

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) Up to 20% of the grant for 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 website at: [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html](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.

#### V. Program Requirements

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

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

(3) Applicants must ensure that not less than 51% of the aggregated expenditures of a 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 for this program 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.

#### VI. Application Selection Process

Two types 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 maximum amount ANI and NHI applicants can request for award is \$800,000.

(3) In order to meet the Alaska Native Institution definition, at least 20% of the undergraduate headcount enrollment must be Alaska Native students. If applicant is a Native Hawaiian institution, in order to meet this definition at least 10% of the