

providing implementation grants for carrying out a Youthbuild program;

(4) Provide disadvantaged young adults with meaningful on-site training experiences in housing construction and rehabilitation that will enable them to render a service to their communities by helping to meet the housing needs of homeless persons and low-income families; and

(5) Give to the greatest extent possible, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low-income young adults.

HUD also focuses on the Youthbuild Program as a way to foster the development of nonprofit organizations, including grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations which over time can provide the services mentioned above to disadvantaged youth and which at the same time rely less on HUD's financial support to carryout these activities.

(B) Eligible Activities

(1) Work and activities associated with the acquisition, architectural and engineering work, rehabilitation or construction of the housing, as defined in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 585.309, 585.310, and 585.311.

(2) Relocation payments and other assistance required to comply with HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.308;

(3) Costs of ongoing training and technical assistance needs related to carrying out a Youthbuild program;

(4) Education, job training, counseling, employment, leadership development services and optional activities that meet the needs of the participants including entrepreneurial training, drivers' education, apprenticeship opportunities, financial literacy, credit counseling, assistance programs for those with learning disabilities, and in-house staff training;

(5) Outreach to potential participants;

(6) Wages, benefits, and need-based stipends for participants and;

(7) Administrative costs, which must not exceed 10 percent of the grant award. HUD encourages you to use grant funds for outreach, recruitment, training and other services for the participants that facilitate program implementation. Please refer to HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.305 for further details on eligible activities.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed in the General Section of this SuperNOFA, as an applicant you must comply with the following Youthbuild program requirements.

(A) Threshold Requirements

(1) *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.

(2) *Eligible Participants.* Participants in a Youthbuild program must be very low-income high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24, inclusive, at the time of enrollment. Up to 25 percent of participants may be above very low-income, or may be high school graduates (or equivalent), but must have educational needs (such as lack of reading, writing and communication skills) that justify their participation in the program.

(3) *Locational Limitations.* You may submit more than one application in the current competition if your program's participant recruitment and housing areas are in different jurisdictions. Each application you submit may only propose activities to carry out one Youthbuild program, *i.e.*, to start a new Youthbuild program or to fund new classes of Youthbuild participants for an existing program.

(4) *Response to NOFA—Page Limitation.* The total narrative response to all factors identified in Section VI of this program NOFA must not exceed 15 pages, and must be submitted on 8.5" by 11" paper, using a 12 point font, with lines double spaced and printed only on one side. Please note that submitting pages in excess of the page limit will not disqualify your application. However, HUD will not review or consider the information on any excess pages, which may result in a lower score or failure to meet a threshold.

(5) *Youthbuild Program Components.* Applications that receive assistance under this Youthbuild Program section of the SuperNOFA must contain the three components described as follows:

(a) Educational and job training services;

(b) Leadership training, counseling, and other support activities; and

(c) On-site training through actual housing rehabilitation and/or new construction work, new construction may be subject to the accessible design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act [see Section II(C) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA], including the provision of alternative training experiences that are necessary as a reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities.

(6) *Identification of and Access to Property.* Your application must identify the location of the site(s) or property(ies) (e.g. addresses, parcel numbers, etc.) that will be used for on-site construction. Your application MUST contain a letter from the property owner or property management company(ies) allowing access to the housing site(s) for on-site construction training. HUD may deem as ineligible any application that fails to specifically identify the location of the on-site construction.

Site Selection—In determining the site or the location of a federally assisted facility, the applicant may not select sites that will exclude qualified persons with disabilities, or otherwise subject them to discrimination under the Youthbuild Program.

New Construction—Substantial Alterations—Other Alterations. If the Applicant undertakes to participate in New Construction, Substantial Alterations or Other Alterations, it must conform to the accessibility standards outline in the Regulations Implementing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 at 24 CFR, Part 8, §§ 8.22, 8.23(a) and 8.23(b).

(7) *Training Requirement.* Each program must be structured so that 50 percent of each participant's time is spent in on-site training and the other 50 percent in educational training.

(8) *Economic Opportunities for Low and Very Low-Income Persons (Section 3).* Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, (12 U.S.C. 1701u) is applicable to the Youthbuild program. Please see Section II of the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(9) *Participation in Local Workforce Investment Act One-Stop Center.* Youthbuild grantees are mandatory partners in one-stop centers authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-220).

(10) *First time applicants.* If you are a first time applicant applying for funding under Category 1, you must have a graduating class of not more than 20 participants.

(11) *Grant Period.* You must expend funds awarded within 30 months of the effective date of the grant agreement.

(12) *Maximum Awards.* Under the competition established by this Youthbuild Program section of the SuperNOFA, the maximum award for a Youthbuild grant is \$700,000.

(13) *Potential Environmental Disqualification.* HUD reserves the right to disqualify an application where one or more environmental thresholds are exceeded if HUD determines that it cannot conduct the environmental review and satisfactorily complete the review within the HUD application