

Funding Availability for Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (Shop)

Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities through self-help housing where the homebuyer contributes a significant amount of sweat-equity toward the construction of the new dwelling.

Available Funds. \$25,085,875 in Fiscal Year 2003 funds.

Eligible Applicants. You must be a national or regional nonprofit organization or consortium.

Application Deadline. July 3, 2003.

Match. None.

Additional Information

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

I. Application Due Date, Standard Forms, Further Information, and Technical Assistance

Application Due Date. Applications for SHOP grants are due on or before July 3, 2003.

Application Submission Procedures. Applicants must follow the specific Mailing and Receipt Procedures and Proof of Timely Submission located in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

Address for Submitting Applications. Submit one original and two copies of the application to Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Processing and Control Unit, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7251, Washington, DC 20410, ATTN: Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP).

For Application Forms. Only national and regional nonprofit organizations and consortia are eligible to apply for SHOP funding under this NOFA. This notice contains all the information necessary for submission of your application. Consequently, there is no separate application kit. Copies of the standard forms are located in the General Section of this SuperNOFA or you may request copies by calling HUD's SuperNOFA Information Center at: 1-800-HUD-8929. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please call the Center's TTY number at 1-800-HUD-2209. When requesting standard forms, you should refer to SHOP and provide your name and address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code). See Section VI for application submission

requirements. You may also access the application requirements on the Internet through HUD's Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/grants>.

Further Information and Technical Assistance. You may contact Ms. Lou Thompson, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7164, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2684, ext. 4594 (this is not a toll-free number). This number can be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service Operator at 1-800-877-8339.

Satellite Broadcast. HUD will hold an information broadcast via satellite for potential applicants to learn more about the program and 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/grants>.

II. Amount Allocated

The amount available for this program is \$25,085,875.00 in Fiscal Year 2003 Funds. Any unobligated funds from previous competitions or additional funds that may become available, as a result of deobligation or recaptures from previous awards or budget transfers, may be used in addition to the Fiscal Year 2003 appropriation to fund applications submitted in response to this NOFA.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) *Program Description.* SHOP funding is intended to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national geographically-diverse basis through self-help housing where the homebuyer contributes a significant amount of sweat-equity toward the construction or rehabilitation of the dwelling.

Decent, safe, and sanitary non-luxury dwellings developed under SHOP must be made available to eligible homebuyers at prices below the prevailing market prices. Eligible homebuyers are low-income individuals and families (*i.e.*, those whose annual incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area, as established by HUD) who are unable to purchase a dwelling. Housing assisted under this Notice must involve community participation in the form of labor contributed by homebuyers and, if the program permits them, volunteers in the construction of dwellings and by other activities that involve the community in the project.

(B) *Eligible Applicants.* You must be a national or regional nonprofit public

or private organization or consortium that has the capacity and experience to provide or facilitate self-help housing homeownership opportunities. Your organization or consortium must undertake eligible SHOP activities directly and/or provide assistance to your local affiliates. Your organization or consortium must undertake eligible SHOP activities directly and/or provide assistance to your local affiliates.

"Regional" is defined for the purpose of this program to be an area such as the Southwest or Northeast that must include at least two states. The states in the region need not be contiguous and the operational boundaries of the organization need not precisely conform to state boundaries.

"Consortium" for the purposes of SHOP is defined as two or more nonprofit organizations that individually have the capacity and experience to provide or facilitate self-help housing and come together to submit a single application for SHOP funding on a national or regional basis. If you are a consortium, an agreement must be executed by all consortium members forming the consortium for the purpose of applying for and using FY 2003 SHOP funds before the application is submitted to HUD. The consortium agreement must be submitted as part of your application. All consortium members must be identified in your application. Your application must be submitted as one integrated document that demonstrates the consortium's comprehensive approach to self-help housing. However, the application must describe the program design of each consortium member if they are different from one another. One organization must be chosen as the lead entity. The lead entity must submit the application and, if selected for funding, will execute the grant agreement with HUD and assume responsibility for carrying out grant activities in compliance with all program requirements. If funded, the lead entity must enter into a separate agreement with each consortium member that incorporates the requirements of the Grant Agreement between HUD and the consortium and outlines the individual consortium member's responsibilities for compliance with SHOP.

"Affiliate" is defined for the purpose of this program to be:

(i) A local self-help housing organization which is a subordinate organization (*i.e.*, chapter, local, post, or unit) of a central organization and which is covered by the group exemption letter issued to the central organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;