

Funding Availability for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Purpose of the Program. The purpose of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program is to assist States, Native American Tribes and local governments in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing for rental or owner-occupants in partnership with nonprofit organizations including grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations.

Available Funds. Approximately \$96 million in Fiscal Year 2003 and approximately \$7 million in previous year recaptured funds.

Eligible Applicants. States, Native American Tribes or local governments. If you are a State or Tribal applicant, you must have a Lead-Based Paint Contractor Certification and Accreditation Program authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Application Deadline. You, the applicant, must submit a completed application to HUD on or before the respective program's application due date. The application deadline is June 10, 2003.

Match. A statutory minimum of 10% match in local funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Application and Submission Procedures

(1) **Application Submission.** See the General Section of this SuperNOFA for specific procedures concerning the form of application submission (e.g., mailed applications, express mail or overnight delivery). Be advised that there is no Application Kit for this year's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. All the information required to submit an application is contained in this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

(2) **Addresses.** You, the applicant, must submit a complete application to: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, Attn: Lead Hazard Control Grant Program, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

For Further Information and Technical Assistance: You may contact Matthew E. Ammon, Director, Lead Hazard Control Grants Division, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, at the address above; telephone (202) 755-1785, extension 158 (this is not a toll-free number). If you are a

hearing-or speech-impaired person, you may reach the above telephone numbers via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

I. Authority, Funding Amounts, and Amount of Funds Allocated

(A) **Authority.** The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program is authorized by Section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992). HUD's authority for making funding available under this NOFA is the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003, Public Law 108-7, approved February 20, 2003.

(B) **Funding Available and Eligibility.** Approximately \$96 million in Fiscal Year 2003 and approximately \$7 million in previous year recaptured funds will be available for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. The maximum award amount shall be \$3 million per grant. Approximately 30 to 40 grants will be awarded. New applicants or those previously funded lead-based paint hazard control grantee applicants whose period of performance ended prior to the application deadline date will be evaluated and scored as a separate group and will not be in direct competition with applications from current grantee applicants that are eligible for a Performance-Based Renewal to their existing grant. A maximum of 35 percent of the funds will be made available to applicants eligible for a Performance-Based Renewal. The project duration shall be 42 months for new grant recipients and 36 months for Performance-Based Renewal grantees. HUD reserves the right to approve no-cost time extensions for a period not to exceed 24 months. For new applicants, a minimum score of 75 is required for award consideration. Current grantees with active grants at the application deadline date must meet specific performance criteria in their current grant to be eligible for a Performance-Based Renewal. Current grantees eligible for a Performance-Based Renewal must meet or exceed the specific work plan performance benchmark goals and objectives outlined below for the period ending March 31, 2003 to be eligible to receive up to \$3 million to continue grant program activities for an additional 36 months after their current period of performance ends. Current grantees that do not meet the performance criteria below are not eligible to submit an application under this NOFA. Current grantees with active grants at the application deadline date funded under

the Fiscal Year 1998 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program NOFA published in the **Federal Register** (FR) March 31, 1998 and grantees funded under the Fiscal Year 2002 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program NOFA published in the **Federal Register** (FR) March 26, 2002 are not eligible to apply.

PERFORMANCE-BASED RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

[For period ending March 31, 2003]

FY	Round	Percentage of units completed and cleared	Percentage of federal funds reimbursed through the line of credit control system (LOCCS)
1999	7	80	55
2000	8	65	45
2001	9	50	35

By achieving the above-referenced level of performance, current grantees have demonstrated a clear competitive basis for eligibility in receiving additional funds without the need to submit a full application in response to the NOFA. The Performance-Based Renewal category reflects the intention of the Lead Hazard Control Grant Program to move towards more competitive performance-based awards. Applicants eligible to submit a Performance-Based Renewal will be required to submit a Total Budget (Federal Share and Matching), a work plan strategy with specific, measurable, and realistic benchmark performance objectives and any supporting materials prescribed in the NOFA for the entire Performance-Based Renewal period of performance. In addition, grantees awarded grant funds under this category will be required to meet the terms and conditions of their current grant agreement and any additional applicable requirements under this NOFA and subsequent grant agreement modification. HUD may terminate awards to grantees that fail to meet established milestones or benchmark performance standards established by this NOFA or the Award Agreement.

II. Eligible Applicants and Activities

(A) **Program Description.** The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program assists States, Native American Tribes and local governments in undertaking programs for the identification and control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned rental and owner-occupied