

resources available in the area to be served while reducing travel and other costs associated with delivering the proposed TA services.

(2) *HOME TA Eligible Applicants.*

(a) A for-profit or non-profit professional and technical services company or firm that has demonstrated capacity to provide technical assistance services;

(b) A HOME participating jurisdiction (PJ);

(c) A public purpose organization responsible to the chief elected official of a PJ and established pursuant to State or local legislation;

(d) An agency or authority established by two or more PJs to carry out activities consistent with the purposes of the HOME program; and

(e) A national or regional non-profit organization that has membership comprised predominantly of entities or officials of entities of PJs or PJs' agencies or established organizations.

(3) *CHDO (HOME) TA Eligible Applicants.*

(a) Public and private non-profit intermediary organizations that customarily provide services (in more than one community) related to HOME affordable housing development and management or other neighborhood revitalization by CHDOs; and

(b) Other non-profit organizations that engage in community revitalization activities undertaken by CHDOs, including all eligible organizations under section 233 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, as amended.

(c) Any organization funded to assist CHDOs under this CD-TA program section of the SuperNOFA may not undertake CHDO set-aside activities itself within its service area while under cooperative agreement with HUD.

(4) *McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance Programs TA Eligible Applicants.*

(a) States, units of general local government, and public housing authorities; and

(b) Public and private non-profit or for-profit groups, including educational institutions and area-wide planning organizations.

(5) *HOPWA TA Eligible Applicants.*

(a) Non-profit organizations; and

(b) States and units of general local government.

(C) *Eligible Activities.* Eligible activities for each of the four CD-TA programs are the following:

(1) *HOME TA.* By statute, HUD may provide TA to meet specified objectives. From these objectives, HUD has identified six TA priorities for FY 2003. These priorities are the following:

(a) Facilitate the exchange of information that will help PJs carry out the purposes of the HOME statute, including the design, implementation, and management of affordable housing programs that address accessibility, housing finance, land use controls, and building construction techniques;

(b) Improve the ability of PJs, particularly those PJs inexperienced in the development of affordable housing, to design and implement housing strategies that include an analysis and reduction of regulatory barriers, reflect sound management and fiscal controls, demonstrate measurable outcomes in the use of public funds, and provide for accurate and timely reporting of accomplishments;

(c) Encourage private lenders, non-profit organizations, and for-profit developers of low-income housing to participate in public-private partnerships to achieve the purposes of the HOME statute;

(d) Assist PJs in developing strategies that ameliorate the affordability gap between rapidly increasing housing costs and the less rapid growth in incomes among low-income households, especially among underserved populations (e.g., residents of the Colonias, homeless, persons with disabilities);

(e) Assist PJs in developing strategies that increase and help sustain homeownership opportunities for low-income households—particularly low-income, minority households; and

(f) Facilitate the establishment and efficient operation of land assembly, under which title to vacant and abandoned parcels of real estate located in or causing blighted neighborhoods is cleared for use consistent with the purposes and timeframes of the HOME statute.

(2) *CHDO (HOME) TA.* CHDO (HOME) TA funds may be used only for the following eligible activities:

(a) *Organizational Support.* Organizational support may be made available to CHDOs to cover operational expenses, training, technical, legal, engineering, and other assistance to the board of directors, staff, and members of the community development organization;

(b) *Housing Education.* Housing education assistance may be made available to CHDOs to cover expenses related to the provision or administration of programs for educating, counseling, and organizing homeowners and tenants who are eligible to receive assistance under the HOME Program;

(c) *Program-Wide Support of Non-Profit Development and Management.*

Technical assistance, training, and continuing support may be made available to eligible CHDOs for managing and conserving properties developed under the HOME program;

(d) *Benevolent Loan Funds.*

Technical assistance may be made available to increase the investment of private capital in housing for very low-income families, particularly by encouraging the establishment of benevolent loan funds through which private financial institutions will accept deposits at below-market interest rates and make those funds available at favorable rates to developers of low-income housing and to low-income homebuyers;

(e) *Community Development Banks and Credit Unions.* Technical assistance may be made available to establish privately-owned, local community development banks and credit unions to finance affordable housing;

(f) *Community Land Trusts.* Organizational support, technical assistance, education, and training and assistance to community groups for the establishment of community land trusts [as defined in section 233(f) of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act]; and

(g) *Facilitating Women in Homebuilding Professions.* Technical assistance may be made available to businesses, unions and organizations involved in the construction and rehabilitation of housing in low- and moderate-income areas to assist women residing in the area to obtain jobs involving such activities, which may include facilitating access by helping such women to develop nontraditional skills, recruiting women to participate in such programs, providing continuing support for women at job sites, counseling and educating businesses regarding suitable work environments for women, providing information to such women regarding opportunities for establishing small housing construction and rehabilitation businesses, and providing materials and tools for training such women in an amount not to exceed ten percent of any assistance provided under this paragraph. HUD shall give priority under this paragraph to providing technical assistance for organizations rehabilitating single family housing owned or controlled by HUD pursuant to Title II of the National Housing Act and which have women members in occupations in which women constitute 25 percent or less of the total number of workers in the occupation (in this section referred to as "nontraditional occupations").