

## Exhibit G - Tenant Selection Requirements

A written Tenant Selection Plan must be provided that reflects the requirements described in this Exhibit G.

### Tenant Selection Criteria for Extremely Low Income (ELI) Household

#### *Screening criteria for ELI households*

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant selection criteria when evaluating the eligibility of a household applying for tenancy in a unit set aside for Extremely Low Income (ELI) Households:

- Credit History: The credit history related to medical expenses, cable and internet services will not be taken into consideration when conducting credit checks.
- Income Requirement Policy: The household monthly income must not be required to be more than two times the monthly rent. (e.g., If the monthly rent is \$500, the household monthly income will not be required to exceed \$1,000.)
- Evictions: The eviction history look-back period must not be more than 5 years. A household is permitted one eviction during the 5-year look-back period, unless the eviction was due to causing physical harm to development staff, tenants, or intentional property damage.

#### *Tenant application fees and deposits for ELI households*

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant application fees and deposits requirements for a household applying for tenancy in a unit set aside for extremely low income households:

- It is prohibited to charge a fee to a household that is applying for tenancy in a unit that is set aside for extremely low-income households for the purposes of reserving or holding a unit.
- The application for tenancy fee will be no more than \$35 per adult in a household.
- A security deposit for new tenant households will be not more than the amount of one month's rent.

#### *For Development with requirements for Link/Special Needs requirements*

The Tenant Selection Plans must include a Preference in their Waiting List section. Owners must create a preference specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a Florida Housing-designated Special Needs Referral Agency. The Tenant Selection Plan must include the following language:

*This Development has adopted a preference to house X number of units of the Extremely Low Income (ELI) units within the Development to be set aside for Persons with Special Needs as defined in 420.0004(13) Florida Statutes. These set aside units are known as Link units. These units shall be set aside specifically for individuals or families who are referred by a Florida Housing-designated Referral Agency. The Development must prioritize these referred individuals for an available Link unit.*

*During and after lease-up, Referral Agency referrals must be moved in first, regardless of chronological order of the general waiting list, until all Link units are occupied with Referral Agency referrals.*

- The Tenant Selection Plan shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Corporation for approval within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting.

*Properties with HUD assistance, including Project-Based Assistance, Public Housing Agencies, and those administering Public Housing Programs*

Properties that have contracts with HUD or Public Housing Authorities' rental assistance programs and also have the Florida Housing Link/Special Needs requirement must handle their waiting list to reflect both HUD and Florida Housing requirements. In order to do this, Florida Housing has determined that establishing an owner-adopted preference with a Florida Housing-designated Special Needs Referral Agency is the correct method for complying with Florida Housing and HUD requirements.

- The Waiting List section of the Tenant Selection Plan must include a preference for Special Needs households that are referred by a Florida Housing-designated Special Needs Household Referral Agency.
- HUD regulations require Tenant Selection Plans that implement preferences to have HUD approval. This is the case if there are new Plans in new properties, as well redevelopment, RAD conversions, or substantially rehabilitated properties.
- If a Development has an existing Tenant Selection Plan, Applicant must amend the Plan. Applicants are required to submit the amended Plan with the preferences to their account manager in the field office. The Plan must be sent to the Corporation for preliminary approval before sending to HUD.

#### Additional Tenant Selection Criteria for All Households

##### *Screening criteria for all households*

The Applicant must adhere to the following tenant selection criteria when evaluating the eligibility of all households applying for tenancy:

- Arrest Record: The arrest record of a household member will not be considered when determining any household's application for tenancy.
- Rental Assistance: For households with publicly funded rental assistance, the income requirement will be based on the household's paid portion of the rent.

### *Application for Tenancy*

Applicant must provide to all interested households a tenancy packet for the Development that includes and prominently places the following information:

- The tenant selection approach and criteria used to evaluate and determine a household's application for tenancy. The criteria under which a household was screened and evaluated, as well as the determination, must be included in each tenant household's file.
- The approach regarding a household's notification and appeal process and timeline if the household's application is rejected or determined ineligible.
- A description of reasonable accommodations or reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities, pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The description shall include accommodations that must be considered by the Development such as physical dwelling unit modifications for greater accessibility and use, as well as individualized assessments of mitigating factors related to a disability that adversely affected a household's credit, eviction, or criminal history. The description shall also include the process for requesting a reasonable accommodation, the determination approach, and decision-making timelines.
- A description of an applying household's or existing tenant's housing protections pursuant to the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA). The description will include that applying households may request the Development to conduct an individualized assessment of mitigating factors related to being a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that adversely affected the household's credit, eviction, or criminal history.

### *Notification of Rejection or Ineligibility for Tenancy*

The Tenant Selection Plan must describe the process for notification of rejection and ineligibility. The policy must include the following:

- The notification of any household that their application for tenancy was rejected or determined ineligible through a documented process such as a written letter or email to the address provided by the household.
- The notification will be provided to a household within 5 business days from the day the determination is made.
- The notice must include information regarding:
  - The reasons a household's application for tenancy was rejected or determined ineligible.
  - A household's right to appeal the Development's decision, as well as complete instructions regarding how a household may appeal the decision.

### Federal Accessibility Requirements

The Tenant Selection Plan must include a statement that the Development meets the following accessibility federal requirements, incorporating the most recent amendments, regulations, and rules:

- The Fair Housing Act as implemented by 24 CFR 100
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as implemented by 28 CFR 35.