

~~(7) THAT, IN THE EVENT OF CATASTROPHIC LOSS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND WOULD RESULT IN AVAILABLE HOUSING STOCK AND EMPLOYMENT LEVELS COMPARABLE TO THE HOUSING STOCK AND EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO THE LOSS OR WOULD ACCOMPLISH OR SUPPORT LOCAL URBAN RENEWAL EFFORTS OR PLANS.~~

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(A) THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS TO BE LOCATED SHALL MAKE A MATERIAL AND SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT ~~MAY~~ SHALL REQUIRE THE SPONSOR, AS WELL AS THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS LOCATED, TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE REPAYMENT OF ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH MAY BE IN THE FORM OF COLLATERAL, ASSURANCES OF COMPLETION, MORTGAGE LIENS, AND GUARANTEES OF REPAYMENT. THIS PROVISION MAY BE WAIVED IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY.

(C) PROJECTS FUNDED IN WHOLE OR PART WITH MONEYS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION ALSO MUST BE ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER §§ 2-201 THROUGH 2-208 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE USED FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COSTS, INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF LAND, STRUCTURES, AND EQUIPMENT AND CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL FEES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(E) PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MUST COMMENCE WITHIN 160 DAYS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ISSUANCE OF A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PROJECT, AFTER WHICH TIME THE COMMITMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE WITHDRAWN UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT, IN ITS DISCRETION, EXTENDS THE COMMITMENT FOR 1 ADDITIONAL 160-DAY PERIOD.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR A PROJECT INTENDED TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF INDUSTRIAL PLANTS OR COMMERCIAL FACILITIES FROM 1 AREA WITHIN THE STATE TO ANOTHER, ~~UNLESS THE SECRETARY DETERMINES AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT THAT SUCH RELOCATION WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR THE ECONOMIC BASE OF THE AREA FROM WHICH SUCH INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL PLANT OR FACILITY IS TO BE RELOCATED.~~

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(A) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY OR ITS FIDUCIARY REPRESENTATIVE WHICH SHALL THEN CAUSE THE FUNDS TO BE DISBURSED TO THE PROJECT, OR, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION, DIRECTLY TO THE SPONSOR OF THE PROJECT OR ANY PORTION OF THE PROJECT.