

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

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Public Housing Drug Elimination Technical Assistance Program; Funding Availability—FY 1995

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Public Housing Drug Elimination Technical Assistance Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995.

SUMMARY: This NOFA announces the FY 1995 availability of \$3 million to fund qualified applicants. The purpose of this program is to provide short-term technical assistance to public housing agencies (PHAs), Indian housing authorities (IHAs), resident management corporations (RMCs), and incorporated resident councils (RCs) that are combating drug-related crime and abuse of controlled substances in public and Indian housing communities. These funds reimburse consultants who provide expert advice and work with housing authorities or resident councils to assist them in gaining skills and training to eliminate drug abuse and related problems from public housing communities. This document describes the purpose of the NOFA, applicant eligibility, selection criteria, eligible and ineligible activities, application processing, consultant eligibility, and consultant application processing.

DATES: This NOFA is effective January 13, 1995. Technical assistance applications and consultant application kits may be immediately submitted to the address specified in the application kit. There is no application submission deadline for the short-term technical assistance funds available under this NOFA. Technical assistance applications will be reviewed on a continuing basis, until funds available under this NOFA are expended.

ADDRESSES: (a) An application kit may be obtained from the local HUD Field Office with jurisdiction or by calling HUD's Drug Information and Strategy Clearinghouse at (800) 578-3472; or for hearing- or speech-impaired persons (202) 708-0850 (TDD) (The TDD number is not a toll-free number). The application kit contains information on all exhibits and requirements of this NOFA.

(b) An applicant must submit the application to the address specified in the application kit.

(c) In addition, applicants must simultaneously forward a copy of these documents to the HUD Field Office or Office of Native American Programs with jurisdiction over the relevant housing authority. This copy must be addressed to Director, Public Housing Division, or Administrator, Office of Native American Programs, as appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Cocke, Crime Prevention and Security Division (CPSD), Office of Community Relations and Involvement (OCRI), Room 4116, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1197. A telecommunications device for hearing- or speech-impaired persons (TDD) is available at (202) 708-0850. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and assigned OMB control number 2577-0133.

I. Purpose and Substantive Description

(a) Authority

Funds for both training and this technical assistance (TA) program have been appropriated by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995 (Pub. L. 103-327, approved September 28, 1994).

The TA program is intended to provide immediate, short-term (90 days for completion) training, recommendations, and assistance to assess needs, train staff and residents, identify and design appropriate strategies to eliminate drugs and drug-related crime, and generally prepare and educate public housing and resident organization staff and residents to address problems related to crime and the abuse of controlled substances in public housing communities. HUD encourages housing authorities and eligible resident organizations with or without a drug elimination grant in their communities to use this resource. Technical assistance is not intended for program implementation or the financial support of existing programs.

(b) Allocation Amounts

The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development,

and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995 (Pub. L. 103-327, approved September 28, 1994) appropriated \$290 million for the Drug Elimination Program, of which \$3 million is to be used for funding this technical assistance and training program. Of this \$3 million, not more than \$200,000 may be used for applicants who received sufficient points for funding under the Fiscal Year (FY) 1994 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) after FY 1994 funds were exhausted. The remaining amount will be available for new applications for short-term technical assistance of up to \$25,000 per request.

(c) Eligibility

The following is a listing of eligible applicants, eligible consultants, eligible activities, ineligible activities, and general program requirements under this NOFA.

(1) Eligible Applicants

(i) Public housing agencies (PHAs), Indian housing authorities (IHAs), incorporated resident councils (RCs), resident organizations (ROs) in the case of IHAs, and resident management corporations (RMCs) are eligible to receive short-term technical assistance services under this NOFA.

(ii) An eligible RC or RO must be an incorporated nonprofit organization or association that meets each of the following requirements:

(A) It must be representative of the residents it purports to represent.

(B) It may represent residents in more than one development or in all of the developments of a PHA or IHA, but it must fairly represent residents from each development that it represents.

(C) It must adopt written procedures providing for the election of specific officers on a regular basis (but at least once every three years).

(D) It must have a democratically elected governing board. The voting membership of the board must consist of residents of the development or developments that the resident organization or resident council represents.

(iii) An eligible RMC must be an entity that proposes to enter into, or that enters into, a management contract with a PHA under 24 CFR part 964, or a management contract with an IHA. An RMC must have each of the following characteristics:

(A) It must be a nonprofit organization that is incorporated under the laws of the State or Indian tribe in which it is located.

(B) It may be established by more than one resident organization or resident