

announcement of the selection of successful applicants.

HUD employees involved in the review of applications and in the making of funding decisions are restrained by part 4 from providing advance information to any person (other than an authorized employee of HUD) concerning funding decisions, or from otherwise giving any applicant an unfair competitive advantage. Persons who apply for assistance in this competition should confine their inquiries to the subject areas permitted under 24 CFR part 4.

Applicants or employees who have ethics-related questions should contact the HUD Office of Ethics (202) 708-3815 (TDD/Voice) (this is not a toll-free number). Any HUD employee who has specific program questions, such as whether particular subject matter can be discussed with persons outside the Department, should contact the appropriate Field Office Counsel or Headquarters counsel for the program to which the question pertains.

Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities

The use of funds awarded under this NOFA is subject to the disclosure requirements and prohibitions of section 319 of the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1990 (31 U.S.C. 1352) (the "Byrd Amendment") and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 87. These authorities prohibit recipients of Federal contracts, grants or loans from using appropriated funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative branches of the federal government in connection with a specific contract, grant or loan. The prohibition also covers the awarding of contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or loans unless the applicant has made an acceptable certification regarding lobbying.

Under 24 CFR part 87, applicants, recipients, and subrecipients of assistance exceeding \$100,000 must certify that no federal funds have been or will be spent on lobbying activities in connection with the assistance.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program number is 14.242.

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Andrew Cuomo,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments due:* August 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0050. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Weaver.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) for Technical Assistance for the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program. HUD is requesting OMB approval by August 20, 1996.

Under the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program, HUD will provide up to \$132,978 to obtain contractor services to provide Technical Assistance to eligible neighborhood development organizations. Eligible applicants are: public and private nonprofit or for-profit groups, including educational institutions qualified to provide technical assistance on Community Development Block Grant Programs; or public and private nonprofit intermediary organizations that provide services (in more than one

community) to neighborhood-based organizations to support neighborhood development or social or economic community revitalization efforts.

The information collection is essential so that HUD staff may determine the eligibility, qualifications and capability of applicants to provide technical assistance to nonprofit neighborhood development organizations. HUD will review the information provided by the applicants against the selection criteria contained in the Technical Assistance NOFA in order to rate and rank the applications and select the best and most qualified individual application for funding. The selection criteria are: (1) Effectiveness of the application in meeting the needs of nonprofit neighborhood-based development organizations; (2) Soundness of approach; (3) Capacity of the applicant and relevant organizational experience; and (4) Transferability of results.

The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35):

(1) Title of the information collection proposal: NOFA for Technical Assistance for the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program.

(2) Summary of the collection of information:

Each applicant seeking funding under the Technical Assistance NOFA would be required to submit current information, as listed below:

1. Form S.F. 424—Application for Federal Assistance;
2. Form S.F. 424B—Non-Construction Assurances;
3. Certifications—Concerning Use of Federal Funds for Lobbying and Concerning Drug-Free Workplace; and
4. Narratives for each of the four selection criteria.

(3) Description of the need for the information and its proposed use:

The information collection is essential so that HUD staff may determine the eligibility, qualifications and capability of applicants to provide technical assistance to nonprofit neighborhood-based development organizations eligible under the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program. HUD will review the information provided by the applicants against the selection criteria contained in the NOFA in order to rate and rank the applications and select the best and most qualified individual application for funding.

(4) Description of the likely respondents, including the estimated number of likely respondents, and

proposed frequency of response to the collection of information:

Eligible applicants are: Public and private nonprofit or for-profit groups, including educational institutions qualified to provide technical assistance on Community Development Block Grant Programs; or Public and private nonprofit intermediary organizations that provide services (in more than one community) to neighborhood-based organizations to support neighborhood

development or social or economic community revitalizations efforts.

The number of such technical assistance providers is relatively small. The estimated number of respondents is 10. The proposed frequency of the response to the collection of information is one-time. The application need only be submitted once.

(5) Estimate of the total reporting and recordkeeping burden that will result from the collection of information:

Reporting Burden:

Number of Respondents: 10.

Total Annual Responses: 14.

(@ 40 hours per application): 400.

(@ 80 hours per report): 320.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 720.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: August 6, 1996.

David S. Cristy,

Director, IRM Policy and Management Division.

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