to each disbursement, FHLBank shall verify FHLBank membership and that a project meets AHP eligibility requirements, including all commitments relative to the status and type of the project.

   a. All AHP funds for a project must be requested within 42 months and all requested funds must be disbursed no later than 48 months from the date of FHLBank’s board approval of the AHP project.

   b. All disbursed funds for owner-occupied projects must be drawn down and used for eligible households within 60 days after the funds have been deposited in the member’s DDA.

   c. All disbursed funds for rental projects must be transferred to the project within 60 days after the funds have been deposited in the member’s DDA.

   d. Owner occupied disbursement requests must be submitted no later than 90 days following the closing of the purchase for all closings occurring on or after January 1, 2014.

   e. Owner occupied rehabilitation disbursements will fund on a reimbursement basis. The disbursement request requires two parts: part one will include a review of income documentation, an analysis of the cost reasonableness of the proposed repairs and
notification of the project that the request is eligible; and part two will include disbursement of the funds pending receipt of an inspection report provided by a third party inspector and receipt of the final, signed, recorded Real Estate Retention Agreement, and completed Final Cost Certification.

f. Repayment of other debt is not allowed as part of an owner-occupied home purchase.
g. Each disbursement funded must meet FHLBank’s feasibility guidelines in effect as stated in the AHP IP at the time the disbursement request is received by FHLBank.

5. Loss of FHLBank Membership. If a member with an approved AHP subsidy loses its FHLBank membership, FHLBank can transfer the AHP subsidy to another FHLBank member to whom the institution has transferred its obligation under the approved AHP application or a member of another Federal Home Loan Bank who has assumed the obligations of the former member. Otherwise, any non-disbursed AHP funds shall be retained and de-obligated by FHLBank.

6. Subsidies for Write Down of Loan Principal or Rate. If a decrease in the principal amount or market interest rates causes the AHP subsidy needed to maintain the debt service cost for the loan to decrease from the amount of subsidy initially approved, FHLBank shall reduce the AHP subsidy amount accordingly and the amount of the reduction shall be repaid to FHLBank and added to the AHP fund for appropriate utilization.

B. AHP Monitoring—General Information.

1. Back-up and Other Project Documentation. Project sponsor and project owner shall maintain and provide for FHLBank’s review, back-up project documentation regarding household income and rents and other documentation, which in FHLBank’s sole discretion, is deemed necessary to support the certification submitted by the project sponsor or project owner.

2. This back-up documentation shall be made available for FHLBank review upon request. FHLBank may elect to use a risk-based sampling plan to review documentation, but FHLBank shall not use a sampling plan to select the projects to be monitored.

3. Project Progress—Prior to Project Completion. At least semi-annually, the member, project sponsor and project owner, as applicable, must provide reports to FHLBank indicating whether reasonable progress is being made toward project completion, in compliance with the commitments made in the approved AHP application, the Plan, and the Regulations.

4. Annual Adjustment of Income Targeting Commitments. To determine compliance with income targeting commitments made for both initial and long-term monitoring purposes, such commitments shall be adjusted annually to reflect the most current applicable AMI.

C. AHP Initial Monitoring.

1. Post Project Completion. Within one year after the date FHLBank is notified of project completion, the member (for owner-occupied projects) or the project owner (for rental projects), must provide documentation to support the following:
   - Satisfactory progress is being made toward occupancy by eligible households;
   - AHP subsidy was used for eligible purposes according to the commitments made in the executed AHP agreement;
   - Household incomes comply with the income targeting commitments made in the executed AHP agreement;
   - For rental projects, household rents must comply with rent commitments made in the executed AHP agreement;
• Project’s actual costs were reasonable in accordance with FHLBank’s Project Cost Guidelines (See Exhibit A);
• AHP subsidy was necessary for project completion as currently structured;
• Services and activities committed to in the executed AHP agreement have been provided in connection with the project; and
• Each AHP-assisted unit is subject to AHP retention agreements as required by Regulations.

2. Project Certification of Compliance Review. Within 18 months of the date FHLBank is notified of project completion: 1) FHLBank shall conduct a review of the project commitments and requirements; 2) FHLBank will request a certification of compliance from the member or project owner, as applicable; 3) FHLBank will notify the member or project owner of receipt of certification. This notification is acknowledgement of receipt of certification only and does not indicate compliance with the AHP Plan or Regulations.

D. AHP Long-Term Monitoring.

1. Exemption of Long-Term Monitoring for Certain Rental Projects. For completed AHP rental projects that have been allocated LIHTCs, FHLBank shall rely solely on the monitoring performed by the state-designated housing tax credit agency administering the LIHTCs of the income targeting and rent requirements applicable under the LIHTC program. FHLBank shall not obtain and review reports from such agency or otherwise monitor these projects’ long-term AHP compliance.

2. Long-Term Monitoring of All Other Rental Projects.
   a. In the second year after project completion date and annually thereafter through the retention period, the project owner must certify to FHLBank that tenants’ rents and incomes are in compliance with the current targeting and affordability commitments. FHLBank will review the certification provided by the project owner.
   b. FHLBank shall request and review back-up documentation regarding household incomes and rents and other project documentation as follows:
      • For projects receiving $100,001 - $250,000 in AHP subsidy, FHLBank shall review project documentation for a sample of a project’s units every six years;
      • For projects receiving $250,001 - $500,000 in AHP subsidy, FHLBank shall review project documentation for a sample of the project’s units every four years.
      • For projects receiving more than $500,000 in AHP subsidy, FHLBank shall review project documentation for a sample of the project’s units every two years.
   c. FHLBank, in its sole discretion, may perform site visits, access the property and review project tenant and financial information.
   d. FHLBank, in its sole discretion, may monitor projects more frequently.

E. Signature on Compliance and Monitoring Certifications. Certifications submitted to FHLBank shall be signed by the member, or for rental projects, the project owner.

F. Reuse of Repaid AHP Direct Subsidies in Same Project. AHP direct subsidy, including any interest, repaid to a member or project sponsor must be repaid by such parties to FHLBank within a reasonable amount of time as determined by FHLBank, but not exceeding 30 calendar days. Retention by a member or project sponsor or project owner of repaid AHP direct subsidies for subsequent re-use is prohibited by FHLBank.
G. Noncompliance Remedial Actions.

1. **Recovery of AHP funding.** FHLBank shall recover the amount of an AHP subsidy, plus interest when deemed appropriate, not used in compliance with project commitments, if the noncompliance occurs as a result of the actions or omissions of the member, the project sponsor or the project owner or if the project is in noncompliance with Regulations. If the member causes the subsidy to be misused the member shall repay the subsidy to FHLBank. If the project sponsor or project owner causes the subsidy to be misused, at the direction of FHLBank, either the member shall recover the subsidy and repay it to FHLBank or the project sponsor or project owner shall repay directly to FHLBank. All recovered funds shall be made available for other AHP eligible projects. FHLBank shall reimburse the AHP fund for misuse or noncompliance with Regulations caused by FHLBank.

2. **Settlements.** In its sole discretion, FHLBank may settle a claim for AHP subsidies for less than the amount due from either the member, project sponsor or project owner.

3. **Non-recovery of AHP funding.** Recovery is not required if:
   a. The member, project sponsor or project owner cures the noncompliance and provides appropriate documentation of the cure within the timeframe established by FHLBank;
   b. The circumstances of noncompliance are eliminated through an FHLBank-approved modification of the terms of the executed AHP Agreement; or
   c. The member is unable to collect the AHP subsidy after making reasonable efforts to collect it (i.e. producing documents related to collection efforts or producing legal documentation of foreclosure or other legal means that prevent collection, acceptable at FHLBank’s sole discretion on a case-by-case basis).

4. **Monitoring.** Projects that are not in compliance may be subject to additional monitoring.

5. **Disbursement or AHP Participation Restriction.** If FHLBank determines the member, project sponsor or project owner is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the AHP Agreement or AHP regulations, FHLBank in its sole discretion may withhold disbursement of AHP funds and deem the member, project sponsor or project owner ineligible to participate in the AHP.

6. **Suspension and Debarment.** FHLBank may suspend or debar a member, project sponsor or project owner from AHP participation if such party shows a pattern of noncompliance or engages in a single instance of flagrant noncompliance, with the terms of an executed agreement for AHP subsidy or the requirement of the Regulations. Final determination of suspension or debarment shall be made by the CEO of FHLBank.

VIII. **Disposition of AHP Subsidies.** AHP subsidies recaptured, repaid, or de-obligated, including any interest received, shall be made available by FHLBank in the current AHP funding year as follows:

   A. Funds that have been recaptured or de-obligated within one year from project approval, and when an eligible alternate project is available, will be used to fund alternate projects in descending order provided the alternate project was designated by the board within the previous 12 months;
   
   B. Funds recaptured from an owner-occupied project prior to its physical completion may be returned to the project at FHLBank’s sole discretion;
   
   C. Funds not utilized by alternates, or which cannot be returned to an owner-occupied project as described above, will be reallocated to the current year’s AHP; and
   
   D. Funds are available for modifications to previously awarded AHP subsidies subject to availability and the approval of FHLBank’s Board of Directors.
Funds not reserved or awarded at the end of the calendar year will be rolled forward into the next year’s AHP.

IX. Homeownership Set-aside Program.

A. Program Summary. HSP provides down payment and closing cost, or funding for repairs related to the transaction for first-time homebuyers earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI for households purchasing or constructing homes in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska or Oklahoma. HSP funding is provided on a reimbursement basis to eligible members, after closing. A minimum of $4.5 million shall be allocated to HSP.

B. Eligible Members. HSP Registration Agreements, HSP Funds Reservation, and HSP Disbursement Requests will only be accepted from eligible members of FHLBank at the time the applicable document is submitted.

C. Member Registration. Members must register to participate by submitting an HSP Registration Agreement. HSP Registration Agreements will be accepted after they are made available on FHLBank’s website, but not prior to, January 1, 2016.

D. Funding Period. Reservations will be accepted March 7, 2016 through November 14, 2016. Disbursement requests will be accepted through December 5, 2016. Funds not disbursed in 2016 shall be reallocated to the current year’s AHP.

E. Member Limit. HSP funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis of $25,000 per member per month beginning March 7, 2016. Members may access the current month’s limit plus the unused portion of previous months’ limits if funds are available. FHLBank will evaluate funds remaining after July 1, 2016 and determine whether to continue, discontinue or change the member limit. Any change in member limits will be announced to members. Members are neither allocated nor guaranteed $25,000 per month.

F. Maximum Grant Amount. The maximum subsidy per household is $5,000.

G. Minimum Eligibility Requirements.

1. First-Time Homebuyer. Homebuyer must be a First-Time Homebuyer, as defined in Exhibit D.

2. Occupancy. Non-occupying co-borrowers and co-owners are not permitted.

3. Income Eligibility.

   a. Eligible Households - Income Eligibility Guidelines. The maximum household income must be at or below 80 percent of applicable AMI at the time the household is accepted for enrollment by the member in FHLBank’s HSP. The household’s enrollment date is the date the reservation is received by FHLBank.

   b. Income Calculation - The income calculation is pursuant to FHLBank’s Income Calculation Guidelines, as described on FHLBank’s website. Income must be documented for all household members age 18 or over, whether or not shown as borrowers for the purpose of other financing.

4. Minimum Down Payment. The homeowner must contribute a minimum $500 down payment or other costs paid outside of closing of at least $500. Participation in USDA direct loans, USDA Self-Help, Habitat for Humanity, or other mutual self-help housing programs supported by documented sweat equity may be substituted for the $500 down payment.

5. Cash Back to Household. A household may not receive cash back at closing. Any AHP direct subsidy that exceeds what is needed to address closing costs and the approved mortgage amount shall be applied as a credit to reduce the principal of the mortgage loan or as a credit toward the household’s monthly payment on the mortgage loan.
6. **Reimbursement to Household.** Households may be reimbursed only for eligible repair expenses paid outside of closing for which there is supporting documentation. FHLBank, in its sole discretion, will determine the eligibility of items paid outside of closing.

7. **Financing Costs.** Rate of interest, points, fees, and other charges for all loans made for the project in conjunction with the AHP subsidy shall not exceed a reasonable market rate of interest, points, fees, and other charges for loans of similar maturity, terms and risk. (See Exhibit B.)

8. **Cost of Property and Services Provided by a Member Institution.** In the case of real estate owned by a member and sold to a household or in the case of property sold to the household upon which the member holds a mortgage or lien, the member may provide HSP subsidy to the household, as long as the market value of such property is deemed to be the “as-is” or “as-rehabilitated” value of the property, whichever is appropriate. The value must have been determined by an independent appraisal of the property performed by a state-certified or licensed appraiser, as defined in 12 C.F.R. §564.2(j), (k), within six months before the date of the disbursement of the HSP subsidy.

9. **Homebuyer Education Requirement.** Recipients must complete a homebuyer education program provided by, or based on one provided by, an organization recognized as experienced in homebuyer education. FHLBank designates organizations to approve homebuyer education providers.

10. **Prohibited Use of HSP Subsidy.** The HSP subsidy may be used to pay for counseling costs (homebuyer education) only where the costs are incurred in connection with counseling of homebuyers who actually purchase an HSP-assisted unit and the cost of the counseling has not been covered by another funding source.

11. **Use of Subsidy.** Households must agree to use the HSP subsidies to pay for down payment, closing cost, counseling (homebuyer education), or repairs in connection with the household’s purchase of a home, including a condominium or cooperative housing unit or manufactured housing, to be used as the household’s primary residence.
   a. Eligible repairs include correction of deferred maintenance and/or replacement of principal fixtures and components of existing buildings including, but not limited to: accessibility improvements, roof repair or replacement, electrical repair, plumbing repair, mechanical repair or replacement, foundation or other structural repair, exterior siding replacement or paint, window and door replacement, floor coverings, and wall repair and paint.
   b. Ineligible repair expenses include payment to the homeowner for repair labor.
   c. Repayment of other debt is not allowed as part of the home purchase.

12. **Retention Period.** Households must agree to a five-year retention period.

**H. Other Guidelines.**

1. **HSP subsidies may not be used for home purchases closed prior to FHLBank approval of household income or prior to the HSP funding period.**

2. **HSP subsidies may not be combined with other AHP assistance for any single household, unless the unit was assisted with a permanent mortgage loan funded by an AHP subsidized advance.**

3. **Members shall not charge processing fees for providing HSP subsidies to a household.**
4. The member shall make best efforts to transfer its obligations under the approved application for HSP subsidy to another member in the event of its loss of membership in FHLBank prior to FHLBank’s final disbursement of HSP subsidies.

I. HSP Funding Procedures.

1. Reservation of HSP Subsidy. To reserve funds for a prospective homebuyer, a member must submit the HSP Funds Reservation Form, Income Calculation Worksheet, and income documentation as specified in the Income Calculation Guidelines to FHLBank. FHLBank shall notify the member when the HSP reservation has been approved.

2. Disbursement Request. FHLBank must receive, and shall review the documentation required per the disbursement request form. HSP funds must be disbursed to the member by December 31, 2016.

3. Retention Agreements. The member shall ensure that the unit is subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism requiring:
   a. FHLBank or its designee be given notice of any sale or refinancing of the unit occurring prior to the end of the retention period;
   b. In the case of a sale or refinancing of the unit prior to the end of the retention period, an amount equal to a pro rata share of the HSP subsidy, reduced by a pro rata amount of every month the homebuyer owned the unit, shall be repaid to FHLBank from any net gain realized upon the sale or refinancing, unless:
      i. The unit is sold to a VLI, low-, or moderate-income household or proxy for such household; or
      ii. Following a refinancing, the unit continues to be subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism described in this section.
   c. The obligation to repay HSP subsidy to FHLBank shall terminate after any foreclosure, deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, assignment to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the death of the homeowner.
   d. Member must submit to FHLBank an original or facsimiled copy of the recorded deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism noted above, and other documentation requested by FHLBank in order to receive an HSP funds disbursement.
   e. Failure to provide such documentation may result in suspension of disbursements, recapture of funds or exclusion from participation in the HSP and AHP programs.

4. Cancelling Reservation or Disbursement Request. A member may cancel reservations or disbursement requests without penalty by notifying the Housing and Community Development department of FHLBank in writing, via fax or email.

5. Repayment of Subsidy.
   a. If the property is sold before the end of the retention period, a pro rata share of the subsidy calculated to the nearest whole month must be repaid from any net gain unless the unit is sold to a VLI, low-, or moderate-income household, or proxy for such household. The amount of subsidy subject to repayment declines 1/60th each month for 60 consecutive months and is then forgiven.
   b. In the case of refinancing before the end of the retention period, an amount equal to a pro rata share of the direct subsidy that financed the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of
the unit, reduced 1/60th each month for every month the occupying household has owned
the unit shall be repaid to FHLBank from any net gain unless the unit continues to be subject
to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism
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c. The obligation to repay HSP subsidy to FHLBank shall terminate after any foreclosure, deed-
in-lieu of foreclosure, assignment to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development, or the death of the homeowner.

J. HSP Monitoring. FHLBank shall use a sampling plan to select the households subject to a review of
back up documentation of household income. FHLBank shall monitor compliance with all other HSP
requirements including HSP eligibility requirements and member certifications for each household
prior to disbursement.

X. Incorporation of Laws and Regulations.
The requirements of Section 10(j) of the Act (12 U.S.C. §1430(j)) and the provisions of the Regulations are
incorporated into all agreements between FHLBank, members, project sponsors and project owners, as
applicable, receiving AHP subsidies under the competitive application program, and between FHLBank and
members under the HSP. No amendment to the Regulations shall affect the legality of actions taken prior
to the effective date of such amendment.

XI. Conflict of Interest Policy.
FHLBank’s Code of Ethics, which is available on FHLBank’s website, addresses conflicts of interest involving
FHLBank directors, employees and Advisory Council members in regards to the AHP.

XII. Minority and Women Inclusion.
FHLBank’s Minority and Women Inclusion Policy, which is available on FHLBank’s website, provides
guidance regarding the principles of non-discrimination and the inclusion of minorities, women, and
individuals with disabilities, and minority-, women-, and disabled-owned businesses in FHLBank’s business
activities.

XIII. Policy Review.
This Plan shall be reviewed annually and revised as needed by the Director of HCD. Any such revisions shall
be approved by the Policy Oversight Group, submitted to the Advisory Council for review and its
recommendations and then submitted for review and approval by the HGC and the board.

XIV. Exhibits
A. Exhibit A – Project Cost Guidelines
B. Exhibit B – Project Eligibility, Feasibility and Progress Milestone Guidelines
C. Exhibit C – Scoring Criteria- Point Determinations
D. Exhibit D – Definitions
EXHIBIT A: PROJECT COST GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to assist in the evaluation of the feasibility of AHP-assisted projects and the need for the amount of AHP subsidy requested or approved for the project. If warranted by special circumstances, these standards may be waived by FHLBank, in its sole discretion. Any exceptions to these guidelines shall be documented as part of the feasibility review process at the time the application is reviewed, at disbursement and after the project is completed, and duly reported to FHLBank’s board.

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ITEM | AHP Competitive Owner-Occupied Project Costs Guidelines (Targets are Maximums)
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1. DEVELOPER FEE |  
   a. New Construction | The developer fee for a newly constructed house where the developer is the sponsor and the purchaser is not identified prior to construction (speculative construction) shall not exceed 15% of total construction costs, land costs and site costs per unit.  
   b. Purchase | No developer fee is permitted.  
   c. Rehabilitation | The aggregate fee for nonprofit processing and developer fee shall not exceed $500, unless the non-profit sponsor and the developer are different entities, in which case each can receive a fee not to exceed $500.  
2. CONSTRUCTION COSTS |  
   (Habitat for Humanity, New Construction projects and Owner-occupied Rehabilitation projects) | FHLBank will use data established by RS Means Company or other industry construction data to determine whether costs appear reasonable.
### EXHIBIT B: PROJECT ELIGIBILITY, FEASIBILITY AND COMPETITIVE PROGRAM PROGRESS MILESTONE GUIDELINES

These guidelines are established pursuant to the provisions of the Regulations and contain reasonable parameters for feasibility. These guidelines are intended to assist in the evaluation of the feasibility of AHP-assisted projects and the need for the amount of AHP subsidy requested or approved for the project. If warranted by special circumstances, these standards may be waived by FHLBank, in its sole discretion. Any exceptions to these guidelines shall be documented as part of the feasibility review process at the time the application is reviewed, at disbursement and after the project is completed, and duly reported to FHLBank’s board.

1. **AHP Competitive RENTAL**

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<td>a. Vacancy Rate/Bad Debt</td>
<td>Up to and including 7% of gross rent revenue.</td>
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| b. Management Fee | Maximum 15% of net rent for 20 units or less.  
Maximum of 10% of net rent for less than 50 but greater than 20 units.  
Maximum of 5% for net rent for more than 50 units. |
| c. Operating Costs | Between $3,200 and $5,000 per unit per year without reserves and including real estate taxes or within operating costs approved per Section 8 operating agreement or equivalent requirement. |
| d. Replacement Reserves | Minimum $250 and Maximum $500/unit per year. |
| e. Debt Coverage Ratio | 1.05 to 1.50 |
| f. Projects with Little or No Debt | For projects with little or no debt (i.e., less than 3% of total development costs), a minimum ratio of operating expenses plus replacement reserves over effective gross income must not exceed 100% in any year or drop below 85% in any year. |
| g. Income and expense annual increase | Pro forma projections of income and expense must use projected annual increase of 2% income and 3% expenses. |
2. **AHP Competitive OWNER-OCCUPIED**

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| a. Mortgage Term                                         | Maximum mortgage term is forty (40) years.  
Minimum mortgage term is five (5) years.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| b. Mortgage Rate                                          | First mortgage: A maximum of 200 basis points over the conventional mortgage interest rate published in the Wall Street Journal in the first week of each calendar quarter.  
Second mortgage: A maximum of 400 basis points over the conventional mortgage interest rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first week of each calendar quarter. |
| c. Homebuyer / Homeownership Education Fee                | The fee for homebuyer / homeownership education shall not exceed $500 per unit.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| d. Lender fees at closing                                 | Lender fees paid by buyer and seller combined including origination fee shall not exceed 4.0 percent of loan amount.  
Loan discount fees paid by buyer and seller combined shall not exceed 2.5 percent of the loan amount. (Note: These are separate requirements and cannot be combined into a single 6.5 percent limit on fees.) |
| e. Front ratio                                            | A front ratio (defined as principal, interest, property taxes, property insurance, other housing-related fees [e.g., homeowners’ association fees, flood insurance], and private mortgage insurance, etc.) shall not exceed 38 percent of gross monthly income. Front ratio does not apply to owner-occupied rehabilitation subsidies. |
| f. Nonprofit sponsor fee                                  | The fee for nonprofit sponsor shall not exceed $500 per unit.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| g. Construction Costs                                    | Construction costs: FHLBank will use data established by RS Means Company or other industry construction data to determine whether costs appear reasonable.                                                                                       |
| h. Minimum down payment for Owner-occupied Purchase Projects | The homebuyer must contribute a minimum $500 down payment or other costs paid outside of closing of at least $500. Participation in USDA direct loans, USDA Self-Help, Habitat for Humanity, or other mutual self-help housing programs supported by documented sweat equity may be substituted for the $500 down payment. Homeowners who receive AHP subsidy for owner occupied rehabilitation projects are not required to provide a down payment. |
3. Homeownership Set-aside Program

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Competitive Program Progress Milestones Guidelines

Progress milestones such as those listed below are used by HCD to quantify a project’s readiness to proceed at application, judge the merit of a project’s extension request, and in evaluating the status of a project at disbursement and monitoring.

Application Milestones
Applicants should be in the process of, or have completed, these activities at the time of application (or have completed such other objective as agreed to by FHLBank and the project):

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<td>• All funding source applications submitted</td>
<td>• Needs Assessment completed</td>
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<td>• Site purchase agreement in place</td>
<td>• Scope of project defined</td>
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<td>• Market Study or Market Needs Assessment completed</td>
<td>• Preliminary cost estimates developed</td>
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<td>• Scope of work and construction specifications defined</td>
<td>• Other funding sources identified</td>
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Project Start and Extension Milestones
To demonstrate project start, within 12 months of the date of AHP application approval: a rental project must submit a disbursement request for at least 10 percent of the subsidy awarded or provide documentation establishing that AHP subsidy was used to procure a financing commitment that was not approved at the time of the AHP application.; an owner-occupied project must submit a minimum of one disbursement request.

One six-month extension may be granted, in FHLBank’s sole discretion, to this 12-month period. Written requests for extension will be considered if some or all of the following have been completed (or if such other objective has been completed as agreed to by FHLBank and the project):

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<td>• All funding source applications approved</td>
<td>• Buyers/owners selected for 10% of total AHP units</td>
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<td>• Architectural and/or other specifications completed</td>
<td>• Project Marketing started</td>
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<td>• Contractor selection completed</td>
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<td>• Zoning change approved</td>
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<td>• Building permits obtained</td>
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<td>• Construction financing closing</td>
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<td>• Environmental review process completed</td>
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Disbursements and Project Progress Milestones

At the time of a disbursement request or a project progress review (semi-annual report), a project must demonstrate a continuing need for subsidy and continued eligibility, as well as progress toward one or more of the following (or progress toward such other objective as agreed to by FHLBank and the project):

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<td>• Other funding source applications approved</td>
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<td>• Site acquisition</td>
<td>• Commitments are progressing with each disbursement</td>
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<td>• Construction/Rehab started</td>
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<td>• Evidence of project marketing</td>
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Monitoring Milestones

At the time of initial monitoring, a project must demonstrate the following have occurred:

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<td>• Construction/Rehabilitation completed</td>
<td>• All commitments are fulfilled at project completion.</td>
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<td>• Project occupancy is adequate for monitoring</td>
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<td>• Financial reports are available</td>
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<td>• Commitments have been fulfilled</td>
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EXHIBIT C: SCORING CRITERIA – POINT DETERMINATIONS

Regulations require FHLBank to allocate 100 points among the nine scoring criteria listed below. Each applicant receives points based on their satisfaction of the nine scoring criteria. Applications are recommended for funding in descending order of score until the total amount of funds available is exhausted.

In the event of a tied score between two or more applications when the funds are sufficient to satisfy the funding requests of all of the tied applications, the tied projects will be ranked highest to lowest according to the scores awarded in one or more of the following scoring criteria, until the scores differentiated and the AHP funds are exhausted, in this order: Subsidy Per Unit, Targeting, First District Priority - Special Needs, and Second District Priority – Rural.

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1. **Use of Donated or Conveyed Government-owned or Other Properties (Variable: 5 points maximum).**

   To be considered donated property, the land or units must be donated at no or a de minimis cost to the project, excluding transfer or closing costs.

   Creation of rental or owner-occupied housing using a significant proportion of land or units donated or conveyed by the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof will be awarded 1 point.

   **Rental:** Points will be awarded to applications which have 20 percent of land or units fully donated by an unrelated third party to the project.

   | Donation made within five years of current AHP application deadline. | 5 points |
   | Donation made more than five years from the current AHP application deadline. | 2.5 points |

   **Owner-occupied:** Points will be awarded to applications which have a minimum of 20 percent of land/lots or units that are fully donated by an unrelated third party to the project.

   | Donation made within five years of current AHP application deadline. | 5 points |
   | Donation made more than five years from the current AHP application deadline. | 2.5 points |
2. **Sponsorship by a Not-for-Profit Organization or Government Entity (Fixed: 7.5 points maximum).** This criterion includes project sponsorship by a not-for-profit organization that is also tax exempt as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, a state or political subdivision of a state, a state housing agency, a local housing authority, a Native American Tribe, an Alaskan Native Village, or the government entity for Native Hawaiian Home Lands. Sponsorship can also include a not-for-profit organization that owns a for-profit entity that is the general partner in the partnership that owns an AHP-eligible rental project.

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<td>2.5 points will be awarded if the not-for-profit or government sponsor meets one of the following criteria:</td>
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<td>- has an ownership interest of at least 10% in the ownership entity, or</td>
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<th>Owner-occupied</th>
<th>Full points will be awarded if the not-for-profit or government sponsor is integrally involved by:</th>
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<td>- by exercising control over the planning, development, or management of the project, or</td>
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<td>- by qualifying borrowers and providing or arranging financing for the owners of the units.</td>
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3. **Targeting (Variable: 20 points maximum)**

Targeting reflects the extent to which a project creates housing for very low-, low-, or moderate-income households. Projects are awarded points based on a declining scale with projects having the highest percentage of units targeted to households with the lower percentage of AMI awarded the highest number of points. The number of points awarded is calculated based on the number of units targeted within each of the income targeting categories. Each category is weighted with a value of 20, 18, 16, or 0. The weightings and income categories are:

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<td>20</td>
<td>Less than or equal to fifty percent (50%) of AMI</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Greater than fifty percent (50%) of AMI but less than or equal to sixty percent (60%) of AMI</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Greater than sixty percent (60%) of AMI but less than or equal to eighty percent (80%) of AMI</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>Greater than eighty percent (80%) of AMI (market-rate units)</td>
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a. **Owner–occupied projects.** All owner-occupied units must be targeted to households at or below 80 percent of AMI. Points will be awarded as follows:

Points Awarded = \[20 \times (\text{\% of Units} \leq 50\% \text{ of AMI}) + 18 \times (\text{\% of Units} > 50\% \text{ of AMI} \leq 60\% \text{ of AMI}) + 16 \times (\text{\% of Units} > 60\% \text{ of AMI} \leq 80\% \text{ of AMI})\].

Using the formula as depicted above, an application with 30% of the units targeted to households with incomes at or below 50 percent of AMI, 30 percent of the units targeted for households greater than 50 percent (50%) of AMI but less than or equal to 60 percent (60%) of AMI and 40 percent to households greater than 60 percent (60%) of AMI but less than or equal to 80 percent
(80%) of AMI would receive 17.8 points, computed as follows: 
\[20 \times 30\% + 18 \times 30\% + 16 \times 40\% = 17.8\].

b. **Rental projects.** A minimum of 20 percent of the units must be reserved for units at or below 50 percent of the AMI to be eligible for scoring.

- 20 points shall be awarded to projects with 60 percent or more of the units in the project reserved for occupancy by households with incomes at or below 50 percent of the AMI.
- For projects with at least 20 percent of the units and less than 60 percent of the units reserved for occupancy by households with incomes at or below 50 percent of the AMI, the points shall be awarded as follows:

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\text{Points Awarded} = 20 \times (\% \text{ of Units } \leq 50\% \text{ of AMI}) + 18 \times (\% \text{ of Units } > 50\% \text{ but } \leq 60\% \text{ of AMI}) + 16 \times (\% \text{ of Units } > 60\% \text{ but } \leq 80\% \text{ of AMI}) + 0 \times (\% \text{ of Units } > 80\% \text{ of AMI}).
\]

Using the formula as depicted above, an application with 20 percent (20%) of the units targeted to households with incomes at or below 50 percent (50%) of AMI, 40 percent (40%) of the units targeted for households greater than 50 percent (50%) of AMI but less than or equal to 60 percent (60%) of AMI, 39 percent (39%) to households greater than 60 percent (60%) of AMI but less than or equal to 80 percent (80%) of AMI, and one percent (1%) of the units targeted to households exceeding 80 percent (80%) of AMI would receive 17.44 points, computed as follows:

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\text{Points Awarded} = 20 \times 20\% + 18 \times 40\% + 16 \times 39\% + 0 \times 1\% = 17.44.
\]

**NOTE:** A manager’s or caretaker’s unit cannot receive AHP funding unless it is income restricted according to the application targeting. If the manager’s or caretaker’s unit shall not be income restricted, the unit shall be excluded from the total number of AHP-assisted units in the project.

4. **Housing for Homeless Households (Variable: 5 points maximum).**

This criterion includes the financing of housing, excluding overnight shelters, reserving at least 20 percent of the units for homeless households, the creation of transitional housing for homeless households permitting a minimum of six months occupancy, or the creation of permanent owner-occupied housing reserving at least 20 percent of units for homeless households. A project must reserve units for occupancy by homeless households, not merely market to homeless persons or give priority to the homeless for waiting list purposes.

Points awarded are based upon the percentage of units in the project meeting the AHP definition for homeless household units. The calculation is as follows: (units reserved for homeless households/total AHP units = percent of units reserved for homeless). Points are distributed utilizing the following ranges:

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<td>&lt;20% Homeless Units</td>
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**For example:** A project reserving 40 percent of units for homeless households would receive 3.75 points.
5. **Promotion of Empowerment (Variable: 7.5 points maximum).**

This criterion includes the provision of housing in combination with program offerings such as homebuyer/homeownership counseling; tenant counseling; assistance to find or sustain employment; financial education; formal education courses; or other services that assist residents to move toward better economic opportunities. Project programs or services that promote residents’ quality of life or personal well being but not their economic betterment do not qualify.

Points will be awarded over ranges based on the number of empowerment commitments made in the application as follows:

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<td>7.5 points</td>
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a. **Owner-occupied projects.** Points are awarded based on the following:

- Commitments to participation in (minimum of 50 percent of units):
  - Sweat equity programs;
  - Homebuyer/homeownership counseling.

- Commitments to make available to AHP-assisted households any of the following:
  - Assistance to find or sustain employment and/or job training
  - Financial Education and/or credit counseling;
  - Formal Education courses (general equivalency diploma (GED), English as a second language (ESL), literacy);
  - Resident involvement in decision making affecting the creation and/or operation of the project

**Scoring example:** a project contains a financial education program and a minimum of 50 percent of the units are committed to a homebuyer counseling program for a total of two commitments = 5.0 points awarded.

b. **Rental projects.** Points are awarded based on commitments to the following:

- Commitments to participation in (minimum of 20 percent of units):
  - Tenant counseling.

- Commitments to make available to AHP-assisted households any of the following:
  - Assistance to find or sustain employment and/or job training;
  - Financial education and/or credit counseling;
  - Formal education courses (GED, ESL, Literacy);
  - Resident involvement in decision making affecting the creation and/or operation of the project.

**Scoring example:** a project provides assistance to find or sustain employment, tenant counseling (minimum 20 percent), and resident involvement for a total of three commitments = 7.5 points awarded.
6. First District Priority (Variable: 25 points maximum)

FHLBank awards the sum of applicable points to applications in each category up to a maximum of 25 points.

- **In-district** - 5 points shall be awarded to projects in which 50 percent or more of the project units are located in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska or Oklahoma.

- **Special Needs** - 10 points shall be awarded to projects in which at least 50 percent of the units are reserved for occupancy by households with special needs, as defined in Exhibit D.

- **Member Financial Participation** -
  - **Owner-occupied projects**
    - 10 points shall be awarded to owner-occupied projects in which any Federal Home Loan Bank system member loans money for at least 20 percent of the project’s total units in an owner-occupied project.
  
  - **Rental projects**
    - 10 points shall be awarded to rental projects in which the amount of credit extended by a Federal Home Loan Bank system member is at least five percent of the proposed project’s total development costs.

7. Second District Priority (Variable: 15 points maximum)

FHLBank awards the sum of applicable points to applications in each category up to a maximum of 15 points.

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<td>Large Units</td>
<td>5 points shall be awarded if 50 percent or more of the units will have three (3) or more bedrooms.</td>
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<td>Military Veterans</td>
<td>5 points shall be awarded if 20 percent or more of the units are provided to military veterans (including their widows or widowers), who are honorably discharged.</td>
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<td>Economic Diversity</td>
<td>5 points shall be awarded if 50 percent or more of the units are provided to very low- or low- or moderate-income households located in Census tracts where the median income equals or exceeds the median income for the county or Metropolitan Statistical Area in which the Census tract is located.</td>
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8. AHP Subsidy per Unit (SPU) (Variable: 7.5 points maximum)

Points shall be awarded based on the extent to which projects propose to use the least amount of AHP SPU within the ranges specified below:

- **Owner-occupied SPU Scoring Formula.**  
  Points awarded = \([(12,501 - X)/9,000]\]*7.5, where X = SPU requested.
  
  **NOTE:** SPU owner-occupied has a range of $12,500 to $3,500.

- **Rental SPU Scoring Formula.**  
  Points awarded = \([(30,001 - X)/26,500]\]*7.5, where X = SPU requested.
  
  **NOTE:** SPU rental has a range of $30,000 to $3,500.

Applications with SPU less than or equal to the minimum SPU will receive 7.5 points.
9. **Community Stability** (Variable: 7.5 points maximum)

The promotion of community stability, such as providing for the adaptive reuse of existing properties, and not permanently displacing low- or moderate-income households, or if such displacement shall occur, assuring that such households shall be assisted to minimize the impact of such displacement.

If project shall be displacing low-or moderate-income households, a displacement plan acceptable to FHLBank should be submitted with the application. If an acceptable displacement plan is not submitted, no Community Stability points shall be awarded.

FHLBank awards the sum of applicable points for the promotion of Community Stability to applications for each of the following factors up to a maximum of 7.5 points:

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**Abatement of Hazardous Environmental Conditions** – The removal of hazardous substances such as lead based paint, asbestos, mold, radon and other waste.

**Adaptive Reuse** – The conversion of a building from a non-housing use to a housing use, including the reuse of religious buildings for housing purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to: a warehouse converted to apartments or condominiums; a hotel converted to apartment units other than overnight shelter units; school houses converted to apartments; or convents and monasteries converted to a housing use for the general public.

**Affiliate** – Any person or entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the organization.

**Affirmatively Marketed** – Marketing actions to provide information about the project to the broadest number of the targeted population in order to attract eligible persons in the housing market area to the available housing without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, familial status or disability.

**Affordable (rental)** – (1) The rent charged to a household for a unit that is to be reserved for occupancy by a household with an income at or below 80 percent of the AMI, does not exceed 30 percent of the income of a household of the maximum income and size expected, under the commitment made in the AHP application, to occupy the unit (assuming occupancy of 1.5 persons per bedroom or 1.0 person per unit without a separate bedroom); or (2) The rent charged to a household, for rental units subsidized with Section 8 assistance under 42 U.S.C. 1437f or subsidized under another assistance program where the rents are charged in the same way as under the Section 8 program, if the rent complied with this 12 C.F.R. §1291.1 at the time of the household’s initial occupancy and the household continues to be assisted through the Section 8 or another assistance program, respectively.

**AHP Project** – A single-family or multi-family housing project for owner occupied or rental housing that has been awarded or has received AHP subsidy under the competitive application program.

**AHP Units** – Units committed to occupancy by households at or below 80 percent AMI.

**Area Median Income (AMI)** – For owner-occupied households, as defined in 26 U.S.C. §143(f) (Mortgage Revenue Bonds) and published by a State agency or instrumentality or as defined by HUD and adjusted for household size. For rental projects as published by HUD for an area and adjusted for household size. NAHASDA income limits may be used for Native American projects.

**Assistance to Find or Sustain Employment** – Career counseling that leads to the development of skills that enhance employability; assistance with professional resume preparation; transportation to job interviews and employment placement services.

**Builder’s Overhead** – An allowance for the portion of the builder’s off-site (home office) expenses that are attributable to the project.

**Builder’s Profit** – The builder’s revenue minus cost, typically a function of the size of the project, the total development cost and the risk associated with the project.
CHP Rate— The rate of interest charged to a Member for an advance under the Community Housing Program. CHP rates are only available to FHLBank Members.

Closing Costs – Expenses over and above the price of the property incurred by the buyer when transferring ownership of the property.

Eligible Closing Costs include, but are not limited to: loan origination fee, loan discount fee, appraisal fee, credit report, mortgage insurance, application fee, closing fee, document preparation, attorney fees, title insurance (for mortgagee or owner), abstracting fees, recording fees, tax stamp fees, survey fees, pre-paid interest for up to 30 days, initial flood insurance premium, two months’ escrow of mortgage insurance, escrow of property tax as appropriate for the jurisdiction in which the property is located, two months’ escrow of flood insurance, first year’s premium for homeowner’s insurance, first year’s premium for mortgage insurance, property inspection fees, homebuyer education classes (not to exceed maximum cost set forth in this Plan), financial education programs, etc.

Ineligible Closing Costs include, but are not limited to: single premium or monthly life and/or disability insurance coverage, escrow of principal and interest payments, or payments of personal obligations of the households including personal loans, judgments or liens.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – A flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to units of local government and states.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) – A private nonprofit organization with a 501(c) federal tax exemption, the CHDO must include providing decent, affordable housing to low-income households as one of its purposes in its charter, articles of incorporation, or by-laws. It must serve a specific, delineated geographic area; a neighborhood, several neighborhoods, or the entire community, but not the entire state. Nonprofit organizations must meet certain criteria to be considered a CHDO, as defined by HUD HOME program regulations.

Community Stability – The stabilization of neighborhoods by: a) being an integral part of a neighborhood stabilization plan that has been approved by a unit of state or local government; b) adaptive reuse of existing properties; and c) not displacing low- or moderate-income households and if displacement shall occur, assuring that households shall be assisted to minimize the impact of displacement.

Competitive Program – A program established by FHLBank under which FHLBank awards and disburses AHP subsidy through a competitive application scoring process pursuant to the requirements of 12 C.F.R. §1291.5.

Cost of Funds – The estimated cost of issuing FHLBank System consolidated obligations with maturities comparable to that of the subsidized advance.

Credit Counseling – A process that involves offering education to consumers about how to avoid recurring debts that cannot be repaid through establishing an effective debt management plan or budget. The counseling is provided to help people achieve their personal housing and financial goals.

Debt Coverage Ratio (DCR) – The ratio of a project’s annual net operating income divided by the total annual debt service (principal plus interest).
De-Obligated Funds – Undisbursed funds that were committed to a project, household, or member and are being returned to the AHP fund as a result of: (1) withdrawals, cancellations or modifications or (2) the maximum disbursement time limitation has expired.

Deferred Developer Fee – The portion of a developer fee invested in the project and shown as a source of funds on the Source of Funds worksheet and evidenced by a promissory note, partnership agreement, or other written agreement acceptable to FHLBank, such fee to be repaid from the Project’s cash flow after payment of operating expenses of the Project and after payment of debt service for all superior liens.

De minimis Amount— A de minimis amount for purposes of donated property shall be $100 or less.

Developer Fee – Fees paid to the project developer as shown on the Development Budget worksheet. Developer fees also include consultant fees for consultants who perform tasks that a developer would normally perform, e.g. tax credit, AHP and loan applications, manage local government approvals, act as an owner agent for pre-construction or construction activities.

Direct Subsidy – An AHP subsidy in the form of a direct cash payment.

Director — The Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, or his or her designate.

Disability – A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual.

Disbursement – A transfer of program funds to the member for use by the project.

Displacement Plan – A plan to provide housing accommodations to low/moderate income persons who are temporarily or permanently removed from their residence. The plan must indicate the steps that shall be taken in order to minimize the effects of relocating such persons.

District – The geographical area in which FHLBank offers services to meet affordable housing needs; includes Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Donated Property – Land or housing units donated or conveyed with no remuneration to the donor.

Effective Gross Income – Gross rents for all units plus miscellaneous income less vacancy allowance.

Elderly – Age 55 and above.

Eligible Applicants – Applications for AHP subsidy are only accepted from institutions that are members of FHLBank at the time the application is submitted.

Eligible Household – For rental and owner occupied households, the household’s income cannot exceed 80 percent of the mortgage revenue bond, HUD, or NAHASDA income limits for the area and the household meets all other requirements as specified in the Plan.

Empowerment – A type of program that offers: assistance to find or sustain employment, financial education, formal education, homebuyer, homeownership, or tenant counseling, resident involvement in the project, or other services to assist resident movement towards better economic opportunities.
Fair Market Value (FMV) — Generally: 1) the property value established by the city or county assessor’s office; or 2) the market value as established by an independent appraisal of the property performed by a state certified or licensed appraiser within the current or previous calendar year of the date of the AHP application or the date of the executed purchase agreement.

Family Member — Any individual related to a person by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Feasibility — The ability of a project to start (readiness to proceed), finish, and operate as it committed in the application through the retention period (viability).

Finance Agency (FHFA) — The Federal Housing Finance Agency is the Federal Home Loan Bank System’s regulator.

Financial Education – A program that educates consumers about how to avoid recurring debts that cannot be repaid through establishing an effective debt management plan or budget. The education is provided to help people achieve their personal housing and financial goals.

First time Homebuyer – An individual who does not own and is not an investor in another residence, and who wishes to purchase a home that will be his/her primary residence who meets any one of the following criteria:

1. An individual who has had no ownership in a residence during the prior three-year period ending on the date of purchase of the property;
2. A divorced or legally separated individual who has only owned a residence with a former spouse;
3. An individual who has only owned a residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with applicable Regulations; or
4. An individual who has only owned a property that was not in compliance with State, local or model building codes and which cannot be brought into compliance for less than the cost of constructing a permanent structure.

Formal Education Programs – Programs that are academic in nature such as GED preparation, English as a Second Language (ESL), adult high school completion programs, literacy programs and college preparation.

Funding Period – A time period, as determined by FHLBank, during which FHLBank accepts AHP applications for subsidy.

General Requirements – An allowance for the contractor’s on-site overhead expenses, typically including items such as building permits, fencing around the site, temporary storage for materials, construction supervision, the job trailer and temporary utilities.

Government Entity – A state or political subdivision of a state, a state housing agency, a local housing authority, a Native American Tribe, an Alaskan Native Village, or the government entity for Native Hawaiian Home Lands.

Hard Construction Costs – The costs of making improvements to the property, including new construction or rehabilitation.
Hard Construction Cost Contingency – Funds budgeted for unforeseen hard construction costs.

Hard-to-Develop Area – An area designated by HUD as a qualifying census tract (QCT), distressed area or hard to develop area.

HCD Programs – Includes FHLBank’s AHP, CICA (including CHP and CDP), and Homeownership Set-aside Program (HSP).

HOME Funds – Funds provided via HUD’s Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program to States and local government entities used by communities in partnership with local nonprofit groups to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or home ownership or provide rental assistance to low income people.

Home Mortgage — A mortgage upon real estate, in fee simple, or on a leasehold (1) under a lease for not less than 99 years which is renewable or (2) under a lease having a period of not less than 50 years to run from the date the mortgage was executed, upon which is located, or which comprises or includes, one or more homes or other dwelling units and shall include, in addition to first mortgages, such classes of first liens as are commonly given to secure advances on real estate.

Homebuyer/Homeownership Education – Recipients must complete a homebuyer education program provided by, or based on one provided by, an organization recognized as experienced in homebuyer education. FHLBank designates organizations to approve homebuyer education providers.

Homeless Household – Based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as amended by S. 896

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009:

1. an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence;
2. an individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
3. an individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by Federal, State or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing);
4. an individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided;
5. an individual or family who:
   a. will imminently lose their housing, including housing they own, rent, or lie in without paying rent, are sharing with others, and rooms in hotels or motels not paid for by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations,
      i. a court order resulting from an eviction action that notifies the individual or family that they must leave within 14 days;
      ii. the individual or family having a primary nighttime residence that is a room in a hotel or motel and where they lack the resources necessary to reside there for more than 14 days; or
      iii. credible evidence indicating that the owner or renter of the housing will not allow the individual or family to stay for more than 14 days, and any oral statement
from an individual or family seeking homeless assistance that is found to be credible shall be considered credible evidence for purposes of this clause;

b. has no subsequent residence identified; and
c. lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain permanent housing; and

6. homeless families with children defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who:

a. have experienced a long term period without living independently in permanent housing,
b. have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period, and
c. can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or multiple barriers to employment.

7. any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions in the individual’s or family’s current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized, and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

**Household**— Includes all the individuals who currently, or will, occupy the house or residence.

**HUD** – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Identity of Interest** – Refer to definition of “related party.”

**Job Training** – Training that emphasizes skills and knowledge required for a particular job function (such as typing or data entry) or a trade (such as carpentry or welding).

**Large Unit** – A unit with three or more bedrooms.

**Lender Fees** – Fees charged by lender in association with the loan.

**Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)** – A federal income tax credit program created under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 that gives incentives for the utilization of private equity in the development of affordable housing. The credits are commonly called Section 42 credits.

**Low- or Moderate-Income Household** – A household that has an income of 80 percent or less of the AMI, with the income limit adjusted for household size in accordance with the methodology of the applicable median income standard, unless such median income standard has no household size adjustment methodology.

**Low or Moderate-Income Neighborhood** – A neighborhood in which 51 percent or more of the households have incomes at or below 80 percent of the median income for the area.

**Manufactured Housing** – A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent frame and is designed to be used as a dwelling when connected to the required utilities.

**Member** – An institution that has been approved for membership in FHLBank and has purchased capital stock in FHLBank.
**Member Financial Participation** – Financial participation by any FHLBank System member (excludes the pass through of AHP direct subsidy) in the project by providing financing including construction loans, bridge loans and permanent financing.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** – In the United States a metropolitan statistical area refers to a geographical region with a relatively high population density at its core and close economic ties throughout the area.

**Minor Child** – A person who is either: 1) under the age of 18; or 2) 18 or older and is not engaging in substantial gainful activity due to a physical or mental condition that very seriously limits his or her activities and the condition has lasted, or is expected to last, at least one year.

**Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) Median Income** – The MRB AMI, adjusted for household size, as periodically published for use under the MRB program by the State Housing Finance Agency for the state in which the retention document shall be recorded. If a city/county has a targeted area or MRB income determination, FHLBank will use only the non-targeted area incomes.

**Multifamily Building** – A structure with five or more dwelling units.

**Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA)** – Enacted in 1996 to accomplish affordable housing for low income Native Americans with two essential goals: 1) to open the door to private lending; and 2) to merge Federal Indian housing programs into a single, flexible block grant which tribes can use according to their needs. This program is administered by HUD.

**Native American Housing Income Limits (NAHASDA Income Limits)** – The income limits published annually by HUD’s Office of Native American Programs for the purpose of determining eligibility for assistance under programs funded by block grants under NAHASDA.

**Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (NSP) or Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP)** – A formal housing or community development plan adopted by a unit of government that includes a defined geographic area and is targeted for the receipt of state or local government funding or support services for the purpose of stabilizing the neighborhood. Funding examples include HOME, CDBG, tax increment financing, tax abatement, fee waivers, etc.

**Net earnings of FHLBank** – The net earnings for a calendar year, before declaring or paying any dividend under section 16 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1436). For purposes of this definition, “dividend” includes any dividends on capital stock subject to a redemption request even if under GAAP those dividends are treated as an “interest expense.”

**Net Gain** – The sales price of the home, or the amount of the new first mortgage after the refinancing of the home, minus the original purchase price, purchase-related closing costs including repairs and the costs associated with the sale or refinancing of the home.

**Not-for-Profit Organization** – A corporation or association that conducts business for the benefit of the general public without shareholders and without a profit motive, and has tax exempt status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.
Operating Reserves – Funds set aside by the project sponsor and/or project owner to cover unexpected fluctuations in actual operating expenses during the year.

Owner-Occupied Project – For purposes of the competitive application program, one or more owner-occupied units in a single-family or multifamily building, including condominiums, cooperative housing, and manufactured housing.

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation – Repair or rehabilitation of housing units owned and occupied by low-income residents.

Owner-Occupied Unit – A dwelling unit occupied by the owner of the unit. Housing with two to four dwelling units consisting of one owner-occupied unit and one or more rental units is considered a single owner-occupied unit.

Ownership Interest— For the purposes of the competitive application program, a rental project sponsor is determined to have an ownership interest in the project if it meets one of the following criteria:

1. Entities not receiving points under the non-profit scoring criterion must meet one of the following criteria:
   a. Project Sponsor must own at least 10% of the ownership entity, or
   b. Project Sponsor must have at least 10% interest in the general partner (GP) or the limited partner (LP) or the managing partner(s) of the owner, or

2. Entities receiving points under the non-profit scoring criterion must meet the ownership requirements listed in the scoring exhibit.

Procure – to obtain or acquire; secure. For example, the use of AHP subsidy award to obtain the approval for another source of funds.

Project Completion Date – For owner-occupied projects, the date of the last disbursement of AHP funds or date that unused AHP funds are de-obligated. For rental projects, the date of the certificate of occupancy issued by the local jurisdiction for new construction. For rental projects not involving new construction or in areas that do not issue such certificates, project completion shall be determined by FHLBank by using the first date units in the rental project are occupied, confirmation from the contractor that all construction is complete, or receipt of such other documentation determined acceptable by FHLBank.

Project Sponsor (owner occupied) – An organization or public entity that is integrally involved in the project by: 1) exercising control over the planning, development, operation or management of a project, or 2) qualifying borrowers and providing or arranging financing for owners of the units.

Project Sponsor (rental projects) – An organization or public entity that has an ownership interest (including any partnership interest).

Proxy – A reasonable alternative to determine the purchaser’s individual income level in the case of the sale of an owner-occupied unit. FHLBank’s proxy is the median household income of the area in which the unit is located as determined by FFIEC Geocoding System. The Census tract median income provided by the FFIEC for the owner-occupied unit must be below the applicable low- or moderate-income limit.
Qualifying Census Tract (QCT) – A determination process outlined and used for the LIHTC program. HUD makes new QCT designations annually. QCT’s are census tracts in which one half or more of the households have incomes below 60 percent of the AMI or the poverty rate is 25 percent or higher.

Recaptured Funds – Disbursed funds that have returned to FHLBank that are not a result of a sale or refinancing of the unit or project prior to the end of the retention period.

Repaired Funds – Disbursed funds that have been returned to FHLBank due to the sale or refinancing of the unit or project prior to the end of the retention period.

Rehabilitation (owner-occupied rehabilitation) – The labor, materials, and other costs of repairs, improvements, replacements, alterations, and additions to existing buildings. FHLBank’s subsidy for rehabilitation should be used to accomplish the objective of maintaining or improving affordable housing, defined as housing that is targeted to the low-and-moderate income markets. Repairs or improvements inconsistent with the objective of maintaining or improving affordable housing are not eligible as a rehabilitation cost. This includes luxury items and repairs, improvements, replacements, alterations, and additions for commercial use, or for rental units that are part of an owner-occupied unit. FHLBank, in its sole discretion, may deny any subsidy request that is inconsistent with that objective.

Related Party – Any party related by family, business or personal interest to a member, project sponsor, project owner, or other party directly involved in an AHP project. For AHP purposes, the developer, tax credit syndicator, consultant, property manager and contractor are all considered related parties to any individual serving on the member’s, project sponsor’s, or the project owner’s board of directors or staff, or the board of directors or staff of any other party directly involved in an AHP project.

Repairs (owner-occupied purchase) – The labor, materials, and other costs of repairs, improvements, replacements, alterations, and additions to existing buildings. FHLBank’s subsidy for rehabilitation should be used to accomplish the objective of maintaining or improving affordable housing, defined as housing that is targeted to the low-and-moderate income markets. Repairs or improvements inconsistent with the objective of maintaining or improving affordable housing are not eligible as a rehabilitation cost. This includes luxury items and repairs, improvements, replacements, alterations, and additions for commercial use, or for rental units that are part of an owner-occupied unit. FHLBank, in its sole discretion, may deny any subsidy request that is inconsistent with that objective.

Rental Project – One or more dwelling units for occupancy by households that are not owner-occupants, including overnight and emergency shelters, transitional housing for homeless households, mutual housing, single-room occupancy housing, and manufactured housing.

Replacement Reserves – Funds set aside by the project owner to cover some or all of the cost to replace assets as they are used up (e.g., roof, plumbing, appliances).

Resident Involvement – The opportunity for project residents to influence, change and improve resident’s neighborhood and community by becoming members or board members of a formal Homeowner Association, Tenant Association or Resident Council or by participating in the decision-making affecting the creation or the operation of the project.

Residence – Any property that contains at least one housing unit.
Retention Period – Owner-occupied projects shall have agreements ensuring retention for five (5) years (60 months) from a) the date of the closing as evidenced by the closing disclosure for purchase projects, and b) the date of the AHP retention document or deed, or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism for rehabilitation projects. For rental projects, the retention period is 15 years from the date of project completion.

Rural – A location in a Census tract (or ZIP code only if Census tract is unavailable) with a Rural Urban Commuting Code (RUCA) of “micropolitan, small town or rural” (RUCA primary codes 4-10) as identified using the “Am I Rural” tool. Directions for using the “Am I Rural” tool are available in the AHP Application instructions or by contacting FHLBank’s HCD department. Should the tool malfunction or become unavailable, rural designation will be determined through the Rural-Urban Commuting Area Codes tables available from FHLBank.

Scattered Site Project – A project whose units are located on more than one physical location. May involve multiple lots in a common area or might even involve sites in multiple counties or states.

Section 8 – A HUD voucher program whereby individuals or families are granted subsidized funding from the federal government to own or rent a home. This program has also been expanded to include help for mortgage payment assistance for first time homebuyers.

Self-Help – Households participating directly in the construction of their homes.

Self-Help Programs – Used primarily to help very low income households construct their own homes. Families participating in a mutual self help project perform labor on each other’s homes under qualified supervision such as USDA’s Section 502 Mutual Self Help Housing Program.

Significant Proportion – With regard to donated or conveyed property, means 100 percent of rental property and at least 20 percent of owner occupied units in a project. With regard to supportive services in rental projects, a Significant Proportion means 20% of the units.

Single-family Building — A structure with one to four dwelling units.

Special Needs – Households consisting of one or more residents who are elderly (55 years or older), mentally or physically disabled persons, persons recovering from physical, alcohol or drug abuse, or persons with HIV/AIDS.

Subsidized Advance – An advance to a member at an interest rate below FHLBank’s cost of funds by use of a subsidy.

Subsidy — Monetary assistance granted by FHLBank in support of affordable housing in communities served by FHLBank. The AHP subsidy may take one of two forms: 1) A direct subsidy, provided that if a direct subsidy is used to write down the interest rate on a loan extended by a member, project sponsor, or other party to a project, the subsidy must equal the net present value of the interest foregone from making the loan below the lender’s market interest rate; or 2) The net present value of the interest revenue foregone from making a subsidized advance at a rate below FHLBank’s cost of funds.

Subsidy Per Unit (SPU) – The total subsidy requested divided by the total number of AHP assisted units.
Supportive Service Housing — Facilities that devote a significant proportion of its units to individuals or families who require and receive support services subsidized by revenue sources separate from housing rent.

Sweat Equity — An individual's contribution to the acquisition of a home in the form of labor, as opposed to financial equity.

Targeting (Income) — The extent to which a project provides housing for very low- and low- or moderate-income households.

Tenant Counseling (rental projects only) — Counseling provided to tenants to help them understand their rights and responsibilities under state and local laws and ordinances. Examples of curriculum include the nature of leases and rental agreements, landlord repair and maintenance responsibilities, landlord/tenant rights, termination of rental agreements, and security deposits and dispute resolution.

TIF Loan — Tax increment financing dedicates tax increments within a certain defined district to finance the debt that is issued for the project. TIF was designed to channel funding toward improvements in distressed, underdeveloped, or underutilized parts of a jurisdiction where development might otherwise not occur. TIF creates funding for public or private projects by borrowing against the future increase in these property-tax revenues.

Unrelated Third Party — an individual or entity who is not a principal party of the transaction and is not affected by the transaction.

Urban — A location not considered Rural.

Very low-Income household (VLI) — A household that has an income at or below 50 percent of the applicable AMI, with the income limit adjusted for household size in accordance with the methodology of the applicable median income standard, unless such median income standard has no household size adjustment methodology.