

to any person (other than an authorized employee of HUD) concerning funding decisions, or from otherwise giving any applicant an unfair competitive advantage. Persons who apply for assistance in this competition should confine their inquiries to the subject areas permitted under section 103 and subpart B of 24 CFR part 4.

Applicants or employees who have ethics related questions should contact the HUD Ethics Law Division at (202) 708-3815 (this is not a toll-free number). For HUD employees who have specific program questions, such as whether particular subject matter can be discussed with persons outside HUD, the employee should contact the appropriate Field Office Counsel.

(D) Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The information collection requirements in this NOFA have been approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The OMB number is 2506-0166, valid through November 30, 2004. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, an

agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

(E) Environmental Requirements

This NOFA does not direct, provide for assistance or loan and mortgage insurance for, or otherwise govern or regulate, real property acquisition, disposition, leasing, rehabilitation, alteration, demolition, or new construction, or establish, revise or provide for standards for construction or construction materials, manufactured housing, or occupancy. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19 (c)(1), this NOFA is categorically excluded from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

In accordance with 24 CFR 50.19(b)(9) and 58.34(a)(9), the assistance provided by this NOFA relates only to the provision of technical assistance and is categorically excluded from the requirements of the National

Environmental Policy Act and not subject to environmental review under the related laws and authorities.

(F) Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers

The Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.506.

IX. Authority

McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance Programs Technical Assistance. The Supportive Housing Program is authorized under 42 U.S.C. 11381 *et seq.*; 24 CFR 583.140. The Emergency Shelter Grant, Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program and the Shelter Plus Care Technical Assistance Programs are authorized by the FY 2002 HUD Appropriations Act.

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