

FY25 Housing Trust Fund Program

Bulletin #4

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South Carolina Housing Trust Fund – The following updates have been made to the 2025 HTF Program Manuals. The revisions include the following:

Home Repair Manual Revisions:

- Language was added to clarify that Sponsors offering assistance to repair homes built prior to January 1, 1978 only need to be an EPA RRP certified firms if the scope of work to be performed on the home exceeds the EPA's definition of "minor repair and maintenance activities". The EPA's definition of "minor repair and maintenance activities" has been added to the definition section of the manual and language referring to "covered" activities has been added to provide clarification on this requirement.
- The definition of "Total Construction Costs" has been updated to clarify that the costs of the home inspection are not included in the definition.

Critical Home Repair Manual Revisions:

- Language was added to clarify that Sponsors offering assistance to repair homes built prior to January 1, 1978 only need to be an EPA RRP certified firms if the scope of work to be performed on the home exceeds the EPA's definition of "minor repair and maintenance activities". The EPA's definition of "minor repair and maintenance activities" has been added to the definition section of the manual and language referring to "covered" activities has been added to provide clarification on this requirement.
- The ***Critical Home Repair Application Checklist*** was revised to better align the tabs with the application submittal process outlined in the Critical Home Repair Manual.

Participation Manual Revisions:

- Language was added to clarify that Sponsors offering assistance to repair homes built prior to January 1, 1978 only need to be an EPA RRP certified firms if the scope of work to be performed on the home exceeds the EPA's definition of "minor repair and maintenance activities". The EPA's definition of "minor repair and maintenance activities" has been added to the definition section of the manual and language referring to "covered" activities has been added to provide clarification on this requirement.
- Language was added to clarify that Sponsors that have been previously approved to participate in HTF activities do not need to provide 3rd part community support letters or documentation of one full year of housing experience with their re-certification applications.

These manual updates are effective as of August 12, 2024. Please contact the Housing Trust Fund Manager, Jack Suber at jack.suber@schousing.com or 803-896-0808 if you have any questions regarding these updates.