

Funding Availability for the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Purpose of the Program. The purpose of the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program is to develop, demonstrate and promote cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment that produce serious diseases and injuries in children of low-income families. HUD is interested in reducing health threats to the maximum number of residents, especially children, in a cost efficient manner.

Available Funds. Approximately \$5 million in Fiscal Year 2003 funds.

Eligible Applicants. Not-for-profit institutions, and for-profit firms located in the U.S., Native American Tribes, State and local governments, and federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply. For-profit firms are not allowed to include a fee in the cost proposal (*i.e.*, no profit can be made from the project). Federal agencies and federal employees are not eligible to apply for this program.

Application Due Date: June 10, 2003.

Match. None required.

Additional Information

I. Application Due Date and Technical Assistance

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

Application Due Date. You must submit a completed application to HUD on or before the respective program's application due date. The application due date for all programs contained in this NOFA is July 9, 2003.

Application Submission Procedures. 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. All of the information required for submitting an application is contained in this NOFA.

Addresses. You must submit a complete application to, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, ATTN: Healthy Homes Demonstration Program, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

For Further Information and Technical Assistance. You may contact Ellen R. Taylor, Director, Healthy Homes Division, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, at the

address above; telephone (202) 755-1785, extension 116 (this is not a toll-free number). If you are hearing-or speech-impaired, you may reach the above telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

II. Authority, Funding Amounts, And Amount Of Funds Allocated

(A) *Authority.* The authority for this program is Sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 and the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003, Public Law 108-7, approved February 20, 2003.

(B) *Funding Available and Eligibility.* Approximately \$5 million in Fiscal Year 2003 will be available for the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis following evaluation of all proposals according to the rating factors described in the General Section of this SuperNOFA. HUD anticipates that approximately six to eight grants will be awarded, ranging from approximately \$250,000 to approximately \$1,000,000 each. A minimum score of 75 is required for award consideration.

III. Eligible Applicants and Activities

(A) Program Description

(1) *Background.* The Healthy Homes Demonstration Program is a part of HUD's Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI). The HHI departs from the more traditional approach of attempting to correct one hazard at a time (*e.g.*, asbestos, radon). In April 1999, HUD submitted to Congress a preliminary plan containing a full description of the HHI. This description (Summary and Full Report) is available on the HUD website at www.hud.gov.

The HHI builds upon HUD's existing housing-related health and safety issues, including lead hazard control, building structural safety, electrical safety, and fire protection to address multiple childhood diseases and injuries, such as asthma, mold-induced illness, carbon monoxide poisoning, and other conditions, related to housing in a more coordinated fashion. A coordinated effort is feasible because a limited number of building deficiencies contribute to many hazards. Substantial savings are possible using this approach, because separate visits to a home by an inspector, public health nurse, or outreach worker can add significant costs to efforts to eliminate hazards. A description of the HHI program, and a link to its website, are available at www.hud.gov.

In addition to deficiencies in basic housing facilities that may impact health, changes in the U.S. housing stock and more sophisticated epidemiological methods and biomedical research have led to the identification of new and often more subtle health hazards in the residential environment. While such hazards will tend to be found disproportionately in housing that is substandard (*e.g.*, structural problems, lack of adequate heat, etc.), such housing-related environmental hazards may also exist in housing that is otherwise of good quality. Appendix A of this NOFA briefly describes the housing-associated health and injury hazards HUD considers key targets for intervention. Appendix D lists references that serve as the basis for the information provided in the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program.

HUD is interested in promoting approaches that are cost-effective and efficient and that result in the reduction of health threats for the maximum number of residents for the long run, and, in particular, for children in low-income families. Section II of the General Section of the SuperNOFA presents Policy Priorities. The overall goals and objectives of the HHI are to:

- (a) Mobilize public and private resources, involving cooperation among all levels of government, the private sector, and faith-based and other community-based organizations to develop the most promising, cost-effective methods for identifying and controlling housing-based hazards;
- (b) Build local capacity to operate sustainable programs that will prevent and control housing-based hazards in low- and very low-income residences when HUD funding is exhausted; and
- (c) Affirmatively further fair housing and environmental justice.

(2) *Healthy Homes Demonstration Activities.* Through the Healthy Homes Demonstration program, HUD will initiate competitive projects to promote implementation of available risk reduction techniques for the control of key hazards described in Appendix A. HUD will award demonstration projects that implement housing assessment, maintenance, renovation and construction techniques to identify and correct housing-related illness and injury risk factors, and disseminate healthy homes information and replicate successful interventions.

HUD will evaluate proposals based on the elements described below. Applicants are required to be specific as to the locations where they are targeting their intervention activities to occur, the residents, individuals, or groups