

as evidenced by thorough, credible, and appropriate data and information. The evaluation will be based on the applicant's documentation of the number of children with elevated blood lead levels, and/or number and proportion of pre-1978 housing units with deteriorating paint (*i.e.*, condition of housing stock) and the number of very low- and low-income families in the proposed target area(s).

(1) Document a critical level of need for your proposed activities in the geographical area where activities will be performed. Since an objective of the program is to prevent at-risk children from being poisoned, specific attention must be paid to documenting such need as it applies to the targeted area(s), rather than the entire locality or state.

(2) Document the following for the target area(s):

(a) Numbers and percentages of children less than six years of age (see Appendix A for Sample Worksheet 2—Blood Lead Level (BLL) Information).

(i) The number and percentage of children with elevated blood lead levels for the following categories:

(1) less than 10µg/dL;

(2) greater than or equal to 10µg/dL and less than 15µg/dL;

(3) greater than or equal to 15µg/dL and less than 20µg/dL; and

(4) greater than or equal to 20µg/dL.

(ii) The total number and percentage of children tested for blood lead levels,

(b1) Housing market data relevant to the specified target area(s) (see Appendix A of this NOFA for Sample Worksheet 3—Housing Age and Condition).

(i) Housing Age for the following sub-categories: Pre-1940, 1940-1949, 1950-1959, 1960-1969, 1970-1977 and 1978 or newer;

(ii) Housing Condition for the following sub-categories: Pre-1940, 1940-1949, 1950-1959, 1960-1969, 1970-1977 and 1978 or newer.

(a) The number and percentage of very-low (income less than 50% of the area median) and low-(income less than 80% of the area median) income families, as determined by HUD (www.huduser.org), with adjustments for smaller and larger families (see Appendix A of this NOFA for Sample Worksheet 4—Very-Low and Low-Income Population);

(d) Poverty data relevant to the specified target area(s);

(e) Housing market data relevant to lead hazard conditions in housing available from HUD, or other data sources, including the Consolidated Plan/Analysis of Impediments, Public Housing Authority's Five-Year Comprehensive Plan, State or local

Welfare Department's Welfare Reform Plan; and

(f) Other socio-economic, environmental, or demographic data relevant to the target area(s) or jurisdiction that demonstrate a need for lead-safe housing may be included. These data may include: the number of units that have been occupied by lead-poisoned children where the identified lead-based paint hazards have not been eliminated or controlled; the number of lead-based paint health and/or housing code violations; the number of pre 60 and pre-1978 housing units anticipated to undergo rehabilitation in the next 12 months; the proportion or number of units with lead dust hazards; information about the principal sources of exposure in your community, their prevalence, and the segments and/or characteristics of the housing most affected by these exposure sources; and/or other information about housing conditions (including the condition of housing units noted during previous lead hazard control work). Relevant data for other socio-economic, environmental, or demographic information may be obtained from census data, special studies, the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan/Analysis of Impediments, the Public Housing Authority's Five-Year Comprehensive Plan, or the State or local Welfare Department's Welfare Reform Plan or local health, housing, or community development agencies.

(3) You also must provide documentation of the priority that the community's Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice has placed on addressing the needs you described. (This section does not apply to Native American Tribes. However, a Native American Tribe applicant may use the Indian Housing Plan to document how the Indian Housing Plan addresses the need for lead hazard control grant activities.) If your application addresses needs that are in the Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, or the result of court orders or consent decrees, settlements, conciliation agreements, voluntary compliance agreements, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs or other relevant local initiatives you will receive a higher score in this rating factor than applicants that do not relate their program to identified needs.

(4) For you to receive maximum points for this rating factor there must be a direct relationship between your proposed lead hazard control activities in the target area(s) and the documented community needs.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (40 points)

This factor addresses the quality and cost-effectiveness of your proposed work plan. Applicants should develop a work plan that includes specific, measurable and time-phased objectives for each major program activity. The applicant's work plan should reflect benchmark standards for production, expenditures and other activities that have been developed by the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. These benchmark standards, as well as policy guidance on developing work plans have been included in Appendix A of this NOFA and are available at the HUD Web site at: www.hud.gov/offices/lead/lhc/pgi/index.cfm. This policy guidance provides a sample format and outline for developing the Lead Hazard Control Grant Program Work Plan.

Applicants should describe the proposed activities and provide HUD with measurable outcome results to be achieved with the requested funds. Measurable outcome results should be stated in terms relevant to the purpose of the program funds as a direct result of the work performed within the performance period of the grant (*e.g.*, estimated number of units to be made lead-safe, estimated number of children living in units made lead-safe, estimated number of persons to be trained to perform lead hazard control activities, estimated number of educational programs to be presented and/or the number of persons to be served by such programs, and the basis for these estimates). Each proposed activity must be eligible as described in the NOFA and meet statutory requirements for assistance to low- and very low-income persons.

You should present information on your proposed lead-based paint hazard control program and describe how it will satisfy the need identified in Factor 2; Need and Extent of the Problem and protect young children and families from lead poisoning in the target area(s). To the extent possible, describe a comprehensive strategy to address the need to protect targeted neighborhoods rather than individual units or homes. Your response to this factor must include the elements described below:

(A) Lead Hazard Control Work Plan Strategy (32 points) Describe your work plan goals and specific time-phased strategy to complete work under the grant within the 42-month period of performance for your lead hazard control grant program. You should provide information on: