

Funding Availability for Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons With Disabilities (Mainstream Program)

Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. The purpose of this program is to provide vouchers under the Housing Choice Voucher Program to enable persons with disabilities (elderly and non-elderly) to access affordable private housing.

Available Funds. Approximately \$53.6 million in five-year budget authority, derived from FY 2003 Section 811 funding, for approximately 1,800 vouchers is available to public housing agencies (PHAs) and nonprofit organizations.

See section II (A) of this funding announcement, which fully addresses the source of the \$53.6 million in five-year budget authority appropriated by Congress for FY 2003 under Section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) (42 U.S.C. 12701 *et seq.*), available under this funding announcement. All future references in this funding announcement to five-year budget authority are based upon this funding source.

Eligible Applicants. PHAs and nonprofit organizations that provide services to disabled families are eligible to apply. PHAs or nonprofit organizations that fall into any of the categories in section VII (B)(2) of this announcement are ineligible to have an application funded under this announcement. Indian Housing Authorities (IHAs), Indian tribes and their tribally designated housing entities are not eligible to apply because the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*) does not allow HUD to enter into new housing choice voucher annual contributions contracts (ACC) with IHAs after September 30, 1997.

The vouchers that HUD will provide under this announcement must be made available to eligible disabled families regardless of their type of disability. (See the definition of disabled family in Section IV (E)(1) of this announcement.) The Mainstream Program vouchers must not be issued by the administering agency on the basis of any preference system favoring any particular type of disability over another, nor shall the vouchers be issued solely on the basis of an administering agency's waiting list which is based on that agency heretofore having served only certain types of disabled persons. The Housing Choice Voucher Program regulations provide at 24 CFR 982.207(b)(3) that a PHA may give preference for admission

of families that include a person with disabilities; however, the PHA may not give preference for admission of persons with a specific disability. This regulatory requirement is also applicable to nonprofit organizations that receive funding under this announcement; as such organizations must comply with the regulatory requirements applicable to the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Application Deadline. June 18, 2003.
Match. None

Additional Information

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

I. Application Due Date, Application Kits, Further Information and Technical Assistance

Application Due Date. Submit your completed application (an original and one copy) to HUD on or before midnight of June 18, 2003. This application deadline date is firm. In the interest of fairness to all competing PHAs and nonprofit organizations, HUD will not consider any application that is submitted after the application deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems. HUD will not accept, at any time during the competition under this funding announcement, application materials sent via facsimile (FAX) transmission. *See the paragraph titled "ADDRESSES AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES" in the General Section of the SuperNOFA regarding HUD's mailing, delivery and receipt procedures pertinent to the submission of your application.*

Address for Submitting Applications. Your completed application consists of one original and one copy. Submit your original application and one copy to: Grants Management Center, Mail Stop: Mainstream Program, 2001 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 703, Arlington, VA 22202.

The Grants Management Center (GMC) is the official place of receipt for all applications in response to this announcement of funding availability. Applications not submitted to the GMC will not be considered. A copy of the application is not required to be submitted to the local HUD Field Office. For ease of reference, the term "local HUD Field Office" will be used in this announcement to mean the local HUD

Field Office Hub and the local HUD Field Office Program Center. A listing of HUD Field Offices is attached to the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

Application Kits. An application kit is not necessary for submitting an application in response to this announcement. This announcement contains all the information necessary for the submission of your application for voucher funding for the Mainstream Program.

Further Information and Technical Assistance. Prior to the application due date, you may contact George C. Hendrickson, Housing Program Specialist, Room 4216, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0477, ext. 4064. Subsequent to application submission, you may contact the Grants Management Center at (202) 358-0221. (These are not toll-free numbers.) Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY (text telephone) by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 (this is a toll-free number).

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 www.hud.gov.

II. Amount Allocated

(A) **Available Funding for Mainstream Program.** Approximately \$53.6 million in five-year funding is available for approximately 1,800 vouchers. This allocation is consistent with the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, FY 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7, approved February 20, 2003), which provides that the Secretary of HUD may designate up to 25 percent of the amounts appropriated for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), for tenant-based assistance. The five-year budget authority made available to applicants under this Mainstream Program funding announcement does not exceed 25 percent of the \$248,886,653 million (dollar amount after rescission action) made available for the section 811 Program under the FY 2003 HUD Appropriations Act. All of the approximately \$53.6 million in Mainstream funding is for use in the housing of elderly and non-elderly disabled families.