

Applicants should be able to demonstrate knowledge and experience in developing and implementing needs assessments with public housing staff and residents, architects, engineers and law enforcement; showing previous success in matching identified needs to the type of TA and training provided, and to carrying out those plans. (10 points).

(ii) Applicants must demonstrate maximum experience working on a similar scale with a similar variety of proposed tasks, especially in the proposed subjects and methods of TA and training; the applicant should show experience with similar teams of public housing staff, architects, engineers, residents and law enforcement, and successful completion of the projects on-time and within budget (10 points).

(4) Quality of the Plan (40 points).

Applicants should demonstrate that the proposed plan will accomplish the goals outlined above with the following elements:

(i) Applicants must propose tasks, timetable and staff assignments for the proposed activities that demonstrate an understanding of the current needs of public housing communities regarding CPTED, that will maximize the benefits to be gained by HA communities, and that will minimize revisions to the budget, plan and timetable outlined in Task 4, and that will minimize any other difficulties. The activities proposed by the grantee should evidence an understanding of the diversity of public housing staff and residents. (20 points).

(ii) Applicants must propose TA, training and TA instruments that demonstrate maximum understanding of the current needs and capacity of public housing communities in the design and implementation of CPTED elements, that will provide a broad range of types of TA and training, that are cost-effective and state-of-the-art (20 points).

(i) *Review process.* Applications submitted in response to this competitive announcement will be reviewed by a panel of HUD representatives, which will make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development. The panel will assign numerical values based on the weighted selection criteria. In the case of a numerical tie, preference will be given to the applicant with the highest numerical score for the Quality of the Plan. The final award decision will be made by the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Letters will be sent to all applicants notifying them that their proposal has been selected or the reason(s) it was not selected. HUD will then negotiate specific terms of the award with the selected applicant.

(j) *Administrative requirements.*

(1) Award Period. The grant(s) will be cost reimbursable, and awarded for a 12 to 24 month base period. HUD has the option to extend the Agreement for an additional year(s), subject to the Grantee's performance, and the availability of funding.

(2) Cooperative Agreement. After the grant has been awarded, HUD and the applicant shall enter into a grant (Form HUD-1044) setting forth the amount of the grant and its applicable terms, conditions, financial controls, payment mechanism/schedule, and special conditions.

(3) Prior to award execution, a successful applicant must submit a certification that it will comply with:

(i) Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, Economic Opportunities for Low and Very-Low Income Persons (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and with implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135. Section 3 requires, that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with housing rehabilitation, construction, or other public construction projects be given to lower income residents within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) and contracts for work to be performed in connection with the housing rehabilitation, construction, or other public construction project be awarded to eligible businesses that provide economic opportunities for low and very-low income persons residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is expended;

(ii) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-4) (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations issued at 24 CFR part 1; and

(iii) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146, and the prohibitions against discrimination against persons with disabilities under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8.

(k) *Other matters.*

Environmental Review. Grants under this program are categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

(NEPA) in accordance with 24 CFR part 50.20(p). However, prior to an award of grant funds, HUD will perform an environmental review to the extent required by HUD's environmental regulations at 24 CFR part 50, including the applicable related authorities at 24 CFR 50.4.

Federalism Impact. The General Counsel, as the Designated Official under section 6(a) of Executive Order 12612, *Federalism*, has determined that the policies contained in this notice will not have substantial direct effects on States or their political subdivisions, or the relationship between the Federal government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government and, therefore, the provisions of this notice do not have "federalism implications" within the meaning of the Order. The notice only makes available technical assistance for housing authorities to address the problem of drug-related crime.

Family Impact. The General Counsel, as the Designated Official for Executive Order 12606, *the Family*, has determined that the provisions of this notice have the potential for a positive, although indirect, impact on family formation, maintenance and general well-being within the meaning of the Order. This notice is intended to provide funding for technical assistance that will improve the quality of life of public and Indian housing development residents, including families, by reducing the incidence of drug-related crime.

Section 102 HUD Reform Act—Documentation and Public Access Requirements; Applicant/Recipient Disclosures

Documentation and public access. HUD will ensure that documentation and other information regarding each application submitted pursuant to this NOFA are sufficient to indicate the basis upon which assistance was provided or denied. This material, including any letters of support, will be made available for public inspection for a five-year period beginning not less than 30 days after the award of the assistance. Material will be made available in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 15. In addition, HUD will include the recipients of assistance pursuant to this NOFA in its **Federal Register** notice of all recipients of HUD assistance awarded on a competitive basis. (See 24 CFR 12.14(a) and 12.16(b), and the notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 1992 (57 FR