

NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND
HOME PROGRAM

PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD
FOR LOCAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR (LPA) PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME: Putnam Rental Assistance Program 2014

SHARS NUMBER: 20133115

PROGRAM SPONSOR: Putnam County Housing Corporation

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RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation

CERTIFYING OFFICER: Director, Environmental Analyst Unit

PROGRAM LOCATION (OR TARGET AREA): Putnam County (scattered sites)

1.0 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES *(Provide a complete description of the program. Include whether sites selected for the program may require a zone change, special use permit or subdivision approval and the number of units to be provided. Also determine any site disturbance will occur, including digging utility trenches and installing or improving wells or septic systems).*

This program is for tenant-based rental assistance. This program will provide subsidies in the form of a grant for eligible households not to exceed two years. The program service area is all of Putnam County, including the Town of Kent, Town of Southeast, Town of Carmel, Town of Patterson, Town of Philipstown and Town of Putnam Valley (see attached map). The program will have a specific focus serving people with Psychiatric Disabilities, Physical Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities (Special Needs).

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$250,000

HTFC HOME AWARD AMOUNT: \$250,000

2.0 PROGRAM CLASSIFICATION - NEPA (Check one)

- 2.1 – Exempt
- 2.2 – Categorically Excluded - subject only to regulations at 58.6
- 2.3 – Categorically Excluded - subject to 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6
- 2.4 - Environmental Assessment Required

3.0 PROGRAM CLASSIFICATION - SEQR (Check one)

- 3.1 - Type II action.
- 3.2 - Unlisted action (*Contact HTFC environmental staff for further guidance*).

4.0 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION

4.1 PROCEDURES TO COMPLY WITH RELATED LAWS AT 24 CFR 58.6
(*Use additional pages if necessary*)

All sites will be reviewed for their location on FIRM maps at:
<https://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>

No sites within a floodway will be chosen. Any site within a 100-year floodzone will be required to maintain flood insurance.

4.2 PROCEDURES TO COMPLY WITH RELATED LAWS AT 24 CFR 58.5
(*Use additional pages if necessary*)

Not Applicable.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (*This section to be completed only for programs which require an EA according to Section 2.4*).

Not Applicable.

5.1 MITIGATION MEASURES NEEDED (*This section to be completed only for programs which require an EA according to Section 2.4*).

Not Applicable

5.2 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION (*This section to be completed only*

for programs which require an EA according to Section 2.4).

No Action:

Not Applicable.

Other alternatives:

Not Applicable.

Preferred alternative:

Not Applicable.

5.3 ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING: *(This section to be completed only for programs which require an EA according to Section 2.4 - Check one)*

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Finding of Significant Impact (FOSI)

6.0 PUBLIC NOTICES (Check one)

6.1 No public notice is required in connection with this program (for program classifications 2.1 and 2.2, above).

6.2 A Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOIRROF) will be published and distributed in connection with this program *(for program classification 2.3, above)*.

6.3 A combined Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOIRROF) will be published and distributed in connection with this program *(for program classification 2.4, above)*.

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Signature: Connie Fagan

Date: 03/27/2015

ERR ATTACHMENT 2.1

EXEMPT ACTIVITIES (24 CFR 58.34, you may check more than one)

- Environmental and other studies, resource identification and development of plans and strategies [58.34(a)(1)].
- Information and financial services [58.34(a)(2)].
- Administration and management activities [58.34(a)(3)].
- Public services that will not have a physical impact or result in physical changes, such as services concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, counseling, energy conservation and welfare or recreational needs [58.34(a)(4)].
- Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects [58.34(a)(5)].
- Purchase of insurance [58.34(a)(6)].
- Purchase of tools [58.34(a)(7)].
- Engineering or design costs [58.34(a)(8)].
- Technical assistance and training [58.34(a)(9)].
- Assistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair or restoration activities necessary only to control or arrest the effects from physical disasters, imminent threats or physical deterioration [58.34(a)(10)].
- Payment of principal and interest on loans made or obligations guaranteed by HUD [58.34(a)(11)].
- Any of the categorical exclusions listed in 58.35(a), provided that there are no circumstances which require compliance with any other federal laws and authorities cited in 58.5 [58.34(a)(12)].

ERR ATTACHMENT 2.2
CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES [58.35(b)]

*Activities in this section require compliance with related laws and authorities at 58.6, but not 58.5. * you may check more than one.*

- Tenant-based rental assistance [58.35(b)(1)].
- Supportive services including, but not limited to health care, housing services, permanent housing placement, day care, nutritional services, short-term payments for rent/mortgage/utility costs, and assistance in gaining access to local, state and federal government benefits and services [58.35(b)(2)].
- Operating costs including maintenance, security, operation, utilities, furnishings, equipment, supplies, staff training and recruitment and other incidental costs [58.35(b)(3)].
- Economic development activities, including but not limited to, equipment purchase, inventory financing, interest subsidy, operating expenses and similar costs not associated with construction or expansion of existing operations [58.35(b)(4)].
- Activities to assist homebuyers to purchase existing dwelling units or dwelling units under construction**, including closing costs and down payment assistance, interest buydowns, and similar activities that result in the transfer of title [58.35(b)(5)].
- Affordable housing pre-development costs including legal, consulting, developer and other costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact [58.35(b)(6)].
- Approval of supplemental assistance (including insurance or guarantee) to a project previously approved under this part, if the approval is made by the same responsible entity that conducted the environmental review on the original project and re-evaluation of the environmental findings is not required under Sec. 58.47 [58.35(b)(7)].

* If a responsible entity determines that an activity or project identified above, because of extraordinary circumstances or conditions at or affecting the location of the activity or project, may have a significant environmental effect, an environmental assessment must be prepared and a determination of significance made.

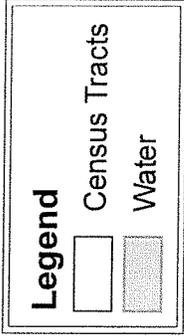
** **This exclusion applies only to financial assistance for purchase of existing for-sale homes or homes under construction. Homebuyer assistance for units not already under construction is classified as Categorically Excluded according to Section 2.3 of the ERR form, or an activity requiring Environmental Assessment according to Section 2.4 of the ERR form. In all cases, for this exclusion to apply, the prospective buyer must have discretion regarding selection of properties within the target area.**

ERR ATTACHMENT 2.3
CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES [58.35(a)]

Activities in this section require compliance with related laws and authorities at 58.5 and 58.6, you may check more than one.

- Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent. Examples of this type of activity include replacement of water and sewer lines, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, street repaving [58.35(a)(1)].
- Special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to elderly and handicapped persons [58.35(a)(2)].
- Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements for residential use (with one to four units), where the density is not increased beyond four units, the land use is not changed, and the footprint of the building is not increased in a floodplain or in a wetland [58.35(a)(3)(i)].
- Rehabilitation of multifamily residential buildings (with five or more units), when the following conditions are met: a) unit density is not changed more than 20 percent, b) the project does not involve changes in land use from residential to non-residential, and c) the estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75 percent of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation [58.35(a)(3)(ii)].
- Rehabilitation of non-residential structures, including commercial, industrial, and public buildings when the following conditions are met: a) the facilities and improvements are in place and will not be changed in size or capacity by more than 20 percent, and b) the activity does not involve a change in land use, such as from non-residential to residential, or from one industrial use to another [58.35(a)(3)(iii)].
- An individual action on up to four dwelling units (not including rehabilitation - see 58.35(a)(3)(i) above) where there is a maximum of four units on any one site. The units can be four one-unit buildings or one four-unit building or any combination in between [58.35(a)(4)(i)].
- An individual action on a project of five or more housing units (not including rehabilitation - see 58.35(a)(3)(i) above) developed on scattered sites when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four housing units on any one site [58.35(a)(4)(ii)].
- Acquisition or disposition of an existing structure or acquisition of vacant land provided that the structure or land acquired or disposed will be retained for the same use [58.35(a)(5)].
- Any combination of the above activities [58.35(a)(6)].

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Statutory Checklist – PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW

SHARS No: 20133115
 LPA Name: Putnam County Housing Corporation
 Program Name: Putnam Rental Assistance Program

*A - Not Applicable to this Project
 B - Consultation, Permit and/or Mitigation Required.

Area of Statutory -Regulatory Compliance	A*	B	Provide compliance documentation Additional material may be attached.
Section 4.1			
Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All sites will be reviewed for their location on FIRM maps at: https://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1 No sites within a floodway will be chosen. Any site within a 100-year floodzone will be required to maintain flood insurance.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Coastal Barrier Resource Areas (CBRA) exist in the target area. No further Tier 2 review required.
Runway Clear Zones (development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Program only provides for rental assistance, not homebuyer assistance. No further Tier 2 review is required.
Section 4.2			
Historic Properties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Floodplain Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Wetland Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Coastal Zone Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Sole Source Aquifers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Endangered Species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Wild and Scenic Rivers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Farmlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.

Noise Abatement and Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Thermal/Explosive Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Runway Clear Zones (development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
HUD Environmental Standards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Environmental Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.
Asbestos & Lead-Based Paint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable.

"I am the authorized signatory for the HTFC HOME LPA award to the entity named below. I have read the Programmatic Environmental Review Record and Statutory Checklist and by signing these documents agree with the statements made therein and agree that all site specific reviews will be conducted in conformance with the described procedures."

Signed: *Connie Fagan*

Name: Connie Fagan

Title: Co-Executive Director

Group: Putnam County Housing Corporation

Date: March 27, 2015

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Consultant Signature & Date *Justine Stefamelli* March 27, 2015