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SUBJECT: Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Updates

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The Office of Housing and Community Partnerships would like to provide the following updates to the NSP grants.

1. There has been some confusion regarding the allowable activities under the region-wide (county-wide, city-wide) demolition target areas. The following are the only allowable scenarios:
 - A. Stand-alone Demolition is an allowable activity.
 - B. Demolition/Acquisition will be allowed on a limited basis with the following requirements:
 - The community must certify in the project file justification for how this project meets the requirement to be in an area of greatest need. This narrative justification should describe in detail the circumstances surrounding this project and how it shows impact.
 - No additional activities (i.e., redevelopment costs) may be charged to NSP funds.
 - When doing acquisition, the eligible use will be either redevelopment (during the grant period) or landbanking (beyond grant period), and will require information on outcomes and beneficiaries. However, the only costs allowable in this situation are the acquisition and demolition costs.
2. The Set-Up forms have been revised to accommodate the requirements of the Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting system (DRGR). There is a separate form for each NSP eligible use. It has been created in Microsoft Excel. Each form is tabbed separately with instructions included on the opening page labeled "Start Here".
3. OHCP has developed its own NSP Eligible Use Chart. This chart was also designed to assist in completing the OHCP Set-Up form to draw funds. Please note the second column labeled "Setup Form to Use".

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