

funding available from the federal government and how to apply for funding. It also is an effort by the federal government to develop common application requirements, further streamlining the application process, making it easier for you, our customers, to apply for funding. The first segment of the eGrants Initiative focuses on allowing the public to easily find funding opportunities and then apply via eGrants. Funding decisions would still be under the control of the federal agency sponsoring the program funding opportunity. To find out more about the eGrants vision and implementation schedule, please visit our website at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/egrants/egrants.cfm>

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE FY 2003 SUPERNOFA

Background

This SuperNOFA is designed to make it easier to find and apply for funding under a wide variety of HUD programs. The SuperNOFA provides a "menu" of HUD funding opportunities. From this menu, communities are made aware of funding available for their jurisdictions. By providing access to information about available funding at one time, HUD believes applicants are better able to coordinate services within communities, avoid duplication, and more efficiently serve those most in need of assistance. Public housing agencies, local and state governments, tribal governments and tribally-designated housing entities, veterans service organizations, non-profit organizations, including grass-roots faith-based and other community-based organizations, and others will be able to identify the programs for which they are eligible.

Organization of the SuperNOFA

The SuperNOFA is divided into two major sections, the General Section and the Program Section. The General Section of the SuperNOFA describes the procedures and requirements applicable to all applications. For each funding opportunity, the Program Section describes the eligible applicants, eligible activities, factors for award, and any additional requirements or limitations. Please read both sections carefully to be sure your application is complete. Your attention to the sections will ensure that you apply for funding for which your organization is eligible and that you fulfill all the requirements for application submission.

As part of the simplification of this funding process and to avoid duplication of effort, the SuperNOFA

provides for consolidated notices and applications for several of the programs that are part of this SuperNOFA. The funding chart in this introductory section of the SuperNOFA identifies the programs that have been consolidated and for which a consolidated application is made available to eligible applicants.

HUD provides copies of all required forms in this publication. Standard forms, certifications, and assurances applicable to all programs are published in the General Section, Appendix B. The forms and any additional certifications and assurances unique to an individual program follow that program's section of the SuperNOFA.

The specific statutory and regulatory requirements of the programs that are part of this SuperNOFA continue to apply to each program. Each SuperNOFA Program Section identifies, where necessary, the statutory requirements and other unique requirements applicable to each specific program. Please pay careful attention to the specific submission requirements that are identified for each funding opportunity. Not all applicants are eligible to receive assistance under all funding opportunities identified in this SuperNOFA.

II. HUD'S FY 2003 SUPERNOFA PROCESS

HUD's Strategic Goals

Implementing HUD's Strategic Framework and Demonstrating Results. HUD is committed to ensuring that programs result in the achievement of HUD's strategic mission. To support this effort, grant applications submitted for HUD programs will be rated on how well they tie proposed outcomes to HUD's policy priorities and Annual Goals and Objectives, and the quality of proposed Evaluation and Monitoring Plans. HUD's Strategic Framework establishes the following Goals and Objectives for the Department:

1. Increase Homeownership Opportunities

- Expand national homeownership opportunities.
- Increase minority homeownership.
- Make the home buying process less complicated and less expensive.
- Fight practices that permit predatory lending.
- Help HUD-assisted renters become homeowners.
- Keep existing homeowners from losing their homes.

2. Promote Decent Affordable Housing

- Expand access to affordable rental housing.

- Improve the physical quality and management accountability of public and assisted housing.
- Increase housing opportunities for the elderly and persons with disabilities.
- Help HUD-assisted renters make progress toward self-sufficiency.

3. Strengthen Communities

- Improve economic conditions in distressed communities.
- Make communities more livable.
- End chronic homelessness.
- Mitigate housing conditions that threaten health.

4. Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing

- Resolve discrimination complaints on a timely basis.
- Promote public awareness of Fair Housing laws.
- Improve housing accessibility for persons with disabilities.

5. Embrace High Standards of Ethics, Management, and Accountability

- Rebuild HUD's human capital and further diversify its workforce.
- Improve HUD's management, internal controls and systems, and resolve audit issues.
- Improve accountability, service delivery, and customer service of HUD and our partners.
- Ensure program compliance.

6. Promote Participation of Grass-Roots Faith-Based and Other Community-Based Organizations

- Reduce regulatory barriers to participation by grass-roots faith-based and other community-based organizations.
- Conduct outreach to inform potential partners of HUD opportunities.
- Expand technical assistance resources deployed to grass-roots faith-based and other community-based organizations.
- Encourage partnerships between grass-roots faith-based and other community-based organizations and HUD's traditional grantees.

You can find out about HUD's Strategic Framework and Annual Performance Plans at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cfo/reports/cforept.cfm>.

Policy Priorities. HUD encourages applicants to undertake specific activities that will assist the Department in implementing its policy priorities and which help the Department achieve its goals for FY 2004, when the majority of funding recipients will be reporting programmatic results and achievements. Applicants who include work activities that specifically address one or more of