

(1) Income limits for eligibility of lower income households which shall not exceed 30% of the State or area median income, whichever is higher;

(2) The maximum time period for the provision of allowances to a specific household shall not exceed 6 consecutive months except when the Secretary determines that undue hardship would result if assistance is terminated;

(3) The maximum total rent for an assisted unit, the size of an assisted unit, and the amount of the monthly rental allowance payments by household size, taking into account:

(i) Regional variance within the State;

(ii) Expected average annual recipient income by household size;

(iii) Typical rental costs; and

(iv) Any other factor relative to income or rental costs;

(4) Minimum standards for eligible housing units; and

(5) A method of selecting locations for implementing the pilot program that insures the distribution of funds among the various regions of the State.

(c) ~~(1)~~ Housing allowance payments may only be given to OR ON-BEHALF ~~PROVIDED-FOR-THE-BENEFIT~~ given to OR ON BEHALF OF:

~~(1)~~ ~~(i)~~ (1) Homeless persons who:

~~(1)~~ ~~1-~~ (i) do not have permanent housing;

~~(1)~~ ~~2-~~ (ii) have insufficient resources to secure such housing;

~~(1)~~ ~~3-~~ (iii) cannot be served by a federal or more cost effective State housing assistance program; and

~~(1)~~ ~~4-~~ (iv) are capable of maintaining independent living quarters; or

~~(2)~~ ~~(ii)~~ (2) Eligible households with critical and emergency housing needs that cannot be served by a federal or more cost effective State housing assistance program.

~~(2)--A-HOUSING-ALLOWANCE-PAYMENT-MAY-ONLY-BE-MADE-BY-A CHECK-PAYABLE-TO-THE-ORDER-OF-BOTH-THE-ELIGIBLE-HOUSEHOLD-AND-THE OWNER-OF-THE-ASSISTED-UNIT-~~