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How to Become a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

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[HOME Regulations](#) (24 CFR Part 92.2)

To be certified as a CHDO, an organization must meet certain characteristics described and defined in HUD's HOME Regulations.

[Characteristics](#)

These are the essential requisites an organization must cover. The characteristics are divided into three categories to provide an overview. The following links offer detailed descriptions of these categories.

1. [Legal Status](#)*

The legal status of an organization is the first characteristic examined to determine if it is eligible to become a certified CHDO. There are five legal status requirements that an organization must meet to be certified as a CHDO by a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ).

2. [Organizational Structure](#)*

Requirements are established for the organizational structure of a CHDO to ensure that the governing body of the organization is controlled by the community it serves. These requirements are designed to ensure that the CHDO is capable of decisions and actions that address the community's needs without undue influence from external agendas.

3. [Experience, Capacity, & Financial Accountability](#)*

CHDOs must demonstrate a history of serving the community where the housing to be assisted with HOME funds will be located.

*HOME requirements in each category must be satisfied for an organization to be a certified CHDO.

[Special Assistance](#)

Certified CHDOs are eligible to receive special assistance funds.

[Roles and Funding](#)

A CHDO may obtain funding from a PJ in several different ways.

[Use of Funds](#)

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[CHDO Checklist](#)

The CHDO Checklist is provided by the HOME Front as a tool to assist PJs and nonprofit organizations in the certification process. A nonprofit must provide a completed checklist along with the necessary documents to be certified as a CHDO by a PJ for the purposes of the HOME Program.

[HOME Front Training Module](#)

Ins-and-outs of being a certified CHDO - HUD's Web-based training and technical assistance site for individuals and organizations implementing the HOME Program.

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