

APPENDIX S

Certification to Create Rental Units for Persons Needing Supportive Services

Project Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Proposed # units-total: _____
Proposed # units-targeted for supportive housing: _____
Target Population(s)*: _____

This certification acknowledges the intent of the Applicant/Developer to seek an allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits from WHEDA and to create units appropriate for persons requiring supportive housing. The Applicant/Developer, Property Management Agent and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS) must together review the below stated housing proposal prior to submitting the application to WHEDA, and assess the overall need for the proposed housing considering the target population and the development location to ensure there is sufficient demand for proposed units.

Applications, at a minimum, must include the items on the following Supportive Housing Checklist. The Applicant/Developer and Property Management signature lines must be signed before WI DHS will review any applications. All applications must be submitted between November 1, 2016 and January 15, 2017.

The parties below agree:

- To establish a procedure for filling vacant supported housing units with eligible tenants during lease-up and thru the initial 15-year compliance period. WI DHS shall assist in contacting appropriate local collaborative long term support partners to help find qualifying persons in the event the developer requests additional support. Those persons and/or their representative shall be referred to the management agent.
- To establish and maintain collaborative relationships between developers and any identified case workers/service providers in housing qualified persons, ensuring they maintain tenancy, and making reasonable accommodations for persons or their service plans.
- That tenants must have choice of service provider, regardless of supportive housing management plan in place.
- To hold open a vacant supportive housing unit for a minimum of 30 days or until WI DHS or local collaborative long term support partners, in conjunction with the management agent, finds a person meeting the target definition and requisite income qualifications to lease the unit. After the 30 days, the unit may be leased to any otherwise income qualifying family or individual.
- The units will be designed with universal design features making them appropriate or readily adaptable to those with disabilities.
- The units will be set aside for those persons having incomes not exceeding 30% of the County Median Income, or the unit or resident will receive a rental subsidy from a government entity.
- To affirmatively market these units to persons with disabilities by establishing an affirmative marketing and fair housing plan, approved by DHS, specifically for the target population in these units. A waiting list policy specifically designed for this target population should also be reviewed by DHS.

[Signature Page Follows.]

This letter MUST be signed by all parties below.

Applicant/Developer

Date

Property Management Agent

Date

WI Department of Health Services

Date

Which LIHTC application is this document for? Check One:

_____ Initial LIHTC Application

_____ Final (8609) LIHTC Application

Contact information for WI DHS:

WI DHS-Division of Long Term Care; Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Rm 527; Madison, WI 53703; (608) 267-7286; DHSDLTCHousing@dhs.wisconsin.gov

*Target Population(s) may include, for example: People who have permanent developmental, physical, sensory, medical or mental health disabilities, or a combination of impairments that make them eligible for long term care services.

Examples of local collaborative long term support partners include: Aging and Disability Resource Centers serving each Wisconsin County, Managed Care Organizations, and County Human Service Agencies.

Supportive Housing Checklist

LIHTC developers requesting points with the submission of Appendix S “Certification to Create Rental Units for Persons Needing Supportive Services”, must provide adequate information for DHS to review their proposal. The following checklist is intended to assist developers in providing the necessary information. It is important for DHS to have the opportunity to review the housing proposal, assess the overall need for the proposed housing, and to assist the housing developer to identify applicable local supports.

The following are DHS guidelines for review of applications for supportive housing:

- Characteristics of the specific target population(s)¹
- Discussion on how the proposal addresses the local area’s housing priorities and needs
- Evidence of outreach activities and engagement with local collaborative long term support partners² specifically to reach the target population
- Eligibility screening and assessment procedures to affirmatively market units specifically for the target population being proposed for the units
- Description of how supportive services will be made available to tenants, outlining the role of any primary and collaborative service provider partners, including all publicly and privately available resources. Include engagement strategies that will be used to ensure tenants have choice of service provider, regardless of supportive housing management plan in place.

If you have questions, please contact:

Phone: (608)261-8878

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