Elimination Technical Assistance Program.

(B) Consultants who wish to provide drug elimination technical assistance services through this program may not have any involvement in the preparation or submission of the TA proposal that requests their services. Any involvement of the consultant will be considered a conflict of interest, which makes the consultant ineligible for providing consulting services to the applicant and could disqualify the consultant from future consideration.

## (3) Eligible Activities

To assist the eligible applicants identified in section I(c)(1), above, of this NOFA, in responding immediately to drug-related problems in public and Indian housing developments, HUD has supplemented the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) and Youth Sports Program (YSP) with funds for short-term technical assistance. Short-term technical assistance means that consultants shall only be reimbursed for a maximum of 30 days of work, which must be completed in less than 90 days from the date of the approved statement of work. The TA program is intended to provide shortterm, immediate assistance to PHAs, IHAs, RMCs, RCs, and ROs in developing and/or implementing their strategies to eliminate drugs and drugrelated crime. The program will fund the use of consultants who can provide the necessary consultation and/or training for the types of activities outlined below, or to fund the use of consultants who will assist the applicant in undertaking a task such as program planning and development for future strategies to eliminate drugs and drug-related crime, or conducting a needs assessment or survey. To assist housing authorities and resident councils, the TA program funds efforts

- (i) Assessing drug problems in public or Indian housing development(s) and surrounding community(ies);
- (ii) Designing and identifying appropriate anti-crime and anti-drugrelated practices and programs in the following areas:
- (A) Law enforcement strategies, including negotiating with the local police, working with Federal law enforcement, Operation Safe Home, Weed and Seed, and other federal anticrime efforts;
  - (B) Management techniques;
  - (C) Youth initiatives;
  - (D) Family management/parenting;
- (E) Resident intervention and assistance programs;

- (F) Community organization and leadership development; and
- (G) Other areas that meet the purposes of eliminating drugs and drug-related crime described in this NOFA, as determined by HUD.
- (iii) Training for housing authority staff and residents in anti-crime and anti-drug practices, programs, and management;
- (iv) Improving overall agency management, operations, and programming so that the applicant can more effectively respond to crime and drug problems in the targeted public housing development(s).

# (4) Ineligible Activities

(i) Funding is not permitted for any type of monetary compensation for residents unless they are listed in the TA Consultant Database and are working as consultants.

(ii) Funding is not permitted for any activity that is funded under any other

HUD program.

(iii) Funding is not permitted for salary or fees to the staff of the applicant, or former staff of the applicant within a year of his or her leaving the housing authority or resident organization.

(iv) Funding is not permitted for

underwriting conferences.

- (v) Funding is not permitted for conference speakers unless the speaker will also be providing additional TA as outlined in the eligible activities in sections I(c)(3) (i)–(iv), above, of this NOFA.
- (vi) Funding is not permitted for program implementation, proposal writing, the purchase of hardware or equipment, or any activities deemed ineligible in the Drug Elimination Program, excluding consultant's fees.

### (5) General Program Requirements

- (i) Applications for short-term technical assistance may be funded up to \$25,000 per request, with HUD providing payment directly to the authorized consultant for the consultant's fee, travel, room and board, and other approved costs.
- (ii) Applicants that have not previously received technical assistance under this program may submit only one application initially. After the applicant's initial technical assistance report has been received and reviewed by HUD or the contractor administering the program, as appropriate, the applicant may submit multiple applications.

#### (d) Selection Criteria/Ranking Factors

An application must include the minimum required elements and cannot

request assistance for ineligible activities as listed in I(c)(4), above, of this NOFA. Applications will be scored according to the criteria outlined below:

- (1) The extent to which the applicant needs short-term technical assistance. This will be measured by the applicant's discussion of the problems that triggered the request for assistance under this NOFA. (Maximum points: 10)
- (2) The extent to which the applicant clearly describes the kind of technical assistance and skills needed to address the problems, and how well the technical assistance requested will address the problems. (Maximum points: 10)
- (3) The likelihood that the requested technical assistance will assist the applicant's current strategy to eliminate drugs and drug-related crime, as described in the application; or, if the applicant does not currently have a strategy, the extent to which the technical assistance will help them develop a strategy to eliminate drugs and drug-related crime. (Maximum points: 10)

# (e) Application Review, Awards, and Payment

# (1) Application Review

Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and will be time- and datestamped to determine their order of receipt. An application must include both the descriptive letter (or form provided in the application kit) and certification statement (or form provided in the application kit) to be eligible for funding. All applications that qualify on the basis of the minimum required elements will be scored on the basis of the selection criteria in section I(d), above, of this NOFA. Applications that receive a total of 15 or more points, with no less than 3 points in any of the three selection criteria in section I(d), above, of this NOFA will be eligible for funding. Eligible applications will be funded in the order in which negotiations for a statement of work are completed between the consultant and the program administrator until all funds are expended. The basis for each funding decision under this section will be documented.

#### (2) Application Awards

(i) If the application includes the descriptive letter (or forms) requesting eligible activities, the certification statement (or form), and scores at least 15 points as described in section I(e)(1), above, of this NOFA, it is eligible for funding. If sufficient funds are available