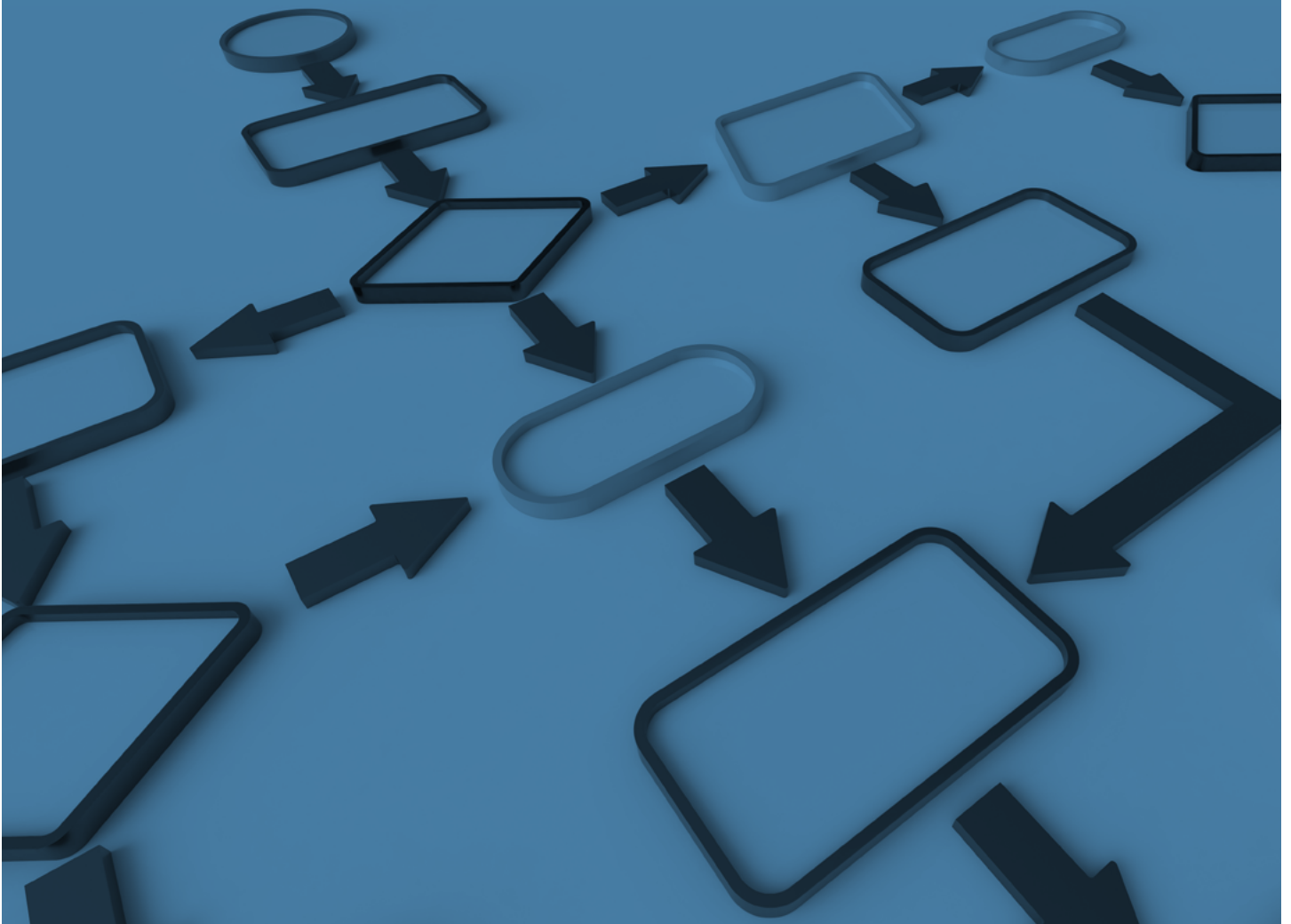




Tenant Participation Funds Decision Support Tool



DECISION SUPPORT TOOL— TENANT PARTICIPATION FUNDS

HUD encourages resident participation and the active involvement of residents in all aspects of a public housing authority's (PHA's) overall mission and operation, particularly through duly-elected resident councils.

The role, or mission, of a resident council is to improve the quality of life and resident satisfaction and participate in self-help initiatives to enable residents to create a positive living environment for families living in public housing.

When Congress provides sufficient funding, HUD provides \$25 for every occupied, public housing unit each year to the PHA for tenant participation activities. Of this amount, at least \$15 for each unit goes to the resident council.



This decision-making tool is provided to assist resident councils in deciding how to use tenant participation (TP) funds. There are 2 ways you can use this tool:

- 1.** To understand the main issues that the resident council should consider, without using the tool in depth, you can review the 13 numbered questions along the left side of the page.
- 2.** When deciding if a proposed expense or activity is a good use of tenant participation funds, a Board, committee, or resident council can walk through these questions together and discuss the answers.

The more your group uses the tool, the more expert you will become in decision-making around the use of tenant participation funds.



For more information on tenant participation funds see the [Public Housing Resident Organizing and Participation Toolkit, Tenant Participation Funds section](#).



This document is part of the **Public Housing Resident Organizing and Participation Toolkit**. The full toolkit includes topical guides, customizable resident council documents and forms, tools related to tenant participation funds, and case studies of resident organizations around the country. To see the full toolkit go to: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/public-housing/resident-toolkit/>

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