HUDCC RESOLUTION NO. 2 Series of 2012

INCLUSION OF LIVELIHOOD PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH FOR IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, under Republic Act (RA) 7835, the National Housing Authority (NHA) is tasked to implement the Local Housing Program as a component of National Shelter Program. Said law provides as follows:

"To ensure the equitable distribution of housing benefits across the country, the NHA is hereby tasked to implement cost-recoverable socialized housing projects in selected urban and urbanizable areas in all congressional districts."

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for RA 7835 was approved by the HUDCC on 17 May 1995 under Resolution No. 011.

WHEREAS, Rule VIII Section 8.1.b of the IRR states that the Local Housing Program may cover the various housing options, approaches and programs including Sites and Services Development, Medium Rise Housing, Completed Housing and other pertinent programs.

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 001 dated 20 November 2001, HUDCC approved the adoption of the amended IRR of Rule VIII which expanded the housing options, approaches and programs to be implemented under the Local Housing Program. These include Slum Upgrading, Sites and Services Development, Completed/Core Housing, options to address land tenure issues of urban poor families, assistance for survey works, provision/installation/repair of facilities and utilities and other housing approaches and programs.

WHEREAS, the rationale for the inclusion of other housing options is to make it more responsive to the needs of program clients and to enable the utilization of allocated program funds per congressional district (PhP3.136 Million at the time) which was considered insufficient for the implementation of regular housing projects.

WHEREAS, the proposal is to include livelihood project implementation as an alternative option/ approach under the Local Housing

Program. While strictly not considered a housing option, it is viewed as an important component of housing implementation particularly for informal settler families. It will also allow use of idle Local Housing Funds to benefit the intended program beneficiaries.

WHEREAS, Program Funds: Out of the total program funding of PhP3 Billion, PhP940 Million (31%) was released from 1996 to 2009 representing an average funding per congressional district of PhP4.105 Million (at current number of congressional districts). Total funds raised, inclusive of interest, earnings, and collection proceeds, for projects is PhP1.375 Million as of 30 September 2012. No releases have been made since 2009.

WHEREAS, Fund Utilization: Total funds obligated as of 30 September 2012 amount to PhP720.3 Million (52% of funds raised).

WHEREAS, Program Availment: 180 (79%) out of 229 congressional districts have availed of program funding. The limited fund allocation is cited as a major reason for the inability to identify projects which could be implemented within the given allocation per district especially for Metro Manila.

WHEREAS, Project Implementation: Some 295 projects have been funded under the program of which 248 (84%) have been completed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the inclusion of livelihood projects' implementation, as an alternate option or approach under the Local Housing Program, a component of the National Shelter Program under Republic Act 7835, is hereby approved.

APPROVED this 13th day of November 2012, at Pasay City, Philippines.