

open, predominantly open, or undeveloped land, personal property or mixed property and owning, holding, clearing, improving, constructing, or rehabilitating, and selling, assigning, transferring, leasing, mortgaging, or otherwise disposing of same or any combination of the foregoing. The Administration COMMISSION shall also be required to obtain such approval from the appropriate local governing body before building or constructing housing on any real property.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of this subheading or any other law or regulation of the State of Maryland, the Administration COMMISSION in exercising its functions and responsibilities may sell or lease for a term not exceeding ninety-nine (99) years all or any portion of the real, mixed or personal property constituting a community development project without public bidding or public sale and upon such terms and conditions as may be determined to make economically feasible housing in that development for families of limited incomes whenever such sale or lease is in conformity with a plan for community development approved by the Secretary COMMISSION at a public hearing after notice published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or county in which the development is situated. The plan for community development presented at the hearing shall be in accordance with regulations established by the Secretary COMMISSION which shall require a description of the property to be disposed of, a statement of the identity of the proposed purchaser or lessee and his proposed use or reuse of the property, the price or rental to be paid by such purchaser or lessee and those conditions of such sale or lease which insure that the community development purposes of this subheading will be carried out.

(d) In effectuating the purposes of this subheading, the Administration COMMISSION shall comply with the requirements of local laws, ordinances, codes, charters or regulations applicable to such community development project.

(e) In effectuating the purposes of this subheading, the Administration COMMISSION shall work closely, consult and cooperate with local elected officials. The Administration COMMISSION shall give primary consideration to local needs and desires and shall foster local initiative and participation in connection with the planning and development of community developments. Wherever possible, the Administration COMMISSION shall carry out community development projects in conjunction with and through the use of private enterprise, limited dividend corporations, local development agencies and local development corporations. Consideration shall also be given to local and regional goals and policies as expressed in urban renewal, community renewal and local comprehensive land use plans and regional plans.

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