

(1) Implementing a Lead Hazard Control Program (13 of 32 points). Describe how you will implement the strategy for your proposed lead hazard control program. The description must include information on:

(a) How the project will be organized, managed and staffed. You must also identify the specific steps that will be taken to train and ensure the availability of enough lead-based paint contractors and workers to conduct lead hazard control interventions, and to perform other program activities. In addition, a detailed description of the selection process for sub-grantees, subcontractors or sub-recipients, and how assistance and funding will flow from the grantee to those who will actually perform the work under the grant.

(b) The overall number of eligible privately-owned housing units scheduled for lead hazard control intervention work and the strategy for their identification, selection, prioritization, and enrollment in the selected target area(s). Discuss the eligibility criteria for unit selection and how the program will identify units that meet these criteria. Explain how referrals of eligible units will be obtained from childhood lead poisoning prevention programs, other health care or housing agencies or health providers that serve children. Also discuss how referrals from the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher programs and other agencies that provide housing assistance to low-income households with children including CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships Program-funded housing programs or other sources. (Include as attachments any referral agreements, commitment letters or other documents from other entities that describe their participation recruiting eligible units in the lead hazard control grant program; see Rating Factor 4 Leveraging Resources for additional information regarding referral agreements). Provide estimates of the total number of owner-occupied and/or rental units that will receive lead hazard control (see Sample Worksheet 5—Housing Occupancy Projections). You should describe how the program will respond to the needs of children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLs) located outside the target area(s).

(c) The degree to which the work plan focuses on eligible privately-owned housing units occupied by low-income families with children under six years of age. Describe your planned approaches to control lead hazards in vacant and/or occupied units before children are poisoned and your plans to ensure that the program will continue to affirmatively market and match these

units made lead-safe with low-income families with children under six years of age in the future. Discuss strategies to control lead hazards in units where children have already been identified with an elevated blood lead level (EBL), including your process for referring and tracking children with EBLs for medical case management, and your capacity to rapidly complete lead hazard control work in their units. Provide estimates of the number of low-income children you will assist through this program.

(d) Discuss the lead hazard control financing strategy, including eligibility requirements, terms, conditions, dollar limits, and amounts available for lead hazard control work. Applicants must also describe how grant funds will be recaptured by the program in the event that a recipient of grant funds fails to comply with any terms and conditions of the financing arrangement (e.g. affordability, sale of property, etc.) You must discuss the way assistance from the grant funds will be administered to or on behalf of property owners (e.g. use of grants, deferred loans and/or forgivable loans and the basis and schedule for forgiveness), and the role of other resources, such as private sector financing). You should identify the entity that will administer the financing process and describe how coordination and payment between the program and contractors performing the work will be accomplished. Describe matching requirements, if any, proposed for assistance to rental property owners.

(e) You should describe how your proposed program will satisfy the stated needs in the Consolidated Plan or Indian Housing Plan, and eliminate impediments identified in the Analysis of Impediments (AI). Also describe how your proposed program will further and support the policy priorities of the Department: including promoting healthy homes and the quality of housing. In addition, describe how your strategy will provide long-term benefits to families with children under six years of age, and whether any of the proposed activities will occur in an Enterprise Zones/Enterprise Community/Renewal Communities (EZ/EC/RC) and how they will benefit the residents of those zones or communities. A list of EZ/EC/RC communities is available at www.hud.gov.

(2) Technical Approach/Performance (15 of 32 points). New and prior grantee applicants are to respond to the items below (see Appendix A of this NOFA for Sample Worksheet 6).

(a) Describe your process for the conduct of lead hazard evaluation (risk assessments and/or inspections) in units of eligible privately owned housing to

confirm that there are lead-based paint hazards in the housing units where lead hazard control is undertaken.

(b) Describe your testing methods, schedule, and costs for performing blood lead testing, risk assessments, paint inspections and clearance examinations to be used. If you propose to use a more restrictive standard than the HUD/EPA thresholds (e.g., less than 0.5% or 1.0 mg/ square centimeter for lead in paint, or less than 40, 250, 400 µg/square foot for lead in dust on floors, sills and troughs, respectively); or 400 ppm in bare soil in children's play areas and 1200 ppm for bare soil in the rest of the yard), identify the standard(s) that will be used. All testing shall be performed in accordance with applicable regulations.

(c) Describe the lead hazard control methods and strategies you will undertake and the number of units you will treat for each method selected (interim controls or hazard abatement). Complete abatement of all lead painted surfaces in all units is generally not acceptable as a strategy. In cases where only a few surfaces have lead hazards in a specific unit and abatement is cost-effective, the applicant must provide a detailed rationale for selecting complete abatement as a strategy. Provide an estimate of the per unit costs (and a basis for those estimates) for each lead hazard control method proposed and a schedule for initiating and completing lead hazard control work in the selected units. Discuss efforts to incorporate cost-effective lead hazard control methods. Explain your cost estimates, providing detail on how the estimates were developed, with particular references to cost effectiveness.

(d) Schedule. Provide a realistic schedule for completing key activities, by quarter, so that all activities can be completed within the period of performance of the grant. Key production activities include enrollment of units, paint inspections/risk assessments, and completion/clearance of units. When developing the application, the applicant shall take into consideration previous experience and performance in administering similar kinds of lead hazard control or rehabilitation programs.

(e) Timeframes. Describe the estimated elapsed timeframe for treating a typical unit that will receive lead hazard control, including referral/intake, enrollment (qualification of the unit as eligible), combined paint inspection/risk assessments, preparation of specifications or work write-up, selection of the contractor, lead hazard control intervention work activities, quality control and monitoring of work