(1) It is regional (i.e., not limited by HUD Areas, including Tribal Areas); and

(2) It has experience in providing start-up and capacity-building training to residents and resident organizations; and

(3) Public or Indian housing residents representing different geographical locations in the region must comprise the majority of the board of directors.

Statewide Resident Organization (SRO). An incorporated nonprofit organization or association for public or Indian housing that meets the following requirements:

(1) It is Statewide;

(2) It has experience in providing start-up and capacity-building training to residents and resident organizations; and

(3) Public or Indian housing residents representing different geographical locations in the State must comprise the majority of the board of directors.

G. Eligibility

Only organizations that meet the definition of a RC/RMC/RO or a NRO/ RRO/SRO, as set forth under the Section I.F, "Definitions," of this NOFA will be eligible for funding under this NOFA. The following considerations also apply:

(1) Only public and Indian housing RCs/RMCs/ROs and NROs/SROs/RROs are eligible to apply for this grant. The local HAs, Section 8 developments, or other federally subsidized housing communities are not eligible to apply.

(2) A RC/RMC/RO will receive consideration for a basic grant based on the rating factors contained in Section I.K. of this NOFA.

(3) A RC/RMC/RO selected for funding in FYs 1988–1994 that received less than the statutory maximum of \$100,000 may apply for an Additional Grant not to exceed (including previous grants) the total statutory maximum of \$100,000.

(4) A RC/RMC/RO will receive consideration for an Additional Grant based on the rating factors contained in Section I.L. of this NOFA.

(5) Grantees that were awarded the maximum total amount of \$100,000 in FYs 1988–1994 are not eligible to apply.

(6) Only one application will be considered for funding from an individual development. If more than one application is received from a development, only the application from the duly elected RC/RMC/RO will be considered. All other applications will be rejected.

(7) A city-wide organization (consisting of members from RCs/RMCs/ ROs who reside in housing

developments that are owned and operated by the same HA within the city) may represent more than one RC/ RMC/RO within an HA. Under some circumstances, a number of the RCs/ RMCs/ROs who are members of a citywide organization may wish to apply jointly for a grant. In that case, a citywide organization may represent these developments and apply for a grant as a city-wide applicant. The individual developments under the umbrella of the city-wide organization may apply for a separate grant only if the activities that are included in the individual development's application are not the same activities that are included in the city-wide organization's application. All applications will be screened for duplicative activities. In addition, the city-wide organization cannot include an application for funding any individual development that has received RM/TOP technical assistance funding totalling \$100,000 in previous years.

(8) A jurisdiction-wide organization (consisting of members from RCs/RMCs/ ROs who reside in housing developments that are owned and operated by the same HA within that HA's jurisdiction, other than a city-wide organization making an application in accordance with paragraph (7) in this Section I.G) may be formed for the purpose of advising the HA Board of **Commissioners or Executive Directors** in all areas of HA operations. In that case, the jurisdiction-wide organization may apply for a grant to carry out jurisdiction-wide programs. These grants will have no impact on the individual RC/RMC/RO funding.

(9) An NRO/SRO/RRO that is organized to provide technical assistance to RCs/RMCs/ROs may receive grants up to \$100,000. An NRO/ SRO/RRO previously funded for \$100,000 may apply for a new TOP grant only if the groups represented in its application are new groups. The local HUD Field Office will screen the application for this purpose.

H. Eligible Activities

Activities for which funding under this NOFA may be provided to an eligible RC/RMC/RO or NRO/RRO/SRO include any combination of, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Resident Capacity Building:

• Training board members in community organizing, board development, and leadership training; and

• Determining the feasibility of the TOP initiatives for a specific development.

(2) Resident Management:

• Building and strengthening its capacity as an organization (e.g., establishing operating/planning committees and block/building captains to carry out specific organizational tasks, developing by-laws, etc.); developing a cohesive relationship between the residents and the local community; and building a partnership with the HA;

• Training residents, as potential employees of an RMC, in skills directly related to the operation, management, maintenance and financial systems of a project;

• Training of residents with respect to fair housing and equal opportunity requirements;

• Gaining assistance in negotiating management contracts and in related contract monitoring and management procedures, and designing a long-range planning system related to contracts; and

• Assisting in the actual creation of an RC/RMC/RO, such as consulting and acquiring legal assistance to incorporate, prepare by-laws, draft a corporate charter, and apply for nonprofit status.

(3) Resident Management Business Development:

• Economic development training related to resident management and technical assistance for job training and placement in RC/RMC/RO developments;

• Technical assistance and training in business development related to resident management, through feasibility and market studies; development of business plans; affirmative outreach activities; and innovative financing methods, including revolving loan funds; and

• Legal advice in establishing resident management-required business entities.

(4) Partnerships:

 Establishing and providing to residents in each community training related to the Partnership Paradigm Technical Assistance (PPTA)/Technical Assistance Organization (TAO) model. This is an optional partnership that would bring together residents, the HA, and HUD, in an effort to create a community-based process that offers technical assistance and training related to building the partnership between the residents, the HA, and HUD and to oversee and carry out activities in the TOP program. HUD's Office of Community Relations and Involvement (OCRI) may be contacted at the address and telephone number listed at the beginning of this NOFA for additional information, if there is an interest in the PPTA.