

LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR LOCAL ACTION UNITS

Introduction

The Local Initiative Program (LIP) is a state housing initiative administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to encourage communities to produce affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.

The program provides technical and other non-financial assistance to cities or towns seeking to increase the supply of housing for households at or below 80% of the area median income. LIP-approved units are entered into the subsidized housing inventory (SHI) pursuant to Chapter 40B.

Local Action Units (LAUs) are created through local municipal action *other than comprehensive permits*; for example, through special permits, inclusionary zoning, conveyance of public land, utilization of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds, etc.

DHCD shall certify units submitted as LAUs if they met the requirements of 760 CMR 56.00 and the LIP Guidelines, which are part of the Comprehensive Permit Guidelines and can be found on the **DHCD website at www.mass.gov/dhcd**.

To apply, a community must submit a complete, signed copy of this application to:

**Department of Housing and Community Development
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
Boston, Massachusetts 02114
Attention: Rieko Hayashi, Program Coordinator**

**Telephone: 617-573-1426
Email: rieko.hayashi@state.ma.us**

Community Support Narrative, Project Description and Documentation

Please provide a description of the project, including a summary of the project's history and the ways in which the community fulfilled the local action requirement.

Signatures of Support for the Local Action Units Application

Chief Executive Officer:

defined as the mayor in a city and the board of selectmen in a town, unless some other municipal officer is designated to be the chief executive officer under the provisions of a local charter

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Chair, Local Housing Partnership: (as applicable)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Municipal Contact Information

Chief Executive Officer

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Town Administrator/Manager

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

City/Town Planner (if any)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

City/Town Counsel

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Chairman, Local Housing Partnership (if any)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Community Contact Person for this project

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

The Project

Developer

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Is your municipality utilizing any HOME or CDBG funding for this project? Yes No

Local tax rate per thousand \$ _____ for Fiscal Year _____

Site Characteristics

<u>Project Style</u>	<u>Total # of Units</u>	<u># of Units Proposed for LAU Certification</u>
Detached single-family house	_____	_____
Rowhouse/townhouse	_____	_____
Duplex	_____	_____
Multifamily house (3+ family)	_____	_____
Multifamily rental building	_____	_____
Other (specify)	_____	_____

Unit Composition

Type of Unit:	# of Units	# of BRs	# of Baths	Gross Square Feet	Livable Square Feet	Proposed Sales Prices/Rents	Proposed Condo Fee
Condo Ownership							
Fee Simple Ownership							
Rental							
Affordable:							
Market:							

Please attach the following documents to your application:

1. Documentation of municipal action (e.g., copy of special permit, CPA funds, land donation, etc.)
2. Long-Term Use Restrictions (request documents before submission):
 - For ownership projects**, this is the Regulatory Agreement for Ownership Developments, redlined to reflect any proposed changes and/or the model deed rider.
 - For rental projects**, this is the Regulatory Agreement for Rental Developments, redlined to reflect any proposed changes.
 - For HOME-funded projects**, this is the HOME covenant/deed restriction. When attaching a HOME deed restriction to a unit, the universal deed rider cannot be used.
3. Documents of Project Sponsor's (developer's) legal existence and authority to sign the Regulatory Agreement:
 - appropriate certificates of Organization/Registration and Good Standing from the Secretary of State's Office
 - mortgagee consents to the Regulatory Agreement
 - trustee certificates or authorization for signer(s) to execute all documents
4. For Condominium Projects Only: The Condominium master deed with schedule of undivided interest in the common areas in percentages set forth in the condominium master deed
5. For Rental Projects Only: A copy of the Local Housing Authority's current Utility Allowances
6. Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) environmental notification form (ENF) – for new construction only (request form before submission)
7. Affirmative Fair Marketing and Lottery Plan, including:
 - ads and flyers with HUD Equal Housing Opportunity logo
 - informational materials for lottery applicants
 - eligibility requirements
 - lottery application and financial forms
 - lottery and resident selection procedures
 - request for local preference and demonstration of need for the preference

- measures to ensure affirmative fair marketing, including outreach methods and venue list
- name of Lottery Agent with contact information

See Section III of the Comprehensive Permit Guidelines at www.mass.gov/dhcd and search for **LIP 40B Guidelines** for more information.

PLEASE CONTACT RIEKO HAYASHI OF OUR OFFICE AT 617-573-1426 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.