DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development

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Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Year 1995 for Innovative Project Funding Under the Innovative Homeless Initiatives Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability of \$25 million in funds for applications for Innovative Project Funding under the Innovative Homeless Initiatives Demonstration Program. These funds will be awarded competitively for innovative programs designed to provide aggressive outreach to homeless persons living on the streets or in other places not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations for human beings; provide intensive needs assessments; connect these people with existing community resources when available; and, if necessary, provide additional housing and services for them. Each innovative outreach program must fill a gap within the context of developing a continuum of care system in the jurisdiction designed to assist homeless persons. This notice of funding availability (NOFA) contains information concerning program purpose, eligible applicants, eligible activities, application requirements, and application processing.

DEADLINE DATE: All applications received at HUD Headquarters, Office of Community Planning and Development, at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section of this NOFA by 6 p.m. local time on February 6, 1995, will be considered for funding. HUD will treat as ineligible for consideration applications that are received after the deadline. However, any application received at that address within 24 hours after the deadline will be considered for funding if the applicant can show there were circumstances beyond its control that delayed delivery of the application, such as the failure of a delivery service to deliver the application on or before the specified date. Applications may not be sent by facsimile (FAX).

The Department has established a short application period for this NOFA in an effort to make funding quickly available to applicants who are in need of funding to assist homeless persons, especially during this time when harsh weather conditions necessitate greater and more immediate assistance to homeless persons.

ADDRESSES: A completed application must be submitted to the following address: Processing and Control Unit, Room 7255, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, Attention: Homeless Innovative Funding.

One copy of the application must also be sent to the HUD Field Office serving the area in which the applicant's project is located. A list of Field Offices appears in Appendix C to this NOFA. The Field Office copy must be received by the application deadline as well, but a determination that an application was received on time will be made solely on receipt of the application at the Office of Community Planning and Development in Headquarters, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The HUD Field Office for the area in which the proposed project is located. Telephone numbers are included in the list of Field Offices set forth in Appendix C to this NOFA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The information collection requirements contained in this NOFA have been submitted, for expedited processing, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). No person may be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with these requirements until they have been approved and assigned an OMB control number. The OMB control number, when assigned, will be announced by separate notice in the Federal Register. Any applicant that completes an application before the OMB control number is assigned may have to modify that application in accordance with changes in the application package that are requested by OMB and agreed to by HUD.

Public reporting burden for the collection of information requirements contained in this notice is estimated to include the time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Information on the estimated public reporting burden is provided under the preamble heading, *Other Matters*. Send

comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden by January 30, 1995, to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rules Docket Clerk, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for HUD, Washington, DC 20503.

I. Purpose and Substantive Description

(A) Authority

Innovative Project Funding is part of the Innovative Homeless Initiatives Demonstration Program, which is authorized under section 2 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103– 120, approved October 27, 1993).

(B) Purpose

The purpose of this NOFA is to fund innovative programs, within the context of developing a continuum of care system, designed to provide aggressive outreach to homeless persons, including persons with severe mental illness and/ or substance abuse problems, who are particularly affected by adverse weather conditions because they are currently living on the streets or in other places not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations for human beings. The purpose of this NOFA is also to provide these persons with intensive needs assessments; connect them with existing community resources when available; and, if necessary, provide additional housing and services. Therefore, the focus of this competition is aggressive outreach and assistance to help homeless persons move as quickly as possible from sidewalks, parks, cars, public transit facilities, and similar places. Heavy emphasis is placed on coordinating existing resources through the combined efforts of service and housing providers in the community. Each innovative program must fill a gap within the context of developing a continuum of care system in the jurisdiction.

A continuum of care system consists of four basic components:

- (1) A system of outreach and assessment for determining the needs and conditions of an individual or family who is homeless, or whether assistance is necessary to prevent an individual from becoming homeless;
- (2) Emergency shelters with appropriate supportive services to help ensure that homeless individuals and families receive adequate emergency