

a financial report (SF-269A) and a narrative evaluating overall performance against its work plan. Grantees shall use quantifiable data to measure performance against goals and objectives outlined in its work plan. The financial report shall contain a summary of all expenditures made from the beginning of the grant agreement to the end of the grant agreement and shall include any unexpended balances. The final narrative and financial report shall be due to the field office 90 days after the termination of the grant agreement.

(6) *Final Audit.* Grantees are required to obtain a complete final close-out audit of the grant's financial statements by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), in accordance with generally accepted government audit standards. A written report of the audit must be forwarded to HUD within 60 days of issuance. Grant recipients must comply with the requirements of 24 CFR part 84 or 24 CFR part 85 as stated in OMB Circulars A-110, A-87, and A-122, as applicable.

(J) *Application Selection Process.*

(1) Four types of reviews will be conducted: A screening to determine if you are eligible to apply for this funding category; whether your application submission is complete, on time and meets threshold; a review by the field office to evaluate past performance; and a technical review to rate your application based on the five rating factors provided in this section. A minimum score of 75 is required for the application to be considered for funding.

(2) The selection process is designed to achieve geographic diversity of grant awards throughout the country. HUD will first select the highest ranked application from each of the ten federal regions and DPONAP for funding. After this "round," HUD will select the second highest ranked application in each of the ten federal regions and DPONAP for funding (the second round). HUD will continue this process with the third, fourth, and so on, highest ranked applications in each federal region and DPONAP until the last complete round is selected for funding. If available funds exist to fund some but not all eligible applications in the next round, HUD will make awards to those remaining applications in rank order regardless of region and DPONAP and will fully fund as many as possible with remaining funds. If remaining funds are too small to make an award, they may be transferred to another funding category. If transfer of funds does become necessary, HUD will give first priority to Homeownership Supportive Services, second priority to RSDM-

Family and third priority to RSDM-Elderly.

(K) *Factors for Award Used to Evaluate and Rate RSDM-Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Applications.*

The factors for rating and ranking applicants and maximum points for each factor are provided below. The maximum number of points available for this program is 102. This includes two RC/EZ/EC bonus points, as described in the General Section of the SuperNOFA. The SuperNOFA contains a certificate that must be completed in order for the applicant to be considered for RC/EZ/EC bonus points. A listing of federally designated RCs, EZs, ECs, EECs and Strategic Planning Communities is attached to the General Section of the SuperNOFA as Appendix A-2 and is also available from the SuperNOFA Information Center, and the HUD web site, www.hud.gov.

Note: Applicants should carefully review each rating factor before writing a response. Applicants' narratives should be as descriptive as possible, ensuring that every requested item is addressed. Applicants should make sure to include all requested information, according to the instructions found in Section VIII of this NOFA. This will help ensure a fair and accurate review of your application. Applications must not be longer than 30 narrative pages. Supporting documentation and certificates will not be counted towards the 30 page limit. However, applicants should make every effort to submit only what is necessary in terms of supporting documentation.

Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Staff (20 Points)

This factor addresses whether the applicant has the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities within the grant period. In rating this factor HUD will consider the extent to which the proposal demonstrates that the applicant will have qualified and experienced staff dedicated to administering the program.

(A) *Proposed Program Staffing* (7 Points).

(1) *Staff Experience* (4 Points). The knowledge and experience of your proposed project coordinator, staff, subcontractors, and partners in planning and managing programs for which funding is being requested. Experience will be judged in terms of recent, relevant and successful experience of your staff to undertake eligible program activities. In rating this factor, HUD will consider experience within the last 5 years to be recent; experience pertaining to the specific activities being proposed to be relevant; and experience producing specific accomplishments to

be successful. The more recent the experience and the more experience your own staff members who work on the project have in successfully conducting and completing similar activities, the greater the number of points you will receive for this rating factor. The following information should be provided in order to provide HUD an understanding of your staff's experience and capacity:

(a) The number of staff years (one staff year = 2080 hours) to be allocated to your program by each employee or expert as well as each of their roles in the program;

(b) The staff's relevant educational background and/or work experience; and

(c) Relevant and successful experience running programs whose activities are similar to the eligible program activities described in this grant category.

(2) *Staff Capacity* (3 Points). You will be evaluated based on whether you, your subcontractors and partners have sufficient personnel or will be able to quickly access enough qualified experts or professionals, to deliver the proposed activities in a timely and effective fashion. Your ability to immediately begin the proposed work program will also be evaluated. Attach resumes or position descriptions (where staff is not yet hired) for all key personnel. (Resumes do not count toward the 30-page limit.)

(B) *Past Performance of Applicant/Project Coordinator* (6 Points). Your narrative must describe how you (or your proposed Project Coordinator) successfully implemented grant programs designed to assist the elderly/ persons with disabilities meet their daily living needs and enhance their access to needed services so that they can continue to reside comfortably and productively in their current living environment. You will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

(1) Achievement of specific measurable outcomes and objectives in terms of benefits gained by participating residents (i.e. access to a greater number of social services; improved health conditions of targeted population; less emergency care; etc.);

(2) Success in attracting and keeping residents involved in past grant program so that grant activities benefited a significant number of residents;

(3) Timely expenditure of funds throughout the term of awarded grant. Timely means regular drawdowns throughout the life of the grant, i.e. quarterly drawdowns, with all funds expended by the end of the grant term;