

construction, health, safety, fire, occupancy, and other codes and standards, to ensure that the building can be maintained in that condition, and to improve the general utility and attractiveness of the building OR TO BRING IT INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE MINIMUM LIVABILITY CODE;

(ii) In the case of certain special loan programs, to provide shared, accessory, or sheltered housing, to provide for lead paint abatement, or to provide indoor plumbing[, or to bring the building into conformance with a minimum livability code]; or

(iii) In the case of special loan pilot programs, to provide for radon gas and asbestos abatement.

(s) "Special loan programs" means the Accessory, Shared and Sheltered Housing Program, the Lead Paint Abatement Program, the Indoor Plumbing Program, the Radon Gas and Asbestos Abatement Pilot Program, and the Migratory Worker Housing Facilities Program[, and the Livability Code Rehabilitation Program].

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(a) The Livability Code Rehabilitation Program is created within the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program.

(b) The Department shall operate the Program and make loans from the fund for a rehabilitation project which brings a building into conformance with a minimum livability code.

(c) To qualify for a livability code rehabilitation loan, an owner of a building:

(1) Must reside in the building and be a family of limited income, or must rent at least two-thirds of the dwelling units in the building to families of limited income;

(2) Must submit to the Department a proposal to bring the building into conformance with the minimum livability code; and

(3) Must demonstrate that the building is in a political subdivision that:

(i) Before the adoption by the Department of the State Minimum Livability Code, has an existing housing code; or

(ii) After the adoption of the State Minimum Livability Code, has adopted:

1. The State Minimum Livability Code; or