



MHDC Community Programs

Minimum Shelter Standards

Grant Number: _____
 (Leave blank if Grant # not assigned)

Shelter Program Name: _____

This form serves to certify that shelter programs supported by Shelter Operating Support (SOS) funding meet MHDC's minimum shelter standards, as also stated within 24 CFR part 576.403. Please initial next to each standard below, certifying that the above named shelter does meet each requirement of MHDC's Minimum Shelter Standards.

MHDC'S Minimum Shelter Standards:

_____ The shelter must comply with the Lead Based Poisoning Prevention Act ([42 U.S.C. 4821](#)–4846) and the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 ([42 U.S.C. 4851](#)–4856).

_____ The shelter building must be structurally sound and not pose any threat to resident health or safety.

_____ The shelter must be accessible in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act ([42 U.S.C. 4851](#)–4856), the Fair Housing Act ([42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.](#)), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ([42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq](#)) where applicable.

_____ Except where the shelter is intended for day use only, the shelter must provide each program participant in the shelter with an acceptable place to sleep and adequate space/security for themselves and their belongings.

_____ Each room or space within the shelter must have appropriate means of ventilation. The interior air must be free of pollutants at a level that might threaten or harm the health of residents.

_____ The shelter's water supply must be free of contamination.

_____ Each program participant in the shelter must have access to sanitary facilities that are in proper operating condition, are private, and adequate for personal cleanliness and the disposal of human waste.

_____ The shelter must have any necessary heating/cooling facilities in proper operating condition.

_____ The shelter must have adequate natural or artificial illumination to permit normal indoor activities and support health and safety. There must be sufficient electrical sources to permit the safe use of electrical appliances in the shelter.

_____ Food preparation areas must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner.

_____ The shelter must be maintained in a sanitary condition.

_____ There must be at least one working smoke detector in each occupied unit of the shelter and smoke detectors must be located near sleeping areas. The fire alarm system must be designed for hearing impaired residents. All public areas of the shelter must have at least one working smoke detector. There must also be a second means of exiting the building in the event of a fire or other emergency.

_____ All emergency protocols and evacuation plans must be publically available to shelter residents and staff.



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Shelter Certification

- I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the grantee does meet all requirements outlined in the MHDC Minimum Shelter Standards.
- I understand that failure to notify MHDC of non-compliance with the Minimum Shelter Standards during the grant year could result in consequences including, but not limited to a repayment of funds to MHDC and SOS program non-compliance.
- I understand that the grantee must retain a copy of the most recent, passed Fire Safety Inspection for MHDC review during a compliance visit. Failed inspections may result in negative compliance consequences.

Authorizing Official Name: _____
(First, Last)

Date: _____

Authorizing Official Title: _____

Authorizing Official Signature: _____