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Of the Whole Community

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Helpful Hints in Choosing Housing Development Projects

The project.....

- □ Is appropriate for the target population designated to be housed/served therein.
- Addresses or encompasses all or many of the items listed in the *Housing Project Development Guidelines*.
- □ Facilitates (via design features or space capability) service provision by those involved in the tenants' care.
- □ Facilitates (via design features or space capability) serving the population in culturally sensitive manners.
- □ Creates the environment wherein the tenants can have a safe living situation.
- □ Takes into consideration issues raised by consumers, service providers and stakeholders.
- Includes the possibility of tenant participation in chores, volunteer opportunities, house/resident council meetings, or the like.
- □ Includes caring, sensitive property management that can coordinate with each tenant's service provider.

Criteria to be Used by Review Panel to Choose a Developer and their Project

The Developer.....

- □ Demonstrates the ability to leverage other funding and thereby maximize the use MHSA funds.
- □ Demonstrates that the project is feasible in both the short and long term....e.g., it is able to close the funding gaps.
- □ Demonstrates the experience and the capacity to implement all aspects of the project.
- Demonstrates the ability to collaborate with agencies providing mental health services to potential MHSA tenants.

The Project.....

- Provides units that are appropriate for the targeted population and are consistent with MHD's housing development goals.
- □ Is located in an area of expressed need that is consistent with MHD's housing development goals.
- □ Provides the type of MHSA units that is consistent with MHD's housing development goals.
- Supplies units either in the near or long term, with the former having precedence over the latter.
- Incorporates the services appropriate to the population to be housed.