

4900.3371 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in parts 4900.3372 to 4900.3380 have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Agency.** "Agency" means the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

Subp. 3. **Caretaker parent.** "Caretaker parent" means a parent, caretaker relative, or minor parent as defined by the Minnesota family investment program in Minnesota Statutes, sections 256J.01 to 256J.88.

Subp. 4. **Counties with high average housing costs.** "Counties with high average housing costs" means counties whose average federal Section 8 fair market rents for existing housing as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development are in the highest one-third of average rents in the state at the time of application.

Subp. 5. **Designated rental property.** "Designated rental property" means rental property that:

A. is made available by a self-sufficiency program for use by participating families and meets federal Section 8 existing quality standards; or

B. has received federal, state, or local rental rehabilitation assistance since January 1, 1987, and meets federal Section 8 existing housing quality standards.

Subp. 6. **Family or participating family.** "Family" or "participating family" means:

A. a family with a caretaker parent who is participating in a self-sufficiency program and with at least one minor child; or

B. a family that, at the time it began receiving rent assistance under parts 4900.3370 to 4900.3380, had a caretaker parent participating in a self-sufficiency program, and had at least one minor child.

Subp. 7. **Gross family income.** "Gross family income" means the gross amount of the household's annual cumulative income including, but not limited to, wages, salaries, social security payments, pensions, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, public assistance payments, alimony, child support, disability payments, veterans benefits, support and maintenance payments, and income from assets received by the family.

Subp. 8. **Housing cost.** "Housing cost" means the total monthly housing costs of a tenant including rent and utilities paid directly by the tenant, excluding, but not limited to cable television. In most instances, the utility allowance standard established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Section 8 existing program shall be used.

Subp. 9. **Local housing organization.** "Local housing organization" means the agency of local government responsible for administering the United States Department of

Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 existing voucher and certificate program or a nonprofit or for-profit organization experienced in housing management.

Subp. 10. **Public assistance.** "Public assistance" means the Minnesota family investment program as defined in Minnesota Statutes, sections 256J.01 to 256J.88, or family general assistance as defined in Minnesota Statutes, sections 256D.01 to 256D.21.

Subp. 11. **Self-sufficiency program or program.** "Self-sufficiency program" or "program" means a program operated by a certified employment and training service provider as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 256.736, subdivision 1a, paragraph (e), an employability program administered by a community action agency as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 268.53, or courses of study at an accredited institution of higher education pursued with at least half-time student status, or an established privately funded self-sufficiency program.

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