

(e) Meeting the Housing-Related Needs of Persons with Disabilities

(f) Improving Housing Quality and Affordability through Technology and Design

(3) Strengthen Communities

(a) Ending Chronic Homelessness

(b) Preventing Homelessness

(c) Strengthening Cities

(d) Meeting the Housing and

Community and Economic Development Needs of Residents of High-Needs Areas, including the Colonias, Appalachia, the Mississippi Delta, and Tribal Areas.

(4) Ensure Equal Opportunity In Housing

(a) Reducing Housing Discrimination

(b) Improving Housing Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities

(5) Embrace High Standards Of Ethics, Management And Accountability

(a) Reducing Fraud, Waste and Abuse in HUD-Funded Programs

(b) Improving the Effectiveness of HUD Programs Through Program Evaluations

(6) Promote Participation Of Faith-Based And Community Organizations

(a) Strengthening the Capacity of Faith-Based and Community Organizations

#### (B) Eligible Applicants

Doctoral students must demonstrate they meet the requirements listed under the grant program in this NOFA which they are requesting funding.

*Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program (EDSRG).* Doctoral students applying for funding under this program must meet the following requirements:

(a) Be a U.S. citizen or resident alien currently enrolled, as a full-time student at an accredited doctoral program at an accredited institution of higher education (recognized by the U.S. Department of Education);

(b) Have a major or concentration within a field related to housing and urban development;

(c) Have not taken the preliminary/comprehensive examinations;

(d) Completed at least two semesters or three terms of a doctoral studies program (depending on the course structure of the institution);

(e) Have an assigned faculty advisor to supervise the research manuscript (provide the advisor's name, address, phone number, facsimile number, and email address);

(f) Submit support letters/documentation from the chairperson of the doctoral student's department that confirms the student meets *all* of the conditions above and that the proposed research manuscript can be completed within the one-year grant period; and

(g) Provide a support letter from the institution that includes in detail the type of support the university is providing. Such support might include tuition waivers, office space, equipment, computer time, assumption of indirect costs, or similar items the doctoral student might need in order to complete the required product. This support may not replace support or assistance the institution would otherwise provide to the student.

*Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program (DDRG).* Doctoral students applying for funding under this program must meet the following requirements:

(a) Be a U.S. citizen or resident alien (student) currently enrolled and matriculated who has been accepted into candidacy in an accredited doctoral program at an accredited institution of higher education recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;

(b) Developed an approved dissertation proposal;

(c) Provide documentation from the dissertation committee chairperson that confirms the following information;

(1) By the application due date, the student's dissertation proposal has been accepted by the full dissertation committee and the student has been assigned a dissertation advisor (provide the advisor's name, address, phone number, facsimile number, and email address);

(2) By September 1, 2003, the student will have satisfactorily completed all other written and oral Ph.D. requirements, including all examinations and defense of the proposal, except the dissertation; and

(3) The proposed dissertation can be completed within the two-year grant period.

(d) Provide a support letter from the institution that includes in detail the type of support the university is providing. Such support might include tuition waivers, office space, equipment, computer time, assumption of indirect costs, or similar items the student might need in order to complete the required product. This support may not replace support or assistance the institution would otherwise provide to the student.

#### (C) Eligible Activities

Grant funds awarded for programs in this NOFA must be used to support direct costs incurred in the timely completion of the research product. Eligible costs include stipends, computer software, purchase of data, travel expenses to collect data, transcription services, and compensation for interviews.

#### (D) Ineligible Activities

Grant funds awarded for programs under this NOFA *may not* be used to pay for tuition, computer hardware, or meals.

### IV. Program Requirements

#### (A) Threshold Requirements

All applicants requesting funding from programs under this NOFA must be in compliance with the applicable threshold requirements found in Section V of the General Section of the 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 doctoral student is eligible to apply (as defined in Section III (B) above) for the program for which they are requesting funding;

(2) University sponsorship. The university shall enter into a Grant Agreement with HUD that provides for payment of the grant by HUD to the university and from the university to the approved doctoral student, and that further provides all required certifications and assurances. The university shall agree to provide as the Principal Investigator under the Grant Agreement a dissertation advisor or chairperson of the doctoral student's dissertation committee who shall supervise the student's work under the Grant Agreement.

(3) The student has provided a letter from the department chairperson confirming the applicant is eligible as outlined in Section III (B).

(4) The student's institution has provided a letter agreeing to provide support and outlines the specific type of support they will provide as part of this grant as defined in Section III (B).

(5) The student has requested no more funding than the grant maximum allocated as defined in Section II Amount Allocated, Grant Size and Term, and Performance Period.

#### (B) Program Specific Requirements

*Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program (EDSRG).* Three thousand dollars of the grant funds will be held until the doctoral student's research manuscript has been completed and accepted for presentation at a conference or publication in a refereed journal by the end of the grant period, or a committee of three faculty members (including the faculty sponsor, as the principal investigator of the grant) has determined and certified to HUD that the manuscript is of high quality and