development of the management capability of newly formed or existing entities, the identification of the social support needs of residents of public housing projects and the securing of such support."

Residents may use TOP technical assistance grants for training related to any TOP initiative. The results from organizations in training have been significant and multifaceted. For example, resident-managed activities have resulted in economic development, resident self-sufficiency, improved living conditions, and enhanced social services for residents (i.e., child care and other youth projects). TOP will provide public and Indian housing residents the opportunity to be trained and move toward responsible roles in their communities. The training will aim to enhance the functioning of the resident council as well as develop skills to engage in resident managed activities in its community. TOP will strongly encourage resident entities to develop a partnership with their public housing agency or Indian housing authority (hereafter jointly referred to as "HA"). The Department is committed to building a real partnership among HAs, residents, and HUD.

- (2) RCs/RMCs/ROs that have been in existence for several years or that were recently formed may receive up to \$100,000.
- (3) All applicants that are selected for funding (including NROs/RROs/SROs) will access the grant funds through the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS), as explained in Section I.D, "Funding," of this NOFA.
- (4) An application kit is required as the formal submission to apply for funding. The kit includes information on the preparation of a Work Plan and Budget for activities proposed by the applicant. This process facilitates the expeditious execution of a TOP Technical Assistance Grant (TOP TAG) for those applicants that are selected to receive funding. The kit also includes narratives, certifications, and forms. Included in the application kit this year is a new certification that requires each applicant RC/RMC/RO to certify that it has held a democratic election. The certification must be signed by an authorized representative of the local

(5) The information listed below is regarding all HOPE I grantees:

All HOPE I applicants' applications will be screened. A cross-check will be made against the HOPE I Planning grants and HOPE I Implementation grants, to assure compliance with section 20(f)(4) of the 1937 Act, which states: "The Secretary may not provide

financial assistance under this subsection to any resident management corporation or resident council with respect to which assistance for the development or formation of such entity is provided under title III." HOPE I Planning and Implementation grantees were required to propose plans to establish a RC, RMC, or cooperative association where one did not exist for the proposed homeownership site, including the development or formation of that entity. In addition, HOPE I Full Planning and Implementation grant applicants were expected to include in their applications all eligible activities necessary to make their proposed homeownership program feasible (even if some of the proposed activities were to be carried out with non-HOPE 1 funds, such as resident management funds). Consequently, in reviewing **Tenant Opportunities Program grant** applications, the following rules apply:

Rule 1. An applicant for TOP funds that has received a HOPE 1 Full Planning or Implementation grant (as a lead or joint applicant) may not also receive a TOP grant, unless the applicant proposed in its HOPE 1 application to use resident management funding to carry out those activities.

Rule 2. An applicant for TOP funds that has received a HOPE 1 Mini Planning grant (as a lead or joint applicant) may not receive a TOP grant for any activity proposed for funding in the HOPE 1 grant. Mini Planning grant applicants may apply for a TOP grant if the activities proposed in the TOP application are not duplicative.

(6) All applicants will have an opportunity to correct technical deficiencies in this application submission as provided for in this NOFA.

D. Funding

As noted, \$25 million is being made available on a competitive basis under this NOFA to applicants that submit timely applications and are selected for funding. Section 20 provides that not more than an aggregate of \$100,000 may be approved with respect to any TOP project.

Of the \$25 million total current funds, \$1 million will be awarded to National Resident Organizations (NROs), Regional Resident Organizations (RROs), and Statewide Resident Organizations (SROs), to provide technical assistance to public and Indian housing residents.

With the remaining \$24 million, the Department will be providing two types of grants to RCs/RMCs/ROs: (1) Basic Grant; and (2) Additional Grant.

Basic Grants

All RCs/RMCs/ROs that have been in existence for several years and new emerging groups that meet eligibility requirements (see Definitions) may apply for a Basic grant for up to \$100,000. All grantees will access the TOP grant funds through a line of credit control system (LOCCS).

To ensure the progress of the grantees, each grantee will be allowed to draw down through LOCCS only the specific amount of funding needed to complete the tasks and subtasks specified in the work plan. The grantee must complete all activities under Phases 1 and 2 in the work plan prior to advancing to Phases 3 through 5 and receiving additional funds, except for those activities that can be reasonably construed as being ongoing, such as technical assistance or training.

The local HUD Field Office will be responsible for approving the work plan and determining the ability of the grantee to access LOCCS.

Additional Grants

Any RC/RMC/RO selected for a Resident Management (RM)/TOP grant in FYs 1988–1994 (including a minigrant for start-up activities) that received less than a total of \$100,000 may apply for an Additional Grant not to exceed (including previous grants) the total statutory maximum of \$100,000.

To ensure the progress of the grantees, each grantee will be allowed to draw down from LOCCS only the specific amount of funding needed to complete the tasks and subtasks specified in the work plan. Each Additional Grant grantee must provide a progress report that will indicate progress and the activities that are completed. The local HUD Field Office will be responsible for approving the work plan and determining the ability of the grantee to access LOCCS.

Each Additional Grant applicant must demonstrate the need for additional funding by submitting evidence of completing specific activities. An Additional Grant applicant may receive a higher score if most of the activities listed in Section I.L. of this NOFA are completed and documentation is included as evidence.

NROs/SROs/RROs Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide technical assistance to public and Indian housing residents desiring either to establish a RC/RMC/RO where one does not exist or to organize an inactive RC/RMC/RO. The awards will be competitive, using the Rating Factors in