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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Dear Applicant:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development thanks you for requesting the **Economic Development Initiative (EDI)** and **Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Application Kit**. This marks the seventh time EDI grants funds will be awarded to communities to carry out economic development projects and the third time the Department will award grants specifically targeted to redevelopment of Brownfields.

Approximately \$24.1 million in **Economic Development Initiative (EDI)** funding is available under this part of the February 24, 2000, Super Notice of Funding Availability for Economic Development and Empowerment Programs (SuperNOFA). EDI funds must be used to enhance the security or to improve the viability of a project financed with a new Section 108 guaranteed loan commitment. EDI funds may be used for any of the eligible activities under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, provided such activities are carried out as part of an economic development project. HUD anticipates funding EDI projects which will provide near-term results and demonstrable economic benefits, such as job creation and increase in the local tax base.

Please be aware that HUD is making \$14.1 million of the EDI funding under this SuperNOFA available for general economic development projects, and for the first time targeting \$10.0 million for regional economic development projects. Regional economic development projects are to be carried out by a combination of at least two units of general local government under a written cooperative agreement to generate economic benefit to a region or multiple jurisdictions.

HUD is pleased to again announce the **Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)** program. Approximately \$25 million in BEDI funding is available this year. Specifically targeted to the redevelopment of brownfields, BEDI grants are to be used in a manner similar to that of the EDI program described above. HUD anticipates funding BEDI projects on brownfields sites where other suspected or actual environmental conditions are known and redevelopment plans exist.

Communities may apply for both sources of funding if the grant is requested for separate and distinct projects. While separate applications are required for each funding source, every effort has been made to simplify the process for those submitting applications under both programs. Accordingly, minor modifications have been made to submission forms to permit their use in connection with EDI and BEDI projects.

The specific submission requirements are discussed in the EDI and BEDI program sections of the SuperNOFA and in this application kit. Before you begin preparing your application, please carefully read both the general section and the EDI and/or BEDI sections of the SuperNOFA. You should become familiar with the CDBG and Section 108 Guarantee program regulations as well. A copy of pertinent sections of the SuperNOFA and program regulations are located at the back of this application kit.

The application deadline for EDI funding is May 24, 2000.

The application deadline for BEDI funding is June 13, 2000.

Questions regarding this application kit may be directed to Tony Johnston in HUD's Office of Economic Development. He can be reached at 202/708-0614, ext. 4560 or, for persons with speech or hearing impairments at 1-800-877-8339. Tony Johnston may also be reached by email at anthony_johnston@hud.gov.

Thank you for your interest in HUD's Economic Development Initiative and Brownfields Economic Development Initiative programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cardell Cooper".

Cardell Cooper
Assistant Secretary