

Department of Housing and Community Development
Housing for Homeless Youth
Issue List for Focus Group Teleconference
August 9, 2007 - 9:00 to 10:30 AM

The Department of Housing and Community Development published its Proposition 1C Homeless Youth Housing Notice of Funding Availability on January 31, 2007. The purpose of the teleconference is to explore ways to increase demand for the new program. Some of the issues we would like to discuss are as follows:

Loan Limits

Loan limits are calculated on the basis of the target population units only. Projects may house mixed populations and projects need only contain five Homeless Youth units to qualify for the program. Does the current loan limit calculation methodology act as a disincentive to access the program?

- We understand many project sponsors prefer mixed projects. Do these projects require a different type of loan amount calculation?
- Are local jurisdictions more receptive to mixed projects than to 100% Homeless Youth projects?

Age Restrictions

Under the current rules (with some exceptions), the target population becomes ineligible at 25 years of age. Does the age limit requirement discourage sponsors from utilizing the Homeless Youth funds?

Funding Compatibility

Have project sponsors been deterred from utilizing the Homeless Youth funding due to a belief it may be incompatible with other sources of financing? (i.e. Tax Credits).