

EXHIBIT 4 MULTIFAMILY PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

Applicants are only eligible to receive up to 200 points.

Indicate if the project will include each characteristic by placing an X in the box to the left of each applicable line item. NOTE: No points are allowed for characteristics associated with previous phases.

Minimum standards apply to all new construction projects; however, rehabilitation or Reconstruction projects should also strive to meet these minimum standards.

Site Exterior		
Parking:		
	Minimum Standards	At a minimum, the parking lot will be engineered asphalt, having concrete curb and gutter where required. For multifamily developments, each unit shall have 1-1/2 parking spaces regardless of number of bedrooms. The number of handicap designated spaces must equal the amount of handicap units. In the event that local jurisdiction codes exceed this total then the local code supersedes these requirements. Garage counts as parking space(s).
	5 points	Increase number of parking spaces so each efficiency, 1 and 2 bedrooms units have 1-1/2 parking spaces and each 3 and 4 bedroom units have 2 parking spaces.
	10 points	Multi-family projects that includes carports capable of parking at least 1 vehicle per unit or a garage for at least 50% of the units. At a minimum the carports are to be constructed of weather resistant steel, attached to footings or a thickened concrete slab, contain a concrete slab and meet minimum code design requirements.
	15 points	Multi-family projects with off-street concrete parking lot that meets above requirements.
	25 points	Multi-family projects that includes a garage capable of parking at least 1 vehicle for all units.
Sidewalks:		
	Minimum Standards	A concrete sidewalk will be provided from the primary entrance door and any accessible entry door to a public right of way.
Exterior Landscaping:		
	Minimum Standards	New Construction should have a minimum of a live landscaped area of no less than 5% of the hard surfaced area of the project site. Hard surface includes building pad as well as all sidewalks, parking lots and other hard finish areas.
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 4 foot downspout extension or 3 foot concrete splash block that positively discharges water away from the foundation at all downspout locations.

	5 points	Use of drought resistant live plants or Xeriscaping design principals or use of rain sensor irrigation for landscaped areas.
	10 points	Downspouts that are attached to a storm sewer system.
Building(s) Exterior		
Exterior Siding/Finish:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of 15-year pre-finish warranty 30-year substrate warranty solid cementitious or composite prefinished siding. If vinyl siding is used, it must be a minimum of 0.44 mil thick and have a lifetime warranty. Prefinished soffits, fascia, gutters and downspouts are required.
	10 points	At least 25% of building exterior finished in brick, stone, EIFS or stucco.
	25 points	At least 80% of building exterior finished in brick, stone, EIFS or stucco.
Roofing:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of 30-year warranty asphalt or composite shingle, 29ga metal roofing with a 40-year film and 30-year chalk/fade warranty or a rubberized roof system with a 30-year warranty for flat roofs.
	15 points	Use of UL 2218 Class 4 impact resistant shingles or 26ga UL 2218 Class 4 impact resistant metal roofing.
Windows/Doors:		
	Minimum Standards	Exterior prefinished windows constructed of vinyl, wood, composite or fiberglass with a 0.30 or lower U-factor.
	10 points	Windows scored with a 0.22 U-Factor or lower and a SHGC of 0.17 or greater.
	Minimum Standards	Window coverings or blinds shall be provided and installed.
	Minimum Standards	Exterior doors shall be insulated steel or composite in a metal clad or composite frame/brickmould. Unit entry doors without windows shall have a peephole installed with 180-degree view. Two peepholes are required on accessible units, one at 43" and one at standard height. All unit entry doors must be equipped with a deadbolt with 1" inch throw and strike plate installed with 2-1/2" or longer screws.
	Minimum Standards	Main entrances for projects containing interior accessed units must be equipped with an ADA/ABA compliant automatic door opener.
	20 points	Main entrances for projects containing interior accessed units designed with a foyer and equipped with a security access system.
	20 points	Townhome that have exterior entrances with zero step entry for all units.
Construction and Energy Efficient Design Features		
Wall/Roof Assembly:		
	Minimum Standards	Slab on grade construction to have a minimum R-10 vertical foundation and horizontal perimeter under slab insulation per 2018 IECC. A minimum 6 mil or greater vapor barrier to be required under slab.

	Minimum Standards	2x6 exterior wall assemblies insulated to a minimum of R-20. Roof assembly to have minimum 12" energy heel trusses and insulated to a minimum of R-49 if attic space is present. If no attic space is present then R-30 is required in the roof. Rim/band joists to be insulated to the same R-value as the exterior walls. All assemblies must be constructed to the higher of the SDHDA minimum, local adopted code or the current state adopted IRC/IBC if no local code exists.
	10 points	All party walls and common walls containing at least 3.5" of sound attenuation insulation.
	10 points	Light weight concrete or Gypcrete surfacing on floors.
Special and Accessible Design Features:		
	15 points	Incorporation of the 7 Universal Design Principles in at least 25% of all units, not including Section 504 units. Universal design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. Minimum universal design principals can be found on SDHDA website.
	35 points	Multi-family projects that have either a stand-alone Community Building or a Community Room, the room shall be 15 square feet per occupant, assuming 1-1/2 occupants per unit. The room shall include a fully functioning kitchen and minimum of one unisex ADA compliant restroom. For calculation of the square footage of the space, only areas usable by occupants are to be included. The square footage of the kitchen, restroom, hallways, offices or storage cannot be used to meet minimum square footage requirement. At the discretion of SDHDA, partial points may be awarded for existing community buildings which meet the capacity requirements of the existing units served, plus the new proposed units in the application.
Energy Efficient Design Features:		
	20 points	HERS: Project scoring a HERS index of 60 or better as verified by a RESnet certified Rater. Lower is better.
	35 points	Energy Star: Whole project certification to the latest version of Energy Star for New Homes or Energy Star for Multifamily High Rise as verified by a 3rd party Energy Star certified rater. Project cannot take points for both HERS and Energy Star certifications.
	10 points	Installation of LED lights throughout interior and exterior of project.
Building Interior		
Unit Entry Doors:		
	Minimum Standards	The unit entry doors must meet the code requirement of the wall assembly containing it. It must include a peephole with 180-degree viewer or have a window and also a deadbolt with a 1" throw and strike plate installed with 2-1/2" or longer screws. Two peepholes are required on accessible units, one at 43" and one at standard height.
Unit Interior Doors:		
	10 points	Installation of solid core interior doors throughout units.

	5 points	Installation of metal jambs for interior doors throughout units. This option is only available if points are taken for solid core doors.
Floor Covering:		
	Minimum Standards	Roll carpet must meet the standards of HUD use of material bulletin 44D. VCT, Vinyl Plank, LVT, sheet vinyl, carpet squares, and other floor coverings must meet or exceed the ASTM standards for Resilient Floor Covering and carry a minimum of a 10-year Manufacturer Warranty. An aluminum or vinyl "J" trim must be installed at the tub/shower transition when sheet vinyl flooring is installed and sealed with a silicone sealant.
Laundry:		
	Minimum Standards	A common laundry room must be located in each building of a project and contain a window within or near the door. Laundry room must also include a continuous or humidistat-controlled ventilation system. Projects with townhomes or apartments without common laundry space must provide washer and dryer hook-ups within each unit.
	5 points	A common laundry room for each building floor and must meet above minimum standards.
	15 points	A washer and dryer provided for each unit.
Unit Bathrooms:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of one-half bath per floor for multi-story townhomes 2 or more bedrooms.
	Minimum Standards	Primary bath light and bathroom ventilation fan must be switched together.
	5 points	Installation of Energy Star qualified bathroom ventilation fan equipped with a humidistat. Humidistat must be incorporated within the fan and not at a wall switch.
	15 points	Installation of HVI certified HRV or ERV.
Appliances and Fixtures:		
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 14 cu. Ft. frost free refrigerator/freezer for all 0 or 1 bedroom units. A minimum of 18 cu. Ft. refrigerator/freezer for all 2 or more bedroom units. Dishwashers to be a minimum of 24" in width.
	Minimum Standards	Water Sense qualified faucets, toilets/urinals, showerheads. Kitchen faucets are required to meet the same Water Sense GPM standards as bathroom faucets.
	5 points	Range hood vented to the exterior of the building or an additional exhaust fan within 10' of range hood.
Mechanical		
Heating and Cooling:		

	Minimum Standards	At a minimum high efficiency cove heat. PTAC's are NOT allowed for new construction. Electric baseboard heat is allowed in new construction as back up heat only. 92% AFUE minimum gas furnace, VTAC's with 11.9 SEER2 or greater, Heat Pumps rated at HSPF of 8 or greater with a 14.3 SEER2 rating or higher (packaged or split). Programmable thermostats are required.
	Minimum Standards	All units must have Energy Star qualified through the wall air conditioning or central air conditioning rated at 14.3 SEER2 or better sized to properly cool the unit.
	5 points	Energy Star qualified central air conditioning or verified AHRI certificate with matching coil and condenser 15.2 SEER2 or better. Split systems must be Energy Star matched.
	20 points	Forced air furnace 96% or greater AFUE or Energy Star qualified Air-source or Ground Source heat pump capable of providing heat to -12 F. Split systems must be Energy Star matched.
NOTE: Proposed heat pump systems used for primary heat must be submitted for approval.		
Water Heating:		
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 0.92 UEF electric water heater in each unit. Atmospheric vented gas water heaters will not be allowed. Any central hot water systems must be submitted for approval.
	10 points	A gas condensing (close combustion, two-vent pipe system) or electric heat pump water heater provided for each unit.
Healthy Homes		
	Minimum Standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low VOC paints, stains, adhesives and sealants. 2. Formaldehyde free insulation. 3. Formaldehyde free or sealed particle board products such as shelving, cabinets and countertops. 4. Lead detection and abatement. Only applies to rehabilitation projects. 5. Install a passive radon system. Test for radon near completion and if 4pCi/L or higher the system must be made active and re-tested until results are below 4pCi/L. 6. State of SD DANR asbestos requirements must be followed on rehabilitation projects.
Electrical Standards		
	Minimum Standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hardwired CO2 sensors required with installation of gas appliances. 2. The use of incandescent light bulbs is not allowed. 3. New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing with more than four (4) units must incorporate the installation of broadband infrastructure.
Projects utilizing HOME, HTF or LIHTC funding will also be required to comply with the below requirements, unless noted otherwise. These do not apply to HOF and CHDP.		

	Minimum Standards	Multifamily rental project of 16-47 units must have at least one Section 504 compliant playground area. Projects of 48 or more units, must have at least two Section 504 compliant playground areas. A basketball court, skate park or other like area approved by SDHDA would also qualify as a second playground. Three play components are required per playground area with a minimum of one ground level play component on an accessible route. If additional types of ground level play components are incorporated each type must be on an accessible route. This requirement does not apply to senior units or projects with only zero and 1 bedroom units.
	Minimum Standards	The project must have permanent signage installed with Equal Housing Opportunity and ADA logos and the identification of the developer and South Dakota Housing Development Authority. This requirement does not apply to single family housing.
	Minimum Standards	All projects containing more than 4 units must be compliant with Section 504 under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. All other housing must meet the requirements of the Fair Housing Act. Rehabilitation of multifamily housing containing 15 or more units and costing at least 75% of replacement cost must also meet Section 504. If the rehabilitation involves fewer than 15 units or the cost is less than 75% of the replacement cost of the completed facility and the recipient has not made 5% of its units in the development accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, then the requirements of 24 C.F.R. 8.23(b) – Other Alterations apply. Under this section, alterations to dwelling units shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be made readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. If alterations to single elements or spaces of a dwelling unit, when considered together, amount to an alteration of a dwelling unit, the entire unit shall be made accessible. Alteration of an entire unit is considered to be when at least all of the following individual elements are replaced: renovation of whole kitchens, or at least replacement of kitchen cabinets; and renovation of the bathroom, if at least bathtub or shower is replaced or added, or a toilet and flooring is replaced; and replacement of entrance door jambs.
	5 points	Up to 15 points will be awarded for projects that create additional accessible units for individuals with mobility and/or sensory impairments. Mobility units must be added at a 2:1 ratio to the sensory units. A minimum of one additional unit must be added above the federal minimum requirements. Accessible units shall to the maximum extent feasible and subject to reasonable health and safety requirements, be distributed throughout projects and sites and shall be available in a sufficient range of sizes and amenities so that a qualified individual with handicaps' choice of living arrangements is, as a whole, comparable to that of other persons eligible for housing assistance under the same program. This shall not be construed to require provision of an elevator in any multifamily housing project solely for the purpose of permitting location of accessible units above or below the accessible grade level.
	10 points	

	15 points	Total Percent of Accessible Units 5 points - Above minimum requirements to 10.00% 10 points - 10.01% to 15.00% 15 points - 15.01% to 20.00%
	Minimum Standards	For new construction projects that must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a UFAS or ADA compliant roll-in shower must be provided in at least 50% of the Section 504 mobility impaired accessible units or at least one.
	Minimum Standards	For projects utilizing \$250,000 or more of HOME or HTF funds the Build American Buy American Act will apply.

I certify that the above indicated characteristics will be incorporated into the final working drawings and that they must be provided prior to occupancy of the project.

Applicant Date

Architect Date