

University to the faculty and students to provide opportunities to reward and continue this type of work; and

(e) The impact the grant will have on assisting the university to obtain additional resources to continue this type of work at the end of the funding period of this grant award.

This information should be provided in a Logic Model format. This form and information on how to use can be found in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

The Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assisting Communities Program (HSIAC)

I. Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To assist Hispanic-serving Institutions (HSIs) expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development, consistent with the purposes of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

II. Amount Allocated, Grant Size and Term and Performance Period

Amount Allocated. In Fiscal Year 2003, \$6.458 million was earmarked by the conference report accompanying the FY 2003 Consolidation Appropriation Resolution, Division K plus approximately \$588,000 in previously unexpended FY 2002 funds.

Grant Size and Term. The maximum amount an HSIAC applicant can request for award is \$600,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

HUD intends to fund at least two eligible HSIAC applications (applications that receive a minimum score of 75 points) that serve Colonias (as defined in the General Section of the SuperNOFA). HUD will select the highest-ranking HSIAC applications that serve Colonias among the rated HSIAC applications. If less than two fundable HSIAC applications that serve Colonias are eligible for award these funds will be used to award additional HSIAC grants.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) Program Description

The purpose of the HSIAC Program is to assist HSI's expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.

(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) 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

Nonprofit Hispanic-serving institutions of higher education that meet the definition of an HSI established in Title V of the 1998 Amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 105-244; enacted October 7, 1998). In order to meet this definition, at least 25 percent of the full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an institution must be Hispanic and not less than 50 percent of these Hispanic students must be low-income individuals. Institutions are not required to be on the list of eligible HSIs prepared by the U.S. Department of Education. However, an applicant that is not on the list is required to state in the application that the institution meets the U.S. Department of Education's statutory definition of an HSI.

(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;