

(3) Applicants must ensure that not less than 51% of the aggregated expenditures of the grant benefit low- and moderate-income persons under the criteria specified in 24 CFR 570.208(a) or 570.208(d)(5) or (6).

(4) Applicants that claim leveraging from any source, including their own institution, must provide letters of firm commitment, memoranda of understanding, or agreements evidencing the extent and firmness of commitment of leveraging from other federal (e.g., AmeriCorps Programs), state, local, and/or other private sources (including the applicant's own resources). These documents must be dated no earlier than the date of this published NOFA and follow the outline provided in Section V, Application Process, "Factor 4: Leveraging Resources of this NOFA."

(5) Where grant funds will be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction an applicant must demonstrate site control. Funds may be recaptured or deobligated from applicants that cannot demonstrate control of a suitable site within one year after the initial notification of award.

(6) Labor Standards. Applicants awarded funds must comply with the labor standards (Davis-Bacon) as found at 24 CFR 570.603.

V. Application Selection Process

Two type of reviews will be conducted:

(1) A threshold review to determine an applicant'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:

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

(2) The minimum and maximum amount Previously Unfunded HBCU applicants can request is \$340,000. The minimum amount a Previously Funded

HBCU applicant can request is \$340,000 and the maximum is \$550,000.

(3) Applicants are bound by the CDBG statutory requirement that no more than 15% of the total grant amount is used for public service activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Therefore, at least 85% of the grant amount must be used for activities qualifying under an eligibility category other than public services (as described at 24 CFR 570.201(e). If an applicant proposes an activity which otherwise is eligible it may not be funded if state or local law requires that it be carried out by a governmental entity.

(4) Institutions with two (2) or more active HBCU grants who have drawn down less than 50 percent of the funding for each active grant two weeks prior to the program's application due date are ineligible to apply for a grant under this NOFA.

(B) Factors for Award Used To Evaluate and Rate Applications

The factors for evaluating, rating, and ranking an application and the maximum points for each factor are listed below. Applications must receive a minimum of 75 out of the total possible points to be considered for funding. The maximum number of points available under this program is 102. This includes the two RC/EZ/EC bonus points as described in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (20 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which the institution has the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner. In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the proposal demonstrates:

(1) Knowledge and Experience (20 Points) For previously Unfunded Applicants (5 Points) For previously Funded Applicants.

The knowledge and experience of the overall project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants (including technical assistance providers), and contractors in planning and managing the kinds of programs for which funding is being requested. Experience will be judged in terms of recent, relevant, and successful knowledge and skills of the staff to undertake eligible program activities. HUD will consider experience within the last 5 years to be recent; experience pertaining to specific activities to be relevant; and experience producing specific accomplishments to be successful. The more recent and

substantial the experience of the staff, particularly the institution's own staff who will work on the project have in successfully conducting and completing similar activities, the higher the number of points an applicant can receive for this rating factor. The following categories will be evaluated:

(a) Undertaking specific successful community development projects with community-based organizations or local governments; and

(b) Providing leadership in solving community problems that have a direct bearing on the proposed activities.

(2) Past Performance for Previously Funded Grant Applicants Only (15 points).

This subfactor will evaluate the extent to which an applicant has performed successfully under all previously awarded and current grant(s) as measured by:

(a) Achievement of specific measurable outcome objectives consistent with the timeline in the grant proposal(s). Provide a detailed list outlining those achievements as they relate to the approved timeline in the past grant award(s);

(b) Leveraging of funding consistent with or exceeding the funds originally proposed to be leveraged for that project. In addressing leveraging, provide information that compares the proposed leveraged funds and resources with what was actually leveraged; and

(c) Full points will be awarded for performance that has met the goals and objectives as outlined in the past awarded grant proposal(s).

To address this subfactor, applicants must submit the HUD 40076-HBCU "Response Sheet" (Preparation Narrative only) for each HBCU grant they have received. (This form is located in Appendix C at the end of this NOFA.) The form should be complete and detailed.

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (10 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which there is a need for funding the proposed program activities and an indication of the importance of meeting the need in the target area. In responding to this factor, the proposal will be rated on the extent to which the level of need for the proposed activities and the importance of meeting the need are documented.

Applicants should use statistics and analyses contained in at least one or more current data sources that are sound and reliable. The data provided must be current. In rating this factor HUD will consider data collected within the last five years to be current. To the