

California Affordable Housing Initiatives, Inc.

Complete Package Requirements Option 2 Rents at or Below Market

Option 2 is for Owners requesting renewal of Section 8 contracts with current rents *at or below* comparable market rents.

- Owner signed Attachment 3A-2, Contract Renewal Request Form and (Initial or Subsequent) Renewal Worksheet (sample attached);
- An RCS prepared in accordance with Chapter 9 of the Section 8 Renewal Guide (if applicable; if using an existing RCS, the term of the contract cannot exceed the remaining life of the RCS);
- □ Owner's RCS Certification (sample attached);
- □ Tenant One-Year Notification Letter (sample attached);
- For a budget-based rent increase request (worksheet attached see Complete Package Requirements for Budget Based adjustments) or an OCAF rent increase adjustment request (worksheet attached – see Complete Package Requirements for OCAF adjustments);
- Tenant notification of rent increase for budget requests (sample attached);
- □ Full Utility Allowance Analysis, if applicable (guidance attached);
- □ If there is a decrease in UA, 30 day tenant notification of UA decrease (sample attached); and
- A signed Owner's Certification of Compliance with Tenant Comment Procedures executed after the 30-day comment period (sample attached)

NOTE: This list of documents is not exhaustive. Please be advised that other documents may be required for the renewal option selected. Additionally, with the exception of HUD-required (e.g. Attachment 3A-2), the sample attachments serve as acceptable templates. You are *not* required to use these documents.

Per the section 8 renewal guide, should a notice need to be issued for both a rent increase and a utility allowance decrease, a single notice is sufficient if the owner clearly identifies both items in the notice.

Please submit all Rent Adjustment and Contract Renewal documents via email in pdf format to <u>cahi-submissions@cgifederal.com</u> with a cc to your CAHI Central Contract Specialist.

Please contact your CAHI Central Contract Specialist if you have questions about complete package requirements. A listing of our staff including contact information can be found at: <u>http://www.cahi-oakland.org/Staff.aspx</u>

Contract Renewal Request Form Multifamily Section 8 Contracts

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Cover Sheet

PROJECT NAME

PROJECT ADDRESS

PROJECT OWNER

FHA PROJECT NO

DUNS NUMBER

TOTAL UNITS IN PROJECT

TOTAL SECTION 8 UNITS IN PROJECT

DATE OF SUBMISSION

DATE RECEIVED BY HUD

Section 8 contracts and stages in the project:

Section 8 Contract Number	Stage Number (if applicable)	Combine (Yes?)	# Units	Expiration Date	Renew (Yes?)

•	I hereby elect to renew the above-indicated contracts under the following option (<i>Check the appropriate box(es) below and provide the corresponding worksheet(s)</i>):					
This is an		nitial	or [Subsequent	Renewal of a MAHRA contract.
Орт	TION ONE -	Request	t Rene	ewal (U <mark>nder Mark-</mark> U	p-To-Market Procedures
	🗌 Opti	ion One	A Enti	itleme	ent Mark-Up-To	o-Market
	Optio	on One H	B Disci	retion	nary Authority	
	I hereby	y request	a cont	tract r	renewal for a	year term. (A five-year minimum term)
		Request 1 nout Rest			ith Rents At o	r Below Comparable Market Rents And
	I hereby	request	a conti	ract re	enewal for a	year term. (A maximum 20-year term)
	ON THREE	- Reques	st Refe	erral	to OAHP for:	Choose One
	PTION THI	REE-A - H Restruc				ts to Comparable Market Rents without
	OPTION TH				of the mortgag ket Rents (Full)	e and reduction of Section 8 Rents to
	N FOUR - R	Request H Debt R				or Projects Exempt from or not Eligible for
	I hereby	request a	a contra	act re	enewal for a	year term.
	FIVE - PO	rtfolio R	leengii	neeri	ng Demonstrat	tion and Preservation Contract Renewals
	request a Based on U				f my Demonstr	ation Program Contract.
						Use Agreement cturing Demonstration Use Agreement
	request a c	contract	renew	val of	my Preservati	on Program Contract.
					renewal for a corded Use Agr	year term. (The term may not exceed reement.)
OPTION	OPTION SIX - Opt-Out of the Section 8 Contract					
Owner's sig	nature:					Date:

form HUD-9624 (7/2008)

RENEWAL WORKSHEET FOR OPTION TWO Requesting A Contract Renewal At or Below Comparable Market Rent

I hereby request an **INITIAL RENEWAL** of my contract. I have attached a **Rent Comparability Study** (RCS) and the OCAF Adjustment worksheet. The comparison chart below reflects the results of the study and compares them to the expiring Section 8 units in my project.

(I)	(II)	(111)	(IV)	(V)	(VI)
UNIT TYPE AND CONTRACT/STAGE NUMBER	# OF UNITS	CURRENT SECTION 8 CONTRACT RENTS	<u>COMPS</u> ESTIMATED SUBJECT MARKET RENTS	CURRENT SECTION 8 RENT POTENTIAL (II X III)	<u>COMPS</u> ESTIMATED SUBJECTMARKET RENT POTENTIAL (II X IV)
			TOTAL	<u>≤</u>	

For Option Two, the Total of Column V must be less than The total of Column VI. * If the total of Column VI is greater than the total of Column V the project is not eligible to renew under Option Two. Please choose from the following choices for Rent Adjustments if the project's current rent potential is less than or equal to the market rent potential of the comparable market rents or the current rent potential is above market but the project is exempt from restructuring and the owner is willing to reduce rents to comparable market rents.

☐ I understand that the initial renewal rents will be set at current rent adjusted by OCAF but not to exceed comparable market rents. I am submitting the required OCAF calculation worksheet.

or

I am submitting an attached budget that reflects the projected costs for the first 12 months covered by the renewal contract. I understand that the increase cannot take the rents above the comparable market rents. I have abided by the requirements in 24 CFR 245 regarding tenant notification of a proposed rent increase; and the attached budget and rent schedule was available to tenants upon their request.

or

I am submitting a budget to request a budget-based rent increase under Chapter 15 not to exceed market. I have abided by the requirements in 24

CFR 245 regarding tenant notification of a proposed rent increase; and the attached budget and rent schedule was available to tenants upon their request.



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or

I hereby certify that: (Check the following)

Neither I, nor any of my affiliates, are suspended or debarred, *or*

I, or my affiliates, are suspended or debarred and are requesting a contract renewal subject to HUD approval; and

This information is true and complete.

Project Name	 	
•		
Owner's Name		

Owner's Signature_____Date_____

Warning: Any person who knowingly presents a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or claim in a matter within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is subject to criminal penalties, civil liability, and administrative sanctions, including but not limited to: (i) fines and imprisonment under 18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010 and 1012; (ii) civil penalties and damages under 31 U.S.C. § 3729; and (iii) administrative sanctions, claims, and penalties under 24 C.F.R parts 24, 28 and 30.

RENEWAL WORKSHEET FOR OPTION TWO Requesting Subsequent Renewal of Contract At or Below Comparable Market Rent

I hereby request a **SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL** of my Section 524 contract without restructuring and (*Please select one of the following*):

My Rent Comparability Study is less than five years old. I request that the contract rents be adjusted by the currently published OCAF.

- The date of my Rent Comparability study is _____
- I am submitting the OCAF Adjustment Worksheet (Form HUD 9625).

My Rent Comparability Study is less than five years old. I request a budget-based rent adjustment.

- The date of my Rent Comparability Study is _____
- I am submitting an attached budget, which reflects the projected costs for the first 12 months covered by the renewal contract.
- I have abided by the requirements in 24 CFR 245 regarding tenant notification of a proposed rent increase.
- The attached budget and rent schedule was available to tenants upon their request.

New Comparable Market Rent Potential	
Comparable Rent Potential from original RCS	

Year	OCAF (I)	Prior Year Adjusted Rent Potential (I x III)	Adjusted Rent potential (III)
OCAF year *			
OCAF year			
OCAF year			
OCAF year			

 New Comparable Market Rent Potential

 Rent Potential Based on Attached Budget

* Use the Comparable Rent Potential from original RCS (for Column 2) to find the Adjusted Rent Potential.

- I am submitting the comparison chart from the Option Two Initial Renewal Request that reflects the results of the study and compares them to the expiring Section 8 units in my project.
- I am submitting the OCAF Adjustment Worksheet (Form HUD 9625).

My Rent Comparability Study is five years old. I request that the contract rents be adjusted by the currently published OCAF.

• I am submitting a new Rent Comparability Study.

I am submitting a budget-based rent increase under Chapter 15, not to exceed market. I have abided by the requirements in 24 CFR 245 regarding tenant notification of a proposed rent increase.

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- The ownership entity is an eligible nonprofit and meets all of the requirements outlined in Chapter 15 of the Section 8 Renewal Guide.
- The ownership entity agrees to accept a 20-year recorded Use Agreement. For example, if the owner has a 20-year agreement; the term must be extended for an additional 20 years.

My Rent Comparability Study is five years old. I request a budget-based rent adjustment.

- I am submitting a new Rent Comparability Study.
- I am submitting an attached budget, which reflects the projected costs for the first 12 months.
- I have abided by the requirements in 24 CFR 245 regarding tenant notification of a proposed rent increase
- The attached budget and rent schedule was available to tenants upon their request.
- I am submitting the OCAF Adjustment Worksheet (Form HUD 9625).

I hereby certify that:

Neither I, nor any of my affiliates, are suspended or debarred or

I, or my affiliates, are suspended or debarred and are requesting a contract renewal subject to HUD approval: and;

This information is true and complete.

Project Name	
Owner's Name	
Owner's Signature	Date

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Appendix 9-2-1

Sample Owner's Cover Letter

[Date]

[Owner's Name] [Owner's Address]

RCS Submittal Cover Letter for [Project Name]

- 1. I have reviewed the content of the RCS and concluded that the RCS includes all material required by Chapter Nine and the Owner's Checklist in Appendix 9-2-2.
- 2. The RCS appraiser's [insert appraiser's name] narratives and Rent Comparability Grid accurately describe the subject project and properly treat non-shelter services and their funding sources as required by Section 9-12 and Appendix 9-1-1.
- 3. There is no family relationship or identity-of-interest between the principals of the subject's Ownership or management agent entity and the principals that manage/ own the projects used as comparables. [Owners must identify and provide information if there is an identity-of-interest existing between principals. See Handbook 4381.5, Paragraph 2-3 for a definition of the term "identity-of-interest".]
- 4. I certify that: a) neither the selection of the RCS appraiser nor the RCS appraiser's compensation was/is contingent upon the RCS appraiser reporting a predetermined rent nor direction in rent; and b) to the best of the Owner's knowledge, the RCS appraiser meets Section 9-8. A.'s conditions regarding absence of financial, employment, and family relationships.
- 5. I certify that the fee paid for the RCS is the only compensation the RCS appraiser will receive for the RCS work and there is no side agreement or other consideration.
- 6. The following person is our point of contact for HUD/CA's Decision Letter, or to address any questions that the HUD/CA staff may have on the RCS:
- 7. [Provide a name, email and phone number for a point of contact at the agent/Owner's office]
- 8. HUD/CA may talk with the RCS appraiser directly and copy the RCS appraiser on written materials. The RCS appraiser's contact information is provided below

[Insert RCS appraiser's name, address, email and phone number]

- 9. I certify that if I discontinue any service to tenants at this property which forms the basis of a rent adjustment in this RCS, I will inform HUD in writing within 30 days of the termination of that service.
- 10. I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and

administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802).

[Owner's Name & Signature] [Date] Encl: Owner's Checklist

Appendix 9-2-2

Sample Owner's Checklist

Owner's Materials

Signed Cover Letter Signed Owner's Checklist Scope of Repair

RCS Materials

RCS Appraiser's Transmittal Letter

Scope of Work

Description of Subject Project (including color photographs)

Identification of the Subject's Market Area

Description of Neighborhood

Narrative Describing Selection of Comparables

Locator Map for Subject and Comparables

Rent Comparability Grid for Each Primary Unit type

Narrative Explaining Adjustments and Market Rent Conclusions (one set of explanations for each Rent Grid)

Comparable Project Profiles (each including a color photo)

RCS Appraiser's Certification

Copy of RCS Appraiser's License (only if relying upon a temporary license)

Mandatory Market Rent Threshold Materials

Computation of the Project's gross rents and the SAFMR gross rents

Comparison of Project's gross rents to the SAFMR gross rents

Owner's Signature & Date

ONE-YEAR NOTIFICATION LETTER – OWNER INTENDS TO RENEW

(Date)

Dear Tenant:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development subsidizes the rent of your apartment through the project-based Section 8 program. Federal law requires that owners provide tenants with a one-year notification before the expiration of a Section 8 contract. The Section 8 contract that pays the government's share of your apartment rent at <u>(name of project)</u> expires on <u>(one year from date of this letter)</u>.

While there will be no immediate change in your rental assistance, we are required to inform you of our intended actions when the contract expires one year from now.

THIS LETTER IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT WE INTEND TO RENEW THE CURRENT SECTION 8 CONTRACT WHEN IT EXPIRES.

If Congress makes funds available, which it has in the past and is expected to in the future, we will renew the Section 8 contract. However, in the unlikely circumstance that we cannot renew our contract, it is our understanding that, subject to the availability of funds, HUD will provide all eligible tenants currently residing in a Section 8 project-based assisted unit with tenant-based assistance. If we later decide not to renew the current Section 8 contract when it expires, we will provide you with at least one year of advance notification of this decision.

If you have any questions or would like information on the Section 8 Program, the following sources may be of assistance:

Contract Administrator (if applicable)

Name: California Affordable Housing Initiatives, Inc., 505 14th Street, Suite 900, Oakland, CA 94612

Telephone Number: <u>510-238-5300</u>

HUD Regional Center

Name: _____

Telephone Number:

HUD Web

http://www.hud.gov - click on "I want to" and the on "Find Rental Assistance."

Sincerely,

(Owner)

(contact info)

cc: Local HUD Office/____(*Contract Administrator*)

OCAF Rent Adjustment Worksheet

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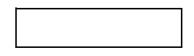
Project Name:		
Project Address:		
Project Owner		
FHA Project No.	DUNS Number	
Total Units in Project:	Total Section 8 Units In Project	
Date of Submission:	Date Received by HUD:	

Step 1:

Calculate the current Section 8 Rent Potential for EXPIRING contracts

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Unit Type and	# of Units	Current Section 8	Current Section 8 Rent
Contract and/or		Contract Rents	Potential
Stage			(B x C)

(E) Monthly Expiring Section 8 Contract Rent Potential (Total of column D)



(F) Annual Section 8 Rent Potential for Expiring Contracts (E x 12)

Step 2: Calculate Increase Factor Adjusted by OCAF for Expiring contracts

(G)	Total Annual Rent Potential For	
	Non-Expiring Section 8 Contracts	
(H)	Total Annual Rent Potential	
	For Non-Sec. 8 Units	
(I)	Total Annual Project Rent Potential	
	(F + G + H)	
(J)	Expiring Section 8 Portion of	
	Total Project Rent Potential (F ÷ I)	
(K)	Total Annual Project Debt Service	
	-	
(L)	Annual Expiring Section 8 Share of Debt Service	
	(J x K)	
(M)	Annual Expiring Section 8 Potential Less Expiring Sec. 8	
	Share of Debt Service (F - L)	
(N)	OCAF Adjustment	
(O)	Annual Expiring Section 8	
, í	Rent Potential Attributed to Operations	
	Multiplied by Published OCAF (M x N)	
(P)	Adjusted Contrast Dant Patential (L 0)	
	Adjusted Contract Rent Potential (L + O)	
(Q)	Lesser of (P) or Comparable Rent Potential From Rent	
	Comparability Study	
(R)	Increase Factor (Q ÷ F)	

Step 3:

Calculate OCAF Adjusted contract Rent Potential for Expiring Section 8 contracts ONLY

(S)	(T)	(U)	(V)	(W)	(X)
Unit Type and Contract and/or Stage	# Units	Current Contract Rents	OCAF Adjusted Rent (R x U)	Annual Adjusted Rent (V x 12)	Adjusted Annual Rent Potential (T x W)
	-				
-					
		-			
_	-	-			
-		-			
-					

(Y) Annual Adjusted Rent Potential of the Expiring Contracts(s)

(total Column X):

I (We) hereby certify that the statements and representations contained in or accompanying this instrument are true, accurate and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Project Name:		
Owner's Name:		
Owner's signature:	Date:	

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Budget Worksheet Income and Expense Projections

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Housing Federal Housing Commissioner

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This information is collected in accordance with Title II of the National Housing Act which requires that HUD regulate rents for certain cooperative and subsidized rental projects. The Department formulated the processes by which owners could request increases. The requirement for tenant participation in the rent increase process, which is included in Section 202(b) of the HCD Amendments of 1978, necessitated that the Department design procedures to give consideration to tenant comments. The information gathered is not of a confidential nature. The information is required in order to obtain benefits.

Project Num	ber Name of P					
Description	of Account	Acct.No.Statement of Profit/Loss FY	Current FY (no. of mos.)	Budget from () to (
Rental	Rent Revenue - Gross Potential	5120				
Income 5100	Tenant Assistance Payments	5121				
	Rent Revenue - Stores and Commercial	5140				
	Garage and Parking Spaces	5170				
	Flexible Subsidy Revenue	5180				
	Miscellaneous Rent Revenue	5190				
	Excess Rent	5191				
	Rent Revenue/ Insurance	5192				
	Special Claims Revenue	5193				
	Retained Excess Income	5194				
	Total Rent Revenue Potential at 100% Occupancy	5100T				
/acancies	Apartments	5220				
5200	Stores and Commercial	5240				
	Rental Concessions	5250				
	Garage and Parking Spaces	5270				
	Miscellaneous	5290				
	Total Vacancies	5200T				
	Net Rental Revenue (Rent Revenue less Vacancies)	5152N				
ncome 300	Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living/ Board & Care/ Other Elderly Care/ Coop/ Other Revenues	5300				
inancial	Financial Revenue -Project Operations	5410				
Revenue	Revenue from Investments-Residual Receipts	5430				
5400	Revenue from Investments-Replacement Reserve	5440				
	Revenue from Investments-Miscellaneous	5490				
	Total Financial Revenue	5400T				
Other	Laundry and Vending Revenue	5910				
levenue 900	Tenant Charges	5920				
900	Interest Reduction Payments Revenue	5945				
	Gifts (nonprofits)	5970				
	Miscellaneous Revenue	5990				
	Total Other Revenue	5900T				
	Total Revenue	5000T				
dmin.	Conventions and Meetings	6203				
Expenses	Management Consulants	6204				
200/ 300	Advertising and Marketing	6210				
	Other Renting Expense	6250				
	Office Salaries	6310				
	Office Expenses	6311				
	Office or Model Apartment Rent	6312				
	Management Fee	6320				
	Manager or Superintendent Salaries	6330				
	Administrative Rent Free Unit	6331				
	Legal Expenses - Project	6340				
	Audit Expenses	6350				
	Bookkeeping Fees/Accounting Services	6351				
	Miscellaneous Administrative Expenses	6390				
	Total Administrative Expenses	6263T				

Description o	f Account	Acct.No.	Statement of Profit/Loss FY	Current FY (n	o. of mos.)	Budget from () to (
Utilities	Fuel Oil/Coal	6420						
6400	Electricity	6450						
	Water	6451						
	Gas	6452						
	Sewer	6453						
	Total Utilities Expense	6400T						
Operating	Payroll	6510						
& Mainten.	Supplies	6515						
Expenses 6500	Contracts	6520						
0500	Operating and Maintenance Rent Free Unit	6521						
	Garbage and Trash Removal	6525						
	Security Payroll/Contract	6530						
	Security Rent Free Unit	6531						
	Heating/Cooling Repairs and Maintenance	6546						
	Snow Removal	6548						
	Vehicle & Maint. Equip. Oper. and Repair	6570						
	Misc. Operating & Maintenance Expenses	6590						
	Total Operating & Maintenance Expenses	6500T						
Taxes and	Real Estate Taxes	6710						
Insurance 6700	Payroll Taxes (Project's share)	6711						
0700	Property and Liability Insurance (Hazard)	6720						
	Fidelity Bond Insurance	6721						
	Workmen's Compensation	6722						
	Health Insurance & Other Employee Benefits	6723						
	Misc. Taxes, Licen., Permits, & Insurance	6790						
	Total Taxes & Insurance	6700T						
Financial	Interest on Mortgage Payable	6820						
Expenses 6800	Interest on Notes Payable (Long-Term) *	6830						
0000	Interest on Notes Payable (Short-Term) *	6840						
	Mortgage Insurance Premium/Service Charge	6850						
	Miscellaneous Financial Expenses	6890						
	Total Financial Expenses	6800T						
Expenses 6900	Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living/ Board & Care/ Other Elderly Care/ Coop/ Other Revenues	6900						
	Total Cost of Operations	6000T						
	Reserve for Replacements Dep. Required							
	Principal Payments Required							
	Debt Service for other approved loans							
	Debt Service Reserve (if required)							
	General Operating Reserve (Coops)							
	Total Cash Requirements							
	Less Total Revenue							
	Net Cash Surplus (Deficiency)							

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate.
Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 100, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)
(Signature)
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

SAMPLE 30-DAY NOTICE TO TENANT LETTER 24 CFR 245

Date

Take notice that on *(date)* we plan to submit a request for approval of an increase in the maximum permissible rents for (name of apartment complex) to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The proposed increase is needed for the following reasons:

1.

2.

3.

The rent increases for which we have requested approval are:

of Bedrooms Current Rent Proposed Rent

(insert rent information by bedroom size here)

A copy of the materials that we are submitting to HUD in support of our request will be available during normal business hours at *(address)* for a period of 30 days from the date of service of this notice for the purpose of inspection and copying by tenants of (name of apartment complex) and if the tenants wish, by legal or other representatives acting for them individually or as a group. During a period of 30 days from the date of service of this notice, tenants of *(name of apartment complex)* may submit written comments on the proposed rent increase to us at *(address)*. Tenant representatives may assist tenants in preparing those comments. (If, at HUD's request or otherwise, we make any material change during the comment period in the materials available for inspection and copying, we will notify the tenants of the change or changes, and the tenants will have a period of 15 days from the date of service of this additional notice (or the remainder of any applicable comment period, if longer) in which to inspect and copy the materials as changed and to submit comments on the proposed rent increase). These comments will be transmitted to HUD along with our evaluation of them and our request for the increase. You may also send a copy of your comments directly to HUD at the following address:

California Affordable Housing Initiatives, Inc. 505 14th Street Suite 900 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: (Project Number) (name of apartment complex)

HUD will approve, adjust upward or downward, or disapprove the proposed rent increase upon reviewing the request and comments. When HUD advises us in writing of its decision on our request, you will be notified. If the request is approved, any allowable increase will be put into effect only after a period of at least 30 days from the date you are served with that notice and in accordance with the terms of existing leases.

Signed by managing owner/agent



GUIDANCE FOR DETERMINING UTILITY ALLOWANCES

HUDs current UA guidance outlined in <u>HUD Notice 2015-04</u> instructs owner/agents to establish a baseline for each bedroom size **once every three years**. For two years after the baseline submission, utility allowances for each bedroom size and each utility type at the property will be adjusted by state-specific increase factor called a Utility Adjustment Factor (UAF). These factors will be publish annually by HUD.

NOTE: RHS/USDA properties must comply with the requirements outlined in HUD Notice 2015-04.

Baseline Submission Requirements

- 1. Request utility data from either the utility company or the tenant household for at least the number of units determined by the sample size methodology detailed below. A sample tenant release can be found <u>here</u>.
 - a. This must be done for each bedroom size at the property;
 - b. If the property consists of multiple identical buildings (or building that are substantially similar, then the sampling may be performed at the property level, encompassing all buildings on a site. If buildings are not identical, the sample must be done for each bedroom size/unit type;
 - c. Backup documentation must be submitted;
 - i. Copies of the tenant data received from utility providers, can be submitted in a summary format; or
 - ii. Copies of the printouts indicating a summary of monthly data if the tenant was able to obtain data online from their utility provider for the previous 12 months, or 10 months if the case may be; or
 - iii. If actual monthly utility bills from a tenant were received, the O/A may submit a spreadsheet summarizing the average of the monthly bills. The actual utility bills will not need to be submitted to the CA but will need to be retained in the tenant files for the term of tenancy plus 3 years and will be subject to the CA review;
 - iv. There may be cases where a combination of the above will need to be performed and your CCS will notify you of any additional requirements;
 - d. The data collected must be for the same time period;
 - e. The data used must not be more than eighteen (18) months from the contract anniversary date;
 - f. Samples submitted must be from the units receiving Section 8 assistance;
 - g. A unit should be excluded from the sample if it:
 - i. Is receiving an increased UA as a reasonable accommodation;
 - ii. Has been vacant for 2 or more months (units included in the sample should have at least 10 months of occupancy); or
 - iii. Is receiving a flat rate as part of a low-income rate assistance utility program.
- 2. Determine the average utility cost for each bedroom size without removing any units from the sample size beyond those excluded as indicated in (g.) above. Do <u>not</u> remove the highest and/or lowest utility cost household when determining the average. The monthly cost of consumption is the NET COST *after* the application of discounts. Do <u>not</u> include late fees in the monthly cost



of consumption. (The monthly usage amount included in the UA analysis should <u>not</u> be reduced by the California Climate Credit, as those credits are to be counted as income for recertification purposes).

- a. A sample format for utility allowance submissions, which includes built-in formulas to average utility costs for each unit size, can be found <u>here</u>.
- 3. Provide an explanation for any sample sizes that do not meet the required criteria established in <u>Notice 2015-04</u>. (samples that do not meet the required criteria do not need to be submitted)
- 4. Recommend the UA amount to the contract administrator for approval.
- 5. Follow the requirements in 24 CFR 245.405(a) and 245.410 to notify tenants of a utility allowance decrease.

Number of Units	Minimum Sample
1 – 20	All
21 – 61	20
62 – 71	21
72 – 83	22
84 – 99	23
100 – 120	24
121 – 149	25
150 – 191	26
192 – 259	27
260 – 388	28
389 and above	29

Sample Size Requirements

Factor-Based Analysis

For the two years after a baseline utility analysis is completed, the UA amounts for each bedroom size and each utility type can be adjusted by the established Utility Allowance Factor (UAF) in lieu of a baseline utility allowance.

After completely the property's utility analysis under the factor-based utility analysis method, O/As should compare the adjusted utility analysis to their paid utilities over the previous twelve months. If



the results indicate a significant disparity between the two, the O/A should complete a baseline analysis to help ensure the allowance(s) provided are accurate.

When the factor-based method is used to determine UAs, the O/A should submit their recommendation for the UA amount to contract administrator for approval.

Refer to HUD Notice 2015-04 for more information about:

- Utility Allowance Changes Outside of the Contract Rent Adjustment Schedule
- Allowances for New Construction or Substantial Rehabilitation
- Administrative Procedures
- Requirements for Tenant Households
- Penalties for Tenant Noncompliance
- Voluntary Use of EPAs Energy Star Portfolio Manager
- Information Collection

This policy will be updated accordingly as HUD releases additional information. Please your <u>CAHI</u> <u>Contract Specialist</u> with any questions.

For questions about the methodology outlined in Notice 2015-04, please contact Kate Brennan at <u>Catherine.M.Brennan@hud.gov</u> in the office of Asset Management and Portfolio Oversight.

SAMPLE UA DECREASE NOTICE

PLEASE refer to 24CFR 245.420, Section 8 Renewal Guide 2-17 B.1. & C.1. HUD Notice H 2015-04 and 4350.1 Chapter 7 FOR specific and current requirements for your project

NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT A UTILITY ALLOWANCE DECREASE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AND SUBMITTED TO HUD FOR APPROVAL*

Date

Dear Residents,

Take note that a Utility Allowance (U/A) decrease has been calculated based on the utility costs at Property Name, and a request to adjust the U/A has been submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Contract Administrator (CA). This change will take effect on UA effective date.

You have the right to participate as provided in §245.420. A copy of the materials that we are submitting to HUD/CA in support of our request will be available during normal business hours at address for a period of 30 days from the date of service of this notice for inspection and copying by tenants of property name and, if the tenants wish, by legal or other representatives acting for them individually or as a group.

During a period of 30 days from the date of service of this notice, tenants of property name may submit written comments on the proposed rent adjustment to us at address. Tenant representatives may assist tenants in preparing those comments. These comments will be transmitted to HUD/CA, along with our evaluation of them and our request for the decrease.

You may also send a copy of your comments directly to the Contract Administrator at the following address:

CAHI 505 14th Street, Suite 900 Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Project Based Contract Administration

HUD will approve, adjust upward or downward, or disapprove the proposed UA decrease upon reviewing the request and comments. When HUD/CA advises us in writing of the decision on our request, you will be notified. If the request is approved, any allowable adjustment will be put into effect only after a period of at least 30 days from the date you are served with that notice and in accordance with the terms of existing leases.

Owner/agent Name

Property Name

OWNER'S CERTIFICATION AS TO COMPLIANCE WITH TENANT COMMENT PROCEDURES IN 24 CFR 245 (FORMERLY IN 24 CFR 401)

FHA or Non-Insured Project Name ______Project No._____Project No._____

Acting on behalf of ______, the Project Owner, I certify that project management has taken ALL of the actions listed below.

- 1) Distributed a Notice to Tenants, in the forms and manner required by 24 CFR 245.310 and 245.410. (24 CFR 245.410 applies only if a reduction in utility allowances is proposed.)
- 2) Took reasonable steps to assure that any posted Notices remained intact and in legible form for the full comment period required by 24 CFR 245.
- 3) Made all materials submitted to justify the increase available during normal business hours in a place reasonably convenient to project residents.
- 4) Honored any resident's request to inspect those materials.
- 5) Reviewed and evaluated all comments received from project residents or their authorized representatives.
- 6) Examined all materials submitted to HUD/the State Agency in support of the rent increase request. I also certify, that all information submitted with my rent increase request is true, correct and complete.

WARNING: 18 U.S.C. 1001 provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly and willingly makes or uses a document or writing containing any, false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

Signed by:	Name
Title	Signature Date

APPENDIX 2