



CITY OF KILLEEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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RE: HOME Program Waivers

Dear Ms. Henley:

The City of Killeen, Texas is subject to a federal disaster declaration, DR-4485 and the State of Texas extended disaster declaration dated April 12, 2020; therefore, the City of Killeen's entire HOME Program service area is eligible for each and all of the suspensions of statute and the waivers of certain regulations as offered by HUD and outlined in two memos dated April 10, 2020. The City of Killeen is notifying the field office of our acceptance of **the following** suspensions and waivers offered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- From the *Availability of Waivers and Suspension of the HOME Program Requirements in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic* memo:
 - Statutory Suspensions and Regulatory Waivers Available Only to Major Disaster Areas:
 1. 10% Administrative and Planning Cap
 2. CHDO Set-aside Requirement
 3. Matching Contribution Requirements
 - Regulatory Waivers Available to All Participating Jurisdictions
 1. Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment
 2. Income Documentation
 3. On-Site Inspections of HOME-assisted Rental Housing
 4. Annual Inspection of Unit Occupied by Recipients of HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 5. Use of HOME Funds for Operating Reserves for Troubled HOME Projects
 6. Timeframe for a Participating Jurisdiction's Response to Findings of Noncompliance

- From the *Suspensions and Waivers to Facilitate Use of HOME-Assisted TBRA for Emergency and Short-term Assistance in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic* memo:
 - Statutory Suspensions and Regulatory Waivers Available Only to Major Disaster Areas:
 1. Consolidated Plan – HOME Certification, Analysis of Local Market Conditions, and Citizen Participation
 2. Tenant Selection and Targeted Assistance

 - Regulatory Waivers Available to All Participating Jurisdictions
 1. Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment
 2. Rent Reasonableness
 3. Eligible Tenant-based Rental Assistance Costs and Maximum TBRA Subsidy
 4. Term of Rental Assistance Contract
 5. Tenant Protections – Lease
 6. Housing Quality Standards
 7. Annual Inspection of Units Occupied by Recipients of HOME TBRA
 8. Income Determinations

This action is necessary to address urgent housing assistance, including: 1) providing immediate rental assistance to individuals and families seeking housing, 2) assisting households that have housing but face reduced or lost wages, and 3) assisting existing TBRA families that need additional assistance due to reduced or lost wages to address immediate housing needs and to help prevent spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Community Development Department if there are questions regarding this request.

Respectfully,



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