- (4) Purchase of any vehicle (car, van, bus etc.) or any other property, other than as described under paragraph (9) of Section I.H, "Eligible Activities," of this NOFA, unless approved by HUD Headquarters or the local HUD Field Office:
- (5) Architectural and engineering fees;
- (6) Payment of salaries for routine project operations, such as security and maintenance, or for RC/RMC/RO staff, except that a reasonable amount of grant funds may be used to hire a person to coordinate the TOP grant activities or coordinate on-site social services;

(7) Payment of fees for lobbying services;

(8) Any fraudulent or wasteful expenditures or expenditures otherwise incurred contrary to HUD program regulations or directives will be considered ineligible expenditures, upon appropriate determination by an audit by HUD Field Office staff, and HUD will reduce the grantee's grant for the amount expended; and

(9) Any activity otherwise eligible under this NOFA for which funds are being provided from any other source.

J. Selection Process

Each application for a grant award that is submitted in a timely manner, as specified in the application kit, to the local HUD field office and that otherwise meets the requirements of this NOFA, will be evaluated. An application for either a Basic Grant or an Additional Grant must receive a minimum score of 80 points (out of the maximum of 115 points) to be eligible for funding. NROs/RROs/SROs must receive a minimum score of 80 points (out of a maximum of 110) to be eligible for funding. An RC/RMC/RO or NRO RRO/SRO should submit its application to the appropriate local HUD Field Office (see Appendix to this NOFA). The local Field Office will transfer all RC/RMC/RO applications to a grant review site for processing by a Grants Management Team. Upon completion of the review, all applications will be placed in an overall nationwide ranking order and funded until all funds are exhausted, except that HUD may fund grants out of rank order based on geographical diversity and diversity in size and type of housing development (developments that include family highrise buildings of five or more stories or those that include only low-rise buildings).

K. Rating Factors—Basic Grants

An application for funding for a Basic Grant will be reviewed based on the following Rating Factors (maximum of 115 points). This 115-point maximum includes 10 Bonus Points that will be given if the applicant can show evidence of clear and precise measures of performance in carrying out its plan to improve its public and Indian housing communities. Examples of such measures are lowering maintenance costs, reducing local crime, and increasing resident employment by certain percentage points.

(1) Describe the Activities and Goals

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(Maximum Points: 30):

• A high score (Maximum Points: 30) is received where the RC/RMC/RO identifies activities and describes the goals of the community. The applicant includes a clear and effective plan for addressing the needs and accomplishing the overall goals of the RC/RMC/RO.

• A medium score (Maximum Points: 15) is received where the RC/RMC/RO identifies activities and describes the goals of the community, but the plan to address the needs and accomplish the

goals is general.

• A low score (Maximum Points: 5) is received where the RC/RMC/RO does not identify any activities and the plan to address the needs and accomplish the goals of the community is unclear.

• A score of zero (0 points) will be given if the applicant fails to respond to

this factor.

(2) Evidence of Support by Development's Residents, and Resident Involvement in the RC's/RMC's/RO's Activities (Maximum Points: 25):

- A high score (Maximum Points: 25) is received where the RC/RMC/RO describes the support by the residents and provides documentation that shows support and how involved the residents are in the RC's/RMC's/RO's activities. An applicant must submit a copy of a petition and/or other documentation showing widespread support and involvement, minutes of the RC's/RMC's/RO's latest monthly meeting, and the attendance log.
- A medium score (Maximum Points: 10) is received where the RC/RMC/RO describes the support by the residents and the documentation of support includes minutes of the RC's/RMC's/RO's latest monthly meeting and attendance log, but no petition.
- A score of zero (0 points) is received where the RC/RMC/RO fails to provide documentation of support by the development's residents and no support is mentioned in the narrative.

(3) Evidence That the RC/RMC/RO Has a Partnership With the HA: (Maximum Points: 15):

• A high score (Maximum Points: 15) is received where the RC/RMC/RO provides a letter of support from the local HA that states its support of the

RC/RMC/RO, as well as a specific description of what assistance the HA will undertake on behalf of the RC/RMC/RO.

- A medium score (Maximum Points: 10) is received where either: (i) The RC/ RMC/RO provides a letter of support from the HA that does not specifically state the activities for which the HA will provide assistance; or (ii) the RC/RMC/ RO provides detailed documents (e.g., copies of correspondence exchanged with the HA, summaries of meetings held with the HA, and summaries of efforts made to establish a partnership with the HA) indicating that the residents have made a substantial effort to establish a partnership with the HA, but the HA will not support the RC's/ RMC's/RO's activities.
- A low score (Maximum Points: 5) is received if the applicant mentions HA support or obstacles encountered in attempting to build a partnership with the HA.
- A score of zero (0 points) is received where the RC/RMC/RO fails to submit a letter of support or documentation of its efforts to obtain HA support.
- (4) Évidence That the RC/RMC/RO Has Support of State/Tribal/Local Government, Community Organizations, or Other Public/Private Sector Groups (Maximum Points: 20 + 5 bonus points). Under this factor, 5 Bonus Points will be given if the applicant submits evidence that specific support is provided by Weed and Seed organizations. Otherwise, maximum point value is given where the support letters contain specific commitments, such as financial assistance, technical assistance, on-the-job training, or other tangible support.
- A high score (Maximum Points: 20) is received where the RC/RMC/RO provides copies of letters of support discussing specific assistance from three or more entities (e.g., State/Tribal/local government, community organizations, or other public/private sector groups).
- A medium score (Maximum Points:
 12) is received where the RC/RMC/RO provides a letter of support from two entities.
- A low score (Maximum Points: 5) is received where the RC/RMC/RO fails to provide any letters of support, but support of the State/Tribal/local government, community organizations, or other public/private sector groups is mentioned in the narrative.

(5) Capability of RC/RMC/RO in Handling Financial Resources (Maximum Points: 10). This factor can be demonstrated by including previous experience of the RC/RMC/RO or by providing an explanation of how the financial resources will be obtained: