

**Subpart F—Property Requirements****§ 3565.251 Eligible property.**

To be eligible for a guaranteed loan, a property must be used primarily for residential dwelling purposes and must meet the following requirements or the requirements of this subpart:

(a) *Property location.* All the property must be located in a rural area.

(b) *Minimum size of development.* The property must consist of at least five rental dwelling units.

(c) *Non-contiguous sites.* For a loan secured by two or more non-contiguous parcels of land, all sites must meet each of the following requirements:

(1) Located in one market area;

(2) Managed under one management plan with one loan agreement or resolution for all of the sites; and

(3) Consist of single asset ownership.

(d) *Compliance with statutes.* All properties must comply with the applicable requirements in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable statutes.

**§ 3565.252 Housing types.**

The property may include new construction or substantially rehabilitated existing structures. The units may be attached, detached, semi-detached, row houses, modular or manufactured houses, or multifamily structures. Manufactured housing must meet Agency requirements contained in 7 CFR part 1924, subpart A or a successor regulation. The Agency proposes to guarantee proposals for new construction or acquisition with rehabilitation of at least \$15,000 per unit. The portion of the guaranteed funds for acquisition with rehabilitation is limited to 25 percent of the program authority.

**§ 3565.253 Form of ownership.**

The property must be owned in fee simple or be subject to a ground lease or other legal right in land acceptable to the Agency.

**§ 3565.254 Property standards.**

(a) *Housing quality and site and neighborhood standards.* The property must meet the site and neighborhood requirements established by the state or

locality, and those standards contained under 7 CFR part 1924, subparts A and C or any successor regulations.

(b) *Third party assessments.* As part of the application for a guaranteed loan, the lender must provide documentation of qualified third parties' assessments of the property's physical condition and any environmental conditions or hazards which may have a bearing on the market value of the property. These assessments must include:

(1) An acceptable property appraisal.

(2) A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (American Society of Testing and Materials).

(3) A Standard Flood Hazard Determination.

(4) In the case of the purchase of an existing structure, rehabilitation or refinancing, a physical needs assessment.

**§ 3565.255 Environmental requirements.**

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Agency is required to assess the potential impact of the proposed actions on protected environmental resources. Measures to avoid or at least mitigate adverse impacts to protected resources may require a change in site or project design. A site will not be approved until the Agency has completed the environmental review in accordance with 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G or successor regulation.

**§ 3565.256 Architectural services.**

Architectural services must be provided for the project in accordance with 7 CFR part 1924, subpart A or successor regulation, including plan certifications.

**§ 3565.257 Procurement actions.**

All construction procurement actions, whether by sealed bid or by negotiation, must be conducted in a manner that provides maximum open and free competition.

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