

**265—39.6(16) Application requirements.** To be considered for HOME assistance, an application shall meet the following threshold criteria.

**39.6(1)** The application shall propose a housing activity consistent with the HOME fund purpose and eligibility requirements and the state consolidated plan.

**39.6(2)** The application shall document the applicant's capacity to administer the proposed activity. Such documentation may include evidence of successful administration of prior housing activities. IFA reserves sole discretion to deny funding to an applicant that has failed to comply with federal or state requirements in the administration of a previous project funded by the state of Iowa or that failed to comply with federal requirements in the administration of a previous project funded in any other state. Documentation of the ability of the applicant to provide technical services and the availability of certified lead professionals and contractors either trained in safe work practices or certified as abatement contractors may also be required as applicable to the HOME fund activity.

**39.6(3)** Recipients of a homebuyer assistance activity must require the beneficiaries of the homebuyer assistance activity to use a principal mortgage loan product that meets the following criteria:

*a.* With the exception of Habitat for Humanity principal mortgage loan products, the principal mortgage loan must be the only repayable loan in all individual homebuyer assistance projects.

*b.* The HOME assistance must be recorded in second lien position to the principal mortgage loan, if one exists. Recipients of HOME homebuyer assistance must maintain their assistance security agreements in the above-stated recording position throughout the applicable period of affordability and will not be allowed to subordinate the required recording position to any other form of assistance, such as home equity loans. A homebuyer search is required, and any collection/unpaid obligation that would become a judgment or any judgments must be paid in full prior to closing.

*c.* Any mortgage lending entity's principal mortgage loan products may be used provided they meet all of the following minimum requirements:

(1) The loan must be a fully amortizing, fixed-rate loan with rate not to exceed Fannie Mae 90-day yield + 0.125%;

(2) No less than a 15-year, fully amortized, fixed-rate mortgage shall be used; and

(3) No adjustable rate mortgages or balloon payment types of mortgages will be allowed.

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