HOME TBRA Program Quick Reference Guide

The HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program provides temporary assistance to individual households to help them afford housing costs in market-rate units. HOME TBRA assistance helps the individual households, rather than subsidizing the unit. If the household no longer wishes to rent a particular unit, the household may take its HOME TBRA and move to another eligible unit with PJ permission.

Eligible Uses	 □ Rental Assistance (Rent + Tenant paid utilities) □ Security Deposit Assistance □ Utility Deposit Assistance (in conjunction with Rental Assistance or Security Deposit Assistance only) □ Administrative Costs 	Eligible Units	 □ Pass HQS inspection (at move-in & annual recertification) □ Publicly or privately owned □ Not already subsidized □ Rent reasonable
Initial Household Eligibility	☐ Income at/below 80% AMI	Annual Recertification Eligibility	☐ Income at/below 80% AMI☐ Households over 80% AMI no longer qualify for assistance
Income Targeting	□ 90% at/below 60% AMI	Payment Standards	☐ HUD's Fair Market Rent, OR☐ PJ established payment standard based on market analysis
Occupancy Standards	□ PJ established, OR □ Use Section 8 basic occupancy standard	Subsidy Calculation Methods	 Certificate Model (fixed tenant payment & PJ established maximum rent) Voucher Model (fixed PJ payment)
Citizenship	☐ Not required to be a citizen	Income Verification Method	☐ 2 month's source documents
Rent Limits	 Certificate Model: Gross rent (rent + utility allowance for tenant paid utilities) cannot exceed the PJ's payment standard, AND must be rent reasonable Voucher Model: Gross Rent must be reasonable 	Other Assistance Limits	□ Security Deposit: equal to 2 months rent □ Utility Deposit: customary and reasonable □ Utility payments: PJ established Utility Allowance □ Administrative cost: HOME Rule 10%
Other Terms	 1-year lease unless both parties agree to lesser term Administering agency must review & approve lease Start date of TBRA Contract must match lease start date Agencies must develop written policies & procedures for administering the program Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements apply 	Ineligible Uses	 □ Commitments to specific owners or properties □ Overnight or temporary shelters □ Cooperative housing that qualifies as ownership □ To prevent displacement/provide relocation assistance □ A unit already receiving subsidy assistance □ Utility deposit only assistance