The State will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA) of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and/or Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs.

The State certifies that it will undertake activities that minimize the displacement of persons or Businesses as related to federally funded projects of CDBG and/or HOME. CDBG and/or HOME funds should not be used to carry out activities that result in displacement unless there is a public health or safety threat. Local governments and Non-Profit Agencies and Community Development Organizations (CHDOs) must also make such certification and must demonstrate that there are no other feasible alternatives.

Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and HUD regulations at 24 CFR 42.325 and is applicable to our CDBG and/or HOME-assisted projects. provides that a grant funded under CDBG and/or HOME may be made by the State only if the applicant certifies that it is following a "residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan" at application.

The plan must contain at least two components: (1) a requirement to replace all LMI dwelling units that are demolished or converted to a use other than LMI housing as a direct result of CDBG and/or HOME assistance; and (2) a relocation assistance component (which also addresses the Applicant’s efforts to minimize the displacement of persons). Both components must meet the HUD requirements at 24 CFR 570.488.

The State will not require the plan to be submitted with an application unless CDBG and/or HOME activities that would involve the plan are proposed to be undertaken. The State CDBG and HOME Program Implementation Manual provides guidance on the Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance.

Application Assistance

The State publishes Application Guidelines and provides technical assistance to help potential applicants in applying for CDBG and/or HOME funding. The Application Guidelines are provided at annual CDBG and HOME workshops and is also included on the State’s website at www.mississippi.org/csd.