

HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 28, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1998, court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: February 20, 2003.

**John D. Garrity,**

*Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4579-FA-21]

### Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2002 to the Housing Assistance Council and the Native American Indian Housing Council

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of two awards for Fiscal Year 2002 to the Housing Assistance Council and the Native American Indian Housing Council.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Tewey, Director, Budget, Contracts and Program Control Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, Room 8230, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1796, extension 4098. To provide service for persons who are hearing-or-speech-impaired, this

number may be reached via TTY by dialing the Federal Information Relay Service on 1-800-877-TTY, 1-800-877-8339, or 202-708-1455. (Telephone number, other than "800" TTY numbers are not toll free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The VA/ HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriation Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-73) earmarked \$3,300,000 for a grant to the Housing Assistance Council and \$2,600,000 for a grant to the Native American Indian Housing Council. HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research administers the grant to the Housing Assistance Council. The administration of the grant to the Native American Indian Housing Council was recently transferred from the Office of Policy Development and Research to the Office of Public and Indian Housing.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance for these grants is 14.225

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing details concerning these awards, as follows:

*Housing Assistance Council*, Moises Loza, Executive Director, 1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 606, Washington, DC 20005, Grant # H-21354CA, "Rural Housing Research and Technical Assistance" Amount \$3,300,000, Date Awarded 10/01/01.

*Native American Indian Housing Council*, Gary L. Gordon, Executive Director, 900 Second Street, NE., Washington DC 20002, Grant # H-21362RG Technical Assistance and Training to Indian Housing Agencies and Tribal Housing Agencies, Amount \$2,600,000, Date Awarded 09/01/02.

Dated: February 21, 2003.

**Alberto F. Treviño,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4463-N-13]

### Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing— Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of change in debenture interest rates.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid

on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Commissioner under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the "Act"). The interest rate for debentures issued under Section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2003, is 5¾ percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2003, is 5 percent.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James B. Mitchell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 6164, Washington, DC 20410. Telephone (202) 708-3944, extension 2612, or TDD (202) 708-4594 for hearing- or speech-impaired callers. These are not toll-free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 224 of the National Housing Act (24 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a satisfactory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of Section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning January 1, 2003, is 5