

WEST VIRGINIA DISASTER RECOVERY ACTION PLAN – TECHNICAL AMENDMENT 1

Rise West Virginia Housing Restoration Program (WV-HRP)

West Virginia Rental Assistance Program (WV-RAP)

Clarification Regarding Mobile Home Replacement

Technical Modification

Date: June 19, 2018

Background and Scope

The primary focus of the RISE West Virginia Housing Restoration Program (“WV-HRP”) is to provide housing assistance to LMI households impacted by the 2016 floods. Assistance is to be provided through multiple housing activities including, but not limited to, the repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction of single family homes, replacement of mobile homes, and assistance with property elevation of impacted housing units. Objectives of the WV-HRP program are to facilitate decent, safe, and sanitary housing in flood-impacted areas through these activities as well as ensuring the same housing for elderly and disabled populations.

The floods of June 2016 also affected affordable rental properties. Accordingly, a priority of West Virginia is to help rebuild damaged rental properties and return these impacted citizens to their homes as soon as possible. The focus of the Rental Assistance Program (“WV-RAP”) is to rebuild the affordable rental housing stock in impacted counties. Specifically, the WV-RAP is designed to aid small properties (typically 1 – 4 units) damaged by the June 2016 floods and provide assistance to small rental property owners who serve a low to moderate income market.

The WV-HRP and WV-RAP action plans provided grants of up to \$60,000 per applicant for mobile home replacement. These action plans addressed single wide mobile homes only. Since the approval of the WV-HRP Action Plan, the State of West Virginia has continued to evaluate the needs of the eligible beneficiaries and has determined that a clarification of the mobile home replacement provision is necessary to address the replacement of double wide mobile homes. This modification will not require additional funding for these programs.

The State submits this Technical Modification 1 to the action plans for the West Virginia Housing Restoration Program and the West Virginia Rental Assistance Program that were approved by HUD as part of Amendment 1 to the Rise West Virginia Disaster Recovery Action Plan on November 10, 2017.

Purpose

The purpose of this Technical Modification is to clarify that homeowners who are eligible for mobile home replacement will receive a mobile home similar in size to the one damaged in the 2016 floods, as follows:

- A single wide mobile home will be replaced with a single wide mobile home subject to a grant limit of up to \$60,000; and
- A double wide mobile home will be replaced with a double wide mobile home subject to a grant limit of up to \$85,000.

All other aspects of the WV-HRP and WV-RAP action plans remain unchanged.

Conclusion

The State of West Virginia has determined that this clarification of provisions regarding the replacement of mobile homes does not represent a substantial modification to Amendment 1 of the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Action Plan requiring public comment and formal submission to HUD. The nature, purpose, and scope of the WV-HRP and WV-RAP remain the same subsequent to this modification. The technical modification will not negatively impact other potential beneficiaries presently included in the West Virginia Housing Restoration Program or West Virginia Rental Assistance Program.