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MEMORANDUM FOR: Carol J. Galante, Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing – Federal Housing Commissioner, H

FROM: Mark D. Head, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs, HT

SUBJECT: Finding of No Significant Impact Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for a FY 2012 Notice of Funding Availability - Assisted Living Conversion Program

It is the finding of this Office that the subject Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) does not constitute a major federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The purpose of the NOFA is to announce the availability of FY 2012 funds and to provide program information and application instructions for the Assisted Living Conversion program. The Assisted Living Conversion NOFA provides assistance for the physical costs of converting some or all of the units of an eligible multifamily development into an Assisted Living Facility or Service-Enriched Housing for elderly persons, frail elderly persons, and persons with disabilities. It also provides instructions for eligible private non-profit owners to request the funding and instructions for headquarters to select projects that are assisted under Section 202b of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q-2). This will enable the elderly and persons with disabilities to continue living as independently as possible in their homes.

This Office finds that issuance of this NOFA will not have a significant effect on the human environment because prior to any grantee’s commitment of funds for any activities that would have an environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives, an environmental review of these activities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities will be done. Therefore, the environmental effects of activities assisted under this NOFA will be taken into account at the appropriate time, and environmental impacts will be assessed in the local setting in which they will
As the NOFA itself will not create any significant environmental impacts and will not result in significant impacts on the physical/human environment, a Finding of No Significant Impact is hereby made.

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