

XV. Post Award Activities

(A) Notification of Funding Decisions. The HUD Reform Act prohibits HUD from notifying you as to whether or not you have been selected to receive a Revitalization grant until it has announced all HOPE VI Revitalization grant recipients. If your Revitalization application has been found to be ineligible or if it did not receive enough Points to be funded, you will not be notified until the successful applicants have been notified. HUD will provide written notification to all HOPE VI applicants, whether or not they have been selected for funding.

(B) Applicant Debriefing. Each applicant will be provided a copy of the total score their application received, including the score received for each rating factor.

(C) Environmental Review. HUD notification that you have been selected to receive a HOPE VI grant constitutes only preliminary approval. Grant funds may not be released until the responsible entity completes an environmental review and you submit and obtain HUD approval of a request for release of funds and the responsible entity's environmental certification in accordance with Section XVII of this NOFA.

(D) Revitalization Grant Agreement. When you are selected to receive a Revitalization grant, HUD will send you a HOPE VI Revitalization Grant Agreement, which constitutes the contract between you and HUD to carry out and fund public housing revitalization activities. Both you and HUD will sign the cover sheet of the Grant Agreement. It is effective on the date of HUD's signature. The Grant Agreement differs from year to year. Past Revitalization Grant Agreements can be found on the HOPE VI Web site at www.hud.gov/hopevi.

(E) HOPE VI Endowment Trust Addendum to the Grant Agreement. This document must be executed between the Grantee and HUD in order for the Grantee to use CSS funds in accordance with Section VIII(A)(3) of this NOFA.

(F) Revitalization Plan. After HUD conducts a post-award review of your application and makes a visit to the site, you will be required to submit components of your Revitalization Plan to HUD, as provided in the HOPE VI Revitalization Grant Agreement. These components include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Supplemental Submissions, including a HOPE VI Program Budget;
- (2) A Community and Supportive Services work plan, in accordance with guidance provided by HUD;

- (3) A standard or mixed-finance development proposal, as applicable;
- (4) A demolition and/or disposition application, as applicable; and
- (5) A homeownership proposal, as applicable.

XVI. Revitalization Grant Implementation Requirements

(A) General Section Requirements. See the General Section of this NOFA for other Grant Implementation and Additional Governmental Requirements that you must implement.

(B) Quarterly Report. If you are selected for funding, you must submit a Quarterly Report to HUD.

(1) HUD will provide training and technical assistance on the filing and submitting of Quarterly Reports.

(2) Filing of Quarterly Reports is mandatory for all Grantees, and failure to do so within the required time frame will result in suspension of grant funds until the report is filed and approved by HUD.

(3) Grantees will be held to the milestones that are reported on the Quarterly Report Administrative and Compliance Checkpoints Report, as approved by HUD.

(4) Grantees must also report obligations and expenditures in LOCCS, or its successor system, on a quarterly basis.

(C) Timeliness of Construction. Grantees must proceed within a reasonable time frame, as indicated below. In determining reasonableness of such time frame, HUD will take into consideration those delays caused by factors beyond your control. These timeframes must be reflected in the form of a program schedule, in accordance with the threshold requirement at Section IV(C).

(1) Grantees must submit Supplemental Submissions within 90 days from the date of HUD's written request.

(2) Grantees must submit CSS work plans within 90 days from the execution of the Grant Agreement.

(3) All other required components of the Revitalization Plan and any other submissions not mentioned above must be submitted in accordance with the Quarterly Report Administrative and Compliance Checkpoints Report, as approved by HUD.

(4) Grantees must start construction within 12 months from the date of HUD's approval of the Supplemental Submissions as requested by HUD after grant award. This time period may not exceed 18 months from the date the Grant Agreement is executed.

(5) Grantees must submit the development proposal for the first phase

of construction within 12 months of grant award. The program schedule must indicate the date on which the development proposal for each phase of the revitalization plan will be submitted to HUD.

(6) The closing of the first phase must take place within 15 months of grant award.

(7) Grantees must complete construction within 48 months from the date of HUD's approval of your Supplemental Submissions. This time period for completion may not exceed 54 months from the date the Grant Agreement is executed.

(8) In accordance with section 24(i) of the 1937 Act, if a Grantee does not proceed within a reasonable time frame, as described in Sections (B)(1) through (7) above, HUD shall withdraw any unobligated grant amounts. HUD shall redistribute any withdrawn amounts to one or more other applicants eligible for HOPE VI assistance or to one or more other entities capable of proceeding expeditiously in the same locality in carrying out the Revitalization Plan of the original Grantee.

(9) 31 U.S.C. 1552. In accordance with this statute, all FY 2003 HOPE VI funds must be expended by September 30, 2009. Any funds that are not expended by that date will be cancelled and recaptured by the Treasury, and thereafter will not be available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose.

(D) Building Standards. (1) Building Codes. All activities that include construction, rehabilitation, lead-based paint removal, and related activities must meet or exceed local building codes. You are encouraged to read the policy statement and Final Report of the HUD Review of Model Building Codes that identifies the variances between the design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act and several model building codes. That report can be found on the HUD Web site at www.hud.gov/fhe/modelcodes.

(2) Deconstruction. HUD encourages you to design programs that incorporate sustainable construction and demolition practices, such as the dismantling or "deconstruction" of public housing units, recycling demolition debris, and reusing salvage materials in new construction. "A Guide to Deconstruction" can be found at www.hud.gov/deconstr.pdf.

(3) PATH. HUD encourages you to use PATH technologies in the construction and delivery of replacement housing. PATH (Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing) is a voluntary initiative that seeks to accelerate the creation and widespread use of