

and all applicable Federal requirements, or if the units are not operated in accordance with applicable requirements, HUD may impose sanctions on the PHA, and/or seek legal and equitable relief, in accordance with requirements prescribed by HUD in the special mixed-finance amendment to the ACC (and/or grant agreement).

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Subpart A—General

§ 943.100 What is the purpose of this part?

This part authorizes public housing agencies (PHAs) to form consortia, joint ventures, affiliates, subsidiaries, partnerships, and other business arrangements under section 13 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437k). Under this authority, PHAs participating in a consortium enter into a consortium agreement, submit joint PHA Plans to HUD, and may combine all or part of their funding and program administration. This part does not preclude a PHA from entering cooperative arrangements to operate its programs under other authority, as long as they are consistent with other program regulations and requirements.

Subpart B—Consortia

§ 943.115 What programs are covered under this subpart?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this subpart applies to the following:

(1) PHA administration of public housing or Section 8 programs under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD; and

(2) PHA administration of grants to the PHA in connection with its public housing or Section 8 programs.

(b) This subpart does not apply to the following:

(1) PHA administration of Section 8 projects assigned to a PHA for contract administration pursuant to an ACC entered under the Request for Proposals (RFP) published May 19, 1999 (64 FR 27358);

(2) Section 8 contract administration of a restructured subsidized multi-family project by a Participating Administrative Entity in accordance with part 401 of this title; or

(3) A PHA in its capacity as owner of a Section 8 project.

§ 943.118 What is a consortium?

A consortium consists of two or more PHAs that join together to perform planning, reporting, and other administrative or management functions for participating PHAs, as specified in a

consortium agreement. A consortium also submits a joint PHA Plan. The lead agency collects the assistance funds from HUD that would be paid to the participating PHAs for the elements of their operations that are administered by the consortium and allocates them according to the consortium agreement. The participating PHAs must adopt the same fiscal year so that the applicable periods for submission and review of the joint PHA Plan are the same. Notwithstanding any other regulation, PHAs proposing to form consortia may request and HUD may approve changes in PHA fiscal years to make this possible.

§ 943.120 What programs of a PHA are included in a consortium's functions?

(a) A PHA may enter a consortium under this subpart for administration of any of the following program categories:

(1) The PHA's public housing program (which may include either the operating fund or the capital fund, or both);

(2) The PHA's Section 8 voucher and certificate program (including the project-based certificate and voucher programs and special housing types);

(3) The PHA's Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation program, including Single Room Occupancy program;

(4) All other project-based Section 8 programs administered by the PHA under an ACC with HUD; and

(5) Any grant programs of the PHA in connection with its Section 8 or public housing programs, such as the Drug Elimination program or the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency program, to the extent not inconsistent with the terms of the governing documents for the grant program's funding source.

(b) If a PHA elects to enter a consortium with respect to a category specified in paragraph (a) of this section, the consortium must cover the PHA's whole program under the ACC with HUD for that category, including all dwelling units and all funding for that program under the ACC with HUD.

§ 943.122 How is a consortium organized?

(a) PHAs that elect to form a consortium enter into a consortium agreement among the participating PHAs, specifying a lead agency (see § 943.124), and submit a joint PHA Plan (§ 943.118). HUD enters into any necessary payment agreements with the lead agency and the other participating PHAs (see § 943.126) to provide that HUD funding to the participating PHAs for program categories covered by the consortium will be paid to the lead agency.

(b) The lead agency must not be a PHA that is designated as a "troubled PHA" by HUD, that has been determined by HUD to fail the civil rights compliance threshold for new funding, or that has had a PHAS designation withheld for civil rights or other reasons. The lead agency is designated to receive HUD program payments on behalf of participating PHAs, to administer HUD requirements for administration of the funds, and to apply the funds in accordance with the consortium agreement and HUD regulations and requirements.

§ 943.124 What elements must a consortium agreement contain?

(a) The consortium agreement among the participating PHAs governs the formation and operation of the consortium. The consortium agreement must be consistent with any payment agreements between the participating PHAs and HUD and must specify the following:

(1) The names of the participating PHAs and the program categories each PHA is including under the consortium agreement;

(2) The name of the lead agency;

(3) The functions to be performed by the lead agency and the other participating PHAs during the term of the consortium;

(4) The allocation of funds among participating PHAs and responsibility for administration of funds paid to the consortium; and

(5) The period of existence of the consortium and the terms under which a PHA may join or withdraw from the consortium before the end of that period. To provide for orderly transition, addition or withdrawal of a PHA and