# HOPWA Certification of Categorical Exclusion

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| Determination of activities listed at 24 CFR §58.35(b) (not subject to §58.5) |
| May be subject to provisions of §58.6, as applicable |
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| The Administrative Agency must complete one certification for each Project Sponsor in each HSDA.***If a Project Sponsor serves more than one HSDA, provide separate certifications for each HSDA.*** |
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| Program Name | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) |
| Administrative Agency | Choose an Administrative Agency. |
| Project Sponsor |       |
| HSDA | Choose an HSDA. |
| Project Description | The goals of the DSHS HOPWA Program are to help low-income persons living with HIV and their households establish or maintain affordable and stable housing, reduce their risk of homelessness, and improve their access to health care and supportive services. DSHS authorizes the following activities: |
|  | * Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
* Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility
* Facility-Based Housing Assistance
* Permanent Housing Placement
 | * Housing Case Management
* Housing Information Services
* Resource Identification
* Project Sponsor Administration
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| Funding Source | State of Texas HOPWA Grant |
| Grant Number | TX-23-F999 |
| Contract Amount |       |
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| I hereby certify that the abovementioned project has been reviewed and determined to be a Categorically Excluded activity per 24 CFR §58.35(b) (not subject to §58.5) as follows: |
|[x]  1. Tenant-based rental assistance;
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|[x]  1. Supportive services including, but not limited to, health care, housing services, permanent housing placement, day care, nutritional services, short-term payments for rent/mortgage/utility costs, and assistance in gaining access to local, State, and Federal government benefits and services;
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|[x]  1. Operating costs including maintenance, security, operation, utilities, furnishings, equipment, supplies, staff training and recruitment and other incidental costs;
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|[ ]  1. Economic development activities, including but not limited to, equipment purchase, inventory financing, interest subsidy, operating expenses and similar costs not associated with construction or expansion of existing operations;
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|[ ]  1. Activities to assist homebuyers to purchase existing dwelling units or dwelling units under construction, including closing costs and down payment assistance, interest buydowns, and similar activities that result in the transfer of title.
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|[ ]  1. Affordable housing pre-development costs including legal, consulting, developer and other costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact.
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|[ ]  1. Approval of supplemental assistance (including insurance or guarantee) to a project previously approved under this part, if the approval is made by the same responsible entity that conducted the environmental review on the original project and re-evaluation of the environmental findings is not required under §[58.47](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/58.47).
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| If your project falls into any of the above categories, no Request for Release of Funds (RROF) is required, and no further environmental approval from HUD will be needed by the recipient for the draw-down of funds to carry out exempt activities and projects. The responsible entity must maintain this document as a written record of the environmental review undertaken under this part for each project. By signing below the Responsible Entity certifies in writing that each activity or project is Categorically Excluded (not subject to §58.5) and meets the conditions specified for such determination per section 24 CFR §58.35(b). Please keep a copy of this determination in your project files. |
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| **AA Certifying Official Name:** |       |
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| **AA Certifying Official Title:** |       |
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| **AA Certifying Official Signature:** |       |
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| **Date:** |       |