- (f) Barriers to affordable housing. The consolidated plan must describe the State's strategy to remove or ameliorate negative effects of its policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing, as identified in accordance with § 91.310.
- (g) Lead-based paint hazards. The consolidated plan must outline the actions proposed or being taken to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, and describe how the lead-based paint hazard reduction will be integrated into housing policies and programs.
- (h) Anti-poverty strategy. The consolidated plan must describe the State's goals, programs, and policies for reducing the number of poverty level families and how the State's goals, programs, and policies for producing and preserving affordable housing, set forth in the housing component of the consolidated plan, will be coordinated with other programs and services for which the State is responsible and the extent to which they will reduce (or assist in reducing) the number of poverty level families, taking into consideration factors over which the State has control.
- (i) Institutional structure. The consolidated plan must explain the institutional structure, including private industry, nonprofit organizations, and public institutions, through which the State will carry out its housing and community development plan, assessing the strengths and gaps in that delivery system. The plan must describe what the State will do to overcome gaps in the institutional structure for carrying out its strategy for addressing its priority needs.
- (j) Coordination. The consolidated plan must describe the State's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies. With respect to the public entities involved, the plan must describe the means of cooperation and coordination among the State and any units of general local government in the implementation of its consolidated plan.
- (k) Low-income housing tax credit use. The consolidated plan must describe the strategy to coordinate the Low-income Housing Tax Credit with the development of housing that is affordable to low-income and moderate-income families.
- (l) Public housing resident initiatives. For a State that has a State housing agency administering public housing funds, the consolidated plan must describe the State's activities to encourage public housing residents to

become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.

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## §91.320 Action plan.

The action plan must include the following:

- (a) Form application. Standard Form 424;
- (b) Resources. (1) Federal resources. The consolidated plan must describe the Federal resources expected to be available to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan, in accordance with § 91.315. These resources include grant funds and program income.
- (2) Other resources. The consolidated plan must indicate resources from private and non-Federal public sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. The plan must explain how Federal funds will leverage those additional resources, including a description of how matching requirements of the HUD programs will be satisfied. Where the State deems it appropriate, it may indicate publicly owned land or property located within the State that may be used to carry out the purposes stated in § 91.1;
- (c) Activities. A description of the State's method for distributing funds to local governments and nonprofit organizations to carry out activities, or the activities to be undertaken by the State, using funds that are expected to be received under formula allocations (and related program income) and other HUD assistance during the program year and how the proposed distribution of funds will address the priority needs and specific objectives described in the consolidated plan;
- (d) Geographic distribution. A description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of minority concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year, giving the rationale for the priorities for allocating investment geographically;
- (e) Homeless and other special needs activities. Activities it plans to undertake during the next year to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families (including subpopulations), to prevent low-income individuals and families with children (especially those with incomes below 30 percent of median) from becoming homeless, to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, and to address the special needs of persons

who are not homeless identified in accordance with § 91.315(d);

(f) Other actions. Actions it plans to take during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing (including the coordination of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits with the development of affordable housing), remove barriers to affordable housing, evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies and foster public housing resident initiatives. (See § 91.315 (a), (b), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (1).)

(g) *Program-specific requirements*. In addition, the plan must include the following specific information:

(1) CDBG. (i) An "urgent needs" activity (one that is expected to qualify under § 570.208(c) of this title) may be included only if the State identifies the activity in the action plan and certifies that the activity is designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available.

(ii) The method of distribution shall contain a description of all criteria used to select applications from local governments for funding, including the relative importance of the criteria—if the relative importance has been developed. The action plan must include a description of how all CDBG resources will be allocated among all funding categories and the threshold factors and grant size limits that are to be applied. If the State intends to aid nonentitlement units of general local government in applying for guaranteed loan funds under 24 CFR part 570, subpart M, it must describe available guarantee amounts and how applications will be selected for assistance. (The statement of the method of distribution must provide sufficient information so that units of general local government will be able to understand and comment on it and be able to prepare responsive applications.) (2) *HOME.* (i) The State shall describe

(2) HOME. (i) The State shall describe other forms of investment that are not described in § 92.205(b) of this subtitle.

(ii) If the State intends to use HOME funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of this subtitle.

(3) ESG. The State shall state the process for awarding grants to State recipients and a description of how the State intends to make its allocation