

FAIR HOUSING REQUIRED ELEMENTS

A resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cloudcroft of New Mexico, adopting a fair housing policy, making known its commitment to the principle of fair housing, and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing.

WHEREAS; the Housing and Community Development act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicant for Community Development Block Grants funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS; the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin; and

WHEREAS; fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and

WHEREAS; discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cloudcroft of New Mexico hereby wish all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through this Village of Cloudcroft to know that: discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of the Village of Cloudcroft of New Mexico to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin; and within available resources the Village of Cloudcroft of New Mexico will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin to seek equality under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the New Mexico Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and that the Village of Cloudcroft of New Mexico shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encouraging owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and that the Village of Cloudcroft of New Mexico shall undertake the following actions to affirmatively further fair housing:

(List all such actions to include: mailing copies of this resolution to the real estate community, banks, developers, community organizations and local media; posting copies of this resolution at identified locations; distributing flyers; sponsoring schools)

List actions here: Posting of the resolution in the following locations;

1. Community Bank lobby
2. Public Library
3. Village Office Lobby
4. Outside the Village Office in the announcement kiosk
5. Village Website

RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED ELEMENTS

I. Background/Introduction

Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)(4)), Section 105(b)(16) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705(b)(16)), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 42, specify that a grantee under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) must certify that it has in effect and is following a “residential Anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan” (Plan). As a CDBG grantee, Village of Cloudcroft must certify to State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division that it has and is following such a Plan.

The Plan must include three components: 1) one-for-one replacement requirements for lower-income housing units, 2) relocation assistance, and 3) a description of the steps Village of Cloudcroft will take to minimize displacement.

II. Activities Covered by the Plan

All activities involving the use of CDBG funds that cause displacement as a direct result of demolition or conversion of a lower-income dwelling are subject to the requirements specified in the Plan. Activities for which funds are first obligated on or after September 30, 1988 are subject to the requirements specified in the Plan, without regard to the source year of the funds.

III. Uniform Relocation Act

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA) govern displacement that directly results from acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition of real property when federal funds are used. Village of Cloudcroft's Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is in no way intended to supersede the URA. CDBG assisted activities may still be subject to the requirements of the URA.

IV. One-for-One Replacement Units

All occupied and vacant occupiable lower-income dwelling units that are demolished or converted to a use other than as lower-income dwelling units in connection with an assisted activity must be replaced with comparable lower-income units. Replacement lower-income dwelling units may be provided by any governmental agency or private developer and must meet the following requirements:

- A. The units must be located within Village of Cloudcroft to the extent feasible, the units shall be located within the same neighborhood as the units replaced

- B. The units must be sufficient in number and size to house no fewer than the number of occupants who could have been housed in the units that are demolished or converted. The number of occupants who could have been housed in the units shall be in accordance with applicable local housing occupancy codes. The units may not be replaced with smaller units (e.g., a 2-bedroom unit with two 1-bedroom units), unless Village of Cloudcroft has provided information demonstrating that such a proposed replacement is consistent with the needs assessment contained State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division HUD-approved Consolidated Plan.
- C. The units must be in standard condition and must at a minimum meet Section 8 Program Housing Quality Standards. Replacement lower-income units may include units brought from a substandard condition to standard condition if: 1) no person was displaced from the unit; and 2) the unit was vacant for at least 3 months before execution of the agreement between Village of Cloudcroft and the property owner.
- D. The units must initially be made available for occupancy at any time during the period beginning 1 year before the recipient makes public the information required under Section F below and ending 3 years after the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation related to the conversion.
- E. The units must be designed to remain lower-income dwelling units for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy. Replacement lower-income dwelling units may include, but are not limited to, public housing or existing housing receiving Section 8 project-based assistance
- F. Before Village of Cloudcroft enters into a contract committing it to provide CDBG funds for any activity that will directly result in the demolition of lower-income dwelling units or the conversion of lower-income dwelling units to another use, Village of Cloudcroft must make public and submit in writing to State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division the following information:
- 1 A description of the proposed assisted activity;
 - 2 The location on a map and number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than for lower-income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
 - 3 A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
 - 4 The location on a map and the number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units. If such data is not available at the time of the submission to State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division, the submission shall identify the general location on an area map and the approximate number of dwelling units by size, and information identifying the specific location and number of dwellings units by size shall be submitted and disclosed to the public as soon as it is available;
 - 5 The source of funding and time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units;
 - 6 The basis for concluding that each replacement unit will remain a lower-income dwelling unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy; and
 - 7 Information demonstrating that any proposed replacement of dwelling units with smaller dwelling units is consistent with the needs assessment contained in

the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division Consolidated Plan.

- G. The one-for-one replacement requirements may not apply if HUD determines, based on objective data, that there is an adequate supply of vacant lower-income dwelling units in standard condition available on a non-discriminatory basis within Village of Cloudcroft. In making such a determination, State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division will consider such factors as vacancy rates, numbers of lower-income units in Village of Cloudcroft and the number of eligible families on the Section 8 waiting list.

V. Relocation Assistance

Each lower-income person who is displaced as a direct result of CDBG assisted demolition or conversion of a lower-income dwelling shall be provided with relocation assistance.

Relocation assistance includes advisory services and reimbursement for moving expenses, security deposits, credit checks, other moving expenses, including certain interim living costs, and certain replacement housing assistance.

Displaced persons have the right to elect, as an alternative to the benefits described in this Plan, to receive benefits under the URA, if they determine that it is in their best interest to do so. The following relocation assistance shall be available to lower-income displacement persons:

- A. Displaced lower-income persons will receive the relocation assistance required under 49 CFR 24, Subpart C (General Relocation Requirements) and Subpart D (Payment for Moving and Related Expenses) whether the person elects to receive assistance under the URA or the assistance required by CDBG regulations. Relocation notices must be distributed to the affected persons in accordance with 49 CFR 24.203 of the URA;
- B. The reasonable and necessary cost of any security deposit required to rent the replacement dwelling unit and for credit checks required to rent or purchase the replacement dwelling unit;
- C. Actual reasonable out-of-pocket costs incurred in connection with temporary relocation, including moving expenses and increased housing costs, if:
 - 1. The person must relocate temporarily because continued occupancy of the dwelling unit constitutes a substantial danger to the health or safety of the person or the public; or
 - 2. The person is displaced from a lower-income dwelling unit, none of the comparable replacement units to which the person has been referred qualifies as a lower-income dwelling unit, and a suitable lower-income dwelling unit is scheduled to become available through one-for-one replacement requirements
- D. Replacement Housing Assistance. Displaced persons are eligible to receive one of the following two forms of replacement housing assistance:
 - 1. Each person shall be offered rental assistance equal to 60 times the amount necessary to reduce the monthly rent and estimated average monthly cost of

utilities for a replacement dwelling to the "Total Tenant Payment", as determined under 24 CFR 813.107. All or a portion of this assistance may be offered through a certificate or housing voucher for rental assistance under the Section 8 program.

Where Section 8 assistance is provided to the displaced person,

Village of Cloudcroft must provide the person with referrals to comparable units whose owners are willing to participate in Section 8 program to the extent that cash assistance is provided, it will be provided in installments.

2. In lieu of the housing voucher, certificate or cash assistance described above, the person may elect to receive a lump sum payment allowing them to secure participation in a housing cooperative or mutual housing association. This lump sum payment shall be equal to the capitalized value of 60 monthly installments of the amount that is obtained by subtracting the

"Total Tenant Payment", as determined under 24 CFR 813.107, from the monthly cost of rent and average monthly cost of utilities at a comparable replacement dwelling unit. To compute the capitalized value, the installments shall be discounted at the rate of interest paid on passbook savings in a federally insured financial institution conducting business within Village of Cloudcroft.

Displaced lower-income tenants shall be advised of their right to elect relocation assistance pursuant to the URA and the regulations at 49 CFR 24 as an alternative to the relocation assistance available under CDBG regulations.

VI. Eligibility for Relocation Assistance

A lower-income person is eligible for relocation assistance if they are considered to be a "displaced person" as defined in 24 CFR 42.305. A displaced person means a lower-income person who, in connection with an activity assisted under the CDBG program, permanently moves from real property or permanently moves personal property from real property as a direct result of demolition or conversion of a lower-income dwelling.

For purposes of this definition, a permanent move includes a move made permanently and:

- A. After notice by the owner to move from the property, if the move occurs on or after the date of the submission of a request to Village of Cloudcroft for CDBG assistance that is later approved for the requested activity; or
- B. After notice by the owner to move from the property, if the move occurs on or after the date of the initial official submission to HUD of the consolidated plan under 24 CFR Part 91 describing the assisted activity; or
- C. Before the dates described in A & B above, if Village of Cloudcroft or State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division determines that the displacement was a direct result of conversion or demolition in connection with a CDBG assisted activity; or
- D. By a tenant-occupant of a dwelling unit, if any one of the following three situations occurs:
 1. The tenant moves after execution of the CDBG agreement covering the acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition and the move occurs before the tenant is

provided written notice offering the tenant the opportunity to lease and occupy a suitable, decent, safe and sanitary dwelling in the same building/complex upon completion of the project under reasonable terms and conditions, including a monthly rent and estimated average monthly utility costs that do not exceed the greater of the tenant's monthly rent before such agreement, or the total tenant payment as determined under 24 CFR 813.107 if the tenant is lower-income, or 30 percent of gross household income if the tenant is not lower-income.

2. The tenant is required to relocate temporarily, does not return to the building/complex, and either is not offered payment for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the temporary relocation, or other conditions of the temporary relocation are not reasonable.
3. The tenant is required to move to another dwelling unit in the same building/complex but is not offered reimbursement for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the move, or other conditions of the move are not reasonable.

If the displacement occurs on or after the appropriate date described in A & B above, the lower-income person is not eligible for relocation assistance if:

- A. The person is evicted for cause based upon a serious or repeated violation of the terms and conditions of the lease or occupancy agreement, violation of applicable federal, State or local law, or other good cause, and the Village of Cloudcroft determines that the eviction was not undertaken for the purpose of evading the obligation to provide relocation assistance;
- B. The person moved into the property on or after the date described in A & B above after receiving written notice of the expected displacement; or
- C. Village of Cloudcroft determines that the displacement was not a direct result of the CDBG assisted activity and the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration Local Government Division concurs with this determination.

VII. Minimizing Displacement

The CDBG regulations regarding the demolition or conversion of lower-income dwelling units are designed to ensure that lower-income persons are provided with adequate, affordable replacement housing. Naturally, involuntary displacement should be discouraged whenever a reasonable alternative exists. Involuntary displacement is extremely disruptive and disturbing, especially to lower-income persons who do not have the means to locate alternative housing.

There are various ways that displacement can be minimized. The following are steps that will be taken to minimize the involuntary displacement of lower-income persons when CDBG funds are involved:

- A. Screening of Applications All CDBG applications will be reviewed to determine whether involuntary displacement is likely to occur. Those applications involving displacement will receive a lower priority recommendation for funding unless it can be shown that alternatives are not available.
- B. Acquisition of Property Applicants who apply for CDBG funds to acquire property for the

development of lower-income housing will be encouraged to purchase vacant land. In the case of in-fill and other projects where this is not feasible and the project involves potential displacement, the applicant shall agree to allow the displaced lower-income person(s) to occupy the new housing at an affordable rent.

Applicants who utilize CDBG funds to rehabilitate or convert a lower-income unit to a non-residential use will be required to supply replacement housing consistent with paragraph IV, as well as relocation assistance.

- C. Cost of Relocation Assistance The cost of any required relocation assistance and the provision of replacement housing will be borne by the applicant and may be paid for out of CDBG funds awarded to the project.

VIII. Definitions

- A. "Comparable replacement dwelling unit" means a dwelling unit that:
 - 1 Meets the criteria of 49 CFR 24.2(d)(1) through (6); and
 - 2 Is available at a monthly cost for rent plus estimated average monthly utility costs that does not exceed the "Total Tenant Payment" determined under 24 CFR 813.107 after taking into account any rental assistance the household would receive.
- B. "Lower-income dwelling unit" means a dwelling unit with a market rental (including utility costs) that does not exceed the applicable Fair Market Rent (FMR) for existing housing and moderate rehabilitation established under 24 CFR Part 888.
- C. "Standard condition" means units that at a minimum meet the Existing Housing Quality Standards of the Section 8 rental subsidy program.
- D. "Substandard condition suitable for rehabilitation" means units with code violations that can be brought to Section 8 Housing Quality Standards within reasonable monetary amounts.
- E. "Vacant occupiable dwelling unit" means a dwelling unit that is in a standard condition; a vacant dwelling unit that is in substandard condition, but is suitable for rehabilitation; or a dwelling unit in any condition that has been occupied (except by a squatter) at any time within the period beginning 3 months before the date of execution of the agreement by Village of Cloudcroft covering the rehabilitation or demolition.

IX. Grievances

The Village of Cloudcroft will provide timely written answers to written complaints and grievances within 15 working days where practical. Action items:

- A. Adopt complaint handling procedures or policies to insure that complaints or grievances are responded to within 15 days, if possible.
- B. Allow for appeal of a decision to a neutral authority.
- C. File a detailed record of all complaints or grievances and responses in one central location with easy public access.

SECTION 3 PLAN REQUIRED ELEMENTS

The Village of Cloudcroft is committed to comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. This Act encourages the use of small local businesses and the hiring of low income residents of the community.

The Village of Cloudcroft has appointed June 14 2022 as the Section 3 Coordinator, to advise and assist key personnel and staff on Section 3, to officially serve as focal point for Section 3 complaints, and as the on-site monitor of prime contractors and sub-contractors to insure the implementation and enforcement of their Section 3 plans. The approval or disapproval of the Section 3 plan is the ultimate responsibility of the Village of Cloudcroft. Documentation of efforts will be retained on file for monitoring by the state.

Therefore, the Village of Cloudcroft shall:

1. Hiring
 - a. Advertise for all Village of Cloudcroft positions in local newspapers
 - b. List all Village of Cloudcroft job opportunities with the State Employment Service
 - c. Give preference in hiring to lower income persons residing in the Village of Cloudcroft. This means that if two equally qualified persons apply and one is a resident of the Village of Cloudcroft and one is not, the resident will be hired
 - d. Maintain records of Village of Cloudcroft hiring as specified in the CDBG Resolution to Adopt CDBG Requirements (Exhibit 1-Y). Note: Chart for Section 3 Plan MUST be filled out in its entirety and updated with a CDBG grant agreement.

2. Contracting
 - a. The Village of Cloudcroft will compile a list of businesses, suppliers and contractors located in the Village of Cloudcroft.
 - b. These vendors will be contacted for bid or quotes whenever the Village of Cloudcroft requires supplies, services or construction.
 - c. Preference will be given to small local businesses. This means if identical bids/quotes are received from a small business located within the Village of Cloudcroft and one from outside the Village of Cloudcroft, the contract will be awarded to the business located within the community.

3. Training

The Village of Cloudcroft shall maintain a list of all training programs operated by the Village of Cloudcroft and its agencies and will direct them to give preference to Village of Cloudcroft residents. The Village of Cloudcroft will also direct all CDBG sponsored training to provide preference to Village of Cloudcroft residents.

4. CDBG Contracts

All CDBG bid proposals and contracts shall include the following Section 3 language.

- a. The work to be performed under this contract is on a project assisted under a program providing direct federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u. Section 3 requires that the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment be given lower income residents of the project areas, and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns residing in the project area.
- b. The parties to this contract will comply with the provision of said Section 3 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development set forth in 24 CFR and all applicable rules and orders of the Department issued there-under prior to the execution of this contract. The parties to this contract certify and agree that they are under no contractual or other disability which would prevent them from complying with these requirements.
- c. The contractor will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, if any, a notice advising the said labor organization or workers' representative of his commitments under the Section 3 clause, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.
- d. The contractor will include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract for work in connection with the project and will, at the direction of the applicant for, or recipient of federal financial assistance, take appropriate action pursuant to the subcontract upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of regulations issued by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where it has notice or knowledge that the latter has been found in violation of regulations under 24 CFR 135, and will not let any subcontract unless the subcontractor has first provided it with the requirements of these regulations.
- e. Compliance with the provisions of Section 3, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR 135, and all applicable rules and orders of the Department, issued thereunder prior to the execution of the contract, shall be a condition of the federal financial assistance provided to the project, binding upon the applicant or recipient for such assistance, its successors and assigns. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the applicant or recipient, its contractors and subcontractors, its successors and assigns to those sanctions specified by the grant or loan agreement or contract through which federal assistance is provided, and to such sanctions as are specified by 24 CFR 135.

The Village of Cloudcroft shall require each contractor to prepare a written Section 3 plan as a part of their bids on all jobs exceeding \$100,000. All Section 3 plans shall be reviewed and approved by the City's Equal Opportunity Section 3 Compliance Officer and retained for monitoring by the state.

The Village of Cloudcroft will maintain all necessary reports and will insure that all contractors and subcontractors submit required reports.

LOWER INCOME CLARIFICATION

A family who resides in Village of Cloudcroft and whose income does not exceed the income limit for the size of family as per the attached Section 8 Income Limit for Village of Cloudcroft. Information contained in our Section 3 Plan reflects the status of the Village of Cloudcroft employees regarding lower income considerations based on their salary paid by the Village of Cloudcroft.

Certification

This Federal Requirements Plan hereby incorporates all of the State of New Mexico CDBG requirements to include Citizen Participation, Fair Housing, Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation as well as Section 3. The Village of Cloudcroft herewith certifies to follow the CDBG Federal Requirements Plan described above and adopt the plan by resolution once throughout the term of the CDBG grant agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Board of Trustees of the Village of Cloudcroft
of New Mexico on this 13 day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

Village of Cloudcroft Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 



Village of Cloudcroft Attorney

Plan Adoption Date: June 14 2022

Adoption Instrument: Resolution No. 2022.11

Certified By: William Denney

William Denney

Mayor

6-13-22
Date

Copy to Local Government Division with attachments