

16.4 Guiding principles.

In the performance of its duties and implementation of its powers, and in the selection of specific programs and projects to receive its assistance, the authority shall be guided by the following principles:

1. The authority shall not become an owner of real property, except on a temporary basis where necessary in order to implement its programs, protect its investments by means of foreclosure or other means, or to facilitate transfer of real property for the use of low or moderate income families.
2. The authority shall function in cooperation with local governmental units and local or regional housing agencies, and in fulfillment of local or regional housing plans, and to that end shall provide technical assistance to local governmental units and local or regional agencies in need of that assistance.
3. A local contributing effort shall be required of each project assisted by the authority. As used in this subsection, "*project*" includes one or more programs authorized under the provisions of this chapter. The local contribution may be provided by local governmental units or by local or regional agencies, public or private. Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, the percentage and type of local contribution shall be determined by the authority, and may include, but should not be limited to, cash match, land contribution, tax abatement, or ancillary facilities. The authority shall encourage ingenuity and creativity in local effort.
4. The authority shall encourage units of local government and local and regional housing agencies to use federal revenue-sharing funds for programs which increase or improve the supply of adequate housing for low or moderate income families.
5. The authority shall encourage cooperative housing efforts at the local level, both with respect to the cooperation of public bodies with private enterprise and civic groups, and with respect to the formation of regional or multicounty units engaged in housing.
6. Wherever practicable, the authority shall give preference to the following types of programs:
 - a. Those which treat housing problems in the context of the total needs of individuals and communities, recognizing that individuals may have other problems and needs closely related to their need for adequate housing, and that the development of isolated housing units without regard for neighborhood and community development tends to create undesirable consequences.
 - b. Those which promote home ownership by families of low or moderate income, recognizing the need for educational counseling programs in family financial management and home maintenance in order to achieve this goal.
 - c. Those which involve the rehabilitation and conservation of existing housing units, and the preservation of existing neighborhoods and communities.
 - d. Those designed to serve elderly families, families which include one or more persons with disabilities, lower income families, or very low income families.
7. The authority shall encourage the protection, restoration and rehabilitation of historic properties, and the preservation of other properties of special value for architectural or esthetic reasons. As used in this subsection, "*historic properties*" means landmarks, landmark sites, or districts which are significant in the history, architecture, archaeology, or culture of this state, its communities, or the nation.
8. The authority shall exercise diligence and care in selection of projects to receive its assistance, and shall apply customary and acceptable business and lending standards in selection and subsequent implementation of such projects.

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