

Subpart C—Tenant Opportunities Program

§ 964.200 General.

(a) The Tenant Opportunities Program (TOP) provides technical assistance for various activities, including but not limited to resident management, for resident councils/resident management corporations as authorized by Section 20 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. The TOP provides opportunities for resident organizations to improve living conditions and resident satisfaction in public housing communities.

(b) This subpart establishes the policies, procedures and requirements for participating in the TOP with respect to applications for funding for programs identified in this subpart.

(c) This subpart contains the policies, procedures and requirements for the resident management program as authorized by section 20 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937.

§ 964.205 Eligibility.

(a) *Resident councils/resident management corporations.* Any eligible resident council/resident management corporation as defined in subpart B of this part is eligible to participate in a program administered under this subpart.

(b) *Activities.* Activities to be funded and carried out by an eligible resident council or resident management corporation, as defined in subpart B of this part, must improve the living conditions and public housing operations and may include any combination of, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) *Resident capacity building.* (i) Training Board members in community organizing, Board development, and leadership training;

(ii) Determining the feasibility of resident management enablement for a specific project or projects; and

(iii) Assisting in the actual creation of an RMC, such as consulting and legal assistance to incorporate, preparing by-laws and drafting a corporate charter.

(2) *Resident management.* (i) Training residents, as potential employees of an RMC, in skills directly related to the operation, management, maintenance and financial systems of a project;

(ii) Training of residents with respect to fair housing requirements; and

(iii) Gaining assistance in negotiating management contracts, and designing a long-range planning system.

(3) *Resident management business development.* (i) Training related to resident-owned business development and technical assistance for job training and placement in RMC developments;

(ii) Technical assistance and training in resident managed business development through:

(A) Feasibility and market studies;

(B) Development of business plans;

(C) Outreach activities; and

(D) Innovative financing methods including revolving loan funds; and

(iii) Legal advice in establishing a resident managed business entity.

(4) *Social support needs (such as self-sufficiency and youth initiatives).* (i) Feasibility studies to determine training and social services needs;

(ii) Training in management-related trade skills, computer skills, etc;

(iii) Management-related employment training and counseling;

(iv) Coordination of support services;

(v) Training for programs such as child care, early childhood development, parent involvement, volunteer services, parenting skills, before and after school programs;

(vi) Training programs on health, nutrition and safety;

(vii) Workshops for youth services, child abuse and neglect prevention, tutorial services, in partnership with community-based organizations such as local Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA/YWCA, Boy/Girl Scouts, Campfire and Big Brother/Big Sisters, etc. Other HUD programs such as the Youth Sports Program and the Public Housing Drug Elimination Programs also provide funding in these areas;

(viii) Training in the development of strategies to successfully implement a youth program. For example, assessing the needs and problems of the youth, improving youth initiatives that are currently active, and training youth, housing authority staff, resident management corporations and resident councils on youth initiatives and program activities; and

(5) *Homeownership Opportunity.* Determining feasibility for homeownership