Missouri Housing Development Commission
MHDC

Housing Emergency Solutions Program

Minimum Standards for Permanent Housing

Instructions: Place a check mark in the correct column to indicate whether the property is approved or deficient with respect to each standard. The property must meet all standards in order to be approved. A copy of this checklist should be placed in the shelter's files.

Updates to Shelter and Permanent Housing Standards: Effective October 1, 2026, HUD has adopted NSPIRE inspection standards. MHDC is awaiting program-specific implementation guidance and will notify grantees accordingly when resources become available. Please note that current standards are subject to change.

Approved	Deficient	**Standard** *(24 CFR part 576.403(b))*
		1. *Structure and materials*: The structure is structurally sound to protect the residents from the elements and does not pose any threat to the health and safety of the residents.
		2. *Space and security:* Each resident is provided adequate space and security for themselves and their belongings. Each resident is provided an acceptable place to sleep.
		3. *Interior air quality:* Each room or space has a natural or mechanical means of ventilation. The interior air is free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.
		4. *Water supply:* The water supply is free of contamination.
		5. *Sanitary facilities*: Residents have access to sufficient sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and are adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.
		6. *Thermal environment:* The housing has any necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.
		7. *Illumination and electricity*: The structure has adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There are sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the structure.
		8. *Food preparation*: Food preparation areas contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.
		9. *Sanitary conditions:* The housing is maintained in a sanitary condition.
		10. *Fire safety*: a. There is a second means of exiting the building in the event of fire or other emergency. b. The unit includes at least one battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector, in proper working condition, on each occupied level of the unit. Smoke detectors are located, to the extent practicable, in a hallway adjacent to a bedroom. c. If the unit is occupied by hearing-impaired persons, smoke detectors have an alarm system designed for hearing-impaired persons in each bedroom occupied by a hearing-impaired person. d. The public areas are equipped with a sufficient number, but not less than one for each area, battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detectors. Public areas include, but are not limited to, laundry rooms, day care centers, hallways, stairwells, and other common areas.
		11. Meets additional recipient/subrecipient standards (if any).

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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that I have evaluated the property located at the address below to the best of my ability and find the following:

☐ Property meets all of the above standards.

☐ Property does not meet all of the above standards.

COMMENTS:

HESP Recipient Name: _____ Program Participant

Name: _____ Street Address:

_____

Apartment: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date of Review: _____

Evaluator Name: _____

Approving Official Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

Approving Official Name (if applicable): _____

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