

Society of Landscape Architects, the American Planning Association, the Congress for the New Urbanism, and/or the department of architecture at a local college or university to assist you in assessing qualifications of design professionals and/or participating on a selection panel that results in the procurement of excellent design services.

HUD encourages you to select a design team that is committed to a process in which residents, including young people and seniors, the broader community, and other stakeholders participate in designing the new community.

Your proposed site plan, new units, and other buildings must be designed to be compatible with and enrich the surrounding neighborhood. Local architecture and design elements and amenities should be incorporated into the new or rehabilitated homes so that the revitalized sites and structures will blend into the broader community and appeal to the market segments for which they are intended. Housing, community facilities, and economic development space must be well integrated. You must select members of your Team who have the ability to meet these requirements.

(a) You will receive 3 Points if your proposed site plan, new dwelling units, and buildings demonstrate that:

(i) You have proposed a site plan that is compact, pedestrian-friendly, with an interconnected network of streets and public open space;

(ii) Your proposed housing, community facilities, and economic development facilities are thoroughly integrated into the community through the use of local architectural tradition, building scale, grouping of buildings, and design elements; and

(iii) Your plan proposes appropriate enhancements of the natural environment.

(b) You will receive 1 Point if your proposed site plan, new dwelling units, and buildings demonstrate design that adequately addresses the elements above.

(c) You will receive 0 Points if your proposed design is perfunctory or otherwise does not address the above elements. You will also receive 0 Points if there is inadequate information in the application to rate this factor.

(6) *Evaluation—3 Points.* You are encouraged to work with your local university(ies), other institutions of learning, foundations, and/or others to evaluate the performance and impact of their HOPE VI Revitalization Plan over the life of the grant. The proposed methodology must measure success against goals you set at the outset of

your revitalization activities. Evaluators must establish baselines and provide ongoing interim reports that will allow you to make changes as necessary as your project proceeds. Where possible, you are encouraged to form partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs); Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPCs); the Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian Institution Assisting Communities Program (as appropriate); and others in HUD's University Partnerships Program.

(a) You will receive 3 Points if your application includes a letter(s) from an institution(s) of higher learning, foundations, or other organization that specializes in research and evaluation that provides a commitment to work with you to evaluate your program and describes its proposed approach to carry out the evaluation if your application is selected for funding. The letter must provide the extent of the commitment and involvement, the extent to which you and the local institution of higher learning will cooperate, and the proposed approach. The commitment letter must address all of the following areas for evaluation:

(i) The impact of your HOPE VI effort on the lives of the residents;

(ii) The nature and extent of economic development generated in the community;

(iii) The effect of the revitalization effort on the surrounding community, including spillover revitalization activities, property values, etc.; and

(iv) Your success at integrating the physical and CSS aspects of your strategy.

(b) You will receive 0 Points if your application does not include a commitment letter that conforms to the specifications in paragraph (b) above.

XIII. Application Requirements

(A) Application Components

(1) *Narrative Exhibits.* (a) The first part of your application will be comprised of narrative exhibits. Your narratives will respond to each rating factor in the NOFA and will also respond to threshold requirements. Among other things, your narratives must describe your overall planning activities, including but not limited to relocation, community and supportive services, and development issues.

(b) Each HOPE VI Revitalization application must contain no more than 100 pages of narrative exhibits. Any pages after the first 100 pages of narrative exhibits will not be reviewed. Although submitting pages in excess of the page limitations will not disqualify

an application, HUD will not consider the information on any excess pages, which may result in a lower score or failure of a threshold. Text submitted at the request of HUD to correct a technical deficiency will not be counted in the 100 page limit.

(2) *Attachments.* (a) The second part of your application will be comprised of Attachments. These documents will also respond to the rating factors in the NOFA, as well as threshold requirements. They will include documents such as maps, photographs, letters of commitment, application data forms, and various certifications unique to HOPE VI Revitalization.

(b) Each HOPE VI Revitalization application must contain no more than 125 pages of attachments. Any pages after the first 125 pages of attachments will not be considered. Although submitting pages in excess of the page limit will not disqualify an application, HUD will not consider the information on any excess pages, which may result in a lower score or failure to meet a threshold.

(3) *Exceptions to Page Limits.* The documents listed below constitute the only exceptions and are not counted in the page limits listed in Sections (1)(b) and (2)(b) above:

(a) Additional pages submitted at the request of HUD in response to a technical deficiency.

(b) Attachments that provide documentation of commitments from resource providers or CSS providers.

(c) Attachments that provide documentation of site control and site acquisition in accordance with Section XI(B)(4) and (5).

(d) Narratives and Attachments, as relevant, required to be submitted only by existing HOPE VI Revitalization Grantees in accordance with Sections IV(A)(3) and IV(B)(2) of this NOFA (Capacity).

(e) Information required of MTW applicants only.

(4) *Standard Forms and Certifications.* The last part of your application will be comprised of standard certifications common to many HUD programs. Required forms are included in the HOPE VI Application and will be available electronically on the Web sites listed in Section III(D)(2) in the General Section of this NOFA. If you are requesting Housing Choice Voucher assistance as described in Section III(E) in the General Section of this NOFA, it must be placed in this Standard Forms and Certifications Section of your HOPE VI application. These forms must be placed at the back of the application, except for the Application for Federal Assistance (SF—