

case of leased facilities) of the facility plus three years.

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§ 1309.42 Audit of mortgage.

Any audit of a grantee, which has acquired or made major renovations to a facility with grant funds, shall include an audit of any mortgage or encumbrance on the facility. Reasonable and necessary fees for this audit and appraisal are payable with grant funds.

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§ 1309.43 Use of grant funds to pay fees.

Consistent with the cost principles referred to in 45 CFR part 74 and 45 CFR part 92, reasonable fees and costs associated with and necessary to the acquisition or major renovation of a facility (including reasonable and necessary fees and costs incurred to establish preliminary eligibility under §§ 1309.4 and 1309.5, or otherwise prior to the submission of an application under § 1309.10 or acquisition of the facility) are payable with grant funds, and require prior, written approval of the responsible HHS official.

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§ 1309.44 Independent analysis.

(a) The responsible HHS official may direct the grantee applying for funds to acquire or make major renovations to a facility to obtain an independent analysis of the cost comparison submitted by the grantee pursuant to § 1309.11, or the statement under 1309.10(f) of this part, or both, if, in the judgment of the official, such an analysis is necessary to adequately review a proposal submitted under this part.

(b) The analysis shall be in writing and shall be made by a qualified, disinterested real estate professional in the community in which the property to be purchased or renovated is situated.

(c) Section 1309.43 of this part applies to payment of the cost of the analysis.

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Subpart F—Construction and Major Renovation

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§ 1309.51 Submission of drawings and specifications.

(a) The grantee may not advertise for bids or award a contract for any part of construction or major renovation funded by grant funds until the grantee has submitted to the responsible HHS official final working drawings and written specifications for the project, a written certification by a licensed engineer or architect as to technical appropriateness of the proposed construction or renovation and the conformity of the project as shown in the final working drawings and specifications with Head Start programmatic requirements, and a written estimate of the costs of the project by a licensed architect or engineer.

(b) The responsible HHS official may authorize the grantee to advertise bids or award a contract after receiving the information provided under paragraph (a) of this section and determining that sufficient funding is, or will be, available to cover the costs of the project as estimated by the architect or engineer, and that the scope of the project as described in the drawings and specifications is appropriate to the needs of the grantee.

§ 1309.52 Procurement procedures.

(a) All facility construction and major renovation transactions must comply with the procurement procedure in 45 CFR parts 74 or 92, and must be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition.

(b) All contracts for construction or major renovation of a facility to be paid for in whole or in part with Head Start funds require the prior, written approval of the responsible HHS official and shall be on a lump sum fixed-price basis.

(c) Prior written approval of the responsible HHS official is required for unsolicited modifications that would change the scope or objective of the project or would materially alter the costs of the project by increasing the