

to provide training courses, and that the amount of requested funds is commensurate with the level of effort necessary to accomplish your goals and anticipated results, you will receive up to 3 points.

b. If your application shows financial feasibility and the ability to work with the target group of residents and low-income families, you will receive up to 2 points.

c. If your application shows only financial feasibility, you will receive up to 1 point.

d. If your application as a whole is not logical and shows poor planning, you will receive 0 points.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 Points)

A. Description. This factor addresses your ability to secure community resources that can be combined with HUD's grant resources to achieve program purposes. In rating this factor, HUD will look at the extent to which you partner, coordinate, and leverage your services with other organizations serving the same or similar populations.

B. Leverage Description and Requirements. 1. Leverage may be cash or other resources/services that can be donated and may include: in-kind services, contributions, or administrative costs provided to the applicant; funds from federal sources (not including public housing/HOPE VI funds) as allowed by statute, including for example CDBG; funds from any state or local government sources; and funds from private contributions.

2. Leverage funds and in-kind services ("donations") must be firmly committed. "Firmly committed" means that the amount of leverage resources and their dedication to Neighborhood Networks activities must be explicit, in writing, and signed by a person authorized to make the commitment. Letters of commitment or Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) must be on organization letterhead and signed by a person authorized to make the stated commitment whether it be in cash or in-kind services. The letters of commitment/MOUs must indicate the annual level and/or amount of commitment in dollars and indicate how the commitment will relate to the proposed Neighborhood Networks program.

3. Commitment documents must be submitted to HUD with the NN NOFA application. If a commitment document is not included in the application, the donation will not be counted toward this factor. Missing commitment documents are not considered

"technical deficiencies" and cannot be submitted after the due date.

4. Donations that were included in your HOPE VI NOFA application that specifically apply to the Neighborhood Networks program described in your HOPE VI NOFA may also be included in your NN NOFA application. However, in order to be counted toward this rating factor, the related commitment document must fulfill the "firmly committed" requirements stated above.

5. Public housing funds of any kind are not an eligible donation. Applicant staff time is not an eligible donation. Applicants shall annotate the HUD-424-CB to list the sources and amount of each donation.

6. Points for this factor will be awarded based on the documented evidence of partnerships and firm commitments and the ratio of requested funding to the total proposed grant budget.

7. Matching funds will be counted toward your leverage amount.

C. Points will be assigned based on the following scale:

Leverage as percent of grant amount	Points awarded
Up to 50 percent	5 points
50 percent or more	10 points

Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Evaluation Methods (5 Points)

A. Description. 1. Under this rating factor, applicants must demonstrate how they propose to measure their success and outcomes. This rating factor requires that the applicant identify goals, interim and final program outcomes, and their time frames. Examples of outcomes are: increasing the homeownership rates among participants, increasing participants' financial stability (e.g., increasing assets of a household through savings), or increasing employment stability (e.g., whether persons assisted obtain or retain employment for one or two years during participation).

2. Performance indicators should be objectively quantifiable and measure actual achievements against anticipated achievements. Your narrative should identify what you are going to measure, how you are going to measure it, and the steps you have in place to adjust your plans if outcomes are not met within established time frames.

B. Scoring:

1. If you show interim and final measurable outcomes, with time frames, for each of several participant sub-groups, and show plans for adjusting

your program, you will receive up to 5 points.

2. If you show interim and final measurable outcomes, with time frames, but without plans for adjusting your program, you will receive up to 2 points.

3. If you do not show periodic and final measurable outcomes, with time frames, you will receive 0 points.

VII. Additional Requirements

A. Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws. All applicants must comply with all fair housing and civil rights laws, statutes, regulations, and executive orders as enumerated in 24 CFR 5.105(a). If an applicant: (a) Has been charged with a systemic violation of the Fair Housing Act by the Secretary alleging ongoing discrimination; (b) is the defendant in a Fair Housing Act lawsuit filed by the Department of Justice alleging an ongoing pattern or practice of discrimination; or (c) has received a letter of noncompliance findings under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the applicant's application will not be evaluated under this NOFA if, prior to the application deadline, the charge, lawsuit, or letter of findings has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the Department. HUD's decision regarding whether a charge, lawsuit, or letter of findings has been satisfactorily resolved will be based upon whether appropriate actions have been taken to address allegations of ongoing discrimination in the policies or practices involved in the charge, lawsuit, or letter of findings. Examples of actions that may be taken prior to the application deadline to resolve the charge, lawsuit, or letter of findings, include, but are not limited to a:

1. Voluntary compliance agreement signed by all parties in response to the letter of findings;

2. HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all parties; or

3. Consent order or consent decree.

B. Additional Nondiscrimination Requirements. You, the applicant, and your subrecipients must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*).

C. Conducting Business in Accordance with Core Values and Ethical Standards. Entities subject to 24 CFR parts 84 and 85 (most non-profit organizations and state and local governments or government agencies or instrumentalities who receive federal