

Funding Availability for the Lead Outreach Grant Program

Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. The purpose of this lead outreach grant program is to:

(A) Increase enrollment of low-income housing units for treatment via the HUD lead hazard control grant program or another lead hazard treatment program;

(B) Develop and distribute outreach and educational materials in order to raise public awareness of childhood lead poisoning, its prevention and proper lead hazard identification and control methods among at-risk communities and at-risk populations of children and workers in the housing maintenance or rehabilitation fields; and

(C) Encourage occupants to identify potential lead-based paint hazards and report them to property owners and managers, and public health and/or housing officials as appropriate.

Available Funds. Approximately \$2,200,000, including approximately \$480,000 in FY 2003 funds, and approximately \$1,720,000 in previous-year recaptured funds.

Eligible Applicants. States, Tribes and units of general local government are eligible. Partnerships are encouraged, although the application must be made by a single entity.

Application Deadline. June 10, 2003.

Match. None required

Additional Information

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

I. Application Due Date and Technical Assistance

(A) *Application Due Date.* Completed applications (one original and four copies) must be submitted and received by HUD on or before 12 midnight on June 10, 2003, at the address shown below.

(B) *Application Submission Procedures.* HUD has implemented security procedures that impact application submission. Please review the requirements for mailing and receipt of applications in the General Section of this SuperNOFA to ensure that your application is timely filed. No hand deliveries will be accepted.

(C) *Application Submission.* See the General Section of this Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for specific procedures concerning the form of application submission and requirements for receipt (e.g., mailed

applications, express mail or overnight delivery). Please note that the requirements for submission have been revised this year. Be advised that there is no Application Kit for this year's Lead Outreach Grant Program. This program NOFA clearly describes the requirements for completing a successful application and all forms and certifications needed to complete a successful application are included in the General Section and Lead Outreach Grant Program sections of this SuperNOFA.

(D) *Addresses.* You, the applicant, must submit one original and four copies of your complete application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Homes and Lead Hazard Control, ATTN: Lead Outreach Grant Program, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410 on or before the application due date.

(E) *For Further Information and Technical Assistance:* You may contact Rachel M. Riley, Training Manager, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, at the address above; telephone (202) 755-1785, extension 107 (this is not a toll-free number). 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.

(F) *Satellite Broadcast.* HUD will hold an information broadcast via satellite for potential applicants to learn more about the program and the preparation of the application. For more information about the date and time of the broadcast, you should consult the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/>.

II. Authority, Funding Amounts and Amount of Funds Allocated

(A) *Authority.* The authority for this program is Section 1011(e)(8) & (g)(1) of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992), and Division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003, Pub. L. 108-7, signed February 20, 2003.

(B) *Funding Available and Eligibility.* Approximately \$2,200,000, including approximately \$480,000 in Fiscal Year 2003 funds from the lead technical assistance set aside under the lead hazard reduction appropriation, and approximately \$1,720,000 in previous-year recaptured funds, will be available for the Lead Outreach Program. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis following evaluation of all proposals according to the Rating Factors described in Section V of this program section. Between five and 11 States,

Tribes or units of general local government could receive grant awards ranging between approximately \$200,000 and approximately \$500,000. A minimum score of 75 is required for award consideration. The amounts included in this program are subject to change based on funds availability.

III. Eligible Applicants and Activities

(A) Background

Lead toxicity in children has been well established, yet childhood lead poisoning is the primary childhood environmental health problem in the United States today. The February 2000, report of the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, titled "Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning: A Federal Strategy Targeting Lead Paint Hazards," sets forth what action needs to be taken to prevent such poisoning. In addition to eliminating lead hazards in housing occupied by low-income families with children, the Federal government's public education and outreach activities must measurably increase the public's awareness of lead hazards and how to address them.

In keeping with the mandate of section 1011(g)(1) of Title X for HUD "develop the capacity of eligible applicants * * * to carry out activities under" lead hazard control grant programs, the Department has conducted outreach and public education initiatives through the Lead Hazard Control Grant program, the National Lead Information Center, and other education and outreach initiatives.

Lead Hazard Control Grants are awarded competitively to eligible States, tribes, or units of local government to perform lead hazard reduction in low-income privately owned pre-1978 housing. Lead outreach activities contribute to building the capacity of jurisdictions to submit successful applications for lead hazard control grants, because they have the effect of inducing local businesses to enter into the lead hazard control field before jurisdictions apply for the grants and, thus, increase jurisdictions' ability to demonstrate their capacity to meet the grant's requirements. These inducements can be expressed by the market directly, and/or through the efforts of the jurisdictions.

HUD's lead awareness supplement to the Current Population Survey has determined that only a fraction of citizens are well-educated about how lead-based paint hazards threaten young children and are more common in older housing. One consequence of this low level of awareness is that few housing