

need to submit only one original HUD-424, "Application for Federal Assistance," which includes the HUD-424B, "Applicant Assurances and Certifications." Page 2 of the HUD-424 allows you to list all the programs for which you are seeking funding. Once you have submitted one original set of forms, certifications, and assurances, you may send copies of these standard items with any additional application you submit. Make sure to specify the correct program on each copy of the HUD-424 application form and indicate the program to which you have submitted the original signature forms for the standard assurances and certifications. Additionally, the Program Section may specify additional forms, certifications, assurances, or other information that may be required for a particular program in this SuperNOFA.

FOR APPLICATION FORMS, FURTHER INFORMATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

The information in this section is applicable to all programs that are part of this SuperNOFA. This section describes how you may obtain application forms, additional information about the SuperNOFA, and technical assistance. Copies of all documents related to the SuperNOFA may be downloaded from HUD's Web site, www.hud.gov or you may call HUD's SuperNOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 or for the hearing-impaired, 1-800-HUD-2209. Copies of all materials may also be ordered online from HUD's Web site.

Application Kits. In response to concerns about the length of time it takes for the publication and dissemination of application kits, HUD has made an effort to improve the readability of our NOFAs and publish all required forms and formats for application submission in the **Federal Register**. As a result of this effort, you will not have to wait for an application kit to begin to prepare your application for funding. Our goal is to have all required forms and information needed to apply for funding available to the public within the NOFA document itself and available immediately upon publication of the NOFA and downloadable from HUD's Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>. HUD is continuing to streamline our programs and application submission requirements and encourages the applicant community to offer additional suggestions. Please pay attention to the submission requirements and format for submission specified in the Program Section of the SuperNOFA to ensure that you have submitted all required elements of your application.

The published **Federal Register** document is the official document that HUD uses to evaluate applications. Therefore, if there is a discrepancy between any materials published by HUD in its **Federal Register** publication and other information provided in hard copy or on HUD's Web site, the **Federal Register** publication of the SuperNOFA prevails. Therefore, please be sure to review your application submission against the requirements in the **Federal Register** file of the SuperNOFA. A PDF copy of the General Section and Program Section for each program in the SuperNOFA is available on HUD's Web site at <http://www.hud.gov> and hard copies of these documents can be obtained from the SuperNOFA Information Center by calling 1-800-HUD-8929 or for the hearing-impaired, 1-800-HUD-2209.

Guidebook and Further Information. A guidebook to HUD programs titled "Connecting with Communities: A User's Guide to HUD Programs and the 2003 SuperNOFA Process" is available from the SuperNOFA Information Center and the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>. The guidebook provides a brief description of all HUD programs, a description of the SuperNOFA programs, eligible applicants for these programs, and examples of how programs can work in combination to serve local community needs. To obtain a guidebook, application kit, or print copy of the General Section or program NOFA, call the SuperNOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 or 1-800-HUD-2209 (TTY).

You may request general information, copies of the General Section and Program Section of the SuperNOFA, and applications from the SuperNOFA Information Center (1-800-HUD-8929 or 1-800-HUD-2209 (TTY)) between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday, except on federal Holidays. When requesting information, please refer to the name of the program you are interested in. Be sure to provide your name, address (including zip code), and telephone number (including area code). To ensure sufficient time to prepare your application, requests for copies of this SuperNOFA can be made immediately following publication of the SuperNOFA. The SuperNOFA Information Center opens for business simultaneously with the publication of the SuperNOFA. You can also obtain information on this SuperNOFA and download application information for this SuperNOFA through the HUD Web site, <http://www.hud.gov>.

For Technical Assistance. Before the application due date, HUD staff will be

available to provide you with general guidance and technical assistance about this SuperNOFA. However, HUD staff is not permitted to assist in preparing your application. Following selection of applicants, but before awards are made, HUD staff are available to assist in clarifying or confirming information that is a prerequisite to the offer of an award or Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) by HUD.

FEDERAL E-GRANTS INFORMATION

Streamlining Federal Financial Assistance. The Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107) directs each federal agency to develop and implement a plan that, among other things, streamlines and simplifies the application, administrative, and reporting procedures for federal financial assistance programs administered by the agency. This law also requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to direct, coordinate, and assist federal agencies in establishing (1) a common application and reporting system and, (2) an interagency process for addressing ways to streamline and simplify federal financial assistance application and administrative procedures and reporting requirements for program applicants.

This law also requires OMB to consult with the grantee community as it works with the federal agencies to develop and implement the course of action that would be undertaken by the federal agencies to establish an electronic site for accessing funding information and applications. Over the last two years, HUD has used its website to provide information to the public about HUD's participation in Interagency efforts to streamline grant and other financial assistance requirements and to seek your input as the federal agencies work together to achieve implementation. To find out about the work being done by the federal agencies to streamline and consolidate the application and reporting requirements, please go to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/pl-106107/pl106-107.cfm>

eGrants Initiative. HUD is working with the 26 federal grant-making agencies on President George W. Bush's eGrants Initiative. This Initiative is an effort by federal agencies to develop a common electronic application and reporting system for federal financial assistance. This system will provide "one-stop shopping" for funding opportunities for all federal programs. This system is being developed in response to concerns that it is difficult for organizations to know all the