

UNITS TO PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE INDOOR PLUMBING CONNECTING TO ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IS DESIRABLE, AND A PROPER PUBLIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH PUBLIC MONEY MAY BE EXPENDED.

(b)[(1) As used in] IN this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(1) "ACCESSORY HOUSING" MEANS A DWELLING UNIT WITH COMPLETE, INDEPENDENT SLEEPING, COOKING AND LIVING FACILITIES WHICH IS WITHIN OR ATTACHED TO AND SUBORDINATE, BUT UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP AS A SINGLE-FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLING.

(2) "Building" means any structure which, after rehabilitation, provides one to 20 dwelling units or PROVIDES CONGREGATE OR GROUP HOUSING OR TEMPORARY SHELTERS AND RELATED SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME, ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED, HOMELESS OR OTHERWISE DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, OR which serves the nonresidential commercial, business, or social needs of the community where it is located, so as to complement or enhance the economic feasibility of housing rehabilitation in that community. "BUILDING" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY STRUCTURE WHICH PROVIDES GROUP HOUSING UNLESS THE GROUP HOUSING IS PROVIDED BY AN OWNER-OCCUPANT OR A NONPROFIT SPONSOR. -{At least 20 percent of each allocation of moneys from the fund statewide for rehabilitation of residential rental buildings shall be for buildings providing four or less dwelling units.-}

(3) "County" includes Baltimore City.

(4) "Department" means the Department of Economic and Community Development, and "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

(5) "Families of limited income" means persons and families (including those defined as "elderly" in federal housing legislation) whose incomes do not exceed limits established by the Secretary, taking into consideration factors including (i) the amount of the total income of the family available for housing needs, (ii) the size of the family, (iii) the cost and condition of available housing facilities, (iv) the ability of the family to compete successfully in the private housing market, and (v) standards and definitions established for pertinent federal and Maryland housing programs. The Secretary may waive income limits as to borrowers or occupants, for loans to rehabilitate buildings of historic or architectural significance as defined by the State historical preservation officer.

(6) "Fund" means the special fund established under § 257L(h)(M).

(7) "LOAN" MEANS A LOAN UNDER THE MARYLAND HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING A LOAN UNDER ANY OF THE SPECIAL LOAN PROGRAMS.