

Funding Availability for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP)

Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To increase compliance with the Fair Housing Act (the Act) and with substantially equivalent State and local fair housing laws.

Available Funds. Approximately \$20,118,375 in FY 2003 funds and any potential recapture is allocated to three (3) initiatives as follows:

A. Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) \$10.2 million

B. Education and Outreach Initiative (EOI) \$5.318 million.

C. Fair Housing Organizations Initiative (FHOI) \$2.1 million. Approximately \$2.5 million will be used for contracts including the continuation of activities for the third option year under the Project for Training and Technical Assistance Guidance (PATTG) and in furtherance of fair housing education and outreach to meet HUD's Minority Serving Institution (MSI) goals. The funds for PATTG were announced under a previous solicitation. The funds to further the Department's goals to work with MSIs will be announced under a separate solicitation.

Eligible Applicants. Eligibility requirements are described in detail under each of the funded initiatives and components, set forth below

Application Deadline. June 5, 2003.

Match: No matching funds are required for the Education and Outreach or Private Enforcement Initiatives. However, sponsored organizations under FHOI must meet the requirements described in Section IV (D) below.

Additional Information

If you are interested in applying for funding under the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), please review carefully the General Section of this SuperNOFA (hereafter, the General Section), the FHIP Authorizing Statute (Sec. 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended), the FHIP Regulations (24 CFR 125.103–501), and the following additional information:

I. Application Due Date, Further Information, and Technical Assistance

Application Due Date. You must submit a completed application (one original and three copies) for the specific initiative and component for which you are applying on or before June 5, 2003, to the HUD Headquarters building, at the address shown below.

Application Submission Procedures. See the General Section of the

SuperNOFA for specific procedures governing the submission and receipt of applications.

Address for Submitting Applications. Your application consists of an original signed application form (HUD-424) and all items listed in the Checklist (See Section IV and Appendix C for all submission requirements). Mail your completed application (one original and three copies) to:

FHIP SuperNOFA 2003 [Specify the Initiative/Component to which you apply], FHIP/FHAP Support Division, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5224, Washington, DC 20410.

For Further Information and Technical Assistance. You may contact Myron P. Newry or Denise L. Brooks of the FHIP/FHAP Support Division, at 202–708–0800 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may contact the Division by calling 1–800–290–1617 (this is a toll-free number). Contained in Appendix A of this NOFA is a Question and Answer section. Please review this section for answers to some of your questions.

Satellite Broadcast. HUD will hold an information broadcast via satellite for prospective applicants to learn more about the program and preparing applications. For more information about the date and time of this broadcast, you should consult the HUD web site at <http://www.hud.gov/grants>.

II. Amounts Allocated

In Fiscal Year 2003, \$20,118,375 was appropriated for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program. Of this amount, \$17,618,375 is being made available on a competitive basis to eligible organizations responding to this FHIP program section of the SuperNOFA. The remaining approximately \$2,500,000 will be used for a continuation of activities for the third option year under the Project for Training and Technical Assistance Guidance (PATTG) and the awarding of a new contract in furtherance of a fair housing education and outreach effort in partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) with law schools. The amount available for each initiative or component and the maximum amount of funds that can be awarded for each grant are specified as follows:

(A) **Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI).** Approximately \$10,200,000 is allocated; maximum award is \$275,000 per grant; project duration is 12 to 18 months.

(B) **Education and Outreach Initiative (EOI).** Approximately \$5,318,375 is allocated. This Initiative has five (5) components. Approximately \$4,818,375 is allocated to four (4) components under the EOI Regional/Local/Community-Based (R/L/CB) Program. The maximum award is \$100,000 for the R/L/CB Program and the project duration is 12 to 18 months. These four components are as follows:

(1) **EOI—General Component.** Approximately \$3,018,375 is allocated.

(2) **EOI—Disability Component.** Approximately \$900,000 is allocated.

(3) **Hispanic Fair Housing Awareness Component.** Approximately \$450,000 is allocated.

(4) **Fair Housing and Minority Homeownership Component.** Approximately \$450,000 is allocated.

The fifth Component falls under the EOI—National Program:

(5) **Codes Component.** Approximately \$500,000 is allocated. The maximum award for the EOI National Program—Model Codes Component is \$500,000 and the project duration is 24 months.

(C) **Fair Housing Organizations Initiative (FHOI).** Approximately \$2,100,000 is allocated; project duration is three years. Maximum award is \$1,050,000 allocated over a three year period at up to \$350,000 per year.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) **Program Description.** The Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), 24 CFR part 125, assists fair housing activities that increase compliance with the Fair Housing Act (the Act) and with the substantially equivalent fair housing laws administered by state and local government agencies (Fair Housing Assistance Program Agencies (FHAP)). Applications submitted for funding under EOI are required to describe a complaint referral process that should result in referrals to HUD of fair housing complaints and other information regarding discriminatory housing practices. HUD's recently published Housing Discrimination Study found that discrimination against Hispanic renters appears to have remained essentially unchanged since 1989. To address this issue, HUD has created a separate Component under EOI to provide effective bilingual fair housing education and outreach to Hispanics; however, grantees may not deny services to a client who is not Hispanic. For the Fair Housing and Minority Homeownership Component, HUD wants to educate people on the Fair Housing Act and how to prepare for homeownership.