



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
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**Public Housing Notice 2002- 03**

To: Local Housing Authorities

From: Ray Frieden, Director  
Project Development Unit

Re: Clarification on c. 689 and c. 167 eligibility under the  
Comprehensive Modernization c. 705 or c.689 Acquisition CAR Category

Date: February 21, 2002

We have gotten questions about the unit count eligibility criterion under the Comprehensive Modernization of Chapter 705 and 689 Acquisition category as it relates to c. 689 or c. 167 Special Needs Housing. DHCD materials say that the building needs to contain 4 or fewer units to be eligible. By this we are referring to 4 or fewer fully independent units with kitchens. In contrast, for cfa purposes, c. 689 and c. 167 unit counts refer to the number of bedrooms. Typically the acquisition c. 689 or c. 167 developments have between 8 and 12 bedrooms and are considered 8-12 units by cfa. Even though the cfa count exceeds 4 these units are eligible for funding as long as they have fewer than 4 fully independent units with kitchens and they are acquisition units built before 1977. If you have any questions regarding funding eligibility for c. 689 or c. 167 acquisition buildings, please call Roberta Strongin at 617-727-7130 x339.