

disaster, as declared by the President of the United States.

(d) (– 1 point). HUD will deduct 1 point if amendment money was required as a result of the delay (except if the delay was beyond your control).

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (15 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which there is a need for funding the proposed activities to address a documented problem in the target area. Submit information responding to this factor in accordance with Application Submission Requirements in Exhibits 4(a) and 4(b) of Appendix A of the section 811 program section of the SuperNOFA. HUD will take into consideration the following in evaluating this factor:

The extent of the need for the project in the area based on a determination by the HUD Office. In making this determination, HUD will consider your evidence of need in the area, as well as other economic, demographic, and housing market data available to the HUD Office. The data should include a general assessment of the current conditions in the market for the type of housing proposed, an estimate of the demand for additional housing of the type proposed in the applicable housing market area; as well as, information on the numbers and types of existing comparable Federally assisted housing units for the elderly (HUD and RHS), current occupancy in such housing and recent market experience, comparable assisted housing for the elderly under construction or for which fund reservations have been issued, and, in accordance with an agreement between HUD and RHS, comments from RHS on the demand for additional comparable subsidized housing and the possible harm to existing projects in the same housing market areas. The Department will also review more favorably those applications which establish a connection between the proposed project and the community's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) or other planning document that analyzes fair housing issues and is prepared by a local planning or similar organization. You must show how your proposed project will address an impediment to fair housing choice described in the AI or meet a need identified in the other type of planning document.

In evaluating this Factor, HUD will rate your application as follows:

(a) (12 points). The extent of the need for the project in the area based on a determination by the HUD Office, taking into consideration the Sponsor's

evidence of need in the area, as well as other economic, demographic and housing market data available to HUD.

(b) (3 points). The extent that a connection has been established between the project and the community's Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) or other planning document that analyzes fair housing issues and is prepared by a local planning or similar organization.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (45 Points)

This factor addresses the quality and effectiveness of your proposal and the extent to which you involve elderly persons, including elderly minority persons, in the development and operation of the project. There must be a clear relationship between your proposed design, proposed activities, the community's needs and purposes of the program funding for your application to receive points for this factor. Submit information responding to this factor in accordance with Application Submission Requirements in Exhibits 3(f), 4(c), 4(d) and 5 of Appendix A of the section 811 program section of the SuperNOFA. In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider the following:

(a)(i) (15 points). The proximity or accessibility of the site to shopping, medical facilities, transportation, places of worship, recreational facilities, places of employment, and other necessary services to the intended occupants; adequacy of utilities and streets; freedom of the site from adverse environmental conditions; compliance with site and neighborhood standards (24 CFR 891.125(a), (d) and (e));

(a)(ii) (– 1 point). The site(s) is not already permissively zoned for the intended use.

(b) (10 points). The suitability of the site from the standpoints of promoting a greater choice of housing opportunities for minority elderly persons/families, and affirmatively furthering fair housing. In reviewing this criterion, HUD will assess whether the site meets the site and neighborhood standards at 24 CFR 891.125(b) and (c) by examining relevant data in your application or in the HUD Office. Where appropriate, HUD may visit the site.

(i) The site will be deemed acceptable if it increases housing choice and opportunity by:

—Expanding housing opportunities in non-minority neighborhoods (if located in such a neighborhood). The term "nonminority area" is defined as one in which the minority population is lower than 10 percent; or

—Contributing to the revitalization of and reinvestment in minority neighborhoods, including improvement of the level, quality and affordability of services furnished to minority elderly. You should refer to the Site and Neighborhood Standards provisions of the regulations governing the section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program (24 CFR 891.125(b) and (c)) when considering sites for your project.

(ii) For the purpose of this competition, the term "minority neighborhood (area of minority concentration)" is defined as one where any one of the following statistical conditions exists:

—The percentage of persons of a particular racial or ethnic minority is at least 20 points higher than the minority's or combination of minorities' percentage in the housing market as a whole; or,

—The neighborhood's total percentage of minority persons is at least 20 points higher than the total percentage of minorities for the housing market as a whole; or,

—In the case of a metropolitan area, the neighborhood's total percentage of minority persons exceeds 50 percent of its population.

(c) (4 points). The extent to which your proposed design will meet the special physical needs of elderly persons;

(d) (3 points). The extent to which the proposed size and unit mix of the housing will enable you to manage and operate the housing efficiently and ensure that the provision of supportive services will be accomplished in an economical fashion;

(e) (3 points). The extent to which the proposed design of the housing will accommodate the provision of supportive services that are expected to be needed, initially and over the useful life of the housing, by the category or categories of elderly persons the housing is intended to serve;

(f) (3 points). The extent to which the proposed supportive services meet the identified needs of the anticipated residents; and

(g) (3 points). The extent to which you demonstrate that the identified supportive services will be provided on a consistent, long-term basis.

(h) (1 point). The proposed design incorporates visitability standards and universal design in the construction or rehabilitation of the project.

(i) (3 points). Your involvement of elderly persons, particularly minority elderly persons, in the development of the application and your intent to involve elderly persons, particularly