

Funding Availability for Healthy Homes and Lead Technical Studies

Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To fund technical studies to improve methods for detecting and controlling lead-based paint and other residential health and safety hazards. The purpose of the Healthy Homes Technical Studies program is to improve our knowledge of housing-related health hazards, and to improve or develop new hazard assessment and control methods. The purpose of the Lead Technical Studies program is to improve methods for detecting and controlling residential lead-based paint hazards.

Available Funds. Approximately \$2 million for healthy homes technical studies in FY 2003 funds; and approximately \$3 million for lead technical studies, of which approximately \$1.25 million is FY 2003 funds, and approximately \$1.75 million is previous-year recaptured funds.

Eligible Applicants. Academic, not-for-profit and for-profit institutions located in the U.S., State and local governments, and federally recognized Native American tribes are eligible to apply. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are also eligible to apply under a set-aside for technical studies on increasing the efficacy of lead hazard control (LHC) programs in low-income urban minority communities. For-profit institutions are not allowed to earn a fee.

Application Deadline. June 10, 2003.

Match. None required.

Additional Information

If you are interested in applying for funding under this program, please review carefully the General Section of this Notice of Funding Availability and the following additional information.

I. Addresses And Application Submission Procedures

(A) 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). There is no Application Kit. All the information required to submit an application is contained in this NOFA.

(B) Address for Submitting Applications

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 and Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program, 451

Seventh Street, SW., Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

(C) For Further Information and Technical Assistance

You may contact Dr. Peter Ashley, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, at the address above; telephone (202) 755-1785, extension 115 (this is not a toll-free number) or via email at Peter.J.Ashley@hud.gov. 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.

II. Authority, Funding Amounts, And Eligibility

(A) Authority

These grants are authorized under sections 1011(g)(1), 1011(o), 1051-1053 of the Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, which is Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992; sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970; and the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003, Public Law 108-7, signed February 20, 2003.

(B) Funding Available

(1) **Healthy Homes Technical Studies.** Approximately \$2 million from HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Healthy Homes Initiative appropriation set-aside will be available to fund technical studies proposals. Grants or cooperative agreements will be awarded on a competitive basis according to the Rating Factors described in Section V(B). For technical studies under the Healthy Homes Initiative, HUD anticipates awarding three to six grants ranging from approximately \$200,000 to approximately \$1 million. The project duration may be up to 24 months, except for projects involving human subjects that require Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval and periodic monitoring, which cannot exceed 30 months. HUD reserves the right to approve no cost time extensions for a period not to exceed 12 months. The amounts included in this program are subject to change based on funds availability.

(2) **Lead Technical Studies.** Approximately \$3 million for lead technical studies, of which approximately \$1.25 million is from the FY 2003 lead technical assistance set-aside under the lead hazard reduction appropriation, and approximately \$1.75 million is previous-year recaptured funds, will be available to fund lead technical studies proposals in FY 2003.

Of this amount, \$2.25 million is set-aside for HBCUs. The remaining funds are available to fund technical studies applications from all eligible applicants. Grants or cooperative agreements will be awarded on a competitive basis according to the Rating Factors described in Section V(B) of this program section of this NOFA. For lead technical studies, HUD anticipates awarding between three and 30 grants ranging from approximately \$100,000 to approximately \$1 million. The project duration may be up to 24 months, except for projects involving human subjects that require Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval and periodic monitoring, which cannot exceed 30 months. HUD reserves the right to approve no cost time extensions for a period not to exceed 12 months. The amounts included in this program are subject to change based on funds availability.

(C) Eligible Applicants

Academic and not-for-profit institutions located in the U.S., State and local governments, and federally recognized Native American tribes are eligible under all existing authorizations. For-profit firms also are eligible; however, they are not allowed to earn a fee (i.e., no profit can be made from the project). HBCUs, that is, educational institutions which satisfy the requirements of 34 CFR 608.2, are eligible to apply under the set-aside for the Lead Technical Studies Program, as described in sections III.A.3 and III.C.2(a), as well as under the general provisions of this NOFA for both the Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program and Lead Technical Studies Program. HBCUs should identify whether each application is being submitted under the set-aside or the general provisions. Federal agencies and federal employees are not eligible to submit applications. The General Section of this SuperNOFA provides additional eligibility requirements.

III. Program Description And Eligible Activities

(A) Program Description

(1) **General Goals and Objectives.** The overall goal of the Healthy Homes and Lead Technical Studies grant program is to gain knowledge to improve the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods for evaluation and control of lead and other health and safety hazards in the home.

Through the Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program, HUD is funding studies to improve our knowledge of housing-related health