

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**[Docket No. FR-4860-N-01]****Funding Availability for HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)—Competitive Reallocation of Funds to Provide Permanent Housing for the Chronically Homeless****AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).**SUMMARY:** This NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$6.5 million for the competitive reallocation of deobligated Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds.**Program Overview**

Purpose of the Program. To expand the supply of standard, affordable, permanent housing for chronically homeless persons through the competitive reallocation of deobligated CHDO set-aside funds.

Available Funds. Approximately \$6.5 million.

Eligible Applicants. You must currently be a participating jurisdiction (PJ) in the regular HOME Program and have received an annual HOME formula allocation each year since FY 2000. The projects funded through this NOFA must be carried out by eligible, currently certified CHDOs in your jurisdiction. Awarded funds are subject to the requirements of this NOFA and all other HOME requirements found at 24 CFR part 92. Where there is a conflict between the HOME regulations and this NOFA, the more stringent or limiting requirements shall prevail.

Application Deadline. November 25, 2003.

Match. 25 percent of the awarded funds invested in projects.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are interested in applying for funding under this competitive reallocation of HOME funds, please review the contents of this NOFA carefully.

I. Application Due Date, Standard Forms, Further Information, and Technical Assistance

Application Due Date. Applications for HOME competitive grants are due on or before November 25, 2003.

Application Submission Procedures.
New Security Procedures. HUD has implemented new security procedures that apply to application submission. Please read the following instructions carefully and completely. HUD will not

accept hand-delivered applications. Applications may be mailed using the United States Postal Service (USPS) or may be shipped via the following delivery services: United Parcel Service (UPS), FedEx, DHL, or Falcon Carrier. No other delivery services are permitted into HUD Headquarters without an escort. You are, therefore, urged to use one of the four carriers listed above.

Mailed Applications. Your application will be considered timely filed if your application is postmarked on or before 12 midnight on the application due date and received in HUD Headquarters on or within fifteen (15) days of the application due date. Applicants must obtain and save a receipt for the mailing showing the date when the application was submitted to the United States Postal Service (USPS). This receipt from USPS showing the date and time of the mailing will be your documentary evidence that your application was timely filed.

Applications Sent by Overnight/Express Mail Delivery. If your application is sent by overnight delivery or express mail, your application will be timely filed if it is received before or on the application due date, or when you submit documentary evidence that your application was placed in transit with the overnight delivery/express service no later than the application due date. Due to new security measures, you are urged to use one of four carrier services that do business with HUD Headquarters regularly. These services are UPS, DHL, FedEx and Falcon Carrier. Timely delivery of your application to HUD by a carrier other than those listed cannot be guaranteed. Delivery by these carriers must be made during HUD's Headquarters business hours, between 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM Eastern time, Monday through Friday. If these companies do not service your area, you should submit your application via the United States Postal Service.

Address for Submitting Applications. Submit one original and two copies of the application to Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Processing and Control Unit, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7251, Washington, DC 20410, ATTN: HOME Program—Permanent Housing for the Chronically Homeless (HOME).

For Application Forms. Only current participating jurisdictions in the HOME Program that have received an annual HOME formula allocation each year since FY 2000 are eligible to apply. There is no separate application kit. This notice contains all the information necessary for submission of your

application. Copies of the standard forms are located at Appendix 2 of this NOFA, or you may request copies by calling the contact person in the Office of Affordable Housing Programs identified in the following paragraph. When requesting standard forms, you should refer to the HOME Program Competition and provide your name and address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code). See Section VI for application submission requirements.

Further Information and Technical Assistance. You may contact Cliff Taffet, Deputy Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7168, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone (202) 708-3226, ext. 4589 (this is not a toll-free number). This number can be accessed via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service Operator at 1-800-877-8339.

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II. Amount Allocated

The amount available for this program is approximately \$6.5 million. Section 217(c) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) (42 U.S.C. 12704 *et seq.*) requires that funds that become available as a result of the deobligation by HUD of CHDO set-aside funds previously allocated to HOME Program participating jurisdictions must be reallocated by competition. Approximately \$6.5 million has been recaptured since the program began in 1992. Any additional recaptured CHDO set-aside funds that become available within 12 months of the announcement of awards may be used to fund applications submitted in response to this NOFA.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Projects; Ineligible Activities

(A) *Program Description.* The purpose of the regular HOME program is to expand the supply of standard, affordable housing for low- and very low-income families by providing annual formula grants to states, units of general local government and consortia