

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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**RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**



## FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR THE RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### Program Overview

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) program is to build capacity at the State and local level for rural housing and economic development and to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. The funds made available under this program will be awarded competitively, through a selection process conducted by HUD in consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

*Available Funds:* Approximately \$24 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 funding. Adjustments to Funding. HUD reserves the right to utilize this year's funding to fund previous year's errors prior to rating and ranking this year's applications. HUD reserves the right to reallocate funds between categories to achieve the maximum allocation of funds in both categories.

*Eligible Applicants:* Local rural non-profit organizations, community development corporations, Indian tribes, State housing finance agencies, and State economic development or community development agencies.

*Application Deadline:* April 6, 2001.

*Match:* None.

### Additional Information

If you are interested in applying for funding under this program, please review carefully the General Section of this SuperNOFA and application submission requirements. You should note that the total narrative response to all rating factors described under Section V(C) should not exceed 15 pages, and must be submitted on 8.5" by 11" paper using a 12 point size, with lines double spaced and printed only on one side. Please note that although submitting pages in excess of the page limit will not disqualify your application, HUD will not consider the information on any excess pages, which may result in a lower score or failure to meet a threshold. In addition, please review the following information:

#### I. Application Due Date, Further Information and Technical Assistance

*Application Due Date:* Completed applications (one original and two copies) must be submitted on or before 12:00 midnight, Eastern time, on April 6, 2001, to the HUD Headquarters address shown below.

See the General Section of this SuperNOFA for specific procedures governing the form of application

submission (e.g. mailed applications, express mail, overnight delivery, or hand carried).

*Address for Submitting Applications:* Completed applications (one original and two copies) must be submitted to: Processing and Control Unit, Room 7255, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; ATTN: Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development. When submitting your application, please include your name, mailing address (including zip code), telephone number, and fax number (including area code).

*For Application Kits.* An application kit is not necessary for submitting an application in response to this announcement. This announcement contains all the information necessary for the submission of your application for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program.

*For Further Information and Technical Assistance.* All information and materials required to submit an application for funding under the HUD Rural Housing and Economic Development program are included in the Appendix to this NOFA.

For information concerning the HUD Rural Housing and Economic Development program, contact Mr. Marty Horwath, Community Planning and Development Specialist, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED), Office of Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 7136, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2035 (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.

*Satellite Broadcast.* HUD will hold an information broadcast via satellite for potential applicants to learn more about the program and preparation of an application. For more information about the date and time of this broadcast, you should consult the HUD web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

Prior to the application deadline, HUD staff at the numbers above and local CPD field office Economic Development (ED) Specialists will be available to provide general guidance, but not guidance in actually preparing the application. Following selection, but prior to award, HUD staff will be available to assist in clarifying or confirming information that is a

prerequisite to the offer of an award by HUD.

#### II. Amount Allocated

(A) *Available Funds.* Approximately \$24 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 funding is being made available through this program section of the SuperNOFA. The breakdown for this funding is discussed below.

(B) *The FY 2001 HUD Appropriations Act.* The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106-377 approved October 27, 2000) (the "FY 2001 HUD Appropriations Act") made \$25 million in FY 2001 funds available under the Rural Housing and Economic Development program.

(C) *Funding Categories/ Maximum Award Amounts.* HUD will award up to approximately \$24 million on a competitive basis in the following funding categories.

(1) *Capacity Building.* HUD will award up to approximately \$12 million to build capacity. This amount will go directly to local rural nonprofits, community development corporations (CDCs) and Indian tribes to support innovative housing and economic development activities to increase capacity. The maximum amount awarded to a successful applicant in this category will be \$150,000. If you received a RHED grant in either FY 1999 or FY 2000 for capacity building, the maximum amount you can receive in this category will be \$100,000.

(2) *Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development Activities.* HUD will award up to approximately \$12 million to Indian tribes, State Housing Finance Agencies (HFA), state community and/or economic development agencies, local rural nonprofits and CDCs to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. The maximum amount awarded to a successful applicant in this category will be \$400,000.

#### III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) *Program Description.* (1) *Background.* There is a great need for expanding the supply of housing in rural America, particularly affordable housing for low income families and individuals. There are a number of rural areas which have experienced rapid immigration as a result of a growth in employment opportunities, but which have a shortage of affordable housing. In addition, because of out-migration from rural areas, and other factors causing

economic dislocation, many rural areas suffer from severe economic distress. There has been a growing national recognition of the need to enhance the capacity of Indian tribes, local rural nonprofits, CDCs, and State community and economic development agencies to expand the supply of affordable housing and to engage in economic development activities in rural areas.

A number of resources are available from the Federal government to address these problems, including programs of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the Department of Interior (for Indian Tribes) and HUD. The Rural Housing and Economic Development program has been developed to supplement these resources and to focus specifically on capacity building and innovative approaches to housing and economic development in rural areas. In administering these funds, HUD will encourage coordination between all Federal agencies in support of the program objectives.

(2) *Definitions. Appalachia's Distressed Counties* means those counties in Appalachia that the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has determined to have unemployment and poverty rates that are 150 percent of the respective U.S. rates and per capita income that is less than 67 percent of the U.S. per capita income, and counties with 200 percent of the U.S. poverty rate and one other indicator. Appendix B to this notice identifies the ARC's list of distressed counties.

*Colonia* means any identifiable community that:

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

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

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

*Farmworker* means a farm employee of an owner, tenant, labor contractor, or other operator raising or harvesting agricultural or aquacultural commodities; or a worker in the employment of a farm operator, handling, planting, drying, packing, grading, storing, delivering to storage or market, or carrying to market agricultural or aquacultural commodities produced by the operator. Seasonal farmworkers are those farm employees who typically do not have a

constant year round salary. Migrant farmworkers are those farm employees whose work requires travel that prevents the employee from returning to his or her permanent place of residence within the same day.

*A firm commitment* means the agreement by which an applicant's partner agrees to perform an activity specified in the application and demonstrates the financial capacity to deliver the resources necessary to carry out the activity, and commits the resources to the activity either in cash or through in-kind contributions and is irrevocable, subject only to approval and receipt of a FY 2001 RHED grant. Each letter of commitment should include the organization's name, the applicant's name, the proposed program, the proposed total level of commitment and responsibilities as they relate to the proposed program. The commitment must also be signed by an official of the organization legally able to make commitments on behalf of the organization and dated not earlier than the date of publication of this NOFA. In documenting a firm commitment, the applicant's partner must:

(i) Specify the authority by which the commitment is made, the amount of the commitment and the use of funds. If the committed activity is to be self-financed, the applicant's partner must evidence its financial capability through a corporate or personal financial statement or other appropriate means. If any portion of it is to be financed through a lending institution, the participant must evidence the institution's commitment to fund the loan;

(ii) State the amount and use of the commitment, and the relationship of the commitment to the proposed investment; and

(iii) Affirm that the commitment is not contingent upon another program or other pending commitments, and state a willingness on the part of the signatory to sign a legally binding commitment (conditioned on HUD environmental review and approval of a property, where applicable) upon award of the grant.

*Indian tribe* means any entity eligible to apply for funding under the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program (see 24 CFR 1003.5(a)). The list of federally recognized Indian tribes can be found notice published by the Department of the Interior on March 13, 2000, at 65 FR 13299, and is also available from HUD.

*Innovative housing activities* means projects, techniques, methods, combinations of assistance, construction materials, and financing institutions or

sources new to the eligible area, or its population. The innovative activities can also build upon and enhance a model that already exists.

*Local rural non-profit or community development corporation* means either:

(i) Any private entity with tax exempt status recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) which serves the eligible rural area involved in the application (including local affiliates of national organizations that provide technical and capacity building assistance in rural areas); or

(ii) Any public non-profit such as a Council of Governments that will serve specific local non-profit organizations in the eligible area.

*Lower Mississippi Delta Region* means the seven state, 219 county/parish region defined by Congress in the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Act, Pub.L. 100-460. Appendix C to this notice identifies the counties referenced in the Act.

*Rural area* may be defined in one of five ways:

(i) A place having fewer than 2,500 inhabitants (within or outside of metropolitan areas).

(ii) A county with no urban population of 20,000 inhabitants or more.

(iii) Territory, persons, and housing units in the rural portions of "extended cities." The U.S. Census Bureau identifies the rural portions of extended cities in the United States.

(iv) Open country which is not part of or associated with an urban area. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) describes "open country" as a site separated by open space from any adjacent densely populated urban area. Open space includes undeveloped land, agricultural land, or sparsely settled areas, but does not include physical barriers (such as rivers and canals), public parks, commercial and industrial developments, small areas reserved for recreational purposes, and open space set aside for future development.

(v) Any place with a population not in excess of 20,000 and not located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area.

*State economic development or community development agency* means any state agency which has promotion of statewide or local community/ economic development as its primary purpose.

*State Housing Finance Agency* means any state agency created to assist local communities and housing providers with financing assistance for development of housing in rural areas, particularly for low and moderate income people.

(3) *Eligible applicants.* Eligible applicants for each of the funding categories are as follows:

(a) *For capacity building funding.* If you are a local rural non-profit, CDC, or Indian tribe, you are eligible for capacity building funding to carry out innovative housing and economic development activities which may also enable an applicant to become self-sustaining in the future.

(b) *For support for innovative housing and economic development activities funding.* If you are a local rural non-profit, CDC, Indian tribe, State HFA, or State economic development or community development agency, you may apply for funding to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas.

(4) *Eligible activities.* The following are examples of eligible activities under the Rural Housing and Economic Development program. These examples are illustrative and are not meant to limit the activities that you may propose in your application. Any activity that meets the objective of the Rural Housing and Economic Development program will be considered eligible.

(a) *For capacity building funding.* Capacity building for innovative rural housing and economic development involves the enhancement of existing organizations to carry out new functions and/or perform more effectively existing functions. For organizations, this could also include "up front" money for acquiring space and support facilities, as well as other types of administrative expenses. This should also focus on activities which enable the applicant to become self-sustaining in the future.

Activities in connection with strengthening existing organizations include hiring qualified staff, supporting and training existing staff, providing software and other tools to provide networking and research capability, and obtaining expertise from outside sources. They also include training to improve management capability, including development of accounting systems, Management Information Systems (MIS) support, apprenticeship programs and related activities. Eligible activities also include arranging for technical assistance to conduct need assessments, conduct asset inventories, and develop strategic plans. These activities also include the promotion of fair housing by training specific local organizations and residents in fair housing issues, and by helping them to file fair housing complaints with HUD, when warranted.

(b) *For support of innovative housing and economic development activities.* (i) This category is intended to support, but

not be limited to, other costs for innovative housing and economic development activities. Eligible activities include preparation of plans, architectural and engineering drawings and reports, financial assistance for acquisition of land and buildings, demolition, provision of infrastructure, purchase of materials, construction costs, the use of local labor markets, and job training.

Additionally, eligible activities include homeownership counseling, application of innovative construction methods encouraging building design which reflects terrain, weather, and availability of indigenous materials. Besides meeting applicable civil rights requirements such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Federal Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*), HUD also strongly recommends that all housing designs be made "accessible and visitable." In addition, HUD encourages the use of universal design in designing and constructing units so that the housing can meet the needs of the largest number of individuals.

(ii) Other eligible activities include establishing Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), lines of credit, revolving loan funds, microenterprises, small business incubators, provision of direct financial assistance to homeowners/businesses/developers, etc. This can be in the form of establishing default reserves, pooling/securitization mechanisms, loans, grants, etc. Grantees should demonstrate that their activities will continue to serve the populations that are in need and that beneficiaries will have a choice of innovative housing and economic development opportunities as a result of these activities.

#### IV. Program Requirements

(A) *General.* To be eligible for funding under this program section of this SuperNOFA, you must meet the requirements and procedures applicable to all programs set forth in Section II of the General Section of the SuperNOFA, and particularly the civil rights threshold requirements set forth in Section II(B) of the General Section. In addition to these general requirements, you must meet the following program specific requirements.

(B) *Accounting System Requirements.* RHED requires that successful applicants have in place an accounting system that meets the policies, guidance, and requirements as described in the following applicable OMB Circulars and Code of Federal Regulations:

(1) OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles Applicable to Grants, Contracts and Other Agreements with State and Local Governments);

(2) OMB Circular No. A-122 (Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations), OMB Circular No. A-133 (Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations);

(3) 24 CFR part 84 (Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations); and

(4) 24 CFR part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local, and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments).

These documents apply to the award, acceptance and use of assistance under the Rural Housing and Economic Development program NOFA, and to the remedies for noncompliance, except when inconsistent with the provisions of the FY 2001 HUD Appropriations Act, other Federal statutes or the provisions of this NOFA.

(C) *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 (including establishing lines of credit that permit financing of such activities or making commitments for loans that would finance such activities from a revolving loan fund capitalized from funds under this NOFA) prior to HUD approval of specific properties or areas. Each application shall contain an assurance that you, 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, not commit or expend HUD or local funds for these program activities with respect to any eligible property, until HUD approval of the property is received. In supplying HUD with environmental information, grantees are to use the same guidance as provided in the HUD Handbook entitled "Field Environmental Review Processing for HUD Colonias Initiative (HCI) grants" issued January 27, 1998.

(D) *Grant Period.* Recipients will have 36 months from the date of funding to complete all project activities except the final evaluation and reporting, fulfillment and audit requirements and final project close-out.

(E) *Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control.* All property assisted under the Rural Housing and Economic Development program is covered by the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821–4846) and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 35.

## V. 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.

(2) *Rating.* All applicants for funding will be evaluated against the criteria below.

(3) *Ranking.* Applicants will be ranked separately within each of the two funding categories. Applicants will be selected for funding in accordance with their rank order in each category. If two or more applications are rated fundable and have the same score, but there are insufficient funds to fund all of them, the applications(s) with the highest score for Rating Factor 2 (Need and Extent of the Problem) shall be selected. If applications still have the same score, the highest score in the following factors will be selected sequentially until one highest score can be determined, Rating Factor 3 (Soundness of Approach), Rating Factor 1 (Capacity and Experience), Rating Factor 5 (Comprehensiveness and Coordination) and Rating Factor 4 (Leveraging of Resources). To be eligible for funding in the Innovative category, an application must have a minimum score of 25 points for the total combined number of points for Rating Factors 1 and 3. To be eligible for funding in the Capacity Building category, an application must have a minimum score of 20 points for Rating Factor 3.

(B) *Initial screening.* During the period immediately following the application deadline, HUD will screen each application to determine eligibility. Applications will be rejected if they:

(1) Are submitted by ineligible applicants (including applicants and subrecipients that do not meet the fair housing and civil rights threshold requirement described in Section II(B) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA);

(2) Do not serve an eligible rural area; or

(3) Propose a program for which significant activities are ineligible. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, use of RHED grant funds for income payments to subsidize individuals or families, political activities, or general governmental expenses other than expenses related to the administrative cost of the grant.

(C) *Rating Factors for Award Used to Evaluate and Rate Applications.* The factors for rating and ranking applicants, and maximum points for each factor, are provided below. The maximum number of points for this program is 102. This includes two EZ/EC bonus points, as described in the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(D) *Notification of Approval and Disapproval.* HUD will notify you whether or not you have been selected for an award. If you are selected, HUD's notice to you of the amount of the grant award based on the approved application will constitute HUD's preliminary approval, subject to negotiation and execution of the grant agreement by HUD.

### Rating Factor 1—Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (15 points)

This rating factor addresses the extent to which you have the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement your proposed work plan as further described in Rating Factor 3 in a timely manner within the 36 month award period.

*Rating standards applicable to individual funding categories.* The two funding categories have different objectives. Accordingly, in addition to the generally applicable rating standard discussed above, different standards will be used to judge the experience and qualifications of the applicants and any partners for each of the two funding categories. HUD fully supports emerging organizations who desire to develop internal capacity. Therefore, the following categories will be evaluated:

(1) For *Capacity Building.* (15 points) *Team members, composition, experience, organizational structure and management capacity.* HUD will evaluate the experience of your project director, core staff, any outside consultants, contractors, subrecipients, and members of coalitions to implement all of the work activities in your workplan as they relate to innovative housing and economic development activities. In evaluating your capacity to do the work, HUD will assess the recent and relevancy of the prior work experience of each of the parties listed

above to execute the prescribed activities; the services the consultants or other parties will provide which fill gaps in your staffing structure to enable you to carry out the proposed workplan; the experience of your project director in managing projects of similar size, scope, and dollar amount; the lines of authority and procedures that you have in place for ensuring that consultants and workplan goals and objectives are being met and that beneficiaries are being adequately served. In judging your response to this factor, HUD will only consider work experience gained within the last 3 years. When responding, please be sure to provide the dates, job titles and relevancy of the past experience to work undertaken by the employee or contractor under your proposed RHED application. The more recent, relevant, and successful the experience is of your team members in relationship to the workplan activities, the greater the number of points that you will receive.

(2) For *Support for Innovative Rural Housing and Economic Development Activities.* (15 points)

(a) (5 points) *Team members, composition, and experience.* HUD will evaluate the experience of your project director, core staff, any outside consultants, contractors, subrecipients, and members of coalitions to implement all of the work activities in your workplan. In evaluating your capacity to do the work, HUD will assess the recent and relevancy of the prior work experience of each of the parties listed above, to execute the prescribed activities; the services the consultants or other parties will provide which fill gaps in your staffing structure to enable you to carry out the proposed workplan; the experience of your project director in managing projects of similar size, scope, and dollar amount; the lines of authority and procedures that you have in place for ensuring that consultants and workplan goals and objectives are being met and that beneficiaries are being adequately served. In judging your response to this factor, HUD will only consider work experience gained within the last 7 years. When responding, please be sure to provide the dates, job titles and relevancy of the past experience to work undertaken by the employee or contractor under your proposed RHED application. The more recent, relevant, and successful the experience is of your team members in relationship to the workplan activities, the greater the number of points that you will receive.

(b) (5 points) *Organizational structure and management capacity.* HUD will evaluate the extent to which you can

demonstrate your ability to manage a workforce composed of full time and/or part-time staff as well as consultant staff and your ability to work with community-based groups or organizations in resolving issues related to affordable housing and economic development. In evaluating this sub-factor, HUD will take into account your experience in working with community-based organizations to design and implement programs which address the above housing and economic development issues. The more recent, relevant, and successful the experience is of your organization and any participating entities, the greater the number of points that you will receive.

(c) (5 points) *Experience with performance based funding requirements.* HUD will evaluate your experience in producing timely products and reports in any previous grant programs undertaken with HUD funds or other Federal, state, local or non-profit or for-profit organization funds. In assessing points for this sub-factor, HUD reserves the right to take into account your past performance in meeting performance and reporting goals on any previous HUD awards. Specific outcomes will be measured in terms of the number of living wage jobs created or retained, housing units rehabilitated or constructed and made available for low and moderate income persons, or other relevant objective performance measures related to your previous job experience and/or grant programs. Applicants that can demonstrate a closer and greater linkage between the expected outcomes and the previously generated outcomes will receive higher points for this sub-factor.

#### **Rating Factor 2—Need and Extent of the Problem (40 points)**

The Rural Housing and Economic Development program has been designed to address the problems of rural poverty, inadequate housing and lack of economic opportunity. This Factor addresses the extent to which there is need for funding the proposed activities based on levels of distress, and an indication of the urgency of meeting the need/distress in the applicant's target area. In responding to this Factor, applications will be evaluated on the extent to which the level of need for the proposed activity and the urgency in meeting the need are documented and compared, vis-à-vis, the target area, the county(ies) and national data.

(1) In applying this Factor, HUD will compare current levels of need for the following areas affected by the project: first, in the area (i.e. Census Tract(s) or Block Groups), immediately

surrounding the project site or the target area to be served by the proposed project; second, in the county in which the project is to be located, and third, in the nation. This means that an application that provides data that show levels of need in the project area and the county, expressed as a percent greater than the national average, will be rated higher under this Factor.

Notwithstanding the above, an applicant proposing a project to be located outside the target area could still receive points under the Need Factor if a clear rationale and linkage is provided linking the proposed project location and the benefits to be derived by persons living in more distressed area(s) of the applicant's target area.

(2) Applicants should provide data that address indicators of need as follows:

(a) *Poverty Rate* (15 points)—data should be provided in both absolute and percentage form (i.e., whole numbers and percents) for both the target area(s) and the county; an application that compares the local poverty rate in the following manner to the national average at the time of submission will receive points under this section as follows:

(i) Equal to but less than twice the national average = 5 points;  
 (ii) Twice but less than three times the national average = 10 points;  
 (iii) Three or more times the national average = 15 points.

(b) *Unemployment* (10 points)—for both the target area and county:

(i) Equal to but less than twice the national average = 2 points;  
 (ii) Twice but less than three times the national average = 4 points;  
 (iii) Three but less than four times the national average = 6 points;  
 (iv) Four but less than five times the national average = 8 points;  
 (v) Five or more times the national average = 10 points.

(c) *Other indicators of social and/or economic decline that best capture the applicant's local situation* (5 points)—examples that could be provided under this section are information on the community's stagnant or falling tax base, including recent commercial or industrial closings, housing conditions, such as the number and percentage of substandard and/or overcrowded units, rent burden (defined as average housing cost divided by average income) for both the target area and county, local crime statistics, etc. To the extent that the applicant's Consolidated Plan, its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing choice (AI), and/or its Anti-Poverty Strategy identify the level of distress in the community and the

neighborhood in which the project is to be carried out, references to such documents should be included in preparing the response to this Factor.

(3) In rating applications under this Factor, HUD reserves the right to consider sources of available objective data other than, or in addition to, those provided by applicants, and to compare such data to those provided by applicants and local crime statistics for both the project site and the county, etc.

(a) HUD requires use of sound and reliable data (e.g., U.S. Census data, State statistical reports, university studies/reports that are verifiable) to support distress levels cited in each application. A source for all information along with the publication or origination date must also be provided.

(b) Updated Census data are available as follows for the listed indicators:

(i) Unemployment rate—estimated monthly for counties, with a two-month lag;

(ii) Population—estimated for incorporated places and counties, through 1999;

(c) Poverty rate—estimated every two years, with a three-year lag, with 1997 data being the most recent available.

(d) *Demographics of Distress—Special Factors (10 points).* Because of the concern of HUD with meeting the needs of certain underserved areas, you will be awarded a total of ten points if you are located in or propose to serve one or more of the following populations, your application demonstrates that 100 percent of the beneficiaries as supported by RHED funds are one or more of the following populations, and you specifically identify how they will be served, provided that the proposed service area meets the definition of "eligible rural area" as described in Section III(A)(2) of this NOFA:

(i) Areas with very small populations in non-urban areas (2,500 population or less);

(ii) Migrant and seasonal farmworkers;

(iii) Indian Tribes;

(iv) Colonias;

(v) Appalachia's Distressed Counties;

or

(vi) the Lower Mississippi Delta Region (7 States and 219 counties/parishes). For these underserved areas, you should ensure that the populations that you serve and the documentation that you provide is consistent with the information described in the above paragraphs under this rating factor.

#### **Rating Factor 3—Soundness of Approach (30 points)**

This factor addresses the overall quality of your proposed workplan,

taking into account the project and the activities proposed to be undertaken; the cost-effectiveness of your proposed program; and the linkages between identified needs, the purposes of this program and your proposed activities and tasks. In addition, this factor addresses your ability to ensure that a clear linkage exists between innovative rural housing and economic development. In assessing cost-effectiveness, HUD will take into account staffing levels, beneficiaries to be served, a timetable for delivery of products and reports and anticipated products. HUD is also interested in applicants becoming self-sustaining so that activities can continue in the future without relying on further assistance from the Department. You will receive a greater number of points if your workplan is consistent with the purpose of the RHED program, your program goals and the resources provided.

(a) (10 points) *Management Plan*. A clearly defined management plan which identifies each of the projects and activities you will carry out to further the objectives of this program; describes the linkage between rural housing and economic development activities; and addresses the needs identified in Factor 2, including needs that had been previously identified in a statewide or local Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) or Consolidated Plan. The populations which were described in demographics that documented need should be the same populations which will receive the primary benefit of the activities, both immediately and in the long run. You should address the timetable with measurable goals and objectives for carrying out these activities; the method you will use for evaluating and monitoring program progress on the activities and ensuring that the activities will be completed on time and within your proposed budget estimates. Applicants that have a clearly defined management plan and which can produce results in less than 36 months will receive higher rating points for this sub-factor. Your management plan should include the budget breakout for each line item. You are required to provide documented projected cost estimates from outside sources. Applicants should submit their workplan on a spreadsheet showing each project, activities under the project, and tasks (to the extent necessary or appropriate) in your workplan with your associated budget estimate per activity/task. Your workplan should provide the rationale for your proposed activities and any

assumptions used in determining your project timeline and budget estimates. Failure to provide your rationale may result in an application receiving zero points for lack of clarity in the proposed management plan. Applicants that propose as part of their workplan activities that address and support HUD's policy priority areas for using technology advances in the construction or design of homes produced with these funds, incorporates accessibility, visitability and universal design principles in the design, construction, or rehabilitation of home produced with these funds; or creates and uses apprenticeship programs to create long term career path opportunities for community residents, will receive higher rating points under this sub-factor.

(b) (10 points) *Expected Outcomes*. HUD will be assessing outcomes resulting from your proposed workplan for the likelihood it will result in measurable and achievable outcomes that will alleviate or address the needs described in Rating Factor 2. You must include in this sub-factor a qualitative or quantitative description of estimated outcomes in order to receive points for this sub-factor. Outcomes may be described in terms of the estimated number of new units constructed or units rehabilitated; jobs retained or created with accompanying living wages; loans financed; individuals trained, counseled or assisted; and/or number of persons on welfare or under-employed trained in a career path or apprenticeship program. The exact nature of the expected outcomes will vary according to your proposed workplan. Applicants that can demonstrate clearly identified outcomes and the means for ensuring that outcomes will be tracked and are likely to be achieved will receive a greater number of points. Applicants that propose activities to increase their capacity to carry out innovative rural housing and economic development activities should include among their projected outcomes performance measures for maintaining the financial health and integrity of the organization. Your proposed workplan and budget should demonstrate a decreasing amount of RHED program funds over the life of your program as a percentage of the total operating budget and should include alternate sources of funding for producing desired outcomes. Applicants that demonstrate a reduced dependence on RHED funding over the life of their award will receive a greater number of rating points for this sub-factor.

(c) (10 points) *Self-monitoring and Program Evaluation*. Your workplan

will be evaluated to ensure that you have a mechanism for monitoring and self-assessing your progress in meeting program goals and objectives, ensuring that the integrity of the use of funds is in accordance with OMB Cost Principles and record-keeping requirements and the approved program budget.

Therefore, your workplan should describe and identify the specific steps that you will take to carry out a self-monitoring function that meets these requirements. Applicants that clearly define roles and responsibilities and steps to be taken to meet this requirement will receive a greater number of rating points in the evaluation.

#### **Rating Factor 4—Leveraging Resources (10 points)**

This factor addresses the extent to which applicants for any of the two funding categories have obtained firm commitments of financial or in-kind resources from other Federal, State, local, and private sources in an amount of at least fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget. For every RHED dollar anticipated, you should provide the specific amount of dollars leveraged. In assigning points for this criterion, HUD will consider the level of outside resources obtained for cash or in-kind services that support activities proposed in your application. Fewer points will be awarded depending on the extent of the percentage of leveraging in comparison with the total project budget. This criterion is applicable to both funding categories under this NOFA. The level of outside resources for which commitments are obtained will be evaluated based on their importance to the total program. You must provide evidence of leveraging by including in the application letters of firm commitment to participate from any entity, including your own organization, that will be providing matching funds to the project. Each commitment described in the narrative of this factor must be in accordance with the definition of "firm commitment" as defined in Section III(A)(2) of this NOFA.

#### **Rating Factor 5—Comprehensiveness and Coordination (5 points)**

This factor addresses the extent to which your proposed program is coordinated with other ongoing and related activities in the area you propose to serve as well as your future strategy for continuing this activity. The purpose of this factor is to ensure that whenever possible, activities are not operated in isolation, but rather are linked with related activities and organizations to



improve the overall effectiveness of all efforts being undertaken as part of your total effort. In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which you have coordinated your activities with other known organizations, have participated or promoted participation in the state or relevant jurisdiction's Consolidated Planning process and/or a statewide or local Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, and have addressed your described need in a holistic and comprehensive manner through linkages with other activities in the area or approved plans and programs funded by other local organizations, state or local governments, national non-profits or foundations. The more comprehensive and relevant your activities are coordinated with other ongoing and related innovative rural housing and economic development activities in your service area, the more points you will receive.

(a) (3 points) Describe the coordination of your proposed plan of activities or future strategies for this proposed project with other groups or organizations in order to best complement and mutually support others' ongoing efforts or programs.

(b) (2 points) Identify specific actions that have been taken or will be taken to coordinate comprehensive solutions through meetings, outreach efforts, information networks, planning processes and other mechanisms with:

- (i) Other HUD funded projects/activities; and
- (ii) Other Federal, State or locally funded activities, including those proposed or ongoing in the area.

#### **EZ/EC Bonus Points (2 points)**

HUD will award two bonus points to all applications that include documentation stating that the proposed eligible activities/projects will be located in and serve Federally designated Rural Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities (Rural EZs/ECs). A listing of Federally designated Rural EZs and ECs is available on the Internet at <http://www.ezec.gov>.

#### **VI. Application Submission Requirements**

(A) *Form of Application.* You must submit a separate and distinct application for each funding category for which you are applying under this NOFA. All pages of the application shall be numbered sequentially. Your application must include an original and two copies of the items listed below.

(B) *Application Items.* Your application must contain the items

listed in this section. These items include the standard forms, certifications, and assurances listed in Section II(G) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA that are applicable to this funding (collectively, referred to as the "standard forms"). The remaining application items are forms (i.e., excluding such items as narratives), referred to as the "nonstandard" forms, that can be found in the Appendices to this program section of the SuperNOFA. The items are as follows:

- (1) A transmittal letter;
- (2) A table of contents;
- (3) A signed SF-424 (application form);
- (4) A budget for all funds (Federal and Non-Federal) and a breakdown of all Federal funds requested, in the format provided in the Appendix to this NOFA;
- (5) Documentation of funds pledged in support of Rating Factor 4—"Leveraging Resources" (which will not be counted in the 15 page limitation);
- (6) The required certifications (signed, as appropriate, and attached as an Appendix);
- (7) Acknowledgment of the Application Receipt form (submitted with application and returned to you as verification of timely receipt).

(8) If you are a private nonprofit organization, a copy of your organization's IRS ruling providing tax-exempt status under section 501 of the IRS Code of 1986, as amended.

(9) The attached forms specifying:

- (a) Which category of funds, as described in Section II(C), you are applying for. You must submit a separate and distinct application in each category for which you applied;
- (b) Which of the five definitions of the term "rural area" set forth in Section III(A)(2) of this NOFA applies to the proposed service area and accompanying documentation as indicated on the form; and
- (c) Which special populations, as set forth in Rating Factor 2(d), you intend to serve.

(10) The Environmental Review Assurance.

(11) Narrative Response to Factors for Award.

(a) You must describe your organization and the assignment of responsibilities for the work to be carried out under the grant (Rating Factor 1).

(b) You must describe the need and extent of the problem (Rating Factor 2).

(i) If you propose to create a new organization or institution under the capacity building funding category, you must provide evidence documenting that no existing organization or institution exists which serves the need identified in the area.

(c) You must submit a workplan which describes your soundness of approach and the clear linkage between rural housing and economic development (Rating Factor 3). In addressing this submission requirement, you must:

(i) Describe the activities you propose to undertake to address the needs which have been identified, the linkage between rural housing and economic development, and describe the specific outcomes you expect to achieve.

(ii) Include a management plan which identifies the specific actions you will take to complete the proposed activities on time and a budget in the format provided which explains the uses of both Federal and non-Federal funds and the period of performance under the grant and your ability to be self-sustaining, should you not be funded by HUD in future RHED competitions.

(iii) Include a discussion of the process by which the work accomplished with the grant will be evaluated to determine if the objectives of the grant were met. Be specific regarding the qualifications of the evaluator and the process to be used.

(d) You must identify the resources which will be leveraged by the amount of this grant's funding that you are requesting and explain their importance to the program (Rating Factor 4). To receive the maximum number of points under Rating Factor 4 you must provide evidence of firm commitments. The commitment can be contingent upon HUD site approval following environmental review.

(e) You must describe the extent to which your program reflects a coordinated, community based process of identifying needs and building a system to address these needs (Rating Factor 5).

The total narrative response to all factors should not exceed 15 pages and must be submitted on 8.5" by 11" paper, using a 12 point size, with lines double spaced and printed only on one side. Please note that although submitting pages in excess of the page limit will not disqualify your application, HUD will not consider or review the information on any excess pages, which may result in a lower score or failure to meet a threshold.

#### **VII. Corrections to Deficient Applications**

The General Section of the SuperNOFA provides the procedures for corrections to deficient applications.

#### **VIII. Environmental Requirements**

Applications under this program NOFA are subject to the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and applicable related Federal environmental authorities. (See 24 CFR part 50, as applicable). An environmental review will be completed by HUD before the award of any grant under this program.

#### **IX. Authority**

The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 Pub. L. 106-377, approved October 27, 2000).

#### **Appendix A**

The non-standard forms, which follow are required for your RHED application.

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## APPENDIX A

**Appendix****Checklist of Forms and Certifications****Page Number**

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|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Transmittal Letter  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Checklist and Submission Table of Contents  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Standard Form for Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statement of Work, including summary and responses to factors for award   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Budget in support of Rating Factor 3  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Documentation of Funds/In-Kind Services pledged in support of Rating Factor 4   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Required Certifications (signed)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (HUD-50070)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (HUD-50071)(see 24 CFR part 87, Appendix A)                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (If required, see 24 CFR part 87, Appendix B)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD-2880)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Applicant Nondiscrimination Certifications  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension (HUD-2992)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Acknowledgment of Application Receipt (HUD-2993) (to be returned to applicant)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | For nonprofit organizations, a copy of the IRS ruling providing tax-exempt status under section 501 of the IRS Code of 1996, as amended |

Documentation that area served is rural area, as defined in this NOFA

The Environmental Review Assurance

## APPENDIX B

**Housing Affordability and Quality Indicators for  
Appalachian Regional Commission -Designated Distressed Counties**

State/County	Estimated % of Renters Unable to Afford 2BR FMR <sup>1</sup>	Estimated % of Substandard Housing Units <sup>2</sup>
<b>Alabama</b>		
Hale	63%	14.3%
Macon	49%	8.8%
Pickens	58%	10.0%
<b>Georgia</b>		
Elbert	50%	6.5%
<b>Kentucky</b>		
Adair	43%	6.9%
Bath	51%	10.5%
Bell	52%	8.8%
Breathitt	58%	19.8%
Carter	45%	9.0%
Casey	44%	13.2%
Clay	65%	15.6%
Clinton	55%	11.2%
Cumberland	49%	8.6%
Elliott	66%	15.5%
Estill	45%	12.3%
Floyd	44%	6.1%
Green	49%	5.0%
Harlan	66%	9.0%
Jackson	65%	14.8%
Johnson	41%	7.0%
Knott	59%	10.8%
Knox	66%	10.2%
Lawrence	52%	11.0%
Lee	63%	15.3%
Leslie	50%	14.0%
Letcher	58%	8.9%
Lewis	45%	13.7%
Lincoln	45%	9.9%
McCreary	59%	13.4%
Magoffin	69%	11.0%
Martin	63%	7.1%
Meniffee	51%	8.4%
Monroe	45%	8.3%
Morgan	51%	9.8%
Owsley	80%	17.7%
Perry	52%	10.7%
Pike	41%	4.6%
Powell	50%	10.9%
Rockcastle	49%	11.5%

**Housing Affordability and Quality Indicators for  
Appalachian Regional Commission -Designated Distressed Counties**

State/County	Estimated % of Renters Unable to Afford 2BR FMR <sup>1</sup>	Estimated % of Substandard Housing Units <sup>2</sup>
Rowan	44%	6.2%
Russell	45%	5.0%
Wayne	50%	12.8%
Whitley	49%	9.7%
Wolfe	79%	15.6%
<b>Mississippi</b>		
Alcorn	45%	3.2%
Benton	40%	10.8%
Chickasaw	43%	7.4%
Choctaw	43%	7.3%
Clay	44%	10.1%
Kemper	51%	13.0%
Marshall	43%	11.8%
Monroe	41%	5.3%
Noxubee	59%	18.6%
Oktibbeha	45%	7.2%
Tishomingo	39%	2.8%
Winston	45%	8.1%
Yalobusha	51%	8.5%
<b>North Carolina</b>		
Graham	53%	4.5%
Swain	45%	5.1%
<b>Ohio</b>		
Adams	62%	8.3%
Athens	48%	4.4%
Gallia	49%	4.5%
Meigs	69%	5.4%
Monroe	52%	6.5%
Morgan	58%	6.5%
Pike	55%	7.7%
Scioto	53%	4.1%
Vinton	53%	9.7%
<b>Pennsylvania</b>		
Fayette	49%	2.7%
Greene	59%	3.8%
<b>Tennessee</b>		
Campbell	43%	6.8%
Clay	43%	8.9%
Cooke	48%	8.6%
Fentress	41%	7.9%
Grundy	55%	7.1%
Hancock	73%	19.3%

**Housing Affordability and Quality Indicators for  
Appalachian Regional Commission -Designated Distressed Counties**

State/County	Estimated % of Renters Unable to Afford 2BR FMR <sup>1</sup>	Estimated % of Substandard Housing Units <sup>2</sup>
Johnson	48%	7.3%
Meigs	48%	8.0%
Pickett	55%	7.4%
Scott	47%	8.7%
<b>Virginia</b>		
Buchanan	49%	6.7%
Dickenson	62%	8.0%
Lee	53%	10.4%
Russell	50%	6.3%
Wise	53%	5.7%
<b>West Virginia</b>		
Barbour	55%	6.1%
Boone	53%	4.1%
Braxton	48%	8.1%
Calhoun	66%	12.0%
Clay	52%	10.2%
Fayette	44%	5.1%
Gilmer	55%	9.8%
Lewis	49%	4.8%
Lincoln	63%	9.8%
Logan	45%	5.0%
McDowell	68%	8.5%
Mason	43%	5.8%
Mingo	58%	6.6%
Nicholas	55%	5.3%
Pocahontas	45%	7.5%
Raleigh	49%	3.3%
Randolph	45%	5.0%
Ritchie	48%	6.3%
Roane	48%	8.6%
Summers	55%	7.9%
Taylor	49%	4.0%
Upshur	49%	5.6%
Webster	59%	10.2%
Wetzel	43%	5.5%
Wirt	64%	13.5%
Wyoming	58%	5.8%
<b>Mean County-level Indicators</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>

## APPENDIX C

**Lower Mississippi Delta States,  
Counties and Parishes**

**Arkansas (42 Counties):** Arkansas, Ashley, Baxter, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Clay, Cleveland, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Fulton, Grant, Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Lonoke, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Ouachita, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Francis, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Union, Van Buren, White, Woodruff

**Illinois (16 Counties):** Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, White, Williamson

**Kentucky (21 Counties):** Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Todd, Trigg, Union, Webster

**Louisiana (45 Parishes):** Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, E. Baton Rouge, E. Carroll, E. Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafourche, La Salle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Orleans,

Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, Rapides, Richland, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Union, Washington, W. Baton Rouge, W. Carroll, W. Feliciana, Winn

**Mississippi (45 Counties):** Adams, Amite, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Copiah, Covington, DeSoto, Franklin, Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lawrence, Leflore, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Montgomery, Panola, Pike, Quitman, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tunica, Union, Walthall, Warren, Washington, Wilkinson, Yalobusha, Yazoo

**Missouri (29 Counties):** Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Crawford, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Howell, Iron, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscott, Perry, Phelps, Reynolds, Ripley, St. Genevieve, St. Francois, Scott, Shannon, Stoddard, Texas, Washington, Wayne, Wright

**Tennessee (21 Counties):** Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Shelby, Tipton, Weakley



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Rural Housing and Economic Development Program  
Project Summary Sheet

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

Amount Requested from HUD \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Leveraged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the category under which you wish this application to be considered:  
(Only check ONE)

- Capacity Building
- Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development Activities

Please indicate which of the following definitions applies to the service area proposed in this application:

- A place having fewer than 2,500 inhabitants (within or outside of metropolitan areas)
- A county with no urban population of 20,000 inhabitants or more.
- Territory, persons, and housing units in the rural portions of "extended cities." The U.S. Census Bureau identifies the rural portions of extended cities in the United States
- Open country which is not part of or associated with an urban area. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) describes "open country" as a site separated by open space from any adjacent densely populated urban area. Open space includes undeveloped land, agricultural land, or sparsely settled areas, but does not include physical barriers (such as rivers and canals), public parks, commercial and industrial developments, small areas reserved for recreational purposes, and open space set aside for future development.
- Any place with a population not in excess of 20,000 and not located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Number of jobs created \_\_\_\_\_

Number of jobs retained \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people trained \_\_\_\_\_

Number of housing units constructed \_\_\_\_\_

Number of housing units rehabilitated \_\_\_\_\_

Is the project located in an EZ/EC?  Yes  No      If yes,  EZ  EC

Please indicate which, if any, of the following underserved populations you are proposing to serve in this application:

- A place with a very small population (2,500 or less)
- Migrant or seasonal farmworkers
- Native American tribe
- Colonia
- Lower Mississippi Delta Region
- Appalachia's Distressed Counties

Program Summary

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**Rural Housing and Economic Development Program (RHED)**

**Grant Budget**

Rural Housing and Economic Development Grant Activities (List)	Sources of Funds					Total
	RHED Program	Other Federal Share	State Share	Local Share	Private Share	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Grand Totals</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$



# Applicant Nondiscrimination Certifications

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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and regulations pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 1), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>c) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR 146, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age; and,</li> <li>d) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Will comply with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and 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.</li> <li>3. Will comply with Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42U.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.</li> </ol> |
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Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	Applicant
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Title	Date