

Funding Availability for the Operation Lead Elimination Action Program

Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. The purpose of the Operation Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP) is to leverage private sector resources to eliminate lead poisoning as a major public health threat to young children.

Available Funds. Approximately \$9.935 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 funds.

Eligible Applicants. To be eligible to apply for funding under this program, the applicant must be a tax-exempt non-profit or for-profit entity or firm. States and units of general local government and their departments are not eligible. Colleges and universities are eligible as a non-profit entity.

Application Due Date. You, the applicant, must submit a completed application to HUD on or before the respective program's application due date. The application deadline is June 10, 2003.

Additional Information

I. Application and Application Submission Procedures.

Match. None required.

(1) *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). Be advised that there is no Application Kit for this year's Operation Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP). All the information required to submit an application is contained in this NOFA.

(2) *Addresses.* You, the applicant, must submit a completed application to: Robert C. Weaver HUD Headquarters Building, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, ATTN: Operation Lead Elimination Action Program, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

For Further Information and Technical Assistance. You may contact John Baker, Lead Hazard Control Grants Division, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, at the address above; telephone (804) 771-2100, extension 3765 (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.

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

(A) *Authority.* HUD's authority for making funding available under this NOFA is Division K of the Consolidated

Appropriations Resolution of 2003, Pub. L. 108-7, approved February 20, 2003.

(B) *Funding Available.* Approximately \$10 million will be available for the FY 2003 Operation Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP). Grants of 24 months duration will be awarded on a competitive basis following evaluation of all proposals according to the rating factors described in this NOFA. HUD anticipates that approximately 6-10 grants will be awarded.

(C) *Allocation of Funds/Grant Awards.* Through Operation LEAP, grantees will aggressively pursue additional private sector resources with the goal of securing the resources needed to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in housing. Resources generated by awardees must be used and/or distributed to assist national, state, and local entities actively committed to lead hazard control in residential structures and that possess the requisite skills, certifications, and capacity to utilize these resources to conduct lead hazard control/abatement activities in low-income, privately-owned rental or owner-occupied housing containing lead-based paint hazards. The allocation and distribution of generated resources by the grantee requires prior approval of the HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control.

III. Eligible Applicants and Activities

(A) *Program Description.* Operation LEAP grant funds will be used to support non-profit and for-profit entities with substantial fundraising and/or leveraging skills to use those skills to mobilize substantial private sector resources for addressing lead hazards in housing. HUD is particularly looking for innovative or creative local, regional or nationwide fund raising and/or leveraging and mobilization strategies that can yield large amounts of contributions in a two-year time frame and also increase awareness of lead hazards and abatement measures in the home. Grants will be awarded to those entities that are able to demonstrate the ability to generate substantial private sector resources that can be used toward lead abatement programs and efforts, based upon the responses provided in the Factors for Award described below. (Private sector resources do not include any funding or in-kind resources from the public sector.)

LEAP funds may also be used to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in low-income privately owned housing, which supplements the National strategy as defined by Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851 *et. seq.*).

(B) *Eligible Applicants.* To be eligible to apply for funding under this program, the applicant must be a tax-exempt (501(c)), other non-profit or for-profit entity or firm. States and units of general local government and their departments are not eligible. Colleges and Universities are eligible as non-profit entities.

(C) *Eligible Activities.* Activities that you may conduct for the purposes of developing a national or regional (multi-state) strategy designed to leverage or mobilize resources from the private sector may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

(1) Recruiting and placing appropriate staff skilled in leveraging private sector resources;

(2) Identifying innovative approaches for mobilizing resources and coordinating activities among a number of diverse organizations in both the public and private sectors;

(3) Providing all necessary administrative and indirect support, including rent, equipment, materials, travel expenses and logistics, and subcontractors/consultants necessary to carry out grant activities;

(4) Conducting fund raising, outreach activities and other activities that will result in increased lead hazard control activities in low-income privately owned or owner occupied housing with lead-based paint hazards;

(5) Other activities that may be carried out include:

(a) Performing dust, paint or soil testing, hazard screens, inspections, and risk assessments of eligible housing constructed before 1978 to determine the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead hazards from paint, dust, or soil;

(b) Conducting lead hazard control, which may include: interim control of lead-based paint hazards in housing (which may include specialized cleaning techniques to address lead dust); and abatement of lead-based paint hazards, including soil and dust, by means of removal, enclosure, encapsulation, or replacement methods. Unless there are only a few surfaces coated with lead paint, complete abatement of all lead-based paint or lead-contaminated soil is not usually acceptable as a cost-effective strategy unless justification is provided and subsequently approved by HUD. Abatement of lead-contaminated soil should be limited to areas with bare soil in the immediate vicinity of the structure, *i.e.*, drip line or foundation of the structure being treated, and children's play areas. All hazard control activities must comply with 24 CFR part 35, subpart R, the HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-