

participants. If there are not sufficient monies to fund an initial FSS homeownership coordinator for each eligible Priority 4 PHA, HUD will begin funding up to one full-time homeownership coordinator for each eligible Priority 4 PHA, starting with PHAs with the highest percentage of FSS families currently ready for homeownership, including the number of families (FSS participants and graduates) currently participating in a homeownership program. The percentage will be computed using the Housing Choice Voucher FSS program size in the PHA's HUD-approved FSS Action Plan and the total number of families certified as being ready for homeownership and the number of FSS participants and graduates currently participating in a homeownership program or programs that are stated in the Attachment A certification letter of the PHA.

Based on the number of applications submitted, the GMC may elect not to process applications for any funding category in instances where it is apparent that there are insufficient funds available to fund any applications within the priority category.

VI. Application Submission Requirements

(A) *Renewal PHAs.* Each PHA that received funding for an FSS program coordinator or coordinators under an FSS NOFA in FY 1999, FY 2000, FY 2001, or FY 2002 that wishes to receive funding under this NOFA must complete a certification in the format shown as "Attachment A" of this NOFA, and must include all information required in "Attachment A." The completed Attachment A certification constitutes the entire PHA application for funding for renewal PHAs under this FSS NOFA.

(B) *"New" PHAs.* PHAs that did not receive funding under an FSS NOFA in FY 1999, FY 2000, FY 2001, or FY 2002 must complete a certification in the format shown as "Attachment B" of this FSS NOFA and must include all

information required in Attachment B. The completed Attachment B certification constitutes the entire PHA application for funding under this section.

(C) *Applicant Debriefing.* See Section XI. (A)(4) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

VII. Corrections to Deficient Applications

(A) *Acceptable Applications.* The General Section of the SuperNOFA provides the procedures for corrections to deficient applications. Examples of correctable technical deficiencies include, but are not limited to, submission of an attachment A or B with missing information or one that lacks an original signature by an authorized official.

(B) *Unacceptable Applications.* (1) After the technical deficiency correction period (as provided in the General Section), the GMC will disapprove PHA applications that it determines are not acceptable for processing.

(2) Applications from PHAs that fall into any of the following categories are ineligible for funding under this NOFA and will not be processed:

(a) An application from a PHA that is not an eligible PHA under Section III.B. of this NOFA or an application that does not comply with the requirements of Section VI. of this NOFA.

(b) An application from a PHA that does not meet the fair housing and civil rights compliance requirements of Section V.(B)(2) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(c) An application from a PHA that does not comply with the prohibition against lobbying activities of Section V.(N) of this SuperNOFA.

(d) An application that fails to comply with the requirements of Section III.(B)(4) of this FSS NOFA from a PHA that as of the application due date has not made progress satisfactory to HUD in resolving serious outstanding Inspector General audit findings, or serious outstanding HUD management review or independent public

accountant (IPA) audit findings for one or more of the following programs: Housing Choice Voucher or Moderate Rehabilitation and has not designated another contractor acceptable to HUD to administer the FSS program on behalf of the PHA.

(e) An application from a PHA that has been debarred or otherwise disqualified from providing assistance under the program.

(f) An applicant that as of the application due date has a "troubled" rating under SEMAP and has not designated another contractor acceptable to HUD to administer the FSS program on behalf of the PHA.

(g) An application that was not received by the due date specified in Section I. of this FSS NOFA.

VIII. Environmental Requirements

No environmental review is required in connection with the award of assistance under this NOFA, because the NOFA only provides funds for employing a coordinator that provides public and supportive services, which are categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321) and not subject to compliance actions for related environmental authorities under 24 CFR 50.19(b)(4) and (12).

IX. Authority

The Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub.L. 108-7, approved February 20, 2003) allows funding for program coordinators under the Housing Choice Voucher FSS program. As a result, the Department determined to make a sufficient amount available under this NOFA, under Part 984, in accordance with 24 CFR 984.302(b), to enable PHAs to employ Housing Choice Voucher FSS program coordinators for one year at a reasonable cost as determined by the PHA and HUD, based on salaries for similar positions in the locality.

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