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1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “HOPE VI Program
3 Reauthorization and Small Community Mainstreet Reju-
4 venation and Housing Act of 2003”.

5 **SEC. 2. HOPE VI PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION.**

6 (a) SELECTION CRITERIA.— Section 24(e)(2) of the
7 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
8 1437v(e)(2)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking the matter preceding subpara-
10 graph (A) and inserting the following:

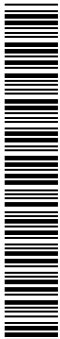
11 “(2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary
12 shall establish criteria for the award of grants under
13 this section and shall include among the factors—”;

14 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “large-
15 scale”;

16 (3) in subparagraph (D)—

17 (A) by inserting “and ongoing implementa-
18 tion” after “development”; and

19 (B) by inserting “, except that the Sec-
20 retary may not award a grant under this sec-
21 tion unless the applicant has involved affected



1 public housing residents at the beginning and
2 during the planning process for the revitaliza-
3 tion program, prior to submission of an applica-
4 tion” before the semicolon at the end;

5 (4) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

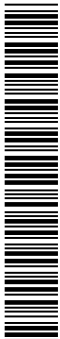
7 (5) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as sub-
8 paragraph (M); and

9 (6) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-
10 lowing new subparagraphs:

11 “(I) the extent to which the applicant can
12 commence and complete the revitalization plan
13 expeditiously;

14 “(J) the extent to which the plan mini-
15 mizes temporary or permanent displacement of
16 current residents of the public housing site who
17 wish to remain in or return to the revitalized
18 community and provides for community and
19 supportive services to residents prior to any re-
20 location;

21 “(K) the extent to which the plan sustains
22 or creates more project-based housing units
23 available to persons eligible for public housing
24 in markets where there is demand for the main-
25 tenance or creation of such units;



1 “(L) the extent to which the plan gives to
2 existing residents priority for occupancy in
3 dwelling units in the revitalized community;
4 and.”.

5 (b) DEFINITION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC
6 HOUSING.—Section 24(j)(2)(A)(iii) of the United States
7 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(j)(2)(A)(iii)) is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subclause (I)—

10 (A) by inserting “or very low-income elder-
11 ly or non-elderly disabled persons” before the
12 first comma; and

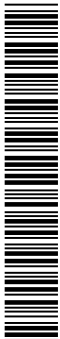
13 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

14 (2) in subclause (II), by inserting “or” after the
15 semicolon at the end; and

16 (3) by inserting at the end the following new
17 subclause:

18 “(III) is lacking in sufficient appro-
19 priate transportation, supportive services,
20 economic opportunity, schools, civic and re-
21 ligious institutions, and public services, re-
22 sulting in severe social distress in the
23 project.”.

24 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.— Para-
25 graph (1) of section 24(m) of the United States Housing



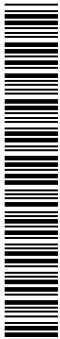
1 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(m)(1)) is amended by in-
2 serting before the period at the end the following: “and
3 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
4 2004 and 2005”.

5 (d) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.— Section 24(n) of the
6 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(n))
7 is amended by striking “September 30, 2004” and insert-
8 ing “September 30, 2005”.

9 **SEC. 3. HOPE VI GRANTS FOR ASSISTING AFFORDABLE**
10 **HOUSING THROUGH MAIN STREET**
11 **PROJECTS.**

12 (a) PURPOSES.—Section 24(a) of the United States
13 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(a)) is amended
14 by adding after and below paragraph (4) the following:
15 “It is also the purpose of this section to provide assistance
16 to smaller communities for the purpose of facilitating the
17 development of affordable housing for low-income families
18 that is undertaken in connection with a main street revi-
19 talization or redevelopment project in such communities.”.

20 (b) GRANTS FOR ASSISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING
21 DEVELOPED THROUGH MAIN STREET PROJECTS IN
22 SMALLER COMMUNITIES.—Section 24 of the United
23 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v) is
24 amended—



1 (1) by redesignating subsection (n) as sub-
2 section (o); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (m) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(n) GRANTS FOR ASSISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING
6 DEVELOPED THROUGH MAIN STREET PROJECTS IN
7 SMALLER COMMUNITIES.—

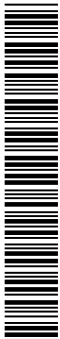
8 “(1) AUTHORITY AND USE OF GRANT
9 AMOUNTS.—The Secretary may make grants under
10 this subsection to smaller communities. Such grant
11 amounts shall be used by smaller communities only
12 to provide assistance to carry out eligible affordable
13 housing activities under paragraph (3) in connection
14 with an eligible project under paragraph (2).

15 “(2) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—For purposes of this
16 subsection, the term ‘eligible project’ means a
17 project that—

18 “(A) the Secretary determines, under the
19 criteria established pursuant to paragraph (3),
20 is a main street project;

21 “(B) is carried out within the jurisdiction
22 of smaller community receiving the grant; and

23 “(C) involves the development of affordable
24 housing that is located in the commercial area
25 that is the subject of the project.



1 “(3) MAIN STREET PROJECTS.—The Secretary
2 shall establish requirements for a project to be con-
3 sider a main street project for purposes of this sec-
4 tion, which shall require that the project—

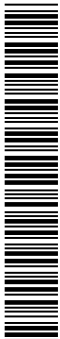
5 “(A) has as its purpose the revitalization
6 or redevelopment of a historic or traditional
7 commercial area;

8 “(B) involves investment, or other partici-
9 pation, by the government for, and private enti-
10 ties in, the community in which the project is
11 carried out; and

12 “(C) complies with such historic preserva-
13 tion guidelines or principles as the Secretary
14 shall identify to preserve significant historic or
15 traditional architectural and design features in
16 the structures or area involved in the project.

17 “(4) ELIGIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVI-
18 TIES.—For purposes of this subsection, the activities
19 described in subsection (d)(1) shall be considered eli-
20 gible affordable housing activities, except that—

21 “(A) such activities shall be conducted
22 with respect to affordable housing rather than
23 with respect to severely distressed public hous-
24 ing projects; and



1 “(B) eligible affordable housing activities
2 under this subsection shall not include the ac-
3 tivities described in subparagraphs (B) through
4 (F) or (J) through (L) of subsection (d)(1).

5 “(5) MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant
6 under this subsection for a fiscal year for a single
7 smaller community may not exceed \$1,000,000.

8 “(6) CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.—A smaller
9 community applying for a grant under this sub-
10 section shall be considered an applicant for purposes
11 of subsection (c) (relating to contributions by appli-
12 cants), except that—

13 “(A) such supplemental amounts shall be
14 used only for carrying out eligible affordable
15 housing activities; and

16 “(B) paragraphs (1)(B) and (3) shall not
17 apply to grants under this subsection.

18 “(7) APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION.—

19 “(A) APPLICATION.—Pursuant to sub-
20 section (e)(1), the Secretary shall provide for
21 smaller communities to apply for grants under
22 this subsection, except that the Secretary may
23 establish such separate or additional criteria for
24 applications for such grants as may be appro-
25 priate to carry out this subsection.



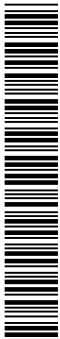
1 “(B) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Sec-
2 retary shall establish selection criteria for the
3 award of grants under this subsection, which
4 shall be based on the selection criteria estab-
5 lished pursuant to subsection (e)(2), with such
6 changes as may be appropriate to carry out the
7 purposes of this subsection.

8 “(8) COST LIMITS.—The cost limits established
9 pursuant to subsection (f) shall apply to eligible af-
10 fordable housing activities assisted with grant
11 amounts under this subsection.

12 “(9) INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVI-
13 SIONS.—The provisions of subsections (g) (relating
14 to disposition and replacement of severely distressed
15 public housing), (h) (relating to administration of
16 grants by other entities), and (i) (relating to with-
17 drawal of funding) shall not apply to grants under
18 this subsection.

19 “(10) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall require
20 each smaller community receiving a grant under this
21 subsection to submit a report regarding the use of
22 all amounts provided under the grant.

23 “(11) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
24 section, the following definitions shall apply:



1 “(A) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—The term
2 ‘affordable housing’ means rental or home-
3 ownership dwelling units that—

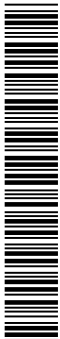
4 “(i) are made available for initial oc-
5 cupancy subject to the same rules regard-
6 ing level of income and income mix as
7 dwelling units in public housing projects
8 assisted with a grant under this section;
9 and

10 “(ii) are subject to the same rules re-
11 garding occupant contribution toward rent
12 or purchase and terms of rental or pur-
13 chase as dwelling units in public housing
14 projects assisted with a grant under this
15 section.

16 “(B) SMALLER COMMUNITY.—The term
17 ‘smaller community’ means a unit of general
18 local government (as such term is defined in
19 section 102 of the Housing and Community De-
20 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302))
21 that—

22 “(i) has a population of 30,000 or
23 fewer; and

24 “(ii)(I) is not served by a public hous-
25 ing agency; or



1 “(II) is served by a single public hous-
2 ing agency, which agency administers 100
3 or fewer public housing dwelling units.”.

4 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 24(l) of the United
5 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(l)) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “; and” and
8 inserting “, including a specification of the amount
9 and type of assistance provided under subsection
10 (n);”;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
12 graph (5); and

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(4) the types of projects funded, and number
16 of affordable housing dwelling units developed with,
17 grants under subsection (n); and”.

18 (d) FUNDING.—Section 24(m) of the United States
19 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(m)) is amended
20 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

21 “(3) SET-ASIDE FOR MAIN STREET HOUSING
22 GRANTS.—Of the amount appropriated pursuant to
23 paragraph (1) for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall
24 provide up to 5 percent for use only for grants
25 under subsection (n).”.

