

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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## Notices of Funding Availability for Community Planning and Development, Public and Indian Housing, Housing, and Lead Hazard Control Programs; Introduction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notices of Funding Availability for Community Planning and Development, Public and Indian Housing, Housing, and Lead Hazard Control Programs; Introduction.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is publishing in today's **Federal Register** its remaining notices announcing the availability of funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998. These notices announce the availability of approximately \$188,465,605 in HUD program funds covering seven (7) programs operated and managed by the following HUD offices: Community Planning and Development (CPD), Housing—Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Public and Indian Housing (PIH), and the Office of Lead Hazard Control (OLHC). Today's notices are being published separately from the three SuperNOFAs published by HUD on March 31, 1998 and April 30, 1998 due to the distinctive application selection procedures used by these programs. This document introduces the HUD notices being published in today's **Federal Register**, and briefly describes HUD's FY 1998 funding process. The individual notices that follow this introduction contain a description of the specific programs for which funding is made available and the procedures and requirements that are applicable to each program.

**DUE DATES, ADDRESSES, APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES, APPLICATION KITS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** For the convenience of readers, this notice contains a chart that sets forth application due date for each program and the address to which applications must be submitted. However, applicants should refer to the individual notices published in today's **Federal Register**

for specific information regarding due dates, addresses, application submission procedures, application kits, and technical assistance.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. The SuperNOFA Process

HUD is publishing in today's **Federal Register** its remaining notices announcing the availability of funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998. The publication of these notices marks the final stage in HUD's dramatic reinvention of its competitive funding process. This reinvention, conducted under the leadership of Secretary Andrew Cuomo, improves customer service and provides the necessary tools for revitalizing communities and improving the lives of people within those communities.

As part of this process, HUD has published three Super Notices of Funding Availability (SuperNOFAs) in 1998, which coordinate program funding for over forty competitive programs and cut across traditional program lines. The first was the SuperNOFA and consolidated application process for Housing and Community Development Programs, covering nineteen Housing and Community Development programs, published in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 1998 (63 FR 15490). The second SuperNOFA and consolidated application process, which covered ten of HUD's Economic Development and Empowerment Programs, was published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 1998 (63 FR 23876). The third SuperNOFA and consolidated application process, also published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 1998 (63 FR 23988), covered six of HUD's Targeted Housing and Homeless Assistance Programs.

HUD believes the SuperNOFAs represent a significant improvement over HUD's past approach to the funding process. The SuperNOFA approach is designed to simplify the application process; promote effective and coordinated use of program funds in communities; reduce duplication in the delivery of services and economic

development and empowerment programs; allow interested applicants to seek to deliver a wider, more integrated array of services; and improve the system for potential grantees to be aware of, and compete for program funds.

The three SuperNOFAs together offer a "menu" of approximately 40 programs from which communities can select those that best meet their needs. The SuperNOFAs also encourage nonprofits, public housing agencies, local and State governments, tribal governments and tribally designated housing entities, veterans service organizations and others to cooperatively work together to form a comprehensive approach which builds on community assets and addresses community needs.

In addition to the three SuperNOFAs, HUD also published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 1998 (63 FR 23958) a consolidated NOFA and application process for three national competition programs: the Fair Housing Initiatives Program National Competition; the National Lead Hazard Awareness Campaign; and the Housing Counseling National Competition.

Interested readers should consult the March 31, 1998 and April 30, 1998 editions of the **Federal Register** or the HUD website at [www://hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) for additional information regarding HUD's SuperNOFAs and the SuperNOFA process.

#### II. HUD's Notices Published in Today's Federal Register

The remaining HUD notices published in today's **Federal Register** announce the availability of approximately \$188,465,605 in HUD program funds covering seven (7) programs. These notices include six (6) NOFAs and one Request for Expressions of Interest (REI). The seven notices being published today are identified in the chart below, along with the approximate funding available for each program. The chart also includes the application due date for each program and the address to which applications must be submitted.

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PROGRAM NAME	FUNDING AVAILABLE	DUE DATE	SUBMISSION LOCATION
Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (REI)	\$6,262,500	July 17, 1998	Headquarters Processing and Control Unit, Room 7251
Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages (ICDBG Program) (NOFA)	\$67,003,105	September 1, 1998	Appropriate Area ONAP
Demolition of Severely Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI Demolition) (NOFA)	\$60,000,000	September 3, 1998	HUD Headquarters, Room 4138
Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators for the Section 8 Rental Certificate and Rental Voucher Programs (NOFA)	\$25,200,000	July 24, 1998	Appropriate Local HUD Field Office HUB or Local Field Office Program Center
Family Unification Program (NOFA)	\$15,000,000	July 24, 1998	Appropriate Local HUD Field Office HUB or Local Field Office Program Center
Service Coordinator Program (NOFA)	\$13,000,000	August 4, 1998	Appropriate Multifamily HUB, Multifamily program Center, or Public Housing Field Office
Research to Improve the Evaluation and Control of Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazards (NOFA)	\$2,000,000	July 21, 1998	Postal Service: HUD Headquarters Office of Lead Hazard Control, Room B-133  Courier Service or Hand Carried: HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control, 490 East L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Suite 3206, Washington, DC 20024

HUD determined that the seven notices identified in the chart above should be published separately from the SuperNOFAs due to the distinctive application selection procedures used in each of these programs. The funding under several of these programs is being made available on a non-competitive basis. For example, HOPE VI demolition projects that meet the specified threshold eligibility criteria will be funded on a first-come, first-serve basis within the three priority groups established by the NOFA. Other notices (including those for the Service Coordinator Program and the Family Unification Program) include the use of lotteries to select applications for funding. Therefore, in order to avoid confusion on the part of potential applicants between the funding procedures used for these programs and the approximately forty programs included in the SuperNOFAs, HUD has

decided to issue these notices independently of the SuperNOFA process.

### **III. Future HUD Funding Processes**

In FY 1997, Secretary Cuomo took the first step at changing HUD's funding process to better promote comprehensive, coordinated approaches to housing and community development. In FY 1997, the Department published related NOFAs on the same day or within a few days of each other. In the individual NOFAs published in FY 1997, HUD advised that additional steps on NOFA coordination might be considered for FY 1998. The SuperNOFA process represents the additional steps taken by HUD in 1998 to improve HUD's funding process and assist communities to make better use of available resources through a coordinated approach. This new funding process was developed based on comments received from HUD

clients, and the Department believes it represents a significant improvement over HUD's approach to the funding process in prior years.

For FY 1999, HUD may take even further steps to enhance this process. HUD welcomes comments from applicants and other members of the public on this process and how it may be improved in future years. Comments and suggestions may be submitted electronically to the SuperNOFA mailbox at [www://hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) or by regular mail to the following address: Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410.

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