

Funding Availability for the Youthbuild Program

Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. The purpose of the Youthbuild program is to assist disadvantaged young adults in distressed communities in completing their high school education, to provide on-site construction training experiences which also results in the rehabilitation or construction of housing for homeless persons and low- and very low-income families, to foster leadership skills, to further opportunities for placement in apprenticeship programs, and to promote economic self-sufficiency.

Available Funds. Approximately \$54,642,500 is available for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003.

Adjustments to Funding. HUD reserves the right to utilize this year's funding to fund previous years errors prior to rating and ranking this year's applications. HUD reserves the right to reallocate funds between categories to achieve the maximum allocation of funds. Any available funds that remain after all applications within funding range have been selected or obligated will be reallocated between categories one (1) and two (2) by rank order between applications at the discretion of the selecting official or designee.

Eligible Applicants. Eligible applicants are public or private nonprofit agencies, including grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations, State or local housing agencies or authorities, State or units of local government, or any entity eligible to provide education and employment training under other Federal employment training programs, as further defined in HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.4.

Application Deadline. June 6, 2003.

Match. None.

Additional Information

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. Mailed Applications. Your application will be considered timely filed if your application is received in HUD Headquarters on or before 5:15 p.m. eastern standard time on the application due date.

I. Application Due Date and Technical Assistance

Application Due Date. Completed applications (one original and two copies) must be submitted and received

by HUD on or before 5:15 p.m., June 6, 2003 at the address shown below.

Application Submission Procedures. New Security Procedures. HUD has implemented new security procedures that impact application submission procedures. Please read the following instructions carefully and completely. No hand deliveries will be accepted.

Address for Submitting Applications. Completed applications (one original signed application and two copies) must be submitted to the Processing and Control Unit, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7255, Washington, DC 20410, Attention: Youthbuild Program. When submitting your application, please include your name and mailing address (including zip code) and telephone number and fax number (including area code).

There is no Application Kit for the FY2003 Youthbuild NOFA. This SuperNOFA clearly describes the requirements for completing a successful application and all forms and certifications needed to complete the application are included in the General and YouthBuild Sections of the SuperNOFA.

For information concerning the HUD Youthbuild program, contact Ms. Phyllis Williams, Community Planning and Development Specialist, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7137, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

For Technical Assistance. Prior to the application deadline, HUD's staff will be available to provide general guidance on the application submission process and location of information, but not guidance in preparing your application.

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

II. Amount Allocated

(A) **Available Funds.** Approximately \$54,642,500 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 funding will be made available through this program section of this SuperNOFA for the Youthbuild program. The

breakdown of funding is discussed below.

(B) **The FY 2003 HUD Appropriations Act.** The Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003 (the "FY 2003 HUD Appropriations Act") made \$60,000,000 available of which \$54,642,500 is allocated for grants.

(C) **Funding Categories.** HUD will award up to \$54,642,500 on a competitive basis. Funds will be divided between three categories of grants as described below. In each fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve five percent (5%) of the amounts available for activities under this subtitle pursuant to section 402 to carry out subsections (b) and (c), (Subtitle D—Hope for Youth: Section 458 (42 U.S.C. 12899g).

Category 1 Grants. New Applicants. HUD will award up to \$10,000,000 for new applicants that have not previously received implementation grants since the inception of the program for a period not to exceed 30 months. The maximum amount awarded to a successful applicant in this category is \$400,000.

Category 2 Grants. Grants up to \$700,000. HUD will award up to \$34,642,500 for grants up to \$700,000 for a period not to exceed 30 months. The maximum amount awarded to a successful applicant in this category is \$700,000. Any eligible applicant can apply in Category 2.

Category 3 Grants. Underserved and Rural Areas. HUD will award up to \$10,000,000 for grants to organizations serving clients in underserved and rural areas as defined in this NOFA for a period not to exceed 30 months. The maximum amount awarded to a successful applicant in this category is \$400,000.

Applicants must indicate on their transmittal/cover letter which funding categories they are applying for.

III. Program Description and Eligible Activities

(A) **Program Description.** The purposes of the Youthbuild Program are to:

(1) Provide economically disadvantaged young adults with opportunities to obtain an educational experience that will enhance their employment skills, as a means to achieving self-sufficiency;

(2) Foster the development of leadership skills and commitment to community;

(3) Expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low- and very low-income persons by