

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4380-N-01]

## Notice of Funding Availability for the HUD Colonias Initiative (HCI), Fiscal Year 1998

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability (NOFA).

**SUMMARY:** This NOFA announces the availability of \$5 million for assistance to organizations serving colonia residents. Of this amount, up to \$4 million will be provided to carry out development projects in colonias. One grant of \$1 million may be provided to one or more private intermediary organization(s) (for profit and nonprofit) that would provide capacity-building loans, grants, or technical assistance to local nonprofit organizations serving colonias residents. This document sets forth the application instructions for the development grants and capacity-building grants made available under the NOFA. As indicated in the body of this NOFA, applicants may use either of two definitions for the term "rural county."

**APPLICATION DUE DATES:** Completed applications (one original and two copies) must be submitted no later than 12:00 midnight, Eastern time, on August 14, 1998, to the address shown below. The above-stated application deadline is firm as to date and hour. In the interest of fairness to all applicants, HUD will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is not received before the application deadline. Applicants should submit their materials as early as possible to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility because of unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems. HUD will not accept, at any time during the NOFA competition, application materials sent by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

**ADDRESSES AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES:** *Addresses:* Completed applications (one original and two copies) must be submitted to: Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7184, Washington, DC 20410; ATTN: HUD Colonias Initiative.

*Applications Procedures. Mailed Applications.* Applications will be considered timely filed if postmarked on or before 12:00 midnight on the application due date and received at the address above on or within five (5) days of the application due date.

*Applications Sent by Overnight/Express Mail Delivery.* Applications sent by overnight delivery or express mail will be considered timely filed if received before or on the application due date, or upon submission of documentary evidence that they were placed in transit with the overnight delivery service by no later than the specified application due date.

*Hand Carried Applications.* Hand carried applications delivered before and on the application due date must be brought to the specified location and room number between the hours of 8:45 am to 5:15 pm, Eastern time. Applications hand carried on the application due date will be accepted in the South Lobby of the HUD Headquarters Building at the above address from 5:15 pm until 12:00 midnight, Eastern time.

**FOR APPLICATION KITS, FURTHER INFORMATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** All information and materials required to submit an application for funding under the HUD Colonias Initiative are included in the appendix to this notice. For information concerning the HUD Colonias Initiative, and technical assistance, contact Yvette Aidara, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 7184, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1322 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

All program documents referred to in this NOFA are accessible through HUD's web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

#### **I. Authority; Definitions; Background; Purpose; Amount Allocated; Eligibility**

##### *(A) Authority*

Title II of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Pub.L. 105-65, 111 Stat. 1357, approved October 27, 1997) (FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act).

##### *(B) Definitions*

*Capacity-building* is the transferring of skills and knowledge in planning, developing and administering activities funded under this NOFA. For purposes of this NOFA, capacity-building may include provision of loans and grants as well as training and technical assistance activities.

*Colonia* means any identifiable community that:

(a) Is located in the State of Arizona, California, New Mexico, or Texas;

(b) Is located in the U.S.-Mexico border region (that is, within 150 miles of the border between the U.S. and Mexico); and

(c) Meets objective criteria, including lack of potable water supply, lack of adequate sewage systems, and lack of decent, safe, sanitary, and accessible housing.

Although section 916(e)(4) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 5306(e)(4)) included the notation that a colonia must have been in existence and generally recognized as such prior to its enactment, HUD recognizes that additional identifiable colonias have come into existence, in the near-decade since the enactment, and are in need of assistance to the same extent as older colonias. These newer colonias are eligible for assistance under this NOFA. *Rural County* may be defined in either of two ways:

(a) *Bureau of the Census Definition.* A rural county is a place having fewer than 2,500 inhabitants (within or outside of metropolitan areas).

(b) *Department of Agriculture's Beale Code Definition.* A rural county is a county with no urban population (i.e., city) of 20,000 inhabitants or more.

*Visitability* means at least one entrance at grade (no steps), approached by an accessible route such as a sidewalk; the entrance door and all interior passage doors provide a minimum 2 feet 10 inches (34-inch) clear opening. Allowing use of 2'10" doors is consistent with the Fair Housing Act (at least for the interior doors), and may be more acceptable than requiring the 3 foot doors that are required in fully accessible areas under the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards for a small percentage of units.

##### *(C) Background*

(1) Colonias eligible for assistance under this NOFA are any of the severely distressed, rural, unplanned, predominantly unincorporated settlements located along the 2,000 mile United States-Mexico border. Due to a lack of affordable housing in this area, many colonias came into existence as a result of developers selling unimproved lots, to buyers with extremely limited means, under high-interest bearing contracts for deed (i.e., the developers retain title to the land until the debt is fully paid). Due to the nature of land contract sales, buyers typically could not secure mortgage-secured loans to build standard housing. As a consequence, they often constructed

whatever limited dwellings or shelters they could afford. Thus, most colonias developed without regard to local zoning or other laws or covenants, adequate roads and drainage, and non-existent water and/or sewer facilities. The majority of housing in colonias is sub-standard and not in accordance with building codes.

(2) One response to these needs was passage of Section 916 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act which required the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas to set aside ten percent of their Fiscal Year 1991 State Community Development Block Grant allocations to assist colonias. Subsequent years required colonias to be assisted at up to ten percent (California has been funded at two percent), as determined by HUD to be appropriate. Texas, with the largest population of colonia residents, accounts for approximately two-thirds of the set-aside in any given year.

(3) Due to the limited State CDBG colonias set-asides in relation to the overwhelming needs, funding has generally been given to infrastructure activities, with special consideration to water and sewer services. The provision of housing has not been a primary focus of the limited CDBG funds available to colonias. This current initiative, in an effort to address the continuing need for decent, safe, sanitary, and accessible housing for colonias residents, is designed to encourage the production of decent, safe, sanitary, and accessible affordable housing for colonia residents.

#### *(D) Purpose*

The FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act provided \$25 million to test comprehensive approaches to developing a job base through economic development, developing affordable low- and moderate-income rental and homeownership housing, and increasing the investment of both private and nonprofit capital in rural and tribal areas of the US. Of that amount, \$5 million has been targeted for this initiative to support assistance to organizations administering projects to address the housing needs of colonia residents in rural areas. HUD anticipates making grants totaling \$4 to 5 million to address housing needs in the four border States where colonias are found (California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas). Of the \$5 million, \$1 million may be provided to one or more private intermediary organization(s) (for profit and nonprofit) that would provide capacity-building loans, grants, or technical assistance to local nonprofit organizations serving colonia residents. The intermediary organization would

demonstrate experience in providing technical assistance in housing development to colonias or areas with similar economic and social conditions that exist in colonias and the capacity to administer a program to increase the capacity of colonia-based organizations to address local housing needs.

#### *(E) Amounts Allocated*

This NOFA makes available a total of \$5 million in FY 1998 funding. Of this amount, HUD expects to allocate a total of \$4 to 5 million for programs administered by competitively selected grantees in each of the four colonias border states. It is expected that applicants serving colonias residents in the State of Texas will receive a greater portion of the funds available under this NOFA since Texas has the largest population of colonia residents. Based on final negotiations of budgets and project plans, the Department reserves the right to award grants of up to \$800,000 per applicant in each of the four states. The Department also reserves the right to provide multiple grants in each state, with multiple awards likely in Texas.

Additionally, of the total \$5 million available, HUD may award up to \$1 million to one or more private organizations (for profit and nonprofit) for the purpose of building capacity among locally-based nonprofit organizations meeting the affordable housing needs of colonia residents. Preference will be given to applicants with the ability to serve the broadest area of the colonias region, and with the ability to serve colonia residents with disabilities. Note that if there are insufficient fundable applications for the capacity-building competition (i.e., scoring a minimum of 70 points), HUD reserves the right to shift the balance (including up to the full \$1 million) to the housing development category to allow full utilization of the funding targeted for this initiative.

#### *(F) Eligible Applicants/Recipients*

Private (for profit and nonprofit) entities currently providing assistance to and for residents of colonias, including in any of the four colonia States (Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas) are eligible to apply for funds under the development activities portion of this NOFA to undertake activities within their respective States. Private (for profit and nonprofit) with the ability to provide capacity-building resources and technical assistance to locally-based nonprofit organizations serving colonias in the four-State colonias region are eligible to compete for the capacity-

building funds. For-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding under this NOFA with the stipulation that compensation be provided in accordance with Federal procurement guidelines (i.e., payment will be on a cost reimbursement basis without profit).

#### *(G) Eligible Activities*

(1) *General.* HUD Colonias Initiative (HCI) funds are to be used to address the housing and related needs of residents of colonias. The Department is especially interested in supporting self-help housing construction, homeownership opportunities, and rehab of units (where rehab is a viable alternative to new construction) for current residents of colonias. In undertaking activities under this NOFA, applicants must comply with applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and should design construction, rehabilitation or modifications to buildings and facilities to be accessible and visitable for persons with disabilities and others who may also benefit, such as mothers with strollers or persons delivering appliances. In providing technical assistance and other educational opportunities, training and informational materials related to program activities should be made available in languages appropriate to the residents served or in video or audio formats. Use of intermediaries and collaborative partnerships, to the greatest extent possible, and leveraging of the funds provided under this NOFA to achieve the maximum positive impact is encouraged.

(2) *Primary Activities.* It is expected that the majority of funding for each proposed project will be budgeted for the following primary housing activities that will result in decent, safe, sanitary, and accessible affordable housing:

(a) New housing construction, including self-help, energy-efficient and innovative housing design initiatives. Housing may be single- or multi-family, owner- or renter-occupied;

(b) Self-help construction training for residents and prospective owners/tenants;

(c) Homeownership assistance;

(d) Rehabilitation of existing permanent housing structures to meet local codes;

(e) Construction of additions onto existing permanent housing structures, such as to provide for bathroom facilities or to reduce overcrowding, where cost-effective;

(f) Installation of water wells or septic systems for individual permanent housing structures;

(g) Refinancing of existing landowner/homeowner debt to convert contracts-for-deed into mortgages;

(h) Acquisition of land from existing owners or deed-holders, for resale to colonias residents;

(i) Surveying and replatting of existing subdivisions;

(j) Acquisition of land, relocation payments to residents and costs of developing new subdivisions, where existing development sites have been determined to be legally or environmentally inappropriate for habitation; and

(k) Tenant-based assistance.

(3) *Other Related Activities to Support Housing Development.* Applicants may propose other activities (public improvements, economic development, public services, administrative costs), that directly support the housing activities listed above, providing such activities do not constitute more than thirty percent (30%) of the budget in the aggregate, and clearly support and serve the same general population as the housing activities. Such activities may include:

(a) Construction of publicly- or privately-owned utilities needed to serve the housing site(s) for which primary activities are funded, such as water supply/distribution systems, sewage collection/treatment systems, electricity or gas distribution lines;

(b) Construction of public facilities such as libraries, parks and recreation centers, fire stations (including purchase of fire trucks and other equipment), or community centers;

(d) Provision of financial or technical assistance to start or expand businesses, for purposes of creating jobs or providing goods or services for colonias residents living in or near the proposed housing site(s);

(e) Funding microenterprise assistance programs to enable colonias residents to start their own businesses or to expand existing businesses;

(f) Provision of public services which are directly supportive of the housing activities proposed, including but not limited to legal assistance, housing counseling, classes on purchasing a home, home maintenance and repair training, tenant services, education, health services, recreation programs, day care, transportation services, or costs of operating recreation centers, libraries or community centers; and

(g) Recipient costs of administering the funding and carrying out of activities, to the extent allowed at 24 CFR part 84, but at a rate not to exceed 10% of the funds provided.

(4) *Capacity-Building Funds.*

Applicants for Capacity-Building funds

(not to exceed \$1 million) will provide loans, grants or technical assistance to regionally or locally-based nonprofit organizations working in colonias to meet housing and related needs. The nonprofit organizations may use the assistance for:

(a) Provision of planning, training, and pre-development assistance to existing nonprofit organizations to expand their scope of expertise, to implement larger-scale projects, and/or enhance existing projects;

(b) Self-help assistance, including skill in fiscal management, for colonias residents;

(c) Dissemination of capacity-building information and citizen participation activities; and

(d) Coordination of existing resources to maximize housing or economic opportunities funded under the provisions of this NOFA.

#### (H) *Ineligible Activities*

The following activities are not eligible for funding under this NOFA:

(1) Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of buildings for the general conduct of government, such as city halls, county courthouses, county jails, etc.;

(2) General government expenses required to carry out the regular responsibilities of a unit of general local government;

(3) Political activities; and

(4) Provision of technical assistance to staff of award recipients.

## II. Program Requirements

### (A) *Compliance With Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws*

All applicants must comply with all Fair Housing and civil rights laws, statutes, regulations and executive orders as enumerated in 24 CFR § 5.105(a).

### (B) *Additional Nondiscrimination Requirements*

Applicants must also comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.

### (C) *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*

Recipients will have a duty to affirmatively further fair housing. Applicants should include in their work plan the specific steps that they will take to (1) address the elimination of impediments to fair housing that were identified in the jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice; (2) remedy discrimination in housing; or (3) promote fair housing rights and fair housing choice. Further,

applicants have a duty to carry out the specific activities cited in their responses to the Factors for Award that address affirmatively furthering fair housing.

### (D) *Economic Opportunities for Low and Very Low-Income Persons (Section 3)*

Recipients of HUD assistance must comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Economic Opportunities for Low and Very Low-Income Persons) and the HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 135, including the reporting requirements subpart E. Section 3 provides that recipients shall ensure that training, employment and other economic opportunities, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to: (1) low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing; and (2) business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low and very low income persons.

### (E) *Relocation*

Any person (including individuals, partnerships, corporations or associations) who moves from real property or moves personal property from real property as a direct result of a written notice to acquire or the acquisition of the real property, in whole or in part, for a HUD-assisted activity is covered by acquisition policies and procedures and the relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA), and the implementing governmentwide regulation at 49 CFR part 24. Any person who moves permanently from real property or moves personal property from real property as a direct result of rehabilitation or demolition for an activity undertaken with HUD assistance is covered by the relocation requirements of the URA and the governmentwide regulation.

### (F) *OMB Circulars*

The policies, guidances, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-122 (Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations) and 24 CFR part 84 (Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations) apply to the award, acceptance and use of assistance under this NOFA, and to the remedies for noncompliance, except when inconsistent with the provisions of the FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act, other Federal statutes or the provisions of this NOFA. Copies of the OMB Circular may

be obtained from EOP Publications, Room 2200, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 10503, telephone (202) 395-7332 (this is not a toll free number).

*(G) Conflicts of Interest*

Consultants or experts assisting HUD in rating and ranking applicants for funding under this NOFA are subject to 18 U.S.C. 208, the Federal criminal conflict of interest statute, and to the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch regulation published at 5 CFR part 2635. As a result, individuals who have assisted or plan to assist applicants with preparing applications for this NOFA may not serve on a selection panel or as a technical advisor to HUD for this NOFA. All individuals involved in rating and ranking this NOFA, including experts and consultants, must avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts. If the selection or non-selection of any applicant under this NOFA affects the individual's financial interests set forth in 18 U.S.C. 208 or involves any party with whom the individual has a covered relationship under 5 CFR 2635.502, that individual must, prior to participating in any matter regarding this NOFA, disclose this fact to the General Counsel or the Ethics Law Division.

*(H) Eligible Populations to be Served*

The HCI is designed to serve colonias in rural areas in the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. See definitions of "colonias" and "rural county" above.

*(I) Grant Amounts*

In the event an applicant is awarded an HCI grant that has been reduced (e.g. the application contained some activities that were ineligible or budget information did not support the request), the applicant will be required to modify its project plans and application to conform to the terms of HUD's approval before execution of a grant agreement. HUD reserves the right to reduce or de-obligate the HCI award if approvable modifications to the proposed project are not submitted by the awardee in the required amounts in a timely manner. Any modifications must be within the scope of the original HCI application. HUD reserves the right not to make awards under this NOFA.

*(J) Grant Period*

Recipients will have 36 months from the date of funding award to complete all project activities except the final evaluation and reporting, fulfillment of

audit requirements and final project close-out.

*(K) Leveraging of Other Resources*

(1) A key component of the HCI is the leveraging of other sources of capital to significantly expand the scope of accomplishments to be realized with this funding.

(2) Potential recipients must demonstrate the commitment of additional resources to support their proposed projects. Sources of this other funding can be other public (Federal, State or local) agencies, private funding or internal resources. In-kind services, "sweat equity" and commitments of funds for activities which are already being implemented may be counted toward the leveraging requirements. Funding for which commitments were received prior to publication of this NOFA may be counted, provided that the commitment is still valid, is for the project activities proposed, and that implementation of the activity had not yet begun. Final negotiation of budgets and implementation schedules may be conditioned upon evidence that leveraging requirements have been met.

*(L) Negotiations*

After all applications have been rated and ranked and a selection has been made, HUD may require that awardees participate in negotiations to determine the specific tasks and grant budget. Where a specific area or one or more specific sites for project activities are identified in an application or during negotiations, HUD may undertake and complete its environmental review during negotiations. In cases where HUD cannot successfully conclude negotiations or a selected applicant fails to provide HUD with requested information, or if the reduced amount of funding makes the project infeasible, awards will not be made. In such instances, HUD will offer an award to the next highest ranking applicant and proceed with negotiations with that next highest ranking applicant.

*(M) Adjustments to Funding*

(1) HUD reserves the right to fund less than the full amount requested in any application to ensure the purpose of the initiative is met. HUD may not fund portions of the applications that are ineligible for funding under applicable program statutory or regulatory requirements, or which do not meet the requirements of this NOFA, but may fund eligible portions of the applications.

(2) If funds remain after funding the highest ranking applications in each State, HUD may fund part of the next

highest ranking application in the same category (i.e., development or capacity-building). If the applicant turns down the award offer, or if the project is not feasible at the proposed funding level, HUD will make the same determination for the next highest ranking applications in each category.

*(N) Environmental Review*

Selection for award does not constitute approval of any proposed sites. Following selection for award, HUD will perform an environmental review of activities proposed for assistance under this part, in accordance with 24 CFR part 50. The results of the environmental review may require that proposed activities be modified or that proposed sites be rejected. Applicants are particularly cautioned not to undertake or commit funds for acquisition or development of proposed properties prior to HUD approval of specific properties or areas. Each application shall contain an assurance that the applicant will assist HUD to comply with part 50; will supply HUD with all available, relevant information to perform an environmental review for each proposed property; will carry out mitigating measures required by HUD or select alternate property; and will not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, lease, repair or construct property, nor commit HUD or local funds for these program activities with respect to any eligible property, until HUD approval of the property is received.

### III. Application Selection Process

*(A) Rating and Ranking*

(1) *General.* To review and rate applications, HUD may establish panels including outside experts or consultants to obtain certain expertise and outside points of view, including views from other Federal agencies. A total of 100 points is possible. For the capacity-building category, a minimum score of 70 points must be achieved to be considered for funding.

(2) *Rating.* All applicants for funding under this NOFA will be evaluated against the criteria below. The rating of the "applicant" or the "applicant's organization and staff" for technical merit or threshold compliance, unless otherwise specified, will include any sub-contractors, consultants, sub-recipients, and members of consortia which are firmly committed to the project.

(3) *Ranking.* Applicants will be ranked within each of the two set-aside program areas: housing development activities and capacity-building. Applicants will be ranked only against

others in the separate set-aside program areas. Once scores are assigned, all applications will be ranked in order of points assigned, with the applications receiving more points ranking above those receiving fewer points. The highest ranking applications in each State area will be funded; the highest ranking capacity-building application will be funded, provided it has achieved a score of at least 70 points. As noted above, if the highest ranking application in the capacity-building category may be funded at an amount less than \$1 million, additional grants may be made to the extent funds and fundable applicants remain.

(4) If HUD determines that an application rated, ranked and fundable could be funded at a lesser HCI grant amount than requested consistent with feasibility of the funded project or activities and the purposes of this NOFA, HUD reserves the right to reduce the amount of the HCI grant award and fund the next ranking application in that State if sufficient funds remain to undertake a feasible project in the scope of that application. Any remaining amounts may be pooled to fund the next highest ranked application in any of the four states.

#### *(B) Threshold Requirements*

HUD will review each application to determine whether the application meets all of the threshold criteria described for program funding made available under this NOFA.

Applications that meet the threshold criteria will be eligible to be rated and ranked, based on the criteria described, and the total number of points to be awarded. The threshold criteria are:

(1) An applicant must be a private for-profit or nonprofit entity organized according to State law where situated.

(2) If an applicant (a) has been charged with a violation of the Fair Housing Act by the Secretary; (b) is the defendant in a Fair Housing Act lawsuit filed by the Department of Justice; (c) has received a letter of noncompliance findings under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; or (d) has been debarred, the applicant is not eligible to apply for funding under this NOFA until the applicant resolves such charge, lawsuit, letter of findings, or debarment to the satisfaction of the Department.

#### *(C) Narrative Statement*

Each applicant shall provide: (1) a narrative statement describing the activities that will be carried out with the HCI grant funds; and (2) an explanation of how the use of HCI grant funds meets the rating factors identified

below. The description of activities should include a statement of how the proposed uses of HCI funds will meet the objectives of this initiative. The application as a whole (narrative and responses to the Factors for Award, below) shall not exceed 25 8.5" by 11" pages. Applicants may also submit videotapes and/or photographs of the area or neighborhood that would be assisted by grant funds under this NOFA. The applicant must indicate which factor(s) the photographs and/or video tapes address.

#### *(D) Factors for Award*

All applicants will be considered for selection based on the following factors that demonstrate the need for the proposed project or activities, and the applicant's creativity, capacity and commitment to provide the maximum benefit to the residents of the colonias areas served and the extent to which the proposed project will increase the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and accessible affordable housing in colonias. The maximum points awarded for the factors total 100.

Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Staff (20 points).

This factor addresses the applicant's organizational experience in administering similar types of funding, and the demonstrated capacity to carry out the proposed activities. Applicants must demonstrate previous relevant experience working in colonias. When responding to this factor, the applicant should identify the number of projects undertaken, the type of project, and the number of units of affordable housing developed, as applicable. The response should include a discussion of how housing units were made affordable for low-income persons. The rating of the applicant or the applicant's organization and staff for technical merit will include any faculty, subcontractors, consultants, subrecipients, and members of consortia which are firmly committed (i.e. has a written agreement or a signed letter of understanding with the applicant agreeing in principle to its participation and role in the project). HUD will also consider past performance in carrying out HUD-funded or other projects, including projects similar in size and scope to the project proposed, and the extent to which projects encourage and incorporate collaborative and partnership relationships in serving colonia residents.

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (20 points).

This factor addresses the extent of colonia need(s) for housing, including accessible housing, and related

investments, including a description of physical and social conditions. In applying this factor, HUD will consider current levels of distress in the immediate community to be served by the project. Level of distress will be indicated most directly by data on the size and condition of the existing housing stock, homeownership and land tenure, availability of housing finance, and rental assistance need. Additional indicators of distress may include: infrastructure and community facility needs, education and employment of residents, and the need for legal or other assistance. HUD requires that applicants use sound, reliable and verifiable data to support the level of distress claimed in the application.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (40 points).

This factor addresses the appropriateness and effectiveness of the proposed activities in substantially addressing identified needs. HUD will consider the extent to which the plan is logical, feasible, and substantially likely to achieve its stated purpose and provides benchmarks to measure actual increase in the number of decent, safe, sanitary, and accessible affordable housing units. HUD's desire is to fund projects and activities which will quickly produce demonstrable results and advance the public interest including the number of colonia residents to be assisted and the impact of the projects and activities on the distress factors indicated by the applicant's response to Factor 2. An applicant must demonstrate that it has an understanding of the steps required to implement its project, the actions that it and others responsible for implementing the project must complete and shall include a reasonable time schedule for carrying out the project. In considering this factor, HUD will take into account the cost per unit for construction or rehab of housing units.

Rating Factor 4: Financial Feasibility/Leveraging Resources (20 points).

This factor addresses the extent to which the proposed project will leverage the use of other public and private financial resources to provide a fiscally sound project. A minimum ratio of RDDC funds in any project is not specified. However, applicants that have the greatest ratio of other funds or in-kind services to RDDC funds will receive a greater number of points for leveraging resources. Documentation of funds pledged and in-kind services to be provided must be submitted with the application to be considered. This documentation might include letters of financial commitment or verifiable evidence of other loan or grant

assistance to address the housing development needs of the colonia project area and residents. Also considered in determining the points for this factor must be the extent to which project costs (as evidenced by a complete budget-by-task) are reasonable and financially feasible.

#### IV. Application Submission Requirements

The application must include an original and two copies of the items listed below:

- (A) Transmittal letter from applicant;
- (B) Table of contents;
- (C) A signed SF-424 (application form);
- (D) A narrative statement as described above;
- (E) Responses to each of the Factors for Award;
- (F) Written agreements or signed letters of understanding in support of Rating Factor 1: "Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Staff";
- (G) Documentation of funds pledged in support of Rating Factor 4: "Financial Feasibility/Leveraging Resources";
- (H) A budget-by-task to accompany Factor 4;
- (I) Required certifications (signed, as appropriate, and attached as an appendix); and
- (J) Acknowledgment of Application Receipt form (submitted with application and returned to applicant as verification of timely receipt).

#### V. Corrections to Deficient Applications

After the application due date, HUD may not, consistent with 24 CFR part 4, subpart B, consider unsolicited information from an applicant. HUD may contact an applicant, however, to clarify an item in the application or to correct technical deficiencies. Applicants should note, however, that HUD may not seek clarification of items or responses that improve the substantive quality of the applicant's response to any eligibility or selection criterion. Examples of curable technical deficiencies include failure to submit an application containing an original signature by an authorized official. In each case, HUD will notify the applicant in writing by describing the clarification or technical deficiency. HUD will notify applicants by facsimile or by return receipt requested mail. Applicants must submit clarifications or corrections of technical deficiencies in accordance with the information provided by HUD within 7 calendar days of the date of receipt of the HUD notification. If the deficiency is not corrected within this

time period, HUD will reject the application as incomplete.

#### VI. Findings and Certifications

##### (A) Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The information collection requirements contained in this NOFA have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The OMB approval number, once assigned, will be published in the **Federal Register**. *An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.*

##### (B) Environmental Impact

A Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the environment has been made in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50, implementing section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332). The Finding of No Significant Impact is available for public inspection during business hours in the Office of the Rules Docket Clerk, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

##### (C) Federalism Impact

The General Counsel, as the Designated Official under section 6(a) of Executive Order 12612, *Federalism*, has determined that the policies contained in this NOFA will not have substantial direct effects on States or their political subdivisions, or the relationship between the Federal Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. As a result, the notice is not subject to review under the Order. This notice is a funding notice and does not substantially alter the established roles of HUD, the States, and local governments.

##### (D) Accountability in the Provision of HUD Assistance

Section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (HUD Reform Act) and the regulations in 24 CFR part 4, subpart A contain a number of provisions that are designed to ensure greater accountability and integrity in the provision of certain types of assistance administered by HUD. On January 14, 1992 (57 FR 1942), HUD published a notice that also provides information on the implementation of

section 102. HUD will comply with the documentation, public access, and disclosure requirements of section 102 with regard to the assistance awarded under this NOFA, as follows:

(1) *Documentation and public access requirements.* HUD will ensure that documentation and other information regarding each application submitted pursuant to this NOFA are sufficient to indicate the basis upon which assistance was provided or denied. This material, including any letters of support, will be made available for public inspection for a 5-year period beginning not less than 30 days after the award of the assistance. Material will be made available in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 15. In addition, HUD will include the recipients of assistance pursuant to this NOFA in its **Federal Register** notice of all recipients of HUD assistance awarded on a competitive basis.

(2) *Disclosures.* HUD will make available to the public for 5 years all applicant disclosure reports (HUD Form 2880) submitted in connection with this NOFA. Update reports (also Form 2880) will be made available along with the applicant disclosure reports, but in no case for a period less than 3 years. All reports—both applicant disclosures and updates—will be made available in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 15.

##### (E) Section 103 HUD Reform Act

HUD will comply with section 103 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 and HUD's implementing regulations in subpart B of 24 CFR part 4 with regard to the funding competition announced today. These requirements continue to apply until the announcement of the selection of successful applicants. HUD employees involved in the review of applications and in the making of funding decisions are limited by section 103 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 section 103 and subpart B of 24 CFR part 4.

Applicants or employees who have ethics related questions should contact the HUD Office of Ethics (202) 708-3815. (This is not a toll-free number.)

*(F) Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities*

Applicants for funding under this NOFA are subject to the provisions of section 319 of the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (31 U.S.C. 1352) (the Byrd Amendment) and to the provisions of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-65; approved December 19, 1995).

The Byrd Amendment, which is implemented in regulations at 24 CFR part 87, prohibits applicants for Federal contracts and grants from using appropriated funds to attempt to influence Federal executive or legislative officers or employees in connection with obtaining such assistance, or with its extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification. The Byrd Amendment applies to the funds that are the subject of this NOFA. Therefore, applicants must file a certification stating that they have not made and will not make any prohibited payments and, if any

payments or agreement to make payments of nonappropriated funds for these purposes have been made, a form SF-LLL disclosing such payments must be submitted. The certification and the SF-LLL are included in the application.

The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-65; approved December 19, 1995), which repealed section 112 of the HUD Reform Act, requires all persons and entities who lobby covered executive or legislative branch officials to register with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives and file reports concerning their lobbying activities.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

**Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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# Application for Federal Assistance

OMB Approval No. 0348-0043

<b>1. Type of Submission:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <b>Application</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Construction  <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction         </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <b>Preapplication</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Construction  <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction         </div> </div>		<b>2. Date Submitted</b>	<b>Applicant Identifier</b>
<b>3. Date Received by State</b>		<b>State Application Identifier</b>	
<b>4. Date Received by Federal Agency</b>		<b>Federal Identifier</b>	

  

<b>5. Applicant Information</b> <b>Legal Name</b>		<b>Organizational Unit</b>	
<b>Address (give city, county, State, and zip code):</b> matters		<b>Name, telephone number, and facsimile number of the person to be contacted on</b> involving this application (give area codes)	

  

<b>6. Employer Identification Number (EIN):</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	<b>7. Type of Applicant: (enter appropriate letter in box)</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px; float: right;"></span> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">           A. State            B. County            C. Municipal            D. Township            E. Interstate            F. Intermunicipal            G. Special District            H. Independent School Dist.            I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning         </div> <div style="width: 50%;">           J. Private University            K. Indian Tribe            L. Individual            M. Profit Organization            N. Non-profit            O. Public Housing Agency            P. Other (Specify):         </div> </div>
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<b>8. Type of Application:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es): <span style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> <span style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></span> A. Increase Award    B. Decrease Award    C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration    Other (specify):	<b>9. Name of Federal Agency:</b>
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<b>10. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <b>Title:</b>	<b>11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</b>
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<b>12. Areas Affected by Project (cities, counties, States, etc.):</b>		<b>13. Proposed Project:</b>	
<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Ending Date</b>	<b>14. Congressional Districts of:</b>	
<b>a. Applicant</b>		<b>b. Project</b>	

  

<b>15. Estimated Funding:</b>	<b>16. Is Application Subject to Review by State Executive Order 12372 Process?</b>																					
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<b>17. Is the Applicant Delinquent on Any Federal Debt?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    If "Yes," explain below or attach an explanation <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>18. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this application/preapplication are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is awarded.</b>
<b>a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative</b>	<b>b. Title</b>	<b>c. Telephone Number</b>
<b>d. Signature of Authorized Representative</b>		<b>e. Date Signed</b>



## Instructions for the SF-424

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Please do not return your completed form to the Office of Management and Budget; send it to the address provided by the sponsoring agency.

This is a standard form used by applicants as a required facesheet for preapplications and applications submitted for Federal assistance. It will be used by Federal agencies to obtain applicant certification that States which have established a review and comment procedure in response to executive Order 12372 and have selected the program to be included in their process, have been given an opportunity to review the applicant's submission.

Item	Entry	Item	Entry
1.	Self-explanatory.		description of this project.
2.	Date application submitted to Federal agency (or State if applicable) and applicant's control number (if applicable).	12.	List only the largest political entities affected (e.g., State, counties, cities).
3.	State use only (if applicable).	13.	Self-explanatory.
14.	If this application is to continue or revise an existing award, enter present Federal identifier number. If for a new project, leave blank.	14.	List the applicant's Congressional District and any District(s) affected by the program or project.
5.	Legal name of applicant, name of primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity, complete address of the applicant, and name and telephone number of the person to contact on matters related to this application.	15.	Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 15.
6.	Enter Employer Identification Number (EIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.	16.	Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process
7.	Enter the appropriate letter in the space provided.	17.	This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.
8.	Check appropriate box and enter appropriate letter(s) in the space(s) provided: - "New" means a new assistance award. - "Continuation" means an extension for an additional funding budget period for a project with a projected completion date. - "Revision" means any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation.	18.	To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)
9.	Name of Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.		
10.	Use the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.		
11.	Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary		

**Certification for  
a Drug-Free Workplace****U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding: \_\_\_\_\_

Acting on behalf of the above named Applicant as its Authorized Official, I make the following certifications and agreements to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the sites listed below:

I certify that the above named Applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.

b. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees ---

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a.;

d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph a. that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will ---

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

e. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted ---

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs a. thru f.

2. **Sites for Work Performance.** The Applicant shall list (on separate pages) the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the HUD funding of the program/activity shown above: Place of Performance shall include the street address, city, county, State, and zip code. Identify each sheet with the Applicant name and address and the program/activity receiving grant funding.)

Check here ☐ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified on the attached sheets.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate.  
**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties.  
(18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

X

**Certification of Payments  
to Influence Federal Transactions****U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development**  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

Applicant Name

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate.

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Name of Authorized Official:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

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**form HUD 50071 (3/98)**  
ref. Handbooks 7417.1, 7475.13, 7485.1, & 7485.3

**Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

Approved by OMB 0348-0046

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352  
(See reverse side for Instructions.)

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Please do not return your completed form to the Office of Management and Budget; send it to the address provided by the sponsoring agency.

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance		<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award		<b>3. Report Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change <b>For Material Change Only:</b> year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____	
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:   Congressional District, if known: _____			<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, enter Name and Address of Prime:</b>   Congressional District, if known: _____		
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b>			<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b>  CFDA Number, if applicable: _____		
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b>			<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b> \$ _____		
<b>10a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> (if individual, last name, first name, MI):			<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> (including address if different from No. 10a.) (last name, first name, MI):		
<b>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by Sec. 319, Pub. L. 101-121, 103 Stat. 750, as amended by sec. 10; Pub. L. 104-65, Stat. 700 (31 U.S.C. 1352). This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semiannually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</b>					
<b>Signature:</b> _____ <b>Print Name:</b> _____ <b>Title:</b> _____ <b>Telephone No.:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____					
<b>Federal Use Only:</b>			<b>Authorized for Local Reproduction</b> Standard Form-LLL (1/96)		

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**Instructions for Completion of SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or any employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee", then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

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**Part IV. Interested Parties**

Alphabetical list of all persons with a reportable financial interest in the project or activity  
(for individuals, give the last name first)

Social Security Number or  
Employee ID Number

Type of Participation  
in Project/Activity

Financial Interest  
in Project/Activity  
(\$ and %)

If there are no persons with a reportable financial interest, you must certify that this information is true.

I hereby certify that this information is true. (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part V. Report on Expected Sources and Uses of Funds**

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**Source**

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If there are no sources of funds, you must certify that this information is true.

I hereby certify that this information is true. (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Use**

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If there are no uses of funds, you must certify that this information is true.

I hereby certify that this information is true. (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification**

**Warning:** If you knowingly make a false statement on this form, you may be subject to civil or criminal penalties under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code. In addition, any person who knowingly and materially violates any required disclosure of information, including intentional non-disclosure, is subject to civil money penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation.

I certify that this information is true and complete.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

**Privacy Act Statement.** Except for Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and Employer Identification Numbers (EINs), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect all the information required by this form under section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, 42 U.S.C. 3531. Disclosure of SSNs and EINs is optional. The SSN or EIN is used as a unique identifier. The information you provide will enable HUD to carry out its responsibilities under Sections 102(b), (c), and (d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, Pub. L. 101-235, approved December 15, 1989. These provisions will help ensure greater accountability and integrity in the provision of certain types of assistance administered by HUD. They will also help ensure that HUD assistance for a specific housing project under Section 102(d) is not more than is necessary to make the project feasible after taking account of other government assistance. HUD will make available to the public all applicant disclosure reports for five years in the case of applications for competitive assistance, and for generally three years in the case of other applications. Update reports will be made available along with the disclosure reports, but in no case for a period generally less than three years. All reports, both initial reports and update reports, will be made available in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552) and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 15. HUD will use the information in evaluating individual assistance applications and in performing internal administrative analyses to assist in the management of specific HUD programs. The information will also be used in making the determination under Section 102(d) whether HUD assistance for a specific housing project is more than is necessary to make the project feasible after taking account of other government assistance. You must provide all the required information. Failure to provide any required information may delay the processing of your application, and may result in sanctions and penalties, including imposition of the administrative and civil money penalties specified under 24 CFR §12.34.

**Note:** This form only covers assistance made available by the Department. States and units of general local government that carry out responsibilities under Sections 102(b) and (c) of the Reform Act must develop their own procedures for complying with the Act.

#### Instructions (See Note 1 on last page.)

**I. Overview.** Subpart C of 24 CFR Part 12 provides for (1) initial reports from applicants for HUD assistance and (2) update reports from recipients of HUD assistance. An overview of these requirements follows.

**A. Applicant disclosure (initial) reports: General.** All applicants for assistance from HUD for a specific project or activity must make a number of disclosures, if the applicant meets a dollar threshold for the receipt of covered assistance during the fiscal year in which the application is submitted. The applicant must also make the disclosures if it requests assistance from HUD for a specific housing project that involves assistance from other governmental sources. Applicants subject to Subpart C must make the following disclosures:

- Assistance from other government sources in connection with the project,
- The financial interests of persons in the project,
- The sources of funds to be made available for the project, and
- The uses to which the funds are to be put.

**B. Update reports: General.** All recipients of covered assistance must submit update reports to the Department to reflect substantial changes to the initial applicant disclosure reports.

**C. Applicant disclosure reports: Specific guidance.** The applicant must complete all parts of this disclosure form if **either** of the following **two** circumstances in paragraph 1. or 2., below, applies:

1.a. **Nature of Assistance.** The applicant submits an application for assistance for a specific project or activity (See Note 2) in which:

HUD makes assistance available to a recipient for a specific project or activity; or

HUD makes assistance available to an entity (other than a State or a unit of general local government), such as a public housing agency (PHA), for a specific project or activity, where the application is required by statute or regulation to be submitted to HUD for any purpose; **and**

b. **Dollar Threshold.** The applicant has received, or can reasonably expect to receive, an aggregate amount of all forms of assistance (See Note 3) from HUD, States, and units of general local government, in excess of \$200,000 during the Federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30) in which the application is submitted. (See Note 4)

2. The applicant submits an application for assistance for a specific housing project that involves other government assistance. (See Note 5) **Note:** There is no dollar threshold for this criterion: **any** other government assistance triggers the requirement. (See Note 6)

If the Application meets **neither** of these two criteria, the applicant need only complete Parts I and II of this report, as well as the certification at the end of the report. If the Application meets **either** of these criteria, the applicant must complete the entire report.

The applicant disclosure report must be submitted with the application for the assistance involved.

**D. Update reports: Specific guidance.** During the period in which an application for covered assistance is pending, or in which the assistance is being provided (as indicated in the relevant grant or other agreement), the applicant must make the following additional disclosures:

1. Any information that should have been disclosed in connection with the application, but that was omitted.
2. Any information that would have been subject to disclosure in connection with the application, but that arose at a later time, including information concerning an interested party that now meets the applicable disclosure threshold referred to in Part IV, below.
3. For changes in previously disclosed other government assistance:

For programs administered by the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, any change in other government assistance that exceeds the amount of such assistance that was previously disclosed by \$250,000 or by 10 percent of the assistance (whichever is lower).

For all other programs, any change in other government assistance that exceeds the amount of such assistance that was previously disclosed.

4. For changes in previously disclosed financial interests, any change in the amount of the financial interest of a person that exceeds the amount of the previously disclosed interests by \$50,000 or by 10 percent of such interests (whichever is lower).

**5. For changes in previously disclosed sources or uses of funds:****a. For programs administered by the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development:**

Any change in a source of funds that exceeds the amount of all previously disclosed sources of funds by \$250,000 or by 10 percent of those sources (whichever is lower); and

Any change in a use of funds under paragraph (b)(1)(iii) that exceeds the amount of all previously disclosed uses of funds by \$250,000 or by 10 percent of those uses (whichever is lower).

**b. For all programs, other than those administered by the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development:**

For projects receiving a tax credit under Federal, State, or local law, any change in a source of funds that was previously disclosed.

For all other projects, any change in a source of funds that exceeds the lower of:

The amount previously disclosed for that source of funds by \$250,000, or by 10 percent of the amount previously disclosed for that source, whichever is lower; or

The amount previously disclosed for all sources of funds by \$250,000, or by 10 percent of the amount previously disclosed for all sources of funds, whichever is lower.

**c. For all programs, other than those administered by the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development:**

For projects receiving a tax credit under Federal, State, or local law, any change in a use of funds that was previously disclosed.

For all other projects, any change in a use of funds that exceeds the lower of:

The amount previously disclosed for that use of funds by \$250,000, or by 10 percent of the amount previously disclosed for that use, whichever is lower; or

The amount previously disclosed for all uses of funds by \$250,000, or by 10 percent of the amount previously disclosed for all uses of funds, whichever is lower.

Note: Update reports must be submitted within 30 days of the change requiring the update. The requirement to provide update reports only applies if the application for the underlying assistance was submitted on or after the effective date of Subpart C.

**II. Line-by-Line Instructions.****A. Part I. Applicant/Recipient Information.**

All applicants for HUD assistance specified in Section I.C.1.a., above, as well as all recipients required to submit an update report under Section I.D., above, must complete the information required by Part I. The applicant/recipient must indicate whether the disclosure is an initial or an update report. Line-by-line guidance for Part I follows:

1. Enter the full name, address, city, State, zip code, and telephone number (including area code) of the applicant/recipient. Where the applicant/recipient is an individual, the last name, first name, and middle initial must be entered. Entry of the applicant/recipient's SSN or EIN, as appropriate, is optional.

2. Applicants enter the name and full address of the project or activity for which the HUD assistance is sought. Recipients enter the name and full address of the HUD-assisted project or activity to which the update report relates. The most appropriate government identifying number must be used (e.g., RFP No.; IFB No.; grant announcement No.; or contract, grant, or loan No.) Include prefixes.

3. Applicants describe the HUD assistance referred to in Section I.C.1.a. that is being requested. Recipients describe the HUD assistance to which the update report relates.

4. Applicants enter the HUD program name under which the assistance is being requested. Recipients enter the HUD program name under which the assistance, that relates to the update report, was provided.

5. Applicants enter the amount of HUD assistance that is being requested. Recipients enter the amount of HUD assistance that has been provided and to which the update report relates. The amounts are those stated in the application or award documentation. NOTE: In the case of assistance that is provided pursuant to contract over a period of time (such as project-based assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937), the amount of assistance to be reported includes all amounts that are to be provided over the term of the contract, irrespective of when they are to be received.

Note: In the case of Mortgage Insurance under 24 CFR Subtitle B, Chapter II, the mortgagor is responsible for making the applicant disclosures, and the mortgagee is responsible for furnishing the mortgagor's disclosures to the Department. Update reports must be submitted directly to HUD by the mortgagor.

Note: In the case of the Project-Based Certificate program under 24 CFR Part 882, Subpart G, the owner is responsible for making the applicant disclosures, and the PHA is responsible for furnishing the owner's disclosures to HUD. Update reports must be submitted through the PHA by the owner.

**B. Part II. Threshold Determinations — Applicants Only**

Part II contains information to help the applicant determine whether the remainder of the form must be completed. **Recipients filing Update Reports should not complete this Part.**

1. The first question asks whether the applicant meets the Nature of Assistance and Dollar Threshold requirements set forth in Section I.C.1. above.

If the answer is Yes, the applicant must complete the remainder of the form. If the answer is No, the form asks the applicant to certify that its response is correct, and to complete the next question.

2. The second question asks whether the application is for a specific housing project that involves other government assistance, as described in Section I.C.2. above.

If the answer is Yes, the applicant must complete the remainder of the form. If the answer is No, the form asks the applicant to certify that its response is correct.

If the answer to both questions 1 and 2 is No, the applicant need not complete Parts III, IV, or V of the report, but must sign the certification at the end of the form.

**C. Part III. Other Government Assistance.**

This Part is to be completed by both applicants filing applicant disclosure reports and recipients filing update reports. Applicants must report any other government assistance involved in the project or activity for which assistance is sought. Recipients must report any other government assistance involved in the project or activity, to the extent required under Section I.D.1., 2., or 3., above.

Other government assistance is defined in note 5 on the last page. For purposes of this definition, other government assistance is expected to be made available if, based on an assessment of all the circumstances involved, there are reasonable grounds to anticipate that the assistance will be forthcoming.

Both applicant and recipient disclosures must include all other government assistance involved with the HUD assistance, as well as any other government assistance that was made available before the request, but that has continuing vitality at the time of the request. Examples of this latter category include tax credits that provide for a number of years of tax benefits, and grant assistance that continues to benefit the project at the time of the assistance request.

The following information must be provided:

1. Enter the name and address, city, State, and zip code of the government agency making the assistance available. Include at least one organizational level below the agency name. For example, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Coast Guard; Department of Safety, Highway Patrol.
2. Enter the program name and any relevant identifying numbers, or other means of identification, for the other government assistance.
3. State the type of other government assistance (e.g., loan, grant, loan insurance).
4. Enter the dollar amount of the other government assistance that is, or is expected to be, made available with respect to the project or activities for which the HUD assistance is sought (applicants) or has been provided (recipients).

If the applicant has no other government assistance to disclose, it must certify that this assertion is correct.

To avoid duplication, if there is other government assistance under this Part and Part V, the applicant/recipient should check the appropriate box in this Part and list the information in Part V, clearly designating which sources are other government assistance.

#### D. Part IV. Interested Parties.

This Part is to be completed by both applicants filing applicant disclosure reports and recipients filing update reports.

Applicants must provide information on:

- (1) All developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for the assistance or in the planning, development, or implementation of the project or activity and
- (2) any other person who has a financial interest in the project or activity for which the assistance is sought that exceeds \$50,000 or 10 percent of the assistance (whichever is lower).

Recipients must make the additional disclosures referred to in Section I.D.1., 2., or 4, above.

**Note:** A financial interest means any financial involvement in the project or activity, including (but not limited to) situations in which an individual or entity has an equity interest in the project or activity, shares in any profit on resale or any distribution of surplus cash or other assets of the project or activity, or receives compensation for any goods or services provided in connection with the project or activity. Residency of an individual in housing for which assistance is being sought is not, by itself, considered a covered financial interest.

The information required below must be provided.

1. Enter the full names and addresses of all persons referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) of this Part. If the person is an entity, the listing must include the full name of each officer, director, and principal stockholder of the entity. All names must be listed alphabetically, and the names of individuals must be shown with their last names first.
2. Entry of the Social Security Number (SSN) or Employee Identification Number (EIN), as appropriate, for each person listed is optional.
3. Enter the type of participation in the project or activity for each person listed: i.e., the person's specific role in the project (e.g., contractor, consultant, planner, investor).
4. Enter the financial interest in the project or activity for each person listed. The interest must be expressed both as a dollar amount and as a percentage of the amount of the HUD assistance involved.

If the applicant has no persons with financial interests to disclose, it must certify that this assertion is correct.

**5. Part V. Report on Sources and Uses of Funds.** This Part is to be completed by both applicants filing applicant disclosure reports and recipients filing update reports.

The applicant disclosure report must specify all expected sources of funds — both from HUD and from any other source — that have been, or are to be, made available for the project or activity. Non-HUD sources of funds typically include (but are not limited to) other government assistance referred to in Part III, equity, and amounts from foundations and private contributions. The report must also specify all expected uses to which funds are to be put. All sources and uses of funds must be listed, if, based on an assessment of all the circumstances involved, there are reasonable grounds to anticipate that the source or use will be forthcoming.

**Note** that if any of the source/use information required by this report has been provided elsewhere in this application package, the applicant need not repeat the information, but need only refer to the form and location to incorporate it into this report. (It is likely that some of the information required by this report has been provided on SF 424A, and on various budget forms accompanying the application.) If this report requires information beyond that provided elsewhere in the application package, the applicant must include in this report all the additional information required.

Recipients must submit an update report for any change in previously disclosed sources and uses of funds as provided in Section I.D.5., above.

General Instructions — sources of funds

Each reportable source of funds must indicate:

- a. The name and address, city, State, and zip code of the individual or entity making the assistance available. At least one organizational level below the agency name should be included. For example, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Coast Guard; Department of Safety, Highway Patrol.
  - b. The program name and any relevant identifying numbers, or other means of identification, for the assistance.
  - c. The type of assistance (e.g., loan, grant, loan insurance).
- Specific instructions — sources of funds.

(1) For programs administered by the Assistant Secretaries for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and Policy Development and Research, each source of funds must indicate the total amount of approved, and received; and must be listed in descending order according to the amount indicated.

(2) For programs administered by the Assistant Secretaries for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Community Planning and Development, and Public and Indian Housing, each source of funds must indicate the total amount of funds involved, and must be listed in descending order according to the amount indicated.

(3) If Tax Credits are involved, the report must indicate all syndication proceeds and equity involved.

General instructions—uses of funds.

Each reportable use of funds must clearly identify the purpose to which they are to be put. Reasonable aggregations may be used, such as "total structure" to include a number of structural costs, such as roof, elevators, exterior masonry, etc.

Specific instructions -- uses of funds.

(1) For programs administered by the Assistant Secretaries for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and Policy Development and Research, each use of funds must indicate the total amount of funds involved; must be broken down by amount committed, budgeted, and planned; and must be listed in descending order according to the amount indicated.

(ii) For programs administered by the Assistant Secretaries for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Community Planning and Development, and Public and Indian Housing, each use of funds must indicate the total amount of funds involved and must be listed in descending order according to the amount involved.

(iii) If any program administered by the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner is involved, the report must indicate all uses paid from HUD sources and other sources, including syndication proceeds. Uses paid should include the following amounts.

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Architect's fee — design  
 Architect's fee — supervision  
 Bond premium  
 Builder's general overhead  
 Builder's profit  
 Construction interest  
 Consultant fee  
 Contingency Reserve  
 Cost certification audit fee  
 FHA examination fee  
 FHA inspection fee  
 FHA MIP  
 Financing fee  
 FNMA / GNMA fee  
 General requirements  
 Insurance  
 Legal — construction  
 Legal — organization  
 Other fees  
 Purchase price  
 Supplemental management fund  
 Taxes  
 Title and recording  
 Operating deficit reserve  
 Resident initiative fund  
 Syndication expenses  
 Working capital reserve  
 Total land improvement  
 Total structures

Uses paid from syndication must include the following amounts:

Additional acquisition price and expenses  
 Bridge loan interest  
 Development fee  
 Operating deficit reserve  
 Resident initiative fund  
 Syndication expenses  
 Working capital reserve

**Footnotes:**

1. All citations are to 24 CFR Part 12, which was published in the Federal Register on March 14, 1991 at 56 Fed. Reg. 11032.
2. A list of the covered assistance programs can be found at 24 CFR §12.30, or in the rules or administrative instructions governing the program involved. Note: The list of covered programs will be updated periodically.
3. Assistance means any contract, grant, loan, cooperative agreement, or other form of assistance, including the insurance or guarantee of a loan or mortgage, that is provided with respect to a specific project or activity under a program administered by the Department. The term does not include contracts, such as procurements contracts, that are subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (48 CFR Chapter 1).
4. See 24 CFR §§12.32 (a)(2) and (3) for detailed guidance on how the threshold is calculated.
5. "Other government assistance" is defined to include any loan, grant, guarantee, insurance, payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect assistance from the Federal government (other than that requested from HUD in the application), a State, or a unit of general local government, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, that is, or is expected to be made, available with respect to the project or activities for which the assistance is sought.
6. For further guidance on this criterion, and for a list of covered programs, see 24 CFR §12.50.
7. For purposes of Part 12, a person means an individual (including a consultant, lobbyist, or lawyer); corporation; company; association; authority; firm; partnership; society; State, unit of general local government, or other government entity, or agency thereof (including a public housing agency); Indian tribe; and any other organization or group of people.

## **Applicant Nondiscrimination Certifications**

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to:
  - a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and regulations pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 1), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin;
  - b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 8, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of handicap;
  - c) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 146, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age; and,
  - d) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
2. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act of (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and with implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 100 et seq., which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, and administer its programs and activities relating to housing in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Will comply with Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 5301-5322), which states that no person shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official:  X	Applicant:
Title:	Date:

## Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development

### Certification A: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that its principals;

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal debarment or agency;

b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

#### Instructions for Certification (A)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms **covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded**, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines this eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (6) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

**Certification B: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**Instructions for Certification (B)**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms **covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded**, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a lower covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies including suspension and/or debarment.

Applicant

Date

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official

Title

**Acknowledgment of  
Application Receipt**U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development

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Type or clearly print the Applicant's name and full address in the space below.

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Type or clearly print the following information:

Name of the Federal  
Program to which the  
applicant is applying: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To Be Completed by HUD**

- ☐ HUD received your application by the deadline and will consider it for funding. In accordance with Section 103 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, no information will be released by HUD regarding the relative standing of any applicant until funding announcements are made. However, you may be contacted by HUD after initial screening to permit you to correct certain application deficiencies.
- ☐ HUD did not receive your application by the deadline; therefore, your application will not receive further consideration. Your application is:
- ☐ Enclosed
- ☐ Being sent under separate cover

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