

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4851-N-01]

### Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2003

**AGENCY:** Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability.

#### I. Program Overview

*Purpose of the Program.* The purpose of the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program is to assist areas with the highest lead paint abatement needs in undertaking programs for abatement, inspections, risk assessments, temporary relocations, and interim control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned, single family housing units, and multifamily buildings that are occupied by low-income families.

*Available Funds.* Approximately \$49,675,000 in Fiscal Year 2003 funds.

*Eligible Applicants.* The eligible applicants must be a city, county, or similar unit of local government. States and Indian Tribes may apply on behalf of units of local government within their jurisdiction, if the local government designates the state or Indian Tribe as their applicant. Multiple units of a local government (or multiple local governments) may apply as part of a consortium; however, you must identify a lead applicant that will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all requirements specified in this NOFA. If you are a state or Tribal applicant, you must have a Lead-Based Paint Contractor Certification and Accreditation Program authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

*Application Deadline.* July 31, 2003.

*Match.* A 25 percent match in local funds.

#### II. Addresses and Application Submission Procedures

(A) *Application Submission.* See the General Section of the SuperNOFA for specific procedures concerning the form of application submission (e.g., mailed applications, express mail, or overnight delivery). The General Section of the SuperNOFA was published in the **Federal Register** on April 25, 2003, at page 21002 and is available on HUD's website at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa/grplead.cfm>. Applicants for this NOFA must also read the General Section of the SuperNOFA in order to submit an

acceptable application. There is no application kit for this NOFA.

(B) *Addresses.* You, the applicant, must submit a complete application (although not required, applicants are encouraged to submit 3 additional copies of their application) to: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, ATTN: Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410-0001.

*For Further Information and Technical Assistance:* You may contact Matthew E. Ammon, Director, Lead Hazard Control Grants Division, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, at the address above; telephone (202) 755-1785, extension 158 (this is not a toll-free number). If you are a hearing- or speech-impaired person, you may reach the above telephone numbers via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

#### III. Authority, Funding Amounts, and Amount of Funds Allocated

(A) *Authority.* The Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program is authorized by Section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992). HUD's authority for making funding available under this NOFA is the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003, Pub. L. 108-7, approved February 20, 2003.

(B) *Funding Available and Eligibility.* Approximately \$49.9 million in Fiscal Year 2003 funds is available. The minimum award amount shall be \$2 million per grant. The maximum award amount shall be \$4 million per grant. Approximately 12-25 grants will be awarded.

#### IV. Eligible Applicants and Activities

(A) *Program Description.* The Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program assists areas with the highest lead paint abatement needs in undertaking programs for abatement, inspections, risk assessments, temporary relocations, and interim control of lead-based hazards in eligible privately owned, single family housing units, and multifamily buildings that are occupied by low-income families, as defined by Section 3(b)(2) of the Housing Act of 1937. Areas with the highest lead-based paint abatement needs are identified as having: (1) The highest number of pre-1940 units of rental housing; and (2) a disproportionately high number of documented cases of lead-poisoned children.

Appendix B lists additional HUD-associated housing programs that meet the definition of eligible housing under this program.

(1) Because lead-based paint is a national problem, these funds will be awarded to programs which:

(a) Maximize the combination of children protected from lead poisoning and housing units where lead hazards are controlled;

(b) Target lead hazard control efforts at housing in which children are at greatest risk of lead poisoning;

(c) Stimulate cost-effective approaches that can be replicated;

(d) Emphasize lower cost methods of hazard control;

(e) Build local capacity to safely and effectively address lead hazards during lead hazard control, renovation, remodeling, and maintenance activities; and

(f) Affirmatively further fair housing and environmental justice.

(2) The objectives of this program include:

(a) Implementation of a national strategy, as defined in Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851 *et seq.*) (Title X), to build the community's capacity necessary to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in housing, as widely and quickly as possible by establishing a workable framework for lead-based paint hazard identification and control;

(b) Mobilization of public and private resources, involving cooperation among all levels of government, the private sector, and grassroots faith-based or other community-based organizations to develop cost-effective methods for identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards;

(c) Development of comprehensive community approaches which result in integration of all community resources (governmental, grassroots faith-based or other community-based, and private businesses) to address lead hazards in housing;

(d) Integration of lead-safe work practices into housing maintenance, repair, weatherization, rehabilitation, and other programs that will continue after the grant period ends;

(e) Establishment of a public registry (listing) of lead-safe housing or inclusion of the lead-safe status of properties in another publicly accessible address-based property information system and affirmatively marketed to families with young children; and

(f) To the greatest extent feasible, promotion of job training, employment, and other economic opportunities for low-income and minority residents and