

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4866-N-01]

## Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Enhancement of Neighborhood Networks for Fiscal Year 2002 Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing HOPE VI Revitalization Grants

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

**SUMMARY:** *Purpose of the Program.* This NOFA announces the availability of \$5 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 funds to expand the Neighborhood Networks program for FY 2002 HOPE VI Revitalization Program grant awards.

*Available Funds.* A total of \$5,000,000 is available for funding which must be obligated in FY 2003.

*Eligible Applicants.* Eligible applicants are PHAs that are awardees of HOPE VI Revitalization Grants, awarded under the Notice of Funding Availability for Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing HOPE VI Revitalization Grants; Fiscal Year 2002, as published in the **Federal Register** on July 31, 2002, page 49766 to 49791, Docket Number FR-4768-N-01 (HOPE VI NOFA).

*Transfer of Funds.* HUD does not have the discretion to transfer funds available through this NOFA to any other program, grant, or area of the applicant's current HOPE VI grant. The funds must be used for the expansion of Neighborhood Networks facilities and services beyond those described in the applicant's HOPE VI NOFA application.

*Maximum Funding.* Each applicant may request up to \$180,000. If funds remain after all grants are awarded, HUD will divide these funds equally among the grant award recipients. This may result in grant amounts larger than \$180,000. HUD reserves the right to award a greater or lesser amount of funds than requested, based upon the merit of the submitted grant application.

*Deobligation of Funds.* HUD may deobligate amounts for the grant if proposed activities are not initiated or completed within the required time after the effective date of the award. The grant agreement will set forth in detail circumstances under which funds may be deobligated and other sanctions imposed.

*Number of Applications Permitted.* Each applicant may submit only one application.

*Joint Applications.* Joint applications are not permitted. However, in accordance with Section XI (A)(4), Community and Supportive Services, of the HOPE VI NOFA, the applicant may enter into subgrant agreements with procured developers, other HOPE VI partners, non-profits, or state or local governments to perform the activities proposed under the application.

*Grant term.* The grant term for funding shall be equal to the term of the applicant's HOPE VI NOFA grant award, regardless of the date of award under this NOFA. Extensions of the grant term shall also be equal to extensions granted under the HOPE VI grant.

*Relationship to HOPE VI NOFA.* Applications must be in accordance with this HOPE VI Neighborhood Networks NOFA (hereafter referred to as NN NOFA) and the requirements of the HOPE VI NOFA, especially including Section XI (A), Community and Supportive Services. Where inconsistencies exist between the HOPE VI NOFA and this NN NOFA, this NN NOFA shall take precedence, e.g., application due date and maximum pages differ for the NOFAs, rating factors differ for the NOFAs, narrative other than the response to the rating factors is not allowed in the NN NOFA. HUD will only use funds from this NN NOFA to fund grantees of the HOPE VI NOFA, as defined below.

*Application Due Date.* September 12, 2003.

NN NOFA grant applications are due at HUD Headquarters on or before 5:15 p.m., Eastern Time, 30 calendar days after publication of this NN NOFA in the **Federal Register**. This application deadline is firm. If you mail or give your application to an overnight carrier on the due date and it does not arrive by 5:15 p.m. on the due date, your application will not be considered. Submit your application early to avoid missing the deadline and being disqualified by unanticipated delays or other related problems.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Application Submission, Application Kits, and Technical Assistance

*A. Address for Submitting Applications.* Send the original and one copy of your completed application to Mr. Milan Ozdinec, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC 20410-5000. Please make sure that you note the room number. The correct room number is very important to ensure that your application is not misdirected.

*B. Application Submission Requirements.* 1. It is strongly recommended that you send your application by an overnight carrier at least two days before the application due date. You may only use DHL, Falcon Carrier, FedEx, United Parcel Service (UPS), or the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), as they are the only carriers accepted into the HUD building without an escort. Delivery by these services must be made during HUD's Headquarters business hours, between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. If these companies do not serve your area, you must submit your application via USPS.

2. Hand Carried Applications. Due to new security measures, HUD will no longer accept hand carried applications.

3. HUD will not accept for review and evaluation any applications sent by facsimile (fax). However, facsimile corrections to technical deficiencies will be accepted, as described in Section IX of this NOFA. Also, do not submit resumes or videos.

*C. Application Kits.* Application kits will not be used with this NOFA.

*D. Maximum Length of Application.* The maximum length of the rating factor response portion of the application is 20 pages, double-spaced on 8½ x 11 inch paper, with a minimum font size of Times New Roman 12 point. The 20 page maximum does not include forms required by the NN NOFA or supporting documentation, e.g., commitment letters. Applicants should make every effort to submit only what is necessary in terms of supporting documentation. Points will not be added for overall length of the application.

*E. Application Format.* The only narrative portion of the application is the applicant's response to the rating factors. To ensure proper credit for information applicable to each rating factor, the applicant should include page-number references to the program summary, forms, and supporting documentation. More detail on the application format is located in Section VII of this NN NOFA. Applicants' rating factor responses 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 of this NN NOFA. This will help ensure a fair and accurate review of your application. Although information from all parts of the application will be taken into account in rating the various factors, if supporting information cannot be found by the reviewer, it cannot be used to support a factor's rating.