

**§ 990.112**

the PHA must obtain an environmental review and release of funds, HUD environmental approval, or an exemption from such review, as described in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, before the funding of the activity may be incorporated into a revised operating budget and before the PHA may commit any funds to such activities.

(4) *Determination of exempt activities.* If the Responsible Entity documents that a proposed non-routine maintenance or capital expenditure activity is an exempt activity, as described in paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section, no further action is required from the PHA and the activity may be incorporated into the PHA's initial or revised operating budget, as appropriate.

**§ 990.112 Payments procedure for operating subsidy under the Operating Fund Formula.**

(a) *General.* Subject to the availability of funds, payments of operating subsidy under the Operating Fund Formula shall be made generally by electronic funds transfers, based on a schedule submitted by the PHA and approved by HUD. The schedule may provide for several payments per month. If a PHA has an unanticipated, immediate need for disbursement of approved operating subsidy, it may make an informal request to HUD to revise the approved schedule. (Requests by telephone are acceptable.)

(b) *Payments procedure.* In the event that the amount of operating subsidy has not been determined by HUD as of the beginning of a PHA's budget year under this part, annual or monthly or quarterly payments of operating subsidy shall be made, as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, based upon the amount of the PHA's operating subsidy for the previous budget year or such other amount as HUD may determine to be appropriate.

(c) *Availability of funds.* In the event that insufficient funds are available to make payments approvable under the Operating Fund Formula for operating subsidy payable by HUD, HUD shall have complete discretion to revise, on a pro rata basis or other basis established by HUD, the amounts of operating subsidy to be paid to PHAs.

**§ 990.113 Payments of operating subsidy conditioned upon reexamination of income of families in occupancy.**

(a) *Policy.* The income of each family must be reexamined at least annually. PHAs must be in compliance with this reexamination requirement to be eligible to receive full operating subsidy payments.

(b) *PHAs in compliance with requirements.* Each submission of the original calculation of operating subsidy eligibility for a fiscal year shall be accompanied by a certification by the PHA that it is in compliance with the annual income reexamination requirements and that rents have been or will be adjusted in accordance with current HUD requirements.

(c) *PHAs not in compliance with requirements.* Any PHA not in compliance with annual income reexamination requirement at the time of the submission of the calculation of operating subsidy eligibility shall furnish to the HUD Field Office a copy of the procedure it is using to attain compliance and a statement of the number of families that have undergone reexamination during the twelve months preceding the date of the Operating Budget submission, or the revision thereof. If, on the basis of such submission, or any other information, the Field Office Director determines that the PHA is not substantially in compliance with the annual income reexamination requirement, he or she shall withhold payments to which the PHA might otherwise be entitled under this part, equal to his or her estimate of the loss of rental income to the PHA resulting from its failure to comply with those requirements.

**§ 990.114 Phase-down of subsidy for units approved for demolition.**

(a) *General.* Units that have both been approved by HUD for demolition and been vacated in FY 1995 and after will be excluded from a PHA's determination of Unit Months Available when vacated, but they will remain eligible for subsidy in the following way:

(1) For the first twelve months beginning with the month that a unit meets both conditions of being approved for

demolition and vacant, the full AEL will be allowed for the unit.

(2) During the second twelve-month period after meeting both conditions, 66% of the AEL will be allowed for the unit.

(3) During the third twelve-month period after meeting both conditions, 33% of the AEL will be allowed for the unit.

(b) *Special case for long-term vacant units.* Units that have been vacant for longer than 12 months when they are approved for demolition are eligible for funding equal to 20% of the AEL for a 12-month period.

(c) *Treatment of units replaced with Section 8 Certificates or Vouchers.* Units that are replaced with Section 8 Certificates or Vouchers are not subject to the provisions of this section.

(d) *Treatment of units replaced with public housing units.* When replacement conventional public housing units become eligible for operating subsidy, the demolished unit is no longer eligible for any funding under this section.

(e) *Determination of what units are "replaced."* For purposes of this section, replacements are applied first against units that otherwise would fall in paragraph (a) of this section; any remaining replacements should be used to reduce the number of units qualifying under paragraph (b) of this section.

(f) *Treatment of units combined with other units.* Units that are removed from the inventory as a result of being combined with other units are not considered to be demolished units for this purpose.

#### § 990.116 Increases in dwelling rental income.

(a) *General.* As described in § 990.109(b)(1), PHAs shall be allowed to retain 50% of any increases in dwelling rental income, so long as the PHA uses the increased income for the provision of resident-related improvements and services. The retained income will not be recognized in the PHA's calculation under the Operating Fund Formula.

(b) *Eligible uses for increased rental revenue.* The uses for the retained income must be developed with front end resident participation and ongoing input and shall be made part of the PHA plan submission. (See 24 CFR part

903). Examples of eligible uses for the retained income include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Physical and management improvements that benefit residents;
- (2) Resident self-sufficiency services;
- (3) Maintenance operations;
- (4) Resident employment and training services;
- (5) Resident safety and security improvements and services; and
- (6) Optional earned income exclusions.

#### § 990.117 Determining actual and requested budget year occupancy percentages.

(a) *Actual occupancy percentage.* When submitting Operating Fund Formula calculations for Requested Budget Years, the PHA shall determine an Actual Occupancy Percentage for all Project Units included in the Unit Months Available. The PHA shall have the option of basing this option on either:

(1) The number of units occupied on the last day of the month that ends 6 months before the beginning of the Requested Budget Year; or

(2) The average occupancy during the month ending 6 months before the beginning of the Requested Budget Year. If the PHA elects to use an average occupancy under this paragraph (a)(2), the PHA shall maintain a record of its computation of its Actual Occupancy Percentage.

(b) *Requested budget year occupancy percentage.* The PHA will develop a Requested Budget Year Occupancy Percentage by taking the Actual Occupancy Percentage and adjusting it to reflect changes up or down in occupancy during the Requested Budget Year due to HUD-approved activities such as units undergoing modernization, new development, demolition, or disposition. If after the submission and approval of the Operating Fund Formula calculations for the Requested Budget Year, there are changes up or down in occupancy because of modernization, new development, demolition or disposition that are not reflected in the Requested Budget Year Occupancy Percentage, the PHA may submit a revision to reflect the actual