

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE LIST ATTACHED

FROM: Richard J. Kennedy, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, DGB

Mary Kolesar, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, DGH

SUBJECT: "Uncapped" Income Limits for 2004

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Title V of Public Law 105-276) enacted a provision that directed the Department to grant exceptions to at least 10 jurisdictions that are currently "capped" under HUD's low-and moderate-income limits. Under this exception, a total of 77 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement grantees and 45 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) participating jurisdictions may use "uncapped" income limits that reflect 80 percent of the actual median income for the area. This reflects an increase of nine grantees from the original 68 grantees identified in 1999.

The attachment to this memorandum provides the 2004 "uncapped" income limits for the jurisdictions covered by this exception. The "uncapped" income limits for 2000 – 2003 are also included on the attachment. The highlighted uncapped income limits for both the San Francisco and San Jose Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) are lower than the normal, formula-based low-income limits. These calculations are described in HUD's FY 2004 Income Limits Briefing Material, which may be obtained at: www.huduser.org/datasets/il/fmr/index.html. Contact Marie L. Lihn in the Office of Policy Development and Research at (202) 708-0590, extension 5866 or by e-mail at Marie L. Lihn@hud.gov for an explanation of the Income Limits Briefing Material. Please ensure that grantees that choose to use the "uncapped" income limits for some or all of their HOME or CDBG-assisted activities reflect this determination in their Consolidated Plan/Action Plans.

The use of "low-income limits" in the attachment is a reference to the Section 8 lowincome limits (i.e., 80 percent of the median income for the area). These are the income limits established by HUD and referred to in the definition of low-and moderate-income person in the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 570.3, and in the definition of low-income families in the HOME regulations at 24 CFR 92.2. If you have any questions, please contact the Entitlement Communities Division at (202) 708-1577 or the Office of Affordable Housing Programs Policy Division at (202) 708-2470.

Attachments

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## "Uncapped" Income Limits Areas

CA ANAHEIM CA BUENA PARK CA COSTA MESA \*CA CUPERTINO CITY CA DALY CITY CA FOUNTAIN VALLEY CA FULLERTON CA GARDEN GROVE CA GILROY CITY CA HUNTINGTON BEACH CA IRVINE CA LAGUNA NIGUEL CA LA HABRA CA LAKE FOREST CA MARIN COUNTY CA MILPITAS CITY CA MISSION VIEJO CA MOUNTAIN VIEW CA NEWPORT BEACH CA ORANGE CA ORANGE COUNTY CA PALO ALTO CA REDWOOD CITY CA SAN FRANCISCO CA SAN JOSE CA SAN MATEO CITY CA SAN MATEO COUNTY CA SANTA ANA CA SANTA CLARA CA SANTA CLARA COUNTY CA SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA SUNNYVALE CA TUSTIN CA WESTMINSTER CA YORBA LINDA CT DANBURY CT GREENWICH CT NORWALK CT STAMFORD DC WASHINGTON \*MD BOWIE CITY MD FREDERICK \*MD GAITHERSBURG MD MONTGOMERY COUNTY

MD PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

NJ BERGEN COUNTY NJ CLIFTON NJ EDISON \*NJ FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP NJ MIDDLESEX COUNTY NJ NEW BRUNSWICK NJ PASSAIC NJ PATERSON NJ PERTH AMBOY NJ OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP NJ SAYREVILLE NJ SOMERSET COUNTY NJ WAYNE TOWNSHIP NJ WOODBRIDGE NY BABYLON TOWN NY HUNTINGTON TOWN NY ISLIP TOWN NY MOUNT VERNON NY NASSAU COUNTY \*NY NEW ROCHELLE \*NY NEW YORK CITY \*NY ROCKLAND COUNTY NY SUFFOLK COUNTY NY WESTCHESTER COUNTY NY WHITE PLAINS NY YONKERS VA ALEXANDRIA VA ARLINGTON COUNTY VA FAIRFAX COUNTY VA FREDERICKSBURG \*VA LOUDOUN COUNTY \*VA PRINCE WILLIAM CO.

\* Indicates new grantee added to list since 1999.