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F17: Reimbursement Certification of Decent, Safe and Sanitary Condition and Lead Safety

Property Address

City, State, Zip

This form applies to all homeowners who are seeking reimbursement from the Build it Back Program.

In order to receive reimbursement, you must agree that your home either meets the Program's Decent, Safe, and Sanitary ("DSS") standards or that it will meet the DSS standards after repairs are completed.

If you have completed your repair work, you are certifying that there are no DSS issues in the home.

If you have not completed repairs, you are either certifying that you will complete repairs on your own within sixty (60) days after receiving reimbursement you are certifying that you agree to have the Program complete all repairs if you are opting to receive repair assistance from Build it Back.

If the Program has discovered lead-based paint hazards in your home which the Program has determined require remediation, you agree to allow the Program to perform any and all required work as a condition of receiving reimbursement. You also understand that if you fail to allow the Program to complete the required work, you will be in violation of your Grant Agreement and will be required to repay your full reimbursement grant to the Program.

Utilities (Electric/Gas/Water)

My home must have electricity turned on; AND

My home must have working electricity in the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom(s); AND

If applicable, my home must have gas turned on; AND

My home must have active water connections; AND

My home must have no "electrical hazards" such as: broken wiring; non-insulated wiring; frayed wiring; wires lying in or located near standing water or other unsafe places; light fixture hanging from wiring without other firm support; etc.

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Structural Conditions

The windows in storm damaged areas of the home do not show signs of "severe deterioration" such as: the window is broken such that it no longer has the capacity to keep out the elements; there is a cutting hazard; etc.; AND

The ceilings in the home must not show signs of serious "unsound or hazardous" conditions such as: readily apparent serious defects that could threaten the structural safety of the building or cause similar threats to safety; severe bulging or buckling; large holes; missing parts; loose surface materials (not paper/paint) in danger of falling; etc.; AND

The walls in the home must not show signs of serious "unsound or hazardous" conditions such as: readily apparent serious defects that could threaten the structural safety of the building or cause similar threats to safety; severe buckling, bulging or leaning; damaged or loose structural members; large holes; air infiltration; etc.; AND

The floors in the home do not show signs of serious "unsound or hazardous" conditions, such as: readily apparent serious defects that could threaten the structural safety of the building or cause similar threats to safety; severe buckling; major movements under walking stress; etc.

Smoke Detectors

The home must have at least one battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector present and working on each level of the unit, including the basement, but not the crawl spaces or unfinished attics.

Habitability

The kitchen in my home must have both a working oven and stove with top burners OR a microwave; AND

At least one bathroom in my home must have at least one working sink, and at least one working toilet.

Building Exterior

The foundation of my home must not show signs of serious "unsound or hazardous" conditions, such as: readily apparent severe structural defects indicating the potential for structural collapse; foundations that allow significant entry of ground water on a regular basis (for example, evidenced by flooding of basement); etc.; AND

The path of egress of my home (for example, stairs, rails or porches) must not show signs of serious "unsound or hazardous" conditions, such as: stairs, porches, balconies, or decks with severe structural defects; broken, rotting, or missing steps; etc.; AND

The roof of my home must not show signs of serious "unsound or hazardous" conditions, such as: serious defects such as serious buckling or sagging, indicating the potential of structural collapse; large holes or other defects that would result in significant water infiltration; etc.; AND

If applicable, the chimney of my home must not show signs of serious "unsound or hazardous" conditions, such as: chimney is not seriously leaning or showing evidence of significant disintegration which would lead to imminent collapse; etc.

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Heating and Plumbing

The home must have a working built-in heat and hot water source, and is not heated exclusively with unvented fuel-burning space heaters; AND

The home does not show signs of serious improper connection of flues, which may allow exhaust gases to enter the living area; AND

The home must not show signs of serious combustible materials near heat sources or flues; AND

The home must not show signs of serious "major leaks," especially regarding the main water drain and feed pipes; AND

The home must not show obvious signs of serious sewer backup: strong sewer smell, slow drains, marshy area above septic, etc.

General Health and Safety

The home must have usable exits: no blocked/boarded, or barred exits on the path of egress; exit is not unusable due to conditions such as debris, storage, door or window nailed shut, broken lock; etc.; AND

The home must not show signs of serious "infestation" such as: presence of rats; severe infestation by mice or vermin (such as roaches); rat holes; droppings; rat runs; numerous settings of rat poison in storm damaged areas; etc.

I have read and understand this form, and I certify that the information supplied above is true and accurate.

_____ Applicant (Print Name)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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