

[minorityinst.html](http://www.hud.gov) or HUD's Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

Activities support strategic goals 3 and 4.

(G) Participation in Energy Star. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has adopted a wide-ranging energy action plan for improving energy efficiency in all program areas. As a first step in implementing the energy plan, HUD, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy have signed a joint partnership to promote energy efficiency in HUD's affordable housing efforts and programs. The purpose of the Energy Star partnership is to promote energy efficiency of the affordable housing stock, but also to help protect the environment. Applicants constructing, rehabilitating or maintaining housing or community facilities are encouraged to promote energy efficiency in design and operations. They are urged especially to purchase and use Energy Star labeled products. Applicants providing housing assistance or counseling services are encouraged to promote Energy Star building by homebuyers and renters. Program activities can include developing Energy Star promotional and information materials, outreach to low- and moderate-income renters and buyers on the benefits and savings when using Energy Star products and appliances, and promoting the designation of community buildings and homes as Energy Star compliant. For further information about Energy Star see <http://www.energystar.gov> or call 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937) or for the hearing-impaired, 1-888-588-9920 TTY.

Activities support strategic goals 1 and 2.

(H) Ending Chronic Homelessness within Ten Years. President Bush has set a national goal to end chronic homelessness within ten years. Secretary Mel Martinez has embraced this goal and has pledged that HUD's grant programs will be used to support the President's goal and more adequately meet the needs of chronically homeless individuals. A person experiencing chronic homelessness is defined as an unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more or has experienced four or more episodes of homelessness over the last three years. Applicants are encouraged to target assistance to chronically homeless persons by undertaking activities that will result in:

- Creation of affordable group homes or rental housing units;

- Establishing a set-aside of units of affordable housing for chronically homeless;
- Substance abuse treatment programs targeted to homeless population;
- Job training programs which will provide opportunities for economic self-sufficiency;
- Counseling programs that assist homeless persons in finding housing, financial management, anger management and building interpersonal relationships;
- Supportive services, such as health care assistance that will permit homeless individuals to become productive members of society;
- Provision of Service Coordinators or One Stop Assistance Centers that will ensure that chronically homeless persons have access to a variety of social services Activities support Strategic Goals 2 and 3.

#### (M) Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Assistance (CFDA) Number for ICDBG 14.862. The CFDA is a governmentwide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the public.

## II. Amount Allocated

### (A) Available Funds

The FY 2003 appropriation for the ICDBG Program is \$70,538,850.

### (B) General

Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which authorizes Community Development Block Grants, requires that grants for Indian tribes be awarded on a competitive basis in accordance with selection criteria contained in a regulation promulgated by the Secretary after notice and public comment. All grant funds awarded in accordance with this NOFA are subject to the requirements of 24 CFR part 1003. Applicants within an Area ONAP's geographic jurisdiction compete only against each other for that Area ONAP's allocation of funds.

### (C) Allocations to Area ONAPs

The requirements for allocating funds to Area ONAPs responsible for program administration are found at 24 CFR 1003.101. Following these requirements, based on an appropriation of \$70,538,500 less \$4,000,000 retained to fund Imminent Threat Grants, the allocations for FY 2003 are as follows:

Eastern/Woodland ..... \$7,736,723

Southern Plains .....	14,743,223
Northern Plains .....	9,750,568
Southwest .....	25,698,706
Northwest .....	3,392,614
Alaska .....	7,216,666
Total .....	\$68,538,500

### (D) Imminent Threat Grants

The criteria for grants to alleviate or remove imminent threats to health or safety that require an immediate solution are described at 24 CFR part 1003, subpart E. In order to satisfy these criteria, the problem to be addressed must be such that an emergency situation exists or would exist if the problem were not addressed. In addition, you may use funds only to address imminent threats that are not of a recurring nature and that represent a unique and unusual circumstance that impacts an entire service area. In accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR part 1003, subpart E, we will retain \$4,000,000 to meet the funding needs of imminent threat applications submitted to any of the Area ONAPs. The grant ceiling for imminent threat applications for FY 2003 is \$350,000. This ceiling has been established pursuant to the provisions of 24 CFR 1003.400(c).

You do not have to submit a request for assistance under the imminent threat set-aside (24 CFR part 1003, subpart E) by the deadline established in this NOFA. The deadline applies only to applications submitted for assistance under 24 CFR part 1003, subpart D, single purpose grants.

If, in response to a request for assistance, an Area ONAP issues you a letter to proceed under the authority of 24 CFR 1003.401(a), then your application must be submitted to and approved by the Area ONAP before a grant agreement may be executed. This application must contain: HUD Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance; a brief description of the proposed project; Form HUD-4123, Cost Summary; Form HUD-4125, Implementation Schedule; Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report; and, Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace.

## III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities; and Definitions

### (A) Program Description

The purpose of the ICDBG Program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate-incomes.