HAFP-0197-Alaska Treasury Feedback for Resubmission of Plan

Please revise the HAF plan by providing a response to the questions below.

Completeness

• No questions.

Homeowner Needs and Community Engagement

Data

• No questions.

Community Engagement and Public Participation

- Your plan indicates that only 1 organization involved in your public input process primarily serves low- or moderate-income populations or addresses housing discrimination. Please explain how the program is confident in its ability to reach targeted populations without engaging such organizations in planning and implementation.
- Your plan notes public input and community engagement in the plan development process. Please explain how community engagement informed your plan's programmatic and outreach design.
- Please provide an update on your efforts to coordinate with Tribes and Alaskan Native Corporations.
- Please provide an update indicating any public comments you have received since you submitted your HAF Plan, from which organization you received any such comment, and whether you have responded to the comments.

Ongoing Assessment of Homeowner Need

• Please explain how the program will address changes in homeowner needs in the coming years.

Program Design

- Will there be a method in your HAF program, early in the process of engaging with a household, to evaluate immediate threats to the housing stability of applicants, which may need to be addressed under an expedited or prioritized timeline (e.g., HOA liens, tax delinquencies, utility shut off)?
- Please describe how your program will utilize housing counselors or legal services to assist homeowners in evaluating loss mitigation options available for their mortgage. Your description should include:
 - whether your program will connect homeowners with housing counseling or legal services early in the process.
 - the role housing counseling or legal services providers will play in supporting homeowners' efforts at engaging in loss mitigation.

- How will your program leverage resources available through a loss mitigation process to benefit
 eligible homeowners and how will your program avoid using HAF funds in ways that duplicate
 relief that available loss mitigation options might provide? In particular, when HAF assistance
 will be limited to payments for mortgage reinstatement, please explain whether and how you
 will assess what loss mitigation may be available through the servicer.
- Please explain what steps, if any, your program will take to assist the homeowner in determining whether a HAF-resolution will result in a sustainable monthly payment?
- Are you anticipating increased winter home energy costs and their potential impact on the homeowners that HAF will serve?
- Your programs set \$20,000 as the maximum amount of assistance per homeowner. Please explain how you determined this amount will be sufficient to resolve housing-related delinquencies and whether the cap will be sufficient in areas with higher housing costs?

Eligibility

• Please provide the rational for not using a fact-specific proxy as one method for establishing eligibility under your plan, including how you determined that without such a proxy, your program can avoid unnecessary barriers to participation by eligible homeowners.

Outreach

- Please explain how the program will target outreach and provide access to homeowners with limited English proficiency.
- Please explain how the program will provide culturally relevant marketing.

Prioritization

• If your program intends to serve households who are over the 100% AMI threshold, how will your program prioritize Socially Disadvantaged Individuals?

Performance Goals

- Please explain how you intend to communicate your progress towards performance to the public.
- Please indicate which three metrics will serve as the best indicators of the success of your program.
- Please indicate whether you intend to disaggregate metrics by income, race, gender, etc.
- Please consider including as an additional metric the number of homeowners assisted/foreclosures prevented solely through counseling or legal services without payment of HAF funds to resolve the homeowner's defaults or delinquencies.

Readiness

• Please provide the most recent available information about your program's readiness, including staffing, contractors, etc.

- Is your program prepared to launch upon approval and, if not, by what date will you be ready to launch following approval?
- Please provide updated information about your progress in spending the initial 10% payment from your jurisdiction's full allocation and the status of any pilot assistance already offered or made available to homeowners.

Budget

• No questions.