

issues and housing-related hazards in your target area(s) and target group(s).

(1) Document a critical level of need for your proposed activities in the area where activities will be performed. You should pay specific attention to documenting the need as it applies to your target area(s), rather than the larger geographic area.

(2) Your documentation should summarize available data linking housing-based hazards to disease or injuries to children in your target area(s). Examples of data that might be used to demonstrate need include:

(a) Economic and demographic data relevant to your target area(s), including poverty and unemployment rates;

(b) Rates of childhood illnesses (e.g., asthma, allergies, hypertension, elevated blood lead levels) or injuries (e.g., falls, burns) among children residing in your target areas that could be caused or exacerbated by exposure to conditions in the home environment; and

(c) Unavailability of other Federal, State or local funding or private sector resources that could be, or are being, used to address the problem. Document what funding sources were investigated and why there were inadequate.

(3) For the areas targeted for your project activities, provide data available in your jurisdiction's currently approved Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) or Indian Housing Plan or derived from current census data or from other sources. Provide and reference data that address the following:

(a) The age and condition of housing;

(b) The number and percentage of low- and very low-income families with incomes less than 50 percent and 80 percent of the median income, respectively, as determined by HUD, for the area, with adjustments for smaller and larger families. Statistics that describe low- and very-low income families are available at <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il/fmr00/sect82.html>. Additional census statistics are available at: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income00.html>, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/income/income00/statemhi.html>, and <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il/fmr00/index.html>;

(c) To the extent that statistics and other data contained in your community's Consolidated Plan or AI support the extent of the problem, you should include references to the Consolidated Plan or AI in your response; and

(d) Data documenting targeted groups that are traditionally underserved or have special needs. For a maximum

score in this rating factor, data provided should specifically represent the target area. If the data presented in your response does not specifically represent your target area, you should discuss why the target areas are being proposed. If your application addresses needs that are in the Consolidated Plan or AI, you will receive more points than applicants that do not relate their project to a previously identified need.

Sample worksheets are provided at Appendix B to facilitate your response to Rating Factor 2.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (40 Points)

This factor addresses the quality and cost-effectiveness of your proposed work plan. You should present information on the proposed approach for addressing housing-based hazards and describe how proposed activities would help HUD achieve its goals for this program area. For you to receive maximum points for this factor, there must be a direct relationship between the proposed activities, documented and demonstrated community needs, and the purpose of the project. Your application will be evaluated according to the comprehensiveness of addressing activities that are applicable to your project. The response to this factor should include details about your technical approach and project activities. HUD is looking for a clear statement of activities, timeline form completing the work and expected deliverables, including any quantitative deliverables.

(1) *Approach for Implementing the Project (25 points).*

(a) **Technical Approach.** Describe your overall technical approach for strategizing and implementing your proposed project. Your narrative response to this sub-factor will be used to assess how well your proposed project will be executed. The discussion must include a work plan of essential elements, such as who, what, when, where and how the project will be performed and provide information about the execution of the project. In this factor, describe the methods, schedule, and quality assurance activities that will be carried out to identify and control housing-based hazards and to achieve the desired project outcomes.

(b) **Project Activities.** Your project description must include a discussion of specific planned project activities that address one or more of the following activities.

(i) Describe in detail how you will identify, select, prioritize, and enroll units of eligible housing in which you

will undertake housing-based hazard interventions, how you will integrate safe work practices into housing maintenance, repair, and improvements, and then target such units to low-income families with young children. Describe impediments that you anticipate for recruitment, measures you will perform to sustain recruitment, and the staff responsible for both monitoring recruitment status and implementing the measures identified to sustain recruitment. You should use all reasonably available sources of information on controlling housing-based hazards in buildings and protecting workers and occupants during and after the intervention process.

(ii) Describe any assessment tools you would employ to establish baseline data. These tools include questionnaires, visual assessment protocols and environmental sampling and analysis. Include a description of the Informed Consent/Disclosure process you intend to follow and relevant Institutional Review Board (IRB) procedures. In particular, describe how you will provide informed consent (e.g., from the subjects, and their parents and guardians, as applicable) to help ensure their understanding of, and consent to, the elements of informed consent, such as the purposes, benefits and risks of the research activities. Describe how this information will be provided and how the consent will be collected. For example, describe the use of "plain language" forms, flyers, and verbal scripts, and your plans to work with families with Limited English Proficiency or primary languages other than English, and with families including persons with disabilities.

(iii) Describe your process for evaluating units of eligible housing in which you will undertake housing-based hazard interventions. Provide the estimated total number of owner-occupied and/or rental units in which you will perform assessments and conduct interventions.

(iv) Describe any specialized testing, if any, or visual inspection that you will conduct during unit inspection with reference to source(s) of the protocol(s). Provide a description of protocols or include protocols in an appendix of your application.

(v) Discuss efforts to incorporate cost-effective methods to address multiple environmental health and safety hazards, and describe the specific interventions you will utilize to control housing-based hazards before children are affected; and/or to control these hazards in units where children have already been treated for illnesses or