

housing units. Appendix B (Eligibility of HUD Assisted Housing) lists the HUD-associated housing programs that meet the definition of eligible housing under this program.

(1) Because lead-based paint is a national problem, these funds will be awarded to programs which:

(a) Maximize the combination of children protected from lead poisoning and housing units where lead-hazards are controlled;

(b) Target lead hazard control efforts at housing in which children are at greatest risk of lead poisoning;

(c) Stimulate cost-effective approaches that can be replicated;

(d) Emphasize lower cost methods of hazard control;

(e) Build local capacity to safely and effectively address lead hazards during lead hazard control, renovation, remodeling, and maintenance activities; and

(f) Affirmatively further fair housing and environmental justice.

(2) The objectives of this program include:

(a) Implementation of a national strategy, as defined in Title X of the Housing and

Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851 *et seq.*) (Title X), to build the community's capacity necessary to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in housing, as widely and quickly as possible by establishing a workable framework for lead-based paint hazard identification and control;

(b) Mobilization of public and private resources, involving cooperation among all levels of government, the private sector, and grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations to develop cost-effective methods for identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards;

(c) Development of comprehensive community approaches which result in integration of all community resources (governmental, grassroots faith-based and other community-based, and private businesses) to address lead hazards in housing;

(d) Integration of lead-safe work practices into housing maintenance, repair, weatherization, rehabilitation, and other programs that will continue after the grant period ends;

(e) Establishment of a public registry (listing) of lead-safe housing or inclusion of the lead-safe status of properties in another publicly accessible address-based property information system and affirmatively marketed to families with young children; and

(f) To the greatest extent feasible, promotion of job training, employment, and other economic opportunities for

low-income and minority residents and businesses that are owned by and/or employ low-income and minority residents as defined in 24 CFR 135.5 (see 59 FR 33881, June 30, 1994).

(B) *Eligible Applicants.*

(1) To be eligible to apply for funding under this program, the applicant must be a State, Indian Tribe, or unit of local government. Multiple units of a local government (or multiple local governments) may apply as part of a consortium; however, you must identify a lead applicant that will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all requirements specified in this NOFA. You may submit only one application. In the event that multiple applications are submitted, this will be considered a curable (minor) defect and the application review process delayed until you notify HUD in writing which application should be reviewed. Your other applications will be returned unevaluated (see Section VIII of the General Section of this SuperNOFA).

(2) Threshold Requirements. As an applicant, you must meet all of the threshold requirements of the General Section of this SuperNOFA (Section V (B)) as well as any specific threshold requirements for applicants under the Lead Hazard Control Grant Program. Applications will not be rated or ranked if they do not meet the threshold requirements.

(3) Consolidated Plans. (This requirement does not apply to Native American Tribes.)

(a) If your jurisdiction has a current HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, you must submit, as an appendix, a copy of the lead-based paint element included in the approved Consolidated Plan.

(b) If your jurisdiction does not have a currently approved Consolidated Plan, but it is otherwise eligible for this grant program, you must include your jurisdiction's abbreviated Consolidated Plan, which includes a lead-based paint hazard control strategy developed in accordance with 24 CFR 91.235.

(4) Contracts or other formal arrangements with nonprofit grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations. If selected for funding, local and State applicants must enter into contractual relationships or other formal arrangements with grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations. Such relationships must be established prior to actual execution of the grant agreement. This requirement does not apply to Native American Tribes.

(5) EPA Authorization. If you are a State government or Indian (Native American) Tribal government, you must have an EPA-authorized Lead-Based

Paint Training and Certification Program in effect on the application deadline date to be eligible to apply for Lead Hazard Control Grant funds. The approval date in the **Federal Register** notice published by the EPA will be used in determining the Training and Certification status of the applicant State or Indian (Native American) Tribal government.

(6) Current grantees with active grants at the application deadline date must meet specific performance criteria in their most recent grant to be eligible for a Performance-Based Renewal Grant. Current grantees that do not meet the performance criteria in Section II (B) for the period ending March 31, 2003 are not eligible for a Performance-Based Renewal grant. Current grantees funded under the Fiscal Year 1998 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program published in the **Federal Register** (FR) March 31, 1998 or 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.

(7) The eligibility factors discussed in paragraphs (1) through (6) above are threshold requirements. If you do not satisfy the appropriate eligibility requirements stated in these paragraphs, HUD will not review your application.

(C) *Eligible Activities.* HUD is interested in promoting lead hazard control approaches that result in the reduction of this health threat for the maximum number of low-income families with children under six years of age, for the longest period of time, and that demonstrate techniques which are cost-effective, efficient, and replicable elsewhere. Activities must be conducted in compliance with HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Regulation, 24 CFR part 35, and with any applicable requirements of a Training and Certification Program that has been authorized by the EPA under the requirements of 40 CFR 745.320. Copies of HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Regulation, and the companion publication "Interpretive Guidance: The HUD Regulation on Controlling Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing Receiving Federal Assistance and Federally Owned Housing Being Sold," are available from the National Lead Information Clearinghouse at 1-800-424-LEAD (this is a toll-free number). If you are a hearing- or speech-impaired person, you may reach the telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. Copies are also available from the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control website at: [www.hud.gov/offices/lead](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead).