# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development

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## NOFA for the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability for Fiscal Year 1995.

**SUMMARY:** This NOFA announces the availability of \$4,750,000 in funding for the FY 1995 John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program. Interested persons should apply for FY 1995 program funds according to the procedures and requirements set out in this NOFA.

In the body of this NOFA is information concerning:

(1) This year's round of funding for this program;

(2) The purposes and objectives of the program;

(3) The method of allocation and distribution of funds;

(4) Eligibility requirements for neighborhood development

organizations;

(5) Eligible neighborhood

development activities; (6) Selection criteria for the award of funds;

(7) Application requirements for the funds;

(8) Grantee reporting requirements; and

(9) Other applicable administrative requirements associated with the program.

DATES: Applications may be requested beginning February 24, 1995. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time), by the date specified in the application kit. The application deadline will be firm as to date and hour. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, the Department will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other deliveryrelated problems.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the application kit, call: American Communities at 1–800–998–9999, or fax your request to: (301) 251–5747 (this is

not a toll-free number). Speech- or hearing-impaired persons may request an application by contacting the TDD number: (202) 708–2565 (not a toll-free number), as listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading in this NOFA. Faxed requests for application kits must include the applicant's name, mailing address (including zip code), telephone number (including area code), and must refer to FR–3855. Completed applications may not be submitted by fax.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ophelia Wilson or Gene Hix, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7218, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20410; telephone number (202) 708–1189 and (202) 708–2565 (TDD). (These numbers are not toll-free.)

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements contained in this Notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980. The control number for information collections described in this document is 2535–0084.

# I. Purpose and Substantive Description

### A. Authority

Section 123 of the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 (42 U.S.C. 5318 note) (Section 123) authorized the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program. For Fiscal Year 1995, a total of \$5 million has been appropriated for this program under the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995 (Pub. L. 103– 327, approved September 28, 1994).

Section 123(e)(6)(D) permits the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (Secretary) to use no more than five percent of the funds appropriated for administrative or other expenses in connection with the program. The remaining funds are to be used to match monetary support raised over a one-year grant period from individuals, businesses, neighborhood development funding organizations, and nonprofit or other organizations located within established neighborhood boundaries. For purposes of this NOFA the term "neighborhood development funding organization" means:

(1) A depository institution, the accounts of which are insured pursuant to the Federal Credit Union Act, and any subsidiary (as such term is defined in section 3(w) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) thereof;

(2) A depository institution holding company and any subsidiary (as such term is defined in section 3(w) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) thereof; or

(3) A company at least 75 percent of the common stock of which is owned by one or more insured depository institutions or depository institution holding companies.

The purpose of the program is to support eligible neighborhood development activities using cooperative efforts and monetary contributions from local sources. The Federal funds are incentive funds to promote neighborhood development initiatives and to encourage neighborhood organizations to become more self-sufficient in their development activities. Not more than 50 percent of the 1995 awards may be to previous grantees in the program; the remaining awards will be made to organizations selected from among new applicants. Applications will be selected for funding on the basis of evaluation criteria that reflect the program purposes and priorities and are contained in this notice.

The objectives of the Neighborhood Development Program are:

- —To help neighborhood development organizations increase their capacities to carry out larger or more complex activities, in cooperation with private and public institutions; and
- —To assist neighborhood development organizations to achieve long-term financial support for their activities. The activities must benefit lowincome persons within the neighborhood.

#### **B.** Allocation Amounts

The Department will make grants, in the form of matching funds, to eligible neighborhood development organizations. Under Section 123(e)(3), a grantee organization may receive no more than \$75,000 in Federal matching funds in a single program year. HUD reserves the right to make grants for less than the maximum amount. When the amount of funds requested is greater than the amount of funds appropriated, HUD also reserves the right to consider the degree an applicant has previously been funded under the John Heinz Program, and greater consideration may be given to those organizations which have received the least amount of funding under this program.

The amount of Federal matching funds that an applicant receives during the program year will depend in part upon the amount of monetary