

EXHIBIT 12

Statement of Assurances & Certifications Template

INSTRUCTIONS: The Statement of Assurances and Certifications is required as part of the application process. This must be printed on the eligible entity's letterhead or notarized. Below is the template to be updated to reflect the applicant's information.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

The [Name eligible entity] (Applicant) hereby assures and certifies to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (Department) regarding an application for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), or National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) funds, the following:

THRESHOLD CERTIFICATIONS

1. There are no significant unresolved audit findings relating to any prior grant award from the federal and/or state government that would adversely affect the administration of this grant.
2. No legal actions are underway or being contemplated that would significantly impact the Applicant's capacity to effectively administer the program, and to fulfill the CDBG-DR/HOME/HTF program; and
3. No project costs have been incurred that have not been approved in writing by the Department.
4. Applicant must have addressed and cleared all compliance problems, if any, from past awards and have had responses accepted by DED.
5. Applicant is current with all reporting requirements: For example, semi-annual project status reports, closeout reports, program income reports, audit reports, notifications of annual audit reports, etc.
6. Applicant has met or exceeded contract milestones including but not limited to:
 - a. Applicant with contracts in their twenty-fourth (24th) month or greater must be one hundred percent (100%) complete with the Scope of Work, and HOME funds 100% expended or de-obligated.
 - b. Applicants and any member of the project team, including developers, consultants, non-profits or housing agencies that were approved for projects from the 2023 and prior NIFA/DED Joint Application (HOME Program Year 2022 and prior) must have closed award funding contract (release of funds) or greater to apply for HOME and CDBG-DR funds in the 2024-25 NIFA/DED Joint LIHTC application (HOME Program Year 2023).

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATIONS

1. It will adopt and follow a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan that will minimize displacement as a result of activities assisted with CDBG-DR/HOME/HTF funds.
2. It will conduct and administer its programs in conformance with:
 - a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 1).
 - b. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-284), as amended, administering all

programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing, and will take action to affirmatively further fair housing in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing, and the provision of brokerage services.

- c. The Fair Housing Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 3601-19) and will affirmatively further fair housing.
- d. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted in whole or part by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low- and moderate-income (LMI), including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements, unless (1) grant funds are used to pay the proportion of such fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of such public improvements that are financed from revenue sources other than grant funds or (2) for purposes of assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of LMI who are not persons of very-low income, the Applicant certifies to the state that it lacks sufficient grant funds to comply with the requirements of clause (1).
- e. It will comply with all provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, which have not been cited previously as well as with other applicable laws.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN CERTIFICATION

It certifies that a detailed citizen participation plan is on file which includes:

- a. Providing and encouraging citizen participation with particular emphasis on participation by lower income persons who are residents of slum and blight areas in which funds are proposed to be used to include target areas as identified in the application.
- b. Providing citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the Applicant's proposed and actual use of CDBG-DR/HOME/HTF funds.
- c. Furnishing citizens with information, including but not limited to, the amount of CDBG-DR funds expected to be made available for the current fiscal year including CDBG-DR/HOME/HTF funds and anticipated program income the range of activities that may be undertaken with CDBG-DR/HOME/HTF funds; the estimated amount of CDBG-DR/HOME/HTF funds to be used for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low- and moderate-income people, and the proposed CDBG-DR/HOME/HTF-funded activities likely to result in displacement and the Applicant's anti-displacement and relocation plans.
- d. Providing technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals. The level and type of assistance is to be identified within the plan.
- e. **Providing for public hearings at different stages of the program**, for the purpose of obtaining citizen's views and responding to proposals and questions. The hearings must cover community development and housing needs, development of proposed activities and review of program performance. The hearing to cover community development needs must be held before submission of an application to the state. **The hearing on program performance must be held during the implementation of the CDBG-DR awarded grant.** There must be reasonable notice of the hearings and they must be held at times and

locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, with accommodations for the handicapped. Public hearings are to be conducted in a manner to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be expected to participate.

- f. Providing citizens with reasonable advance notice of, and opportunity to comment on, proposed activities in the application to the state and for grants already made, activities that are added to, deleted or substantially changed from the application to the state. Substantially changed is defined in terms of purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries defined by the state established criteria.
- g. Providing citizens, the address, phone number and acceptable hours for submitting complaints and grievances and providing timely written responses to written complaints and grievances within 15 working days where practicable.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSURANCES.

The Applicant will comply with the administrative requirements of the program, those applicable items in the Consolidated Plan, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 570 (including parts not specifically cited below), and the following laws, regulations and requirements, both federal and state, as they pertain to the design, implementation and administration of the local project, if approved:

CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVISIONS

- Public Law 88-352, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d), et. seq.) (24 CFR Part 1)
- Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, As Amended
- Age-Discrimination Act of 1975, As Amended (42 U.S.C. 6101, et. seq.)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, As Amended (29 U.S.C. 794) and the Americans with Disability Act
- Executive Order 11246, As Amended
- Executive Order 11063, As Amended by Executive Order 12259 (24 CFR Part 107)

ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AND PROVISIONS

- Section 104(f) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, As Amended
- Title IV of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4831) and the Implementing Regulations found at 24 CFR Part 35
- The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. Section 4321, et. seq., and 24 CFR Part 58)
- The Clean Air Act, As Amended (42 U.S.C. 7401, et. seq.)
- Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, (U.S.C. 4201, et. seq.)
- The Endangered Species Act of 1973, As Amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et. seq.)
- The Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960 (16 U.S.C. 469, et. seq.), Section 3 (16 U.S.C. 469 a-1), As Amended by the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974
- The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 [42 U.S.C. Section 201, 300(f), et. seq., and U.S.C. Section 349 as Amended, particularly
- Section 1424(e) (42 U.S.C. Section 300H-303(e)]
- The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, As Amended, including the Clean Water Act of 1977, Public Law 92-212 (33 U.S.C. Section 1251, et. seq.)

- The Solid Waste Disposal Act, As Amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901, et. seq.)
- The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958, As Amended, (16 U.S.C. Section 661, et. seq.)
- EPA List of Violating Facilities
- HUD Environmental Standards (24 CFR, Part 51, Environmental Criteria and Standards and 44 F.R. 40860-40866, July 12, 1979)
- The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, As Amended (16 U.S.C. 1271, et. seq.)
- Flood Insurance
- Executive Order 11988, May 24, 1978: Floodplain Management (42 F.R. 26951, et. seq.)
- Executive Order 11990, May 24, 1977: Protection of Wetlands (42 F.R. 26961, et. seq.)
- Environmental Protection Act, NEB. REV. STAT. 81-1501 to 81-1532 (R.R.S. 1943)
- Historic Preservation

LABOR STANDARDS AND PROVISIONS

- Section 110 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, As Amended
- Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, As Amended, (29 U.S.C. 102, et. seq.)
- Davis-Bacon Act, As Amended (40 U.S.C. 276-a - 276a-5); and Section 2; of the June 13, 1934 Act., As Amended (48 Stat. 948.40)
- U.S.C. 276(c), popularly known as The Copeland Act
- Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327, et. seq.)
- Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701(u))

FAIR HOUSING STANDARDS AND PROVISIONS

- Section 104(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, As Amended Public Law 90-284, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601, et. seq.). As Amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, As Amended (42 U.S.C. 4630) and the Implementing Regulations Found at 49 CFR Part 24
- Relocation Assistance Act, NEB. REV. STAT. 76-1214 to 76-1242 (R.S. Supp. 1989)
- Nebraska Civil Rights Act of 1969 20-105 to 20-125, 48-1102 and 48-1116
- Uniform Procedures for Acquiring Private Property for Public Use, NEB. REV. STAT. 25-2501 to 25-2506 (R.R.S. 1943)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 78 FR 78589 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards "Cost Principles"
- 78 FR 78589 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards "Administrative Requirements"
- 24 CFR 570.503 - Grant Administration Requirements for Use of Escrow Accounts for Property Rehabilitation Loans and Grants
- 24 CFR 570.488 to 570.499a - States Program: State Administration of CDBG Nonentitlement Funds
- Community Development Law, NEB. REV. STAT. 18-2101 to 18-2144 (R.S. Supp. 1982)
- Public Meetings Law, NEB. REV. STAT. 18-1401 to 18-1407 (R.R.S. 1943)
- 24 CFR Subtitle A (4-1-98 Edition) - 85 referenced as 2 CFR Part 200 Administrative requirements for grants and cooperative agreements to State, local and federally recognized Indian tribal governments

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Hatch Act of 1938, As Amended (5 U.S.C. 1501, et. seq.)

Applicant hereby certifies that it will comply with the above stated assurances.

Printed Name of Authorized Signatory: _____

Printed Title of Authorized Signatory: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date _____

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me:

Notary Public (Not required if on letterhead)