

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT****Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Public and Indian Housing****[Docket No. FR-3915-N-01]****Public Housing Youth Entrepreneurial
Demonstration Program****AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Public and Indian
Housing, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: This notice of funding availability announces the Department's intention to award a total of \$1 million in grants to the Philadelphia Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to partner with the Education Training & Enterprise Center (EDTEC) to enhance the long-term welfare of youth living in public housing through structured Youth Entrepreneurial Demonstration Programs.

EDTEC is currently under contract with the Department to design, develop and implement Youth Entrepreneurial Demonstration Institutes in the communities of the Housing Authorities (HAs) referenced above. During the development and implementation of these Youth Entrepreneurial Demonstration Institutes (Institute or Institutes), the Housing Authorities (HAs) named above and EDTEC will seek input and cooperation in the form of technical assistance, guidance and additional financial resources, to be used for micro enterprise start up and operation, from but not limited to the following types of organizations: Resident Councils (RCs), Resident Management Corporations (RMCs), neighborhood schools, other neighborhood service organizations, private corporations, university business school students, and volunteer mentors. The Youth Entrepreneurial Demonstration Programs that will be provided by the Institutes will take participants through initial literacy training, when necessary, and continue them through actual business planning, business start up and provide the necessary on going business support that can lead to self-sufficiency for public housing youth. Throughout the performance period of this notice, funds from these grants will be targeted to assist participating youths in gaining access to the required education, employment and supportive services. This notice provides guidelines for the use of these funds and invites comments on the demonstration.

The performance period for this demonstration program will be for 24 months after award.

DATES: *Application due date.*

Applications must be physically Received by the local HUD office having jurisdiction over the proposed project on or before 3:00 p.m. (local time) on August 14, 1995. This application deadline is firm as to location, date, and hour. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, HUD shall treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline.

Comments due date. August 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0500.

Communications should refer to the above docket number and title.

Facsimile (FAX) comments are *not* acceptable. A copy of each

communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Darlene Cocco, Office of Community Relations and Involvement (OCRI), Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 4112, Washington, DC 20410, Telephone Number (202) 619-8201. (This is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired persons may use the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service on (202) 708-9300 or 1-800-877-8339 for information on the program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Authority**

The \$1 million for the Youth Entrepreneurial Demonstration Program is funded from a portion of the \$20 million appropriated in the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for 1994 (Pub. L. 103-124, approved October 28, 1993) (the 1994 Appropriations Act), under the heading "Severely Distressed Public Housing Projects." This grant program provides funds for the implementation of Youthbuild programs authorized under subtitle D of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as added by section 164 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992).

II. Announcement of Demonstration

This notice announces the Department's intention to award a total of \$1 million in grants to the Philadelphia Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to partner with the Education Training & Enterprise Center (EDTEC) to enhance the long-term welfare of youth living in public housing through the Youth Entrepreneurial Demonstration Program. Youth is defined as a person between 16-24 years old in accordance with Youthbuild Subchapter C of Chapter V of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations as amended by the new part 585.

Los Angeles and Philadelphia were selected because the targets for this Demonstration are Troubled Housing Authorities, which they are, and both cities have the relationship with EDTEC and private partners necessary to undertake this project. The Demonstration program will also help youth of public housing benefit from section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended.

In accordance with the requirements of section 470(a) of the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 (42 U.S.C. 3542), this notice describes the intent of the Youth Entrepreneurial Demonstration Program and invites public comment. Any changes made in this demonstration as a result of the Department's consideration of public comments, and any extension of time for commitment of funds that may be necessary because of these changes, will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Department will not commit funds for the demonstration until after the latest of: (1) The date the Department has considered any comments received in response to this notice; (2) September 11, 1995, which is 60 days after today's publication date; and (3) the date the Department has received and approved a proposal that meets the requirements set forth in this notice and any subsequent notice announcing changes in the demonstration.

III. Maximum Award

Under this Demonstration, the Department is making available a maximum of \$500,000 to the Philadelphia Housing Authority and \$500,000 to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to carry out this Demonstration.

IV. Description of Demonstration

The Youth Entrepreneurial Demonstration Program is part of HUD's comprehensive strategy to enable