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Green Housing Preservation Program Standard Term Sheet

Program Description

The Green Housing Preservation Program (GHPP) provides low- and no-interest loans to finance energy efficiency and water conservation improvements, treatment of lead-based paint hazards, and rehabilitation work, to:

- Ensure the physical health of buildings
- Preserve safe affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households
- Reduce building operating expenses
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Eligible Buildings

- Multifamily buildings between 3 units and 50,000 square feet (approximately 50 units)
- Project scopes of work with energy efficiency measures that are projected to save at least 20% in annual energy (heating and electric) usage (% reduction in kBTU). Water is not included.
- Properties with moderate rehabilitation needs are also eligible.

Ineligible Buildings

- Properties that have previously received State or City Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs) are not eligible for GHPP and should contact the HPD Year 15 Program (hpd.nyc.gov). Projects that have previously received HUD-assistance are not eligible for GHPP and should contact the HPD HUD Multifamily Program (hpd.nyc.gov).
- Projects that do not meet the energy savings requirement or other eligibility criteria above may be eligible for financing through other applicable HPD Preservation Finance programs.
- Projects that are only seeking financing for lead abatement should refer to the Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Program term sheet.

Eligible Owners

Limited partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, limited liability companies, 501(c)(3) corporations and single purpose housing development corporations using the HPD approved Certificate of Incorporation form, and individual owners. The program is open to for-profit and not-for-profit owners.

This term sheet is not applicable to owners of HDFC cooperatives. Owners of HDFC cooperatives should consult with the GHPP HDFC Cooperative Term Sheet.

Eligible Uses of the HPD Loan

- Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation (EEWC) measures with a 10 year payback period
 or less as specified by the IPNA (see explanation below) or as approved by HPD, including solar
 electricity and heating, efficient lighting, low-flow fixtures, insulation (piping and roof), and heating
 distribution upgrades
- **Moderate Rehabilitation**, including roof replacement, window replacement, masonry/pointing work, and electrical and plumbing upgrades.
- Treatment of Lead-Based Paint Hazards, including abatement measures, such as the removal and replacement of lead-positive doors, window frames, sills, baseboards, and other "friction surfaces", and interim controls, such as paint stabilization (wet-scraping and re-painting).
- Eligible Soft Costs (See the Fees and Closing Costs Section below for Eligible Soft Costs)

HPD Loan Amount

The loan amount is sized according to the energy efficiency, water conservation, and rehabilitation needs of the building. Energy efficiency, water conservation and rehabilitation needs are determined through an Integrated Physical Needs Assessment (IPNA), which is a roof-to-cellar assessment of a building's physical conditions combined with an energy audit and conducted by a third party firm on HDC's Pre-Qualified IPNA Firms list">HDC's Pre-Qualified IPNA Firms list. The lead treatment needs are determined through lead testing conducted by HPD at no cost to the owner.



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Buildings with Substantial Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Maximum loan amount of \$60,000 per residential unit.

(see Appendix A for an example of how the loan would be structured if the building had substantial lead treatment needs)

Buildings without Substantial Lead-Based Paint Hazards

The maximum loan amount of \$50,000 per residential unit.

(see Appendix A for an example of how the loan would be structured if the building did not have substantial lead treatment needs)

Small Buildings

In cases where a project is 15 units or less, has significant rehabilitation needs <u>and</u> cannot leverage private financing, HPD may lend up to \$80,000 per unit.

HPD Loan Terms

Buildings with Substantial Lead-Based Paint Hazards

The first \$18,500/\$14,500 per residential unit (amount defined by building size; see chart below) of a project's cost is structured as a 0% interest evaporating loan. Any project cost above the evaporating loan amount, with a maximum of \$60,000 per residential unit, is repayable to HPD.

| | Maximum Green Efficiency Funds (0% interest, evaporating) | Maximum Lead Treatment Funds (0% interest, evaporating) | Maximum Moderate Rehabilitation Funds (repayable, up to 3% interest) | Total Maximum HPD Loan Amount |
|--|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Small Buildings (3-15 units) | \$8,500 | + \$10,000 | + \$41,500 | = \$60,000 |
| Mid-Size Buildings (16-50 units) | \$4,500 | + \$10,000 | + \$45,500 | = \$60,000 |

Buildings without Substantial Lead Treatment

The first \$8,500/\$4,500 per residential unit (amount defined by building size; see chart below) of a project's cost is structured as a 0% interest evaporating loan. Any project cost above that amount, with a maximum of \$50,000 per residential unit, is repayable to HPD. See below for specific loan terms.

| | Maximum Green Efficiency Funds (0% interest, evaporating) | | Maximum Moderate Rehabilitation Funds (repayable, up to 3% interest) | Tot | tal Maximum HPD Loan Amount |
|--|--|---|--|-----|--------------------------------|
| Small Buildings (3-15 units) | \$8,500 | + | \$41,500 = | = | \$50,000 |
| Mid-Size Buildings (16-50 units) | \$4,500 | + | \$45,500 = | = | \$50,000 |

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All Buildings

| | Green Efficiency and Lead Treatment Funds Only | Moderate Rehabilitation Funds |
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| Loan Term: | 15 years | 30 years |
| Interest Rate and Loan Structure: | 0% (a 0.25% servicing fee is applicable during construction only) Evaporating; no interest or principal payments are made during the loan term. The loan evaporates in equal annual amounts over a 15-year period, as long as the building remains in compliance with the HPD Regulatory Agreement. | City Capital Funds Overall Interest Rate: 3% Paid Interest Rate: 1%, inclusive of servicing; HPD may reduce the paid rate to leverage additional financing or meet minimum coverage requirements. Accrued Interest Rate: The balance will defer and accrue, compounding monthly to be paid as a balloon upon maturity. Reso-A Funds Overall and Paid Interest Rate: 1%, inclusive of servicing; HPD may reduce the paid rate to leverage additional financing or meet minimum coverage requirements. Moderate Rehabilitation Funds (incl. Reso A) are repayable. During the permanent period, only the Paid Interest Rate will be paid to HPD. The principal and Accrued Interest Rate will defer and accrue and be paid as a balloon upon maturity. |
| Minimum Expense Coverage Ratio: | 1.05 | 1.05 |
| Minimum Debt Service Coverage Ratio: | N/A | 1.25 if the HPD loan is the only financing on the project 1.15 combined on all mortgages |
| Pre-Payment Penalty: | No prepayment allowed | Declining for the first 5 years: • Year 1: 5% of unpaid principal • Year 2: 4% of unpaid principal • Year 3: 3% of unpaid principal • Year 4: 2% of unpaid principal • Year 5: 1% of unpaid principal |
| Replacement Reserve: | N/A | 3% of collected rent |
| Operating Reserve*: | N/A | Minimum of 6 months of maintenance and operating expenses including debt service |
| Cash Flow: | N/A | For Profit: Developer receives 100% Nonprofit: Developer receives 50% and 50% is held in a City-controlled reserve. |

^{*}HPD may reduce the Operating Reserve requirement in cases where it would create a burden to the project.



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- HPD loan can be subordinated to existing or new first mortgage debt from a private bank.
- If a project can support private debt, HPD will require the owner to apply for private financing from one of the participating banks listed below.

Existing HPD Debt

 HPD may consider extending the term of the existing HPD loan to run concurrent with the new loan term at interest rates consistent with this term sheet.

Utility and Other Energy and Water Efficiency Financing Programs

HPD encourages and assists owners in applying for financing from the following programs:

- o Con Edison and National Grid incentive programs
- o DEP Toilet Replacement Program (TRP)
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
- NYSERDA Multifamily Performance Program (MPP)

Owner Equity Requirements

Owners are required to contribute 2% (non-profit) or 10% (for profit) of the total project cost (excluding any refinancing costs, developer fee and reserves) using cash equity. Projects only receiving Reso A funds are not required to contribute equity towards the project. Equity requirements may be decreased or waived for buildings that only borrow up to the Green Efficiency Fund and Lead Treatment Fund threshold amount, as long as the Loan-to-Value does not exceed 98%.

Equity is typically provided to fund a portion of the scope of work and documented by a Housing Repair Agreement executed at closing. HPD may consider crediting other non-debt sources including any rebates obtained through a utility incentive program, toward the equity requirement.

All projects proposed to be located in an Opportunity Zone should consider Opportunity Funds as a potential source of equity. Projects that use Opportunity Fund investments must clearly identify the amount of all such investments, the name and location of the Opportunity Fund, and the tax payment implications and benefits for the Opportunity Zone investment. Any additional federal funding beyond the tax must also be disclosed and will be included in the evaluation of the project. Maps of the designated tracts can be found at this link https://esd.ny.gov/opportunity-zones



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Fees and Closing Costs

Subject to funding availability, the following fees and closing costs can be paid for through the HPD loan. Owners that do not have the upfront funding to pay for any of the below costs incurred prior to the HPD loan closing can apply for a predevelopment loan from the New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation to cover those costs (terms on the predevelopment loan can be found here).

| Item | Description | Reimbursable Amount |
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| Integrated Physical Needs Assessment (IPNA) | Roof-to-cellar assessment of a building's physical condition combined with an energy audit | Base cost of up to \$5,000 per project plus up to \$250 per unit for the first 15 units in a project and up to \$125 per unit for all remaining units. |
| Technical Assistance Services | Scope of work development, bid process facilitation, owner's representative services during construction, training and one-year follow up report | Greater of \$2,500 per unit or 5% of the total project costs, with a maximum of \$100,000 for projects greater than 25 units. The entire fee will be held back at closing and released upon project completion (including violation removal and requirements set forth in the Housing Repair Agreement), however HPD may release a portion of the fee to cover HPD approved owner's representative costs |
| | | Fees for TA services must be reasonable and commensurate with the project scope of work. HPD may limit reimbursement to amounts below the cost thresholds based on these criteria. |
| Developer Fee | Ensure timely completion of construction work | Projects that leverage private debt may be eligible for a developer fee that will be paid in increments based on project milestones. Up to half may be paid during the construction period with the balance payable upon permanent loan conversion. |
| | | Nonprofit: Lesser of \$10,000/du and 8% of TDC less acquisition, reserves, and developer fee For-profit: 5% of TDC less developer fee and reserves |
| | | Projects that receive a developer fee may not be eligible for the owner's representative services described under the Technical Assistance Fee above. |
| Payment and Performance Bond or Letter of Credit | Construction guarantees for projects receiving private financing or over \$1 million in HPD financing | Typically, 2-5% of the construction contract |
| Environmental Testing | Lead and asbestos testing | Asbestos Testing: HPD must approve cost. Lead Testing: |
| | | Buildings Eligible for Lead Treatment Funds: Lead testing will be performed by an HPD Lead Inspector at no cost to the owner. |



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| | | Buildings <u>NOT</u> Eligible for Lead Treatment Funds: HPD must approve cost |
| Title Report | A report that discloses whether there are any competing claims, liens or other issues on the property. | HPD must approve cost |
| Title Insurance | Insures the owner and lender against loss or damage that can occur due to liens, encumbrances, or defects in the title to a property. | .9% of the total loan amount |
| Owner Legal Fee | Attorney fee for reviewing legal documents and being present at the loan closing. | HPD must approve cost |
| Initial Benchmarking Setup Fee | Fee to setup benchmarking account | HPD must approve cost |

The following fees cannot be paid for by HPD through its loan proceeds and must be paid for by the owner at closing (only the Equal Opportunity Fee can be counted towards the equity requirement):

| Item | Cost |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Construction Signage Fee | \$100 per building |
| Equal Opportunity Fee | \$1,400 per project |



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Regulatory Requirements

All Owners must enter into a regulatory agreement at closing requiring the following:

| | Green Efficiency and Lead Treatment Funds Only | Green Efficiency, Lead Treatment Funds + Moderate Rehab Funds | |
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| Term of Regulatory Agreement | Owners must, at a minimum, agree to a regulatory period through the later of (i) the new HPD loan term, (ii) 15 additional years from the expiration of the current HPD regulatory period, or (iii) the expiration of the J-51 or Article XI tax benefit. | | |
| Rent Stabilization | All units must remain in rent stabilization during the term of the regulatory agreement. Owner may not apply to DHCR for Major Capital Improvement (MCI) or Individual Apartment (IAI) increases in connection with the work funded by HPD and private loans for this project. Throughout the Term of the Regulatory Agreement, the owner may apply for MCI and IAI increases in accordance with the Rent Stabilization Code, as long as the Legal Rent does not exceed the Rent Limitation set forth in the Regulatory Agreement or the rental assistance rent, if a unit receives rental assistance. All units that are currently not rent stabilized must be registered with DHCR prior to loan closing. Setting for initial legal rents will be determined by HPD. | | |
| Rent Limitation | N/A | Maximum rent charged is 100% AMI. Current rents may be considered in establishing rental restrictions and restrictions may be set at multiple tiers up to a level affordable to households earning 100% AMI. Restricted rents for units with current rents below 80% AMI will be set to rents 10% above the current rent. The maximum restricted rents for units with current rents above 80% AMI will be restricted to rents 20% above current rent. | |
| Income Limitation | Current and future vacant apartments must be rented to households whose incomes do not exceed 120% of AMI. If the building's current rents are close to this AMI level, HPD may adjust to allow for appropriate marketing band. | Current and future vacant apartments must be rented to households whose incomes do no exceed 120% of AMI. Units with rents set below 80% AMI can be rented to households earning up to 10% above the rent limitation. Units with rents set above 80% can be rented to households earning up to 20% above the rent limitation. If the building's income is close to the maximum level, HPD may adjust to allow for appropriate marketing band. | |
| Building Operations | N/A | Projects must maintain an operating and replacement reserve that will stay with the project throughout the regulatory term. Owners must manage the property in accordance with generally acceptable management practices in New York City. HPD may require the owner enter into a management contract with a third-party management entity. | |



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Real Estate Tax Benefits

Tax exemptions or abatements may be available pursuant to <u>J-51</u> or <u>Article XI</u>. Projects receiving an Article XI may pay partial taxes based on a Gross Rent Tax (GRT) payment. Gross Rent is defined as total annual income received which includes tenant share plus any tenant subsidy payments.

Design and Construction Requirements

- All projects must comply with HPD's Standard Specification (http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/developers/specifications-rehabilitation/master-guide-specifications-for-rehabilitation-projects.page), as the specifications relate to the project's scope of work.
- Projects must complete an Integrated Physical Needs Assessment (IPNA) and procure Technical Assistance Services by an HDC pre-qualified IPNA and TA firm. See HDC website for current list of qualified firms: http://www.nychdc.com/Current%20RFP
- HPD will require projects to install solar photovoltaic or thermal systems if both of the below criteria are met:
 - Physical Feasibility: Projects are considered physically feasible if the roof is in good condition and has at least 15 years left in its lifespan OR the roof will be replaced as part of the HPD project.
 - Financial Feasibility: Projects are considered financially feasible if the system has a
 payback period of 10 years or less, as projected by the HPD Solar Screening Tool (a
 link to the tool is found in the IPNA), AND inclusion of the system does not increase
 HPD's loan to over term sheet max (critical scope items cannot be taken out in favor of
 the solar system).
- All projects will be required to complete a Solar Feasibility Analysis using the HPD Solar Screening Tool, which must also be submitted to, and reviewed by, HPD. Projects will have access to free technical assistance services provided through our NYSERDA-funded partnership with the non-profit <u>Solar One</u>. Solar One can assist owners and development teams with completing the Solar Feasibility Analyses, optimizing solar designs, identifying solar incentives and financing options, and facilitating the competitive procurement of solar bids.
- Solar savings, when used to offset a building's utility costs, will be underwritten to the maximum extent allowed by the lenders.
- Projects that fall within a <u>Solarize NYC catchment area</u> may use the selected Solarize installer
 to design and install the solar system. All projects that fall outside of the catchment area must
 competitively bid out the solar project to NYSERDA qualified NY-Sun Incentive solar installers.
- Prior to closing, all projects must complete benchmarking on a whole building basis using a
 Benchmarking Software Provider Firm that has been pre-qualified by HDC:
 http://www.nychdc.com/Current%20RFP. Funded projects must benchmark throughout the HPD
 regulatory term.
- Projects where HPD/HDC's contribution is more than \$2 million will have to comply with the M/WBE Build Up Program requiring developers/owners to spend at least a quarter of HPDsupported costs on certified M/WBEs over the course of design and construction of an HPDsubsidized project. A minimum goal will be required for each project subject to the program. Developers may adopt a goal higher than the minimum.
- HPD requires developers, general contractors, and subcontractors working on projects receiving
 more than \$2 million in City subsidy to share job openings in entry- and mid-level construction
 positions with HireNYC and to interview the qualified candidates that HireNYC refers for those
 openings.



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- Owners are required to survey all tenants in a project using HPD's Aging-in-Place Survey to
 determine modifications needed to assist tenants age more comfortably and safely in place. The
 scope of work will include the modifications listed in the survey as requested by tenants.
- All substantial rehab projects, as determined by HPD, must achieve Green Communities Certification. The Green Communities Criteria and Certification portal is available at www.greencommunitiesonline.org.

HPD considers projects substantial rehabilitations ("sub rehabs") when all three of the following items are included in the scope:

- Heating system replacement (includes heating equipment & distribution system)
- Work on at least 75 percent of dwelling units contained within such building including but not limited to fixture replacements in kitchens and bathroom, and
- Substantial work on the building envelope, including but not limited to the addition of building
 wide air sealing measures performed in conjunction with window replacements on at least 50
 percent of total glazing, addition of roof insulation on 100 percent of the roof or the addition of at
 least 50 percent wall insulation.

More information can be found at: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/enterprise-green-communities-criteria-egcc.page

| Fair Housing and Accessibility Requirements | The owner is required to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, orders, and regulations prohibiting housing discrimination. The Developer must also construct the project in compliance with all laws regarding accessibility for people with disabilities, including but not limited to the New York City Building Code, the federal Fair Housing Act, the Americans With Disability Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. |
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| Marketing | All projects must be marketed according to HPD and HDC marketing guidelines. The owner must submit a marketing plan for agency review and approval. Where applicable, marketed projects will be required to use HPD's and HDC's lottery process. |
| Application Process | Owners must apply to HPD and through one of the participating private lenders listed below, if applicable. |
| Participating Banks | Community Preservation Corporation: Atalia Howe, 646-822-9427 Enterprise Community Partners: Victoria Rowe-Barreca, 212-284-7181 Low Income Investment Fund: Ivan Levi, 212-509-5509 x 29 Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC): Arturo Suarez, 212-455-1606 New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation (NYCEEC): Poise Constable, 646-797-4615 Habitat for Humanity Community Loan Fund: Christopher Illum, 646-779-8861 |
| HPD Contact | Dara Yaskil, Director, Green Housing Preservation Program 212-863-7810 / hpdpres@hpd.nyc.gov |

HPD, in its sole discretion, may, at any time and without prior notice, terminate the program, amend or waive compliance with any of its terms, or reject any or all proposals for funding.

NOTE: The project receiving funding under this program may be subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135. If applicable to the project, (i) to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with the planning and carrying out of the project must be given to "Section 3 Residents" as such term is defined in 24 CFR 135.5; and (ii) to the greatest extent feasible, contracts for work to be performed in connection with any such project must be awarded to "Section 3 Business Concerns" as such term is defined in 24 CFR part 135.5.

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APPENDIX A

EXAMPLE 1: LOAN STRUCTURE WITH SUBSTANTIAL LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS

Building Size = 8 units

Maximum Eligible Financing = \$60,000 per unit, or \$480,000

Total Loan Amount = \$350,000

Loan Structure:

| | HPD Loan A | HPD Loan B |
|----------------|---|---|
| Loan Amount | \$148,000 (\$80,000 in Lead Treatment Funds plus \$68,000 in Green | \$202,000 |
| | Efficiency Funds) | |
| Loan Term | 15 years | 30 years |
| Interest Rate | 0% | Up to the higher of 3% or the Applicable Federal Rate, inclusive of servicing |
| Repayment Term | Evaporating by \$9,867.67 each year for 15 years | Interest only over 30 years or balloon |

EXAMPLE 2: LOAN STRUCTURE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS

Building Size = 8 units

Maximum Eligible Financing = \$50,000 per unit, or \$400,000

Total Loan Amount = \$350,000



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Loan Structure:

| | HPD Loan A | HPD Loan B |
|----------------|--|---|
| Loan Amount | \$68,000 (Green Efficiency Funds Only) | \$282,000 |
| Loan Term | 15 years | 30 years |
| Interest Rate | 0% | Up to the higher of 3% or the Applicable Federal Rate, inclusive of servicing |
| Repayment Term | Evaporating by \$4,533.34 each year for 15 years | Deferred and accrued, payable at maturity |