Delaware State Housing Authority Capital Needs Assessment Policy

All Rehabilitation applicants (including Preservation, Historic, Conversion, and Adaptive Re-Use projects) must submit a Capital Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA is a qualified professional's opinion (typically an Architect or a Qualified Rehabilitation Specialist) of a property's current physical condition. The CNA identifies deferred maintenance, physical needs, remaining useful life of key components, building material deficiencies, and material building code violations that affect the property use, structural and mechanical integrity, and future physical capital and financial needs.

The purpose of the CNA is to determine a property's physical capital needs over the next 20 years and/or to determine the type of rehabilitation needed for securing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and/or financing from DSHA.

Base Requirements:

- 1. CNA Reports cannot be prepared more than 12 months prior to application submission;
- 2. The report must cover all buildings within the project;
- 3. The CNA professional cannot have an identity of interest or business with the General Contractor, Owner, Developer, or Appraiser of the project being evaluated;
- 4. The Design Architect and/or Architect of record for the proposed project may be the CNA Provider;
- 5. As part of DSHA's pre-inspection notice for LIHTC applications, DSHA staff will visit the site prior to the CNA to provide technical assistance. Although not required, a draft version may be submitted to DSHA for comment prior to final submission; and
- 6. One (1) hard copy of the final report shall be incorporated into the Exhibit portion of the LIHTC or other DSHA financing application and an electronic copy in a PDF format in the scanned version of the LIHTC or other DSHA financing application.
- 7. The final CNA Report must be signed, dated, and certified by the CNA

Main components of the CNA Report:

1. Executive Summary

- a. Brief Narrative of the project;
- b. Date of report;
- c. Name and location of project including all buildings;
- d. Name and contact information of the current property owner;
- e. Name and contact information of the proposed new property owner, developer, and/or client;
- f. Name and contact information of the CNA Provider; and
- g. Name(s) of individual(s) that prepared the report.

2. Basic Project Information

- a. Current Property Information:
 - i. Lot Area in square footage and acres;

- ii. Type of building: single family home, duplex, townhouse, apartment building (low, mid, or high rise and walkup or elevator);
- iii. Building(s) foot print in square footage and acres;
- iv. Current number of regular parking spaces and accessible parking spaces (including garage stalls);
- v. Public or private maintenance;
- vi. Building(s) gross square footage;
- vii. Number and gross square footage of all dwelling units summarized by type and floor level;
- viii. Identify and summarize common use space and other amenities including gross square footage;
 - ix. Identify type of construction, total number of buildings, total number of stories, and building height;
 - x. Date of original construction and permits obtained for construction; and
 - xi. History of any fires, flood damage or insurance claims.
- b. Vicinity Map Provide an aerial site map or survey showing property lines, neighboring streets and properties, and other information deemed necessary.
- c. Current photographs of the site. Photos should document and support findings including, but not limited to, the general building exterior, site conditions, kitchens and bathrooms, flooring, entry areas, common areas, architectural and structural components and mechanical systems.

3. Inspection Requirements:

- a. At least 50% of the dwelling units in a development containing forty-nine (49) or less units; and
- b. At least 40% of the dwelling units in a development containing fifty (50) or more units.

4. Management and Maintenance Staff Interviews:

- a. Document a five-year history of capital and major repair expenditures; and
- b. Identify known future capital improvement needs or other deferred maintenance needs.

5. DSHA Rehabilitation Standards Checklist and Life Expectancy Chart:

a. Provide an analysis of key building systems and assemblies utilizing DSHA's Life Expectancy Chart, estimating age, expected useful life and effective remaining life and need of replacement.

6. Scope of Work:

- a. Capital Improvements. Provide an itemized description of capital improvements needed for rehabilitation and over a 20-year term:
 - Site Improvement Evaluation/Analysis (utilities, parking, paving, sidewalks, water, sewer and drainage, landscaping, trash enclosures/compactors, other structures, and general site improvements);
 - ii. Building Architectural and Structural Systems Evaluation (foundations superstructure and floors, roof structures and roofing, exterior walls and stairs,

- siding, downspouts, electrical fire protection systems, security systems, history of any and/or all fire-life safety issues and verify all substrates and/or flooring surfaces for suitability of new VCT and/or carpet installation.);
- iii. Common Areas Evaluation (parking areas, office, community rooms, common areas energy efficiency, tenant amenities, playgrounds and playground equipment);
- iv. Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Systems Evaluation (building HVAC, plumbing, electrical, elevators, fire protection/security systems); and
- v. Dwelling Units Evaluation (interior finishes, all floors, walls, ceilings, paint, kitchens and appliances, carpet, vinyl, interior doors, shelves, cabinets, vanities, closets, interior HVAC, plumbing, and bathroom fixtures.,
- b. Critical Repair Items. All health and safety deficiencies or violations that require immediate remediation. Identify in detail any repair items that represent an immediate threat to health and safety, and all other significant defects, deficiencies, items of deferred maintenance, and material building code violations (individual and collectively, physical deficiencies) that would limit the expected useful life of major components or systems. Deficiencies regarding significant life safety issues must be identified; Include environmental issues, mold and mildew, infiltration and/or flooring, and existing sprinkler system inspection log.
- c. Long-Term Physical Needs. An estimate of the repairs and replacement items beyond the first year after rehabilitation that are required to maintain the development's physical integrity over the next **twenty (20) years**, such as major structural systems that will need to be replaced during this period; Include venting or condensation issues;
- d. DSHA Environmental Due Diligence Checklist. The report shall provide observed or potential on-site environmental hazards;
- e. Cost Estimate. All items included in the main components of Capital Improvements, Critical Repair Items, Long Term Physical Needs, and the abatement of environmental hazards must be included in the scope of work proposed in the CNA Application;
- f. Appendices (photographs, site plans, maps, etc.); and
- g. Qualified Profession and Individual(s) responsible for preparing the report;
 - i. Identity of Interest Certification. The CNA provider must include and certify within the final report the following: "I certify that neither (insert Firm name), nor any partner, director, stockholder, officer, employee, or agent associated with the Firm, nor any person or entity, having a financial interest in the affairs of the Firm: 1) has or will ever have an affiliation with any other person or entity providing services for the development including, but not limited to, Contractor, Owner, Developer, or Appraiser; 2) has not received nor will receive any benefit from the acquisition of the subject property in this report including, but not limited to, profit from the sale of the land, rebates, commissions or fees, except as hereunder disclosed (insert if applicable)."

REHABILITATION STANDARDS CHECKLIST Must be completed by all rehabilitation projects						
Project Name:			1			
Date Built:						
Date of Last Rehabilitation (if applicable):						
EXTERIORS		D	ETAIL/CONDITION			
ROOF	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent			
Roof Type/Pitch/Flat						
Number of Layers						
Substrate Material						
Fire-rated Required?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
Insulation Type						
Ventilation	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
Estimated R-Value						
SIDING	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent			
Type/Substrate/Vapor Barrier						
Brick (if applicable)	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent			
Is re-pointing necessary?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
EXTERIOR DOORS/FRAMES	Age (Yrs)		Type:			
Sliding doors? Flashing Pan present?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
Patio doors? Flashing Pan Present?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
Hardware	Age (Yrs)		Type:			
WINDOWS	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent			
Meet egress requirements?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
GUTTERS/DOWNSPOUTS	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent			
Material/Type						
FASCIA/SOFFITS	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent			
Material/Type/Substrate/Vented						
SIDEWALKS	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent			
Meets fully-accessible compliance/ramping/curb cuts?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
Any areas shaved?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
PARKING LOT* Size of parking areas	Age (Yrs)	SF	Poor Fair Good Excellent			
Fully-Accessible Curb Cuts	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
STANDING WATER AREAS	Yes 🗌	No 🗌				
Deteriorated areas		SF	Poor Fair Good Excellent			

EXTERIORS (Continued)	DETAIL/CONDITION			
Spaces provided /required /grandfathered:				
Handicap parking provided?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Bumpers provided?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
*NOTE: Any parking lot surface with either fair and remaining lifespan. If determined, contractor shall i				
LIGHTING (Exterior)	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Tied to house panel?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
SECURITY SYSTEM	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
PATIOS/BALCONIES	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Meet current codes?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
MAINTENANCE-FREE EXTERIOR	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Date of Last Preventative Maintenance	
ASBESTOS PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	NESHAP Environmental Audit	
LEAD PAINT PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
MOLD PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
INTERIORS		D	ETAIL/CONDITION	
KITCHEN	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Cabinets	Age (Yrs)		Type:	
Countertop	Age (Yrs)		Type:	
APPLIANCES				
Refrigerator	Age (Yrs)		Size:	
Frost-free?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Dishwasher	Age (Yrs)			
Stove	Age (Yrs)		Gas Electric U.L. Gas Conn.	
Garbage Disposal	Age (Yrs)		HP:	
Exhaust Hood	Age (Yrs)		Vented to Exterior Recirculating	
Washer	Age (Yrs)		Stack Side-by-Side	
Drain provided?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Dryer	Age (Yrs)			
Vent pipe material?				
Code compliant venting?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
BATHROOM				
Bathtub	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Tub Surround	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	

INTERIORS (Continued)	DETAIL/CONDITION		
Anti-scald valve?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Sink/Vanity	Age (Yrs)		Type:
Toilet	Age (Yrs)		Type:
Water-saver?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Fully-Accessible Access?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Flange Material	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Code compliant Exhaust Fan	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
FLOORING			
Asbestos present (in flooring or adhesive)?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Type:
Carpeting	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Туре			
Vinyl Composition	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Туре			
Subflooring Material	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Any existing soft spots in flooring?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Base Molding	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
WALLS	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Туре			
Asbestos present?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Mold or mildew present?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
CEILINGS	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Туре			
Textured?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Good Excellent
Active staining present?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
SMOKE DETECTORS	Age (Yrs)		Hard-wired Battery
Meet current codes? CO2 detectors?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Date of last inspection:
SPRINKLER SYSTEM	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Date of last inspection:
Meet current codes?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
INTERIOR DOORS/FRAMES	Age (Yrs)		Type:
Hardware	Age (Yrs)		Type:
INSULATION (Inches)	Ceiling:		Walls: Floor:
SHELVING	Age (Yrs)		Poor Good Excellent Good
MINI BLINDS	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent

INTERIORS (Continued)	DETAIL/CONDITION				
SYSTEMS					
Are utilities paid by the tenants?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	If yes, which ones?		
Is there a boiler system?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Age (Yrs)	Date of last inspection:	
HVAC	Age (Yrs)		Poor 🗌 Fair 🔲 Go	ood Excellent	
HVAC Type/Electrical Connection	Type:		Amps:		
Meets current codes?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌			
Code compliant venting?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌			
Duct System	Age (Yrs)		Poor 🗌 Fair 🔲 Go	ood Excellent	
Last cleaning date/last pressure test Date:					
Air Conditioning	Age (Yrs)		Type:		
Condensation Lines cleaned and/or inspected? Date:	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair G	ood Excellent	
Water Heater	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair G	ood Excellent	
Type and Location					
Pan Present?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor 🗌 Fair 🔲 Go	ood Excellent	
Electric Supply	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair G	ood Excellent	
Туре	GFI:		Amperage Supply:	AMP Service:	
ARC Fault Interrupter?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor 🗌 Fair 🔲 Go	ood Excellent	
Last Inspection Date					
PLUMBING					
Water Supply Lines: Material	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor 🗌 Fair 🔲 Go	ood Excellent	
Curb Stops	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor 🗌 Fair 🔲 Go	ood Excellent	
Last Inspection Date:					
Master meter or individual meters?	Master	Individual			
Shut-off Valves	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor 🗌 Fair 🗍 Go	ood Excellent	
Water Meters: Up to Code?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor 🗌 Fair 🔲 Go	ood Excellent	
Vent Stacks: Material	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair G	ood Excellent	
ELECTRIC					
Underground Transmission Lines	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair G	ood Excellent	
Aboveground Transmission Lines	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair G	ood Excellent	
Meters: Last Inspected	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair G	ood Excellent	
Electric Panels:	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair G	ood Excellent	
Amps:					
Brand:					
SPRINKLER SYSTEM					
Is there a sprinkler system?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Age (Yrs)	Date of last inspection:	

INTERIORS (Continued)	DETAIL/CONDITION			
Service Capacity	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Spare Breaker Capacity	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Site Lighting Adequate?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
ANY UNITS FINISHED BELOW GRADE?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
ASBESTOS PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	NESHAP Environmental Audit:	
LEAD PAINT PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Certificate available? Yes No No	
MOLD PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
RADON TESTING?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Date of inspection:	
COMMON AREAS		Ι	DETAIL/CONDITION	
INTERIOR STAIRS			Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Meet code requirements?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Handrail Height Continuous?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Meet Fully- Accessible Yes ☐ No ☐ Standards?	
COMMON HALLWAY (Interior)	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Fire Protection?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Last Inspection Date:	
Adequate Lighting?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Walls			Poor Fair Good Excellent	
ELEVATORS	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Date of Last Inspection				
Meet Fully-Accessible Access Requirements?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
LAUNDRY ROOM	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Heated/Cooled?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Fully-Accessible?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Fully-Accessible Machines Available?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
COMMUNITY ROOM	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Size (Square Footage):				
Fully-Accessible?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
UTILITY CONTRACTS				
Cable Contract	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Provider:	
Other Utility Contracts?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Provider(s):	
DOORS/FRAMES (Exterior)	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Type:				
FOUNDATION, CRAWL, & BASEMENT	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent	
Standing water present?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		

COMMON AREAS (Continued)		Γ	DETAIL/CONDITION
Any foundation vents located below grade?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Access to foundation, crawl, or basement?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Poor Fair Good Excellent
ASBESTOS PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	NESHAP Environmental Audit:
LEAD PAINT PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Certificate available? Yes No No
MOLD PRESENT?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
MAILBOXES	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Type:			
Parcel boxes provided?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
On Accessible Route?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Type:			
Meets Safety Guidelines?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Lighting?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Is Playground on Accessible Route?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
SWIMMING POOL	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
FENCING	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Type, Material, and Height			
Perimeter/Partial?			
DUMPSTERS			Poor Fair Good Excellent
Locations:			
Are gates required by municipality?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Fully-Accessible?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Number:	Existing:		Proposed:
PROJECT SIGN	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
Lighted?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Sign to be Replaced?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
ADA/Fully-Accessible/Fair Housing Logos?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
OTHER			
Support Beams Material			Poor Fair Good Excellent
Joists			Poor Fair Good Excellent
Overhang provided?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Soffit ventilation provided per code?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Piers/Columns/Porches	Age (Yrs)		Poor Fair Good Excellent
HVAC, Adequate Venting?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	Last Inspection Date:

COMMON AREAS (Continued)	DETAIL/CONDITION		
Common Entries?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Supply/Drain Pipes			Poor Fair Good Excellent
GENERAL	DETAIL/CONDITION		
MINIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE	(If units are	to be conver	rted)
One-Bedroom Units (Min. 700 sq. ft.)	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Two-Bedroom Units (Min. 850 sq. ft.)	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Three-bedroom Units (Min. 1,050 sq. ft.)	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Site Office?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Total Size (sq. ft.):			
Fully-Accessible Compliant?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Maintenance Shop?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Total Size (sq. ft.):			
Fully-Accessible Compliant?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
LOCATION ON FULLY-ACCESSIBLE/- COMPLIANT ROUTE?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
FIRE HISTORY OF PROPERTY:			
	A TO NA CITE		A CANADA TAM
			S CHECKLIST /COMMENTS

DSHA - Life Expectancy (Years of Different Products/Items/Materials)

 ${f NOTE}$: Items that are beyond 50% of life expectancy shall be replaced. DSHA reserves the right to add/delete any item to the required rehabilitation.

Item	Life Expectancy (Years)			Item	
APPLIANCES				FINISHES	
Disposal	5		• F	Exterior paint, plaster, stucco	
Microwave ovens	5		• I	nterior, wall paint	
Ranges, free-standing/built- in, electric/gas	12	_	• I	nterior, door/trim paint	
Refrigerators, Standard	10			FLOORS	
BATHROOMS			• 1	Vinyl sheet or tile	
Cast iron bathtub, resurface	25	,	• (Carpeting	
Fiberglass bathtub and shower	10		Н	IEATING, VENTILATION, CONDITIONING	1
Shower doors (average quality)	5		• <i>F</i>	Air conditioning, central unit	
Toilet	10		• <i>A</i>	Air conditioning, window unit	
CABINETRY			• A	A/C compressor	
Kitchen cabinets	10	1	• F	Rooftop air conditioners	
Medicine cabinets/bath vanities	10		• F	Furnaces, gas or oil fired	
COUNTERTOPS				Forced air furnaces, heat bump	
Laminate	10		• (Unit heaters, gas or electric	
DOORS			• F	Radiant heaters	
Screen	10		• I	Ductwork, plastic	
Interior, six-panel, Masonite	15	,		Air terminals, diffusers, grilles, registers	
Exterior, unprotected/exposed	15		• F	Boilers, hot water, steam	
Exterior door trim	5-10				

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	Item	Life Expectancy (Years)		
	PLUMBING FIXTURES/F	PIPING		
• Si	nks, enamel, steel	5-10	•	Plastic, vir
Si	nks, stainless	10		
Fa	nucets, low quality	5	•	Wood, T1-
W	ater heater, electric	10	•	Aluminum
W	ater heater, gas	11	•	Vinyl
Pι	amps, sump and well	10	•	Gutters, do
	ROOFING			
	sphalt, wood shingles, and akes	20	•	Wood case
Bı	uilt-up roofing, asphalt	10	•	Wood, sing
C	oal and tar	10	•	Aluminum
	SAFETY		•	Window so
Sp	orinkler Systems	12		
	noke detectors, battery, ardwire	10		

Item	Life Expectancy (Years)
SHUTTERS	
• Plastic, vinyl, exterior	7-8
SIDING	
• Wood, T1-11	10
• Aluminum	20
• Vinyl	25
• Gutters, downspouts	20
WINDOWS	
• Wood casement	20
• Wood, single, double hung	15
Aluminum casement	10
• Window screens	5

DSHA – CNA ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST Must be completed by all rehabilitation projects						
Project Name:	Percentage of Units Inspected:%					
Date:	Percentage of Site Walked and Observed:%					
Completed by:	Original Constru	ction Date:				
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Environmental Risks	Observed	Possible	Not Observed			
Asbestos						
Asbestos Containing Materials						
Lead Paint						
Underground Storage Tanks, Lines and Vents						
Above Ground Chemical Storage or Products						
Visible Soil Discoloration						
Buried Waste						
PCB Transformers or Light Ballast						
Surface Water Discharge						
Sensitive Adjacent Properties						
Potential Contaminated Adjacent Properties						
Air Emissions						
Wetlands Areas						
Sanitary Sewer Failure						
On-lot Septic						
Private Water Supply						
Surface Impoundment						
Excessive Noise						
Foul Odors						
French Drain or Disposal Pit						
Unsafe Material Management Practices						
Pipe Leaks						
Mold						
Radon Gas						
Sink Holes						
Steep Slopes						
Poor Drainage						
Ponds or Streams						