

needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development.

(1) For the purposes of these programs, the term "locality" includes any city, county, township, parish, village, or other general political subdivision of a state, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands where the institution is located.

(2) If the institution is located in a metropolitan statistical area (MSA), as established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the locality may be considered to be one or more entities (as defined above) within the entire MSA. The nature of the locality for each HBCU may differ, therefore, depending on its location.

(3) A "target area" is the locality or the area within the locality in which the institution will implement its proposed HUD grant.

(B) Eligible Applicants. HBCUs as determined by the Department of Education in 34 CFR 608.2 in accordance with that Department's responsibilities under Executive Order 13256, dated February 12, 2002, are eligible for funding under this program. Applicants must be accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(C) Eligible Activities. Each activity proposed for funding must meet both a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program national objective and the CDBG eligibility requirements. Eligible activities that may be funded under this program are those activities eligible for CDBG funding. The eligible activities are listed in 24 CFR part 570, subpart C, particularly §§ 570.201 through 570.206. Each activity funded under this program must meet one of the three national objectives of the Community Development Block Grant program, which are:

- (a) Benefit to low- or moderate-income persons;
- (b) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
- (c) Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Criteria for determining whether an activity addresses one or more of these objectives are provided at 24 CFR 570.208.

Examples of Eligible Activities include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Acquisition of real property;
- (b) Clearance and demolition;

(c) Rehabilitation of residential structures including lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; and encouraging accessible design features in accordance with the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

(d) Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities and streets; including lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; and encouraging compliance accessible with the design and construction requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Fair Housing Act;

(e) Relocation payments and other assistance for permanently and temporarily relocated individuals, families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farm operations where the assistance is:

(i) Required under the provisions of 24 CFR 570.606(b) or (c); or

(ii) Determined by the grantee to be appropriate under the provisions of 24 CFR 570.606(d);

(f) Direct homeownership assistance to low- and moderate-income persons, as provided in section 105(a) (25) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

(g) Special economic development activities described at 24 CFR 570.203;

(h) Assistance to facilitate economic development by providing technical or financial assistance for the establishment, stabilization, and expansion of microenterprises, including minority enterprises;

(i) Assistance to community-based development organizations (CBDO) to carry out a CDBG neighborhood revitalization, community economic development, or energy conservation project, in accordance with 24 CFR 570.204. This could include activities in support of a HUD approved local entitlement grantee, CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRS) or HUD approved State CDBG Community Revitalization Strategy (CRS);

(j) Eligible public service activities are those general support activities that can help to stabilize a neighborhood and contribute to sustainable redevelopment of the area, including but not limited to such activities as those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, homebuyer down payment assistance, or recreational needs;

The CDBG Publication entitled "Community Development Block Grant

Program Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities" describes the regulations, and a copy can be obtained from HUD's SuperNOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 or 1-800-HUD-2209 for the hearing-impaired.

(k) Fair housing services designed to further the fair housing objectives of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-20) by making all persons, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status and/or disability aware of the range of housing opportunities available to them;

(l) Payments of reasonable grant administrative costs related to planning and execution of the project (e.g. preparation/submission of HUD reports). A detailed explanation of these costs are provided in the OMB circulars that can be accessed at the White House Web site at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html>; and

(m) Activities Designed to Promote Training and Employment Opportunities. HUD urges applicants to consider undertaking activities designed to promote opportunities for training and employment of very low-income residents in connection with HUD initiatives such as "Neighborhood Networks" (NN) in other federally assisted or insured housing and Employment Opportunities for Lower Income Persons in connection with Assisted Projects.

(D) Ineligible Activities. Ineligible CDBG Activities are listed at 24 CFR 570.207.

IV. Program Requirements

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

(1) All funds awarded under these programs must be spent over a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

(2) Applicants that propose to undertake activities that involve the following: acquisition of real property, clearance, demolition, rehabilitation of residential structures including lead-based paint hazard evaluation, reduction encouraging accessible design features, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements are required to provide at least one appraisal from a qualified certified appraiser other than the institution, of the cost to complete the activities. This information must be submitted with the application. Such an entity must be involved in the business of housing rehabilitation, construction, and/or management.