

(b) Neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations are involved in the development and implementation of the metropolitan or regional strategies.

(D) *Ineligible Activities.* Activities ineligible for funding under this program include, but are not limited to the following:

(1) Research activities that have no clear and immediate practical application for solving urban problems or do not address specific problems in designated communities and neighborhoods or have any specific link to HUD programs.

(2) Any type of construction, rehabilitation, or other physical development costs.

(3) Costs used for routine operations and day-to-day administration of institutions of higher education, local governments or neighborhood groups.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed in the General Section of this SuperNOFA, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

(1) All funds awarded to New Grant applicants must be spent over a three-year (36 months) grant performance period. All funds awarded to New Direction Grants applicants must be spent over a two-year (24 months) grant performance period.

(2) Applicants are required to meet the following match requirements:

(a) New Grant applicants match requirements:

(1) Research Activities. 50% of the total project costs of establishing and operating research activities.

(2) Outreach Activities. 25% of the total project costs of establishing and operating outreach activities.

(b) New Directions Grant applicants match requirements:

(1) Research Activities. 60% of the total project costs of establishing and operating research activities.

(2) Outreach Activities. 35% of the total project costs of establishing and operating outreach activities.

For each match, cash or in-kind contributions to the program, applicants must submit a signed letter of commitment (Further detailed information is outlined in this NOFA in Section V. Application Selection Process, "Factor 4: Leveraging Resources" for this program). Applicants may not count as match any costs that would be ineligible for funding under the program (*e.g.*, housing rehabilitation).

In previous competitions, some applicants incorrectly based their match calculations on the federal grant amount

only. An applicant's match is evaluated as percentage of the total cost of establishing and operating research and outreach activities, not just the federal grant amount. Please remember to base the calculation on the TOTAL AMOUNT.

(3) Employ the research and outreach resources of the institution of higher education to solve specific urban problems identified by communities served by the Center;

(4) Establish outreach activities in areas identified in the application as the communities to be served;

(5) Establish a community advisory committee comprised of representatives of local institutions and residents of the communities to be served to assist in identifying local needs and advise on the development and implementation of strategies to address those issues;

(6) Coordinate outreach activities in communities to be served by the Center;

(7) Facilitate public service projects in the communities served by the Center;

(8) Act as a clearinghouse for dissemination of information;

(9) Develop instructional programs, convene conferences, and provide training for local community leaders, when appropriate;

(10) Exchange information with other Centers. The clearinghouse function in Section IV(8) above refers to a local or regional clearinghouse for dissemination of information and is separate and distinct from the functions in (10) above, which relate to the provision of information to the University Partnerships Clearinghouse, which is the national clearinghouse for the program; and

(11) Grant funds will pay for activities conducted directly, rather than passing funds to other entities (In order for an application to be competitive, no more than 25 percent of the grant funds should be passed to other entities).

V. Application Selection Process

Two types of reviews will be conducted:

(1) A threshold review to determine an application's eligibility; and

(2) A technical review for all applications that pass the threshold review to rate and rank the application based on the "Factors for Award" rating factors listed in Section V(B) below.

Only those applications that pass the threshold review will receive a technical review and be rated and ranked.

(A) Threshold Requirements For Funding Consideration

All applicants must be in compliance with the threshold requirements as

defined in the General Section of this SuperNOFA and the requirements listed below to be evaluated, rated, and ranked. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be considered ineligible for funding and will be disqualified:

There will be two separate competitions, one for New Grants applicants and one for New Direction Grant applicants. For each type of grant applicants will be rated, ranked, and selected separately.

(1) The applicant is eligible as referenced in Section III, "Program Description, Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities in this NOFA".

(2) Applicants applying for New Grants may not request less than \$250,000 or exceed \$400,000. Applicants applying for New Direction Grants may not request less or exceed \$150,000.

(3) Applicants must meet the program's statutory match requirement (the requirement is defined in Section IV, "Program Requirements").

(4) New Grant applications must be multifaceted, address three or more urban problems, and propose at least one distinct activity to address each separate urban problem. Single purpose applications are not eligible.

(5) New Direction Grant applications are required to address two urban problems and undertake at least one activity for each of these problems. Applicants must also demonstrate that the proposed activities either implement new eligible projects in the current target neighborhood(s) or implement eligible projects in a new target neighborhood(s). Single purpose applications are not eligible.

(6) New Direction Grant applicants must have drawn down at least 75% from any previous COPC award two weeks prior to the program's application due date to be eligible to apply and receive a New Directions Grant.

(7) Applicants who were a member of a consortium and received more than 25 percent of the earlier funding are not eligible to apply for a New Grant. However applicants may submit an application for a New Direction Grant (Applicants may submit an application individually or as part of the old consortium).

(8) Only one New Grant application will be permitted from an institution. However different campuses of the same university system are eligible to apply, even if one campus has already received COPC funding if they have an administrative and budgeting structure independent of other campuses in the system.