# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research

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## Notice of Funding Availability for FY 1995; Community Development Work Study Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice invites applications from institutions of higher education, area-wide planning organizations, and States for grants under the Community Development Work Study Program (CDWSP). The CDWSP, authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, assists economically disadvantaged and minority students participating in work study programs in such institutions. This notice announces HUD's intention to award up to \$3 million from FY 1995 appropriations (plus any additional funds recaptured from prior appropriations) to fund work study programs to be carried out from August, 1995 to September, 1997.

**DATES:** Applications may be requested beginning January 30, 1995. Applications must be physically received by the Office of University Partnerships, in care of the Division of Budget, Contracts, and Program Control, in Room 8230 by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 31, 1995. This deadline is firm as to date, hour, and place. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, the Department will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submissions of their materials to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Hartung, Office of University

Partnerships, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, Telephone (202) 708–1537 (Voice). The TDD number for the hearing impaired is (202) 708–1455. These are not toll-free numbers. Application packages (requests for grant application) may be obtained by written request from the following address: HUD USER, ATTN: Community Development Work Study Program, P.O. Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850. Requests for application kits may be faxed to: 301–251–5747 (this is not a toll-free number). Requests for application kits must include the applicant's name, mailing address (including zip code), telephone number (including area code), and must refer to "Document FR–3843."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## A. Background

Section 107(c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (the Act), authorizes the CDWSP. Under this section, HUD is authorized to provide grants to institutions of higher education, either directly or through area-wide planning organizations or States, for the purpose of providing assistance to economically disadvantaged and minority students, including students with disabilities, who participate in community development work study programs and are enrolled in full-time graduate or undergraduate programs in community or economic development, community planning, or community management. Two-year institutions are not eligible applicants for funding under this program. This notice announces HUD's intention to award up to \$3 million from FY 1995 appropriations (plus any additional funds recaptured from prior appropriations). Awards will be made under the HUD implementing regulations at 24 CFR 570.400 and 570.415 and the provisions of this Notice.

## **B. Eligible Applicants**

The following are eligible to apply for assistance under the program subject to the conditions noted below:

1. Institutions of higher education offering graduate degrees in a community development academic program.

2. Institutions of higher education offering undergraduate degrees in a community development academic program if no institutions of higher education in the standard metropolitan statistical area (SMSA) or non-SMSA area in which they are located offer graduate degrees in a community development academic program. (NOTE: Two-year institutions of higher education are not eligible applicants for funding under this program.)

3. Area-wide planning organizations (APOs) which apply on behalf of two or more institutions of higher education located in the same SMSA or non-SMSA area as the APO.

4. States which apply on behalf of two or more institutions of higher education located in the State. If a State is approved for funding, institutions of higher education located in the State are not eligible recipients. If an APO is approved for funding, institutions of higher education located in the SMSA or non-SMSA non-metropolitan area served by the APO are not eligible recipients.

#### **C. Threshold Requirements**

To be eligible for ranking, applications must meet each of the following threshold requirements:

1. The application must be filed in the application form prescribed by HUD, and within the required time prescribed by the Request For Grant Application (RFGA) released pursuant to this notice.

2. The application must demonstrate that the applicant is eligible to participate.

3. The applicant must demonstrate that each institution of higher education participating in the program as a recipient has the required academic programs and faculty to carry out its activities under CDWSP. Each work placement agency must have the required staff and community development work study program to carry out its activities under CDWSP.

4. Institutions of higher education, APOs, and States must maintain at least a 50 percent rate of graduation of students from the FY 1992 funding round which covered school years September 1992 to September 1994 in order to participate in the current round of CDWSP funding. Institutions of higher education, APOs, and States funded under the FY 1992 CDWSP funding round which did not maintain such a rate will be excluded from participating in the FY 1995 funding round. Such institutions, APOs, and States are eligible to participate in the FY 1996 round.

#### D. Selection Factors for Institutions of Higher Education (110 points)

The following factors will be considered by the Department in evaluating applications received from institutions of higher education in response to the solicitation.

1. Academic Program (53 points, as allocated below)

a. Relative quality of the academic program offered by the institution of higher education.

(1) Quality of the academic program in terms of community or economic development, community planning, or community management course offerings and academic requirements for students. (8 points)

(2) Appropriateness of the curriculum to prepare students for careers in community or economic development,