

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

YOUTHBUILD

Funding Availability for the Youthbuild Program

Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. The purpose of the Youthbuild program is to assist disadvantaged young adults in distressed communities to complete their high school education, to provide on-site construction training experiences which also result in the rehabilitation or construction of housing for homeless persons and low- and very low-income families, to foster leadership skills, and to further opportunities for placement in apprenticeship programs and employment in living wage jobs.

Available Funds. Approximately \$52,925,000 is available for the Youthbuild Program.

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.

Eligible Applicants. Eligible applicants are public or private nonprofit agencies, State or local housing agencies or authorities, State or units of local government, or any entity eligible to provide education and employment training under other Federal employment training programs, as further defined in HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.4.

Application Deadline. May 30, 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 the following additional information.

I. Application Due Date, 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 May 30, 2001 to the HUD Headquarters address shown below. See the General Section of this SuperNOFA for specific procedures that you must follow for the form of application submission (e.g., mailed applications, express mail, overnight delivery, or hand carried).

Addresses for Submitting Applications. Completed applications (one original signed application and two copies) must be submitted to the Processing and Control Unit, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban

Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7255, Washington, DC 20410, Attention: Youthbuild Program. When submitting your application, please include your name and mailing address (including zip code and telephone number and fax number including area code).

For Application Kits. For an application kit and any supplemental material please call the SuperNOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may call the Center's TTY number at 1-800-HUD-2209. An application kit also will be available on the Internet through the HUD web site at <http://www.hud.gov>. When requesting an application kit, please refer to Youthbuild and provide your name, address (including zip code), and telephone number (including area code).

For information concerning the HUD Youthbuild program, contact Ms. Donna Clarke, Community Planning and Development Specialist, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh 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 toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

For Technical Assistance. Write or call Peter Twichell, YouthBuild USA, 58 Day Street, Somerville, MA 02144, telephone (617) 623-9900, ext. 1211, under contract with HUD to provide technical assistance. Prior to the application deadline, YouthBuild USA will be available to provide general guidance on the application submission process and location of information, but not guidance in actually preparing the application. HUD Economic Development Specialists located in HUD field offices will also be available to provide technical assistance.

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 the web address listed above.

II. Amount Allocated

(A) *Available Funds.* Approximately \$52,925,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 funding is being made available through this program section of this SuperNOFA for the Youthbuild program. The

breakdown of funding is discussed below.

The FY 2001 HUD Appropriations Act. The Department 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 \$60,000,000 available of which \$52,925,000 is allocated for grants.

(B) *Funding Categories.* HUD will award up to \$52,925,000 on a competitive basis. Funds will be divided between three categories of grants as described in Section II(C) of this program section of the SuperNOFA.

(1) \$10,000,000—Grants for up to \$400,000 for new applicants that have not previously received grants since the inception of the Program for a period not to exceed 36 months.

(2) \$32,925,000—Grants for up to \$500,000 for a period not to exceed 36 months.

(3) \$10,000,000—Grants for up to \$400,000 for underserved and rural areas for a period not to exceed 36 months.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; and Eligible Activities

(A) *Program Description.* The purposes of the Youthbuild Program are to:

(1) Provide economically-disadvantaged young adults with opportunities to obtain an educational experience that will enhance their employment skills, as a means to achieving self-sufficiency;

(2) Foster the development of leadership skills and commitment to community;

(3) Expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low- and very low-income persons by providing implementation grants for carrying out a Youthbuild program;

(4) Provide disadvantaged young adults with meaningful on-site training experiences in housing construction and rehabilitation to enable them to render a service to their communities by helping to meet the housing needs of homeless persons and low-income families; and

(5) Give to the greatest extent feasible, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low-income persons.

HUD also focuses on the Youthbuild Program as a way to foster the development of nonprofit organizations which over time can provide the services mentioned above to disadvantaged youth and which at the same time rely less on HUD's financial support to carryout these activities.

(B) *Eligible Activities.* (1) Work and activities associated with the acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of the housing, as defined in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 585.309, 585.310, and 585.311; Construction and rehabilitation costs must not exceed 10 percent of the grant award. HUD encourages you to use grant funds for outreach, recruitment, training and other services for the youth participants which facilitates program implementation;

(2) Relocation payments and other assistance required to comply with HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.308;

(3) Costs of ongoing training and technical assistance needs related to carrying out a Youthbuild program;

(4) Education, job training, counseling, employment, leadership development services and optional activities that meet the needs of the participants including entrepreneurial training, drivers' education, apprenticeship opportunities and, programs for those with learning disabilities, and in-house staff training;

(5) Outreach to potential participants;

(6) Wages, benefits, and need-based stipends for participants; and
(7) Administrative costs must not exceed 10 percent of the grant award.

Please refer to HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.305 for further details on eligible activities.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed in the General Section of this SuperNOFA, as an applicant you must comply with the following Youthbuild program requirements:

(A) *Eligible Applicants.* Eligible applicants as defined in HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.4.

(B) *Eligible Participants.* Participants in a Youthbuild program must be very low-income high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24, inclusive, at the time of enrollment. Up to 25 percent of participants may be above very low-income, but must have educational needs, (such as lack of reading, writing and communication skills) that justify their participation in the program.

(C) *Locational Limitations.* You may submit more than one application in the current competition if your program's participant recruitment and housing areas are in different jurisdictions. Each application you submit may only propose activities to carry out one Youthbuild program, i.e., to start a new Youthbuild program or to fund new classes of Youthbuild participants for an existing program.

(D) *Response to NOFA—Page Limitation.* The total narrative response to all factors identified in Section VI(C) of this program NOFA must 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 submitting pages in excess of the page limit will not disqualify your application. However, HUD will not review or consider the information on any excess pages, which may result in a lower score or failure to meet a threshold.

(E) *Youthbuild Program Components.* Applications that receive assistance under this Youthbuild Program section of the SuperNOFA must contain the three components described as follows:

(1) Educational and job training services;

(2) Leadership training, counseling, and other support activities;

(3) On-site training through actual housing rehabilitation and/or new construction work, including the provision of alternative training experiences that are necessary as a reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities.

(F) *Access to Property.* Your application must contain a letter from the property owner or management company(ies) allowing access to the housing site(s) for on-site construction training.

(G) *Training Requirement.* Each program must be structured so that 50 percent of each participant's time is spent in on-site training and the other 50 percent in educational training.

(H) *Economic Opportunities for Low and Very Low-Income Persons (Section 3).* Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, (12 U.S.C. 1701u) is applicable to the Youthbuild program. Please see Section II of the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

V. Desirable Elements of a Youthbuild Program

You should document the extent to which HUD's initiatives are furthered by the proposed activities. Such initiatives include:

(1) Promoting healthy and safe homes;

(2) Providing opportunities for self-sufficiency, particularly for persons enrolled in welfare to work programs;

(3) Providing educational, apprenticeship and job training opportunities and linking programs to Americorps activities;

(4) Promoting welfare reform

(5) Encouraging visitability in new construction and substantial rehabilitation activities;

(6) Encouraging universal design; and

(7) Participation in Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH).

First time applicants. If you are a first time applicant applying for funding under Category 1, HUD recommends that you should have a graduating class of not more than 20 students.

VI. Application Selection Process

You, the applicant, must meet all of the applicable threshold requirements of Section II(B) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA and Section IV(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G) and (H), of this program section of the SuperNOFA. HUD will review each application and assign points in accordance with the selection factors described in this section. The maximum number of points is 102 (except for an application submitted by the City of Dallas, Texas, which would be eligible for a maximum of 104 points). HUD will award up to two (2) additional points, as described in the General Section of the SuperNOFA, to any application submitted by the City of Dallas, Texas, to the extent that Factor 3 is addressed. Due to an order of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, with respect to any application submitted by the City of Dallas, Texas, HUD will consider the extent to which the application's proposed activities will eradicate the vestiges of racial segregation in the Dallas Housing Authority's programs consistent with the Court's order. This maximum includes two Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) bonus points as described in the Section III(C) of the SuperNOFA.

(A) *Rating and Ranking.* (1) *General.* To review and rate applications, HUD may establish panels including officials from other Federal agencies and outside experts or consultants to obtain certain expertise and other outside points of view.

(2) *Rating.* All applications for funding will be evaluated against the rating factors described in Section (VI)G of this NOFA.

(3) *Ranking.* Applications will be ranked separately within each of the 3 funding categories. Applications will be selected for funding in accordance with their rank order in each category.

(4) To be eligible for funding, an application must have a minimum score of 25 points for the total combined number of points for Rating Factors 1 and 3.

If two or more applications are rated fundable, and have the same score, but there are insufficient funds to fund all of them, HUD will select the application(s) with the highest score for

Rating Factor 2, Need/Extent of Problem. If two or more 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), Rating Factor 4 (Leveraging of Resources).

(B) *Categories of Grants*. HUD will make grants in three categories:

(1) *Category 1 Grants*. Grants for new applicants that have not previously received funding under the Youthbuild program since the inception of the Program and that have elected not to apply under Category 2 or 3 Grants, below. HUD will make available approximately \$10,000,000 to new applicants proposing grant(s) of \$400,000 or less for activities not to exceed 36 months.

(2) *Category 2 Grants*. HUD will make available approximately \$32,925,000 to applicants proposing grant(s) of \$500,000 or less for activities not to exceed 36 months.

(3) *Category 3 Grants*. HUD will make available \$10,000,000 for applicants proposing grant(s) of \$400,000 or less to establish programs in underserved and rural areas not to exceed 36 months. Rural and Underserved areas are defined as follows:

(a) *Rural Area*. A Rural area is 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) Rural portions of extended cities, as identified by the U.S. Census Bureau.

(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.

(b) *Underserved Area*. An underserved area is defined as an area comprised of census tracts with the following distress criteria:

(i) A census tract where the unemployment remains high (50

percent or more above the nation's unemployment rate) and

(ii) A census tract where high rates of poverty (50 percent or more above the national average) persists.

(C) *Grant Period*. You must expend funds awarded within 36 months of the effective date of the grant agreement, or such other period specified.

(D) *Maximum Awards*. Under the competition established by this Youthbuild Program section of the SuperNOFA, the maximum award for a Youthbuild grant is \$500,000. HUD will not make amendments to awards under this competition that will increase previously approved grant amounts.

(E) *Potential Environmental Disqualification*. HUD reserves the right to disqualify an application where one or more environmental thresholds are exceeded if HUD determines that it cannot conduct the environmental review and satisfactorily complete the review within the HUD application review period. (See 24 CFR 585.307.) Environmental thresholds are explained in Appendix A of this program section of this SuperNOFA. Complete form 2C13a, 2C13b, or 2C13c and form 2C15 only if you are proposing to use Youthbuild funds for new housing construction or rehabilitation.

(F) *Notification of Approval or 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.

(G) *Factors for Award Used To Evaluate and Rate Applications*.

Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (15 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which you have the resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed young adult education and training program in accordance with your work plan as further described in Factor 3. HUD will review and evaluate information provided documenting recent capacity. Experience within the last 5 years will be considered recent. In reviewing this rating factor, HUD will review the following categories:

(1) (5 points) *Team Member Composition and Experience*. Your experience and the experience of your project director, core staff competencies including your day-to-day program manager, consultants and contractors. You must demonstrate that your program manager has the background,

experience and capacity to implement all of the program components of the proposed work plan, as evidenced by recent work experience (within the last 5 years) in managing projects of the same or similar size, dollar amount, types of activities and beneficiaries as those proposed in your work plan. If any gaps exist in your experience or organizational structure to carry out the program, describe how you will fill those gaps including the hiring of consultants or other outside parties.

(2) (5 points) *Organizational Structure*. The structure of your organization, management structure, including reporting relationships of key staff, a system for coordinating with outside contractors or third party service providers, a mechanism for an internal and external auditing relationships, and an accounting system which meets Federal accounting system requirements. You should provide a clear description of how your organizational structure will operate to carry out your work plan.

(3) (5 points) *Relevant Experience*. The objectives and accomplishments of your past experience in conducting similar activities. You must describe your past project objectives and accomplishments which are similar to those of your proposed work plan to show your effectiveness and timeliness in managing similar projects. If you have received similar grants including previous Youthbuild grants, you must describe your effectiveness of your administration including timeliness and completeness of your compliance in completing reporting requirements and your ability to have resolved problems which presented themselves during the grant period. In addressing timeliness of reports, you must compare when your reports were due with when they were actually submitted. You must describe your achievements, including those of previous Youthbuild grants, of specific measurable outcome objectives. Specific outcome objectives include: number of youth recruited, trained and received GEDs; number of youth obtaining living wage jobs, (i.e. those that are a part of a career path or apprenticeship programs), number of youth participating in apprenticeships and number of housing units rehabilitated or constructed and made available for low and moderate income persons.

HUD will evaluate this Factor based upon your response including letters of commitment from all participating entities for any staffing or other resources to be contributed to the project. The more recent, relevant, and successful the experience of the proposed team members, organization

and other participating entities in relation to the work plan, the greater the number of points that you will receive. Applicants that can demonstrate a closer and greater linkage between the expected outcomes and the previously generated outcomes will also receive a higher amount of points for this Factor.

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (40 Points)

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-a-vis, the target area, the county and national data.

(1) In applying this Factor, HUD will consider current levels of distress 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 distress in the target area 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 Distress 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 distress, as follows:

(a) Poverty (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:

- (1) Equal to but less than twice the national average—5 points
- (2) Twice but less than three times the national average—10 points
- (3) Three or more times the national average—15 points

(b) Unemployment (10 points)—for both the project area and county;

- (1) Equal to but less than twice the national average—2 points
 - (2) Twice but less than three times the national average—4 points
 - (3) Three but less than four times the national average—6 points
 - (4) Four but less than five times the national average—8 points
 - (5) Five or more times the national average—10 points
- (c) High School Dropouts (10 points)—for both project area and county;

- (1) Equal to but less than twice the national average—2 points
 - (2) Twice but less than three times the national average—4 points
 - (3) Three but less than four times the national average—6 points
 - (4) Four but less than five times the national average—8 points
 - (5) Five or more times the national average—10 points
- (d) 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, urgency in addressing problems facing youth, local crime statistics, etc.

(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.

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.

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

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

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (25 Points)

Youthbuild Program Work Plan. This factor addresses the quality and cost-

effectiveness of your proposed work plan. There must be a clear relationship between your proposed activities, community needs and the purpose of the Youthbuild program. HUD will consider the overall quality and feasibility of your proposed work plan and budget which must be consistent with the Youthbuild program as measured by your specific activities and outcomes. 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.

Specifically, HUD will consider the following categories when assessing your proposed work plan:

- (1) (10 points) Program components.
 - (a) Outreach, recruitment and selection activities. HUD will determine the extent to which you demonstrate a clear linkage with the following work plan activities and proposed outcomes and results. Points will be awarded based upon overall quality and feasibility of the outreach, recruitment and selection activities, the number and types of outreach activities, number of youth to be recruited including eligible participants who are harder to reach and comprehensiveness of the local selection process.

Letters describing specific resources or services to be contributed by non-applicant organizations must be included in your application. In evaluating this category, HUD will consider:

- (i) Specific steps you will take to attract potential eligible participants who are unlikely to be aware of this program (because of race, ethnicity, sex or disability) and selection strategies;
- (ii) Special outreach efforts you will make to recruit eligible young women, young women with dependent children, and persons receiving public assistance; and
- (iii) Recruitment arrangements you have made with public agencies, courts, homeless shelters, local school systems, local workforce development systems and one-stop centers, community-based organizations, etc. You will receive a greater number of points if your outreach and recruitment arrangements are consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program and your project goals and the resources provided.

(b) Educational and job training services and activities. HUD will evaluate the extent to which you demonstrate a clear linkage with the following work plan activities and proposed outcomes and results.

Letters describing specific resources or services to be contributed by non-applicant organizations must be

included in your application. Points will be awarded based upon the quality and feasibility of your proposed curriculum, qualifications of instructors and proposed wages and stipends for youth participants. In evaluating this category, HUD will consider:

(i) The types of in-class academic and vocational instruction you will provide;

(ii) The number and qualifications of program instructors and ratio of instructors to participants;

(iii) Scheduling plan for classroom and on-the-job training needed to meet program requirements and ensure timely completion of your program; and

(iv) Reasonable payments of participants' wages, stipends, and incentives. You will receive a greater number of points if your educational and job training services are consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program and your project goals and the resources provided.

(c) Leadership development. HUD will determine the extent to which you demonstrate a clear linkage with work plan activities and proposed outcomes and results. Letters describing specific resources or services to be contributed by non-applicant organizations must be submitted in your application. Points will be awarded based upon the quality and feasibility of your proposed leadership curriculum, qualifications of instructors and the impact of the proposed leadership activities on the target area. You must describe the leadership development training you will offer to participants, and strategies for providing the training to build group cohesion and peer support. You will receive a greater number of points if your leadership development activities are consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program and your project goals and the resources provided.

(d) Support services. HUD will determine the extent to which you demonstrate a clear linkage with work plan activities and proposed outcomes and results.

Letters describing specific resources or services to be contributed by non-applicant organizations must be included in your application. Points will be awarded based upon the quality and feasibility of your proposed support services strategy and stipends for youth participants. You must assess the need for counseling and referral services during each stage of program implementation: outreach, recruitment, youth interviewed and not selected for the program, program participants, youth who drop out of the program and graduates of the program. Describe how the participant needs will be addressed, document counseling and referral

services to be offered to participants, the type of counseling, social services, and/or need-based stipends you will provide. You will receive a greater number of points if your support service activities are consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program and your project goals and the resources provided.

(e) Follow-up assistance and support activities to program graduates. HUD will evaluate the extent to which you provide assistance to Youthbuild program participants after graduation. Letters describing specific resources or services to be contributed by non-applicant organizations must be included in your application. Points will be awarded based upon the quality and feasibility of your proposed strategy. You must describe the type of proposed assistance and support which should be based upon an assessment of the needs of the program graduates and should include continued linkage to the local Youthbuild program, counseling and social service referral services. You will receive a greater number of points if your follow-up assistance and support service activities to program graduates are consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program and your project goals and the resources provided.

(f) On-site training. HUD will evaluate the extent to which the work plan provides for quality and comprehensive on-site construction training by addressing the categories below. Letters describing specific resources or services to be contributed by any non-applicant organizations must be included in your application. Points will be awarded based upon the quality and feasibility of your proposed curriculum, experience of proposed instructors, number of youth to be trained and wages or stipends for youth participants. HUD will consider:

(i) The housing construction or rehabilitation activities participants will undertake at the site(s) to be used for the on-site training component of the program as provided in the training curriculum and methodology for carrying out on-site training;

(ii) The qualification and number of on-site supervisors;

(iii) The ratio of trainers to students;

(iv) The number of students per site; and

(v) The amounts, wages, and/or stipends you will pay to participants during on-site work. You will receive a greater number of points if your on-site training plan is consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program and your project goals and the resources provided.

(2) (5 points) Strategy for job placement. HUD will evaluate the quality and feasibility of your proposed strategy to place youth participants in permanent jobs.

Letters describing specific resources or services to be contributed by non-applicant organizations must be included in your application. You will be rated on the following factors: (a) proposed number of youth to obtain a living wage job (i.e. those that a part of career paths or apprenticeship programs); (b) proposed number of youth continuing on to be enrolled in post or secondary education; (c) proposed number of youth to receive entrepreneurship training; (d) proposed placement of youth in apprenticeships. Two points of this factor will be awarded based upon the comprehensiveness and feasibility of your strategies and procedures to place youth participants in related apprenticeships and commitments from construction trade unions. You will receive a greater number of points if your strategy for job placement is consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program, your proposed project and the resources provided.

(3) (10 points) Expected outcomes. Describe the number of youth to be trained and the number of housing units to be rehabilitated or constructed. As a part of this evaluation, HUD will assess the cost effectiveness of your stated outcomes as compared to the funds that you are requesting in the Youthbuild Grant Budget. You will receive a greater number of points if your proposed outcomes are consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program, your proposed project and the resources provided.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (15 Points)

This factor addresses the ability of the applicant to secure non-HUD resources. This factor measures the extent to which you have established partnerships with other entities to secure resources for your proposed program. Each commitment described in the narrative for this Factor must have a firm commitment letter.

HUD will evaluate the extent to which firm commitment of resources are obtained from Federal, State, local, and private and nonprofit sources in an amount of at least 50% of the Youthbuild budget. The greater the amount of resources leveraged, the higher the points that will be awarded. In assigning points for this criterion, HUD will consider the level of non-applicant resources obtained for cash or

in-kind contributions to cover the following kinds of areas:

- (1) Social services (i.e., counseling and training);
- (2) Use of existing vocational, adult, and bilingual educational courses;
- (3) Donation of labor, resource personnel, supplies, teaching materials, classroom, and/or meeting space;
- (4) Hard costs for rehabilitation and construction;
- (5) Other commitments.

In rating this element, HUD will consider only those contributions for which current firm commitments have been provided. HUD will evaluate the level of non-applicant resources proposed based on their importance to the total program. Leveraging will only be counted if you have secured a firm financial commitment. A firm commitment letter means the agreement by which an applicant's partner or contributing entity 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, through in-kind services or contributions and is irrevocable, subject only to approval and receipt of a FY 2001 Youthbuild 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 not earlier than the date that this NOFA is published. In documenting a firm commitment, the applicant's partner or contributing entity 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 or contributing entity 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 its investment is contingent only upon receipt of FY 2001 Youthbuild funds 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.

Resources from other Federal, State, Local governments or Private Entities. HUD encourages use of existing housing and homeless assistance programs administered by HUD or other Federal, State, local governments, or private and nonprofit housing programs as part of your Youthbuild program. In addition, HUD encourages use of other non-Youthbuild funds available for vocational, adult, and bilingual education programs or for job training under the Workforce Investment Act and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

The greater the number of resources leveraged for each of the categories presented below, the applicant will receive a greater number of points.

(1) (8 points) Public sector sources—Federal, State, or local government sources to provide resources to carry out Youthbuild activities.

(2) (7 points) Private or nonprofit sector sources to provide resources to carry out Youthbuild activities.

Rating Factor 5: Comprehensiveness and Coordination (5 Points)

HUD will evaluate the extent to which you:

(1) Have coordinated among third parties dealing with youth issues including community based organizations and partners that provide assistance as you prepared your proposal and Work Plan. Indicate your success in actively participating in the Consolidated Planning process, the Public Housing Authority Five Year Comprehensive Plan process, local Workforce Investment Board Youth Council and other information networks; and

(2) Will maintain your coordinating efforts over the grant period.

The more comprehensive, relevant and successful your coordination activities conducted to date and those projected for the future, the greater points you will receive for this Factor.

VI. Application Submission Requirements

(A) *Site Access Submission Requirements.* You must submit a schedule for the program, budgets, identification of specific housing sites, and firm evidence of site access.

(1) Guidance on evidence of site access:

(i) If the applicant or joint applicant have a contract or option to purchase the property, you should provide a

statement to that effect and include a copy of the contract or option;

(ii) If a third party owns the property or has a contract or option to purchase, that third party must provide a letter to you stating the nature of the ownership and specifically providing you with access to the property for the purposes of the program and the time frame in which the property will be available. In the case of a contract or option, include a copy of the document; and

You must provide the required certification that the proposed activities are consistent with the HUD-approved Consolidated Plan in accordance with 24 CFR part 91 and referenced in Section II of the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(B) *Category 3 applicants only.* You must state that the proposed project to be established will be located in an underserved or rural area as defined in Section (V)(B)(3) of this notice.

(C) *Application Items.* Your application must contain the items listed in this Section VI(C). These items include the standard forms, certifications, and assurances listed in the General Section of the SuperNOFA that are applicable to this funding (collectively, referred to as the "standard forms"). The standard forms can be found in Appendix B to the General Section of the SuperNOFA. The remaining application items that are forms (i.e., excluding such items as narratives, letters), referred to as the "non-standard forms" can be found as Appendix B to this program section of the SuperNOFA. The items are as follows:

(1) SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance.

(2) HUD-424M, Federal Assistance Funding Matrix.

(3) SF-424A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs.

(4) SF-424B, Assurances for Construction Programs.

(5) SF-424C, Budget Information for Construction Programs.

(6) HUD-50070, Certification of Drug-Free Workplace.

(7) HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Form.

(8) HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions;

(9) SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable);

(10) HUD-2992, Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension;

(11) Letters from property owners allowing access to the housing site for construction training.

(12) Submission of 501(c)(3) status and/or letter certifying non-profit status if the applicant is a public non-profit organization.

(13) Narrative Response to Factors for Award.

Factor 1—Capacity

Factor 2—Need

Factor 3—Soundness of Approach, including the following non-narrative items: (a) completed Youthbuild Grant Budget (Exhibit 4A), (b) housing site description (Exhibit 2C), (c) Youthbuild Grant individual housing site estimate (Exhibit 2C10), (d) letters from non-applicant resource providers describing contributions or support, (e) documentation necessary to complete environmental review (Exhibit 2C15), and description of relocation, if applicable.

Factor 4—Leveraging, including your letters(s) evidencing the leveraged commitment(s), which will not be counted in the 15 page limitation.

Factor 5—Coordination, include HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

(14) HUD-2990, Certification of Consistency with the EZ/EC Strategic Plan (if applicable);

(D) The total narrative response to all factors identified in Section VI(C)(13) of this program NOFA must 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 submitting pages in excess of the page limit will not disqualify your application. However, HUD will not review or consider 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

Environmental procedures apply to HUD approval of grants when you propose to use Youthbuild funds to cover any costs for the lease, acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of real property proposed for housing project development. Environmental procedures do not apply to HUD approval of your application when you propose to use your Youthbuild funds solely to cover costs for classroom and/or on-the-job construction training and support services.

If you propose to use your Youthbuild funds to cover any costs of the lease, acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of real property, you must submit all relevant environmental information in your application to support HUD decision making in

accordance with the environmental procedures and standards set forth in HUD Regulation 24 CFR 585.307.

IX. Authority

This program is authorized under subtitle D of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as added by section 164 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub.L. 102-550, 106 Stat. 3723, 42 U.S.C. 12899). The Youthbuild Program regulations are found in 24 CFR part 585.

Appendix A—Instructions for Completion of Youthbuild Environmental Requirements (Exhibit 2C(15))

A. Instructions to Applicants

1. If you propose to use Youthbuild funds to cover any costs of the lease, acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of real property, you shall submit all relevant environmental information in your application to support HUD decision making in accordance with the environmental procedures and standards set forth in 24 CFR 585.307. For each proposed Youthbuild property for which HUD environmental procedures apply, you are to prepare a separate Exhibit 2C(15) in which you supply HUD with environmental threshold information and letters from qualified data sources (see definition below) which support the information. HUD will review your submission and determine how, if necessary, HUD will comply with any Federal laws and authorities that may be applicable to your property proposed for Youthbuild funding. If environmental procedures apply and Exhibit 2C(15) with supporting documentation is not included then the application will be deemed ineligible.

You are to follow these instructions for preparing Exhibit 2C(15). The instructions advise you on how to obtain and document certain information to be supplied to HUD in this exhibit. Before selecting a property for Youthbuild funding, you should read these instructions and be advised that HUD encourages you to select, to the extent practicable, properties and locations that are free of environmental hazards and problems discussed in these instructions. The responses to the environmental criteria in Exhibit 2C(15) will be used to determine environmental approval or disapproval by HUD of proposals for physical development of properties.

2. After selecting a property for proposed Youthbuild funding, you are to determine the activities to be

undertaken with your Youthbuild funds. You are to indicate in Section E whether the Youthbuild funds will be used for:

- (a) Lease or purchase of a property;
- (b) Minor rehabilitation or
- (c) Major rehabilitation; or
- (d) New construction of housing.

The activities proposed for Youthbuild funding will determine the kind of data that you will need to obtain from a qualified data source in order to complete Exhibit 2C(15).

3. Once you have selected a property and determined the activities for Youthbuild funding, you are advised to check with your city or county agency that administers HUD's Community Development Block Grant program and performs environmental reviews, or the local planning agency. The reason is that most, if not all, the data needed for preparing Exhibit 2C(15) is readily available from the local community development agency and the local planning agency. You are advised to ask the environmental staff of those agencies the following:

- (a) Has the agency ever prepared an environmental review of the proposed Youthbuild property or the neighborhood in which the property is located, and if so, would it provide a copy to the applicant for use by HUD;
- (b) Would the agency assist you in completing section G; or if the agency is not able to help complete any item in section G, would the agency advise you which local or State agency is the appropriate qualified data source for obtaining the information.

Also, you should check with the local planning agency before proceeding elsewhere for the information.

You are advised that the cost of preparing information and analyses needed for Exhibit 2C(15) is an eligible cost under the Youthbuild program and is reimbursable if you are approved for a grant.

4. The following definitions are of key terms used in these instructions. Most of the other terms are technical and their definition would be known to qualified data sources.

(a) Qualified data source means any Federal, State or local agency with expertise or experience in environmental protection (e.g., the local community development agency; the land planning agency; the State environmental protection agency; the State Historic Preservation Officer) or any other source qualified to provide reliable information on the particular subject. A letter supporting the information from each qualified data source is to be attached to Exhibit 2C(15).

(b) Minor rehabilitation means proposed fixing and building repair:

- (i) Where the estimated cost of the work is less than 75 percent of the property value after completion;
- (ii) That does not involve changes in land use from residential to nonresidential, or from nonresidential to residential;
- (iii) That does not involve the demolition of one or more buildings, or parts of a building, containing the primary use served by the project; and
- (iv) That does not increase unit density by more than 20 percent.

For minor rehabilitation of a building located in a floodplain, the criteria for substantial improvement modify this definition. (See Item B 3 below)

(c) Major rehabilitation means proposed fixing and building repair:

- (i) Where the estimated cost of the work is 75 percent or more of the property value after completion; or
- (ii) That involves changes in land use from residential to nonresidential, or from nonresidential to residential; or
- (iii) That involves the demolition of one or more buildings, or parts of a building, containing the primary use served by the project; or
- (iv) That increases unit density by more than 20 percent.

(d) Multifamily housing means any residential building that contains five or more apartments or rooming units.

(e) Single-family housing means any residential building that contains one-to-four dwelling units.

Because each Federal environmental law or authority has compliance requirements that differ according to the type of proposed activity to be funded, you are required to supply information in Exhibit 2C(15) only for the type of activity for which the Youthbuild grant will be used.

(a) If you propose new construction or major rehabilitation of multifamily housing, you must supply complete and reliable environmental threshold information for items 1 through 13 in section G.

(b) If you propose new construction of single family housing, you must supply complete and reliable environmental threshold information for items 1 through 12 in section G.

(c) If you propose minor rehabilitation of multifamily or single-family housing, or the purchase or lease of a property, you must supply complete and reliable environmental threshold information for items 1 through 7 in section G.

5. Applicants subject to HUD's environmental procedures are to submit Exhibit 2C(15) and accompanying documentation to HUD with the applications for grant assistance. Such

applicants are prohibited from committing or expending State, local or other funds to undertake property rehabilitation, construction (including demolition), or acquisition (including lease), until HUD and the grantee execute a grant agreement for the proposed Youthbuild project.

6. HUD reserves the right to disqualify any application where one or more environmental thresholds are exceeded if HUD determines that the compliance review cannot be conducted and satisfactorily completed within the HUD review period for Youthbuild applications.

B. Environmental Threshold and Documentation Requirements

The threshold and documentation requirements for each of the Federal environmental laws and authorities are described below, following the same order as they appear in section G.

1. Site within designated coastal barrier resources: Threshold: Youthbuild applicants are prohibited by Federal law from using Federal financial assistance for properties, if the properties are located within designated coastal barriers of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and the Great Lakes (Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 3501).

*Documentation: You are to select either A or B for the condition that best describes the property and report the option selected in item 1 of section G.

A. You state that your program operates in a community that does not contain any shores along the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, or the Great Lakes.

B. If your program operates in a community that does contain shores along the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, or the Great Lakes, you must provide HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source stating that the proposed property is not located within a designated coastal barrier resource by citing the map panel number of the official maps issued by the Department of the Interior (DOI) on the basis of which the finding was made.

2. Site contaminated with toxic chemicals and radioactive materials: Threshold: Under HUD policy, as described in HUD Notice 79-33 (Policy Guidance to Address the Problems Posed by Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials), HUD will not approve the provision of financial assistance to residential properties located on contaminated sites. Sites known or suspected to be contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials include but are not limited to sites: (i) listed on either an EPA

Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) or CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) List, or equivalent State list; (ii) located within 3,000 feet of a toxic or solid waste landfill site; or (iii) with an underground storage tank (which is not a residential fuel tank).

*Documentation: You are to select either A or B for the condition that best describes property and report the option selected in item 2 of section G.

A. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source stating that the proposed Youthbuild property and any neighboring properties do not contain any sites known or suspected to be contaminated with toxic chemicals and radioactive materials.

B. You are providing any site contamination data by a qualified data source in your letter for HUD's evaluation of contamination and/or suspicion of any contamination of a proposed property or any neighboring properties.

3. Site affecting a floodplain: Threshold: A property located within a floodplain and proposed for funding is subject to Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management. The Executive Order directs HUD to avoid, where practicable, proposed financial support for any floodplain property, whenever HUD has options to approve properties in flood-free locations. The Order does not apply to existing single-family properties proposed for purchase or lease except for: (i) Property that is located within a floodway or coastal high hazard area; and (ii) substantial improvement. Substantial improvement for flood hazard purposes means any property rehabilitation which: (a) Increases the unit density of the property; or (b) equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the property before rehabilitation, but excluding the costs for correcting health, sanitary, and safety code violations. Note: Proposed funding for substantial improvement and new construction are subject to the Executive Order decision making process. This may result in a disqualification of your application (refer above to number 7 under "Instructions to Applicants").

*Documentation: You are to select A or B for the condition that best describes your property and report the option selected in item 3 of section G.

A. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source stating that the property is not located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

B. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source

that the property is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and indicating if whether the property is located within a floodway or coastal high hazard area.

The information for A and B must provide HUD with the flood map panel number obtained either from the official maps issued for the National Flood Insurance Program or from the property appraisal report used to make the finding.

For all proposed rehabilitation of properties that are located within a SFHA, you must provide HUD with estimates of: (i) The property value before rehabilitation, and (ii) the cost of the proposed rehabilitation. Provide the estimates in section F.

If the property is found to be located within a SFHA, proceed to item 4 on flood insurance protection. Otherwise proceed to item 5.

4. Building requiring flood insurance protection: Threshold: HUD will estimate the amount and period of flood insurance coverage that is to be made a condition of approval of any HUD financial assistance for a building located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 requires owners of HUD-assisted buildings to purchase and maintain flood insurance protection as a condition of approval of any HUD financial assistance for the proposed purchase, rehabilitation, or new construction of any SFHA building. The law prescribes the coverage period and dollar amount of flood insurance protection.

Proof of Purchase of Flood Insurance Protection: You must provide HUD with proof of purchase of flood insurance protection for any proposed Youthbuild building located within the SFHA, whenever HUD funding is being used for property purchase, rehabilitation, or new construction. The standard documentation for compliance is the Policy Declarations form issued by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or issued by any property insurance company offering coverage under the NFIP. Whenever the requirement applies to coverage which extends to future years, the grant agreement will require that the insured has its insurer automatically forward to HUD, in the same manner as to the insured, an information copy of the Policy Declarations form, which is used to verify compliance. The Youthbuild applicants responsibility ceases in cases where a mortgage loan is approved requiring flood insurance as condition of loan approval by a lender (other than the Youthbuild applicant), whose

responsibility is to assure flood insurance coverage for the loan.

*Documentation: You are to select either A or B for the condition that best describes your property and report the option selected in item 4 of section G.

A. You already own the property and attach a copy of the Policy Declarations form confirming that a current flood insurance policy is in effect and the policy provides adequate coverage for the building proposed for the Youthbuild project located within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

B. After you have purchased (or constructed, in the case of proposed new construction) the Youthbuild property, you must obtain and maintain flood insurance protection. For the term and amount of coverage prescribed by law, you must provide HUD with a copy of the Policy Declarations form confirming that the flood insurance policy is in effect and the policy provides adequate coverage for the Youthbuild building located within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

5. Site within clear zones or accident potential zones of airports and airfields: Threshold: HUD policy as described in 24 CFR part 51, subpart D applies to HUD approval of financial assistance to: (a) properties located within clear zones; and (b) in the case of new construction or major rehabilitation, properties located within accident potential zones.

(a) Clear zones: New construction and major rehabilitation of a property that is located on a clear zone site is prohibited. HUD financial assistance in a clear zone is allowed only for the proposed lease, purchase, or minor rehabilitation of properties (24 CFR 51.302(a)). For HUD funding approval for any property in a clear zone: (a) HUD will give advance written notice to the prospective property buyer in accord with 24 CFR 51.303(a)(3); and (b) a copy of the HUD notice signed by the prospective property buyer will be placed in the property file. The written notice informs the prospective property buyer of: (i) The potential hazards from airplane accidents which studies have shown more likely to occur within clear zones than in other areas around the airport/airfield; and (ii) the potential acquisition by airport or airfield operators, who may wish to buy the property at some future date as part of a clear zone acquisition program.

(b) Accident potential zones: For properties located within the accident potential zone (APZ), HUD shall determine whether the use of the property is generally consistent with Department of Defense "Land Use

Compatibility Guidelines for Accident Potential Zones."

*Documentation: You are to select either A or B for the condition that best describes your property and report the option selected in item 5 of section G.

A. The property is not located within 3,000 feet of a civil airport or military airfield.

B. If your property is located within 3,000 feet of a civil airport or military airfield, you must provide HUD with a finding from the airport operator stating whether or not the property is located within a runway clear zone at a civil airport, or a clear zone or accident potential zone at a military airfield.

For properties that are located within a runway clear zone or a clear zone or accident potential zone, if you propose to rehabilitate such a property you must provide HUD with estimates of: (i) The cost of the proposed rehabilitation, and (ii) the property value after completion of the rehabilitation. The estimates are to be provided in section F.

6. Site is or affects an historic property: Threshold: Only if a property is proposed for rehabilitation or new construction must HUD in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and following the Department of the Interiors Standards and Guidelines for Evaluation, make a determination whether the property is:

(a) Listed on or formally determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places;

(b) Located within or directly adjacent to an historic district; or

(c) A property whose area of potential effects includes an historic district or property.

Historic properties and districts are subject by law to special protection and historic preservation processing which HUD must perform to comply with the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP: 36 CFR part 800). Note: If you are using information from the SHPO as a qualified data source you need to allow sufficient time to obtain the information from the SHPO. You may wish to make special arrangements with the SHPO for rapid review of the proposed property where this is practicable. In addition, for properties determined to be historic properties, HUD will require 30 to 90 days in most cases for HUD to perform historic preservation compliance with the ACHP regulations. This may result in a disqualification of the application (refer above to number 7 under "Instructions to Applicants").

*Documentation: You are to select one of the following options that best describes the condition of your property

and report the option selected in item 6 of section G.

A. You propose financial assistance for rehabilitation or new construction, and are providing HUD with a SHPO's finding that the proposed Youthbuild activity:

1. Is located within an area where there are no historic properties; or
2. Will have no effect on historic properties; or
3. Will have an effect on historic properties not considered adverse.

B. You propose financial assistance for rehabilitation or new construction, and are providing HUD with a SHPO's finding that the proposed Youthbuild activity will have an adverse effect on historic properties.

C. You are providing HUD with a copy of a letter from the SHPO stating any reasons for not being able to provide you with the requested information and finding.

7. Site near hazardous industrial operations: Threshold: Properties that are located near hazardous industrial operations handling fuels or chemicals of an explosive or flammable nature are subject to HUD safety standards (24 CFR 51, Subpart C). However, under the Youthbuild program, these standards would apply only if you propose: (i) Construction of a building; (ii) conversion of a non-residential land use to a residential land use including making habitable a building condemned for habitation; or (iii) rehabilitation that increases the density of a residential structure by increasing the number of dwelling or rooming units. In the case of tanks containing common liquid fuels, the requirement for an acceptable separation distance (ASD) calculation only applies to storage tanks that have a capacity of more than 100 gallons.

*Documentation: You are to select one of the following options that best describe the condition of the property, and report the option selected in item 7 of section G.

A. The proposed project does not include: (i) Construction of a building; (ii) conversion of a non-residential land use to a residential land use including making habitable a building condemned for habitation; or (iii) rehabilitation that increases the density of a residential structure by increasing the number of dwelling or rooming units.

B. The proposed project includes: (i) Construction of a building; (ii) conversion of a non-residential land use to a residential land use including making habitable a building condemned for habitation; or (iii) rehabilitation that increases the density of a residential structure by increasing the number of dwelling or rooming units; and you are

providing HUD with a finding by a qualified data source that the proposed property is not located within the immediate vicinity of hazardous industrial operations handling fuel or chemicals of an explosive or flammable nature by citing data used and the maps used.

C. The applicant proposes: (i) Construction of a building; (ii) conversion of a non-residential land use to a residential land use including making habitable a building condemned for habitation; or (iii) rehabilitation that increases the density of a residential structure by increasing the number of dwelling or rooming units; and the grantee provides HUD a finding made by a qualified data source stating: (1) That the proposed property is located within the immediate vicinity of hazardous industrial operations handling fuel or chemicals of an explosive or flammable nature; (2) the type and scale of such hazardous industrial operations; (3) the distance of such operations from the proposed property; (4) a preliminary calculation of the acceptable separation distance (ASD) between such operations and the proposed property; and (5) a recommendation as to whether it is safe to use the property in accord with 24 CFR 51, Subpart C.

8. Site near high noise source: Threshold: For new construction which is to occur in high noise areas (*i.e.* exceeding 65 decibels), applicants shall incorporate noise attenuation features to the extent required by HUD environmental criteria and standards contained in Subpart B (Noise Abatement and Control) of 24 CFR part 51. Approvals in a Normally unacceptable noise zone require a minimum of 5 decibels additional sound attenuation for buildings having noise-sensitive uses if the day-night average sound level is greater than 65 decibels but does not exceed 70 decibels, or a minimum of 10 decibels of additional sound attenuation if the day-night average sound level is greater than 70 decibels but does not exceed 75 decibels.

Proposed housing sites with above 75 decibels are unacceptable and the noise attenuation measures require the approval of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. In Unacceptable noise zones, HUD strongly encourages conversion of noise-exposed sites to non-housing land uses compatible with the high noise levels.

For major rehabilitation projects involving five or more dwelling units located in the "Normally Unacceptable" and "Unacceptable" noise zones, HUD actively seeks to have project sponsors

incorporate noise attenuation features, given the extent and nature of the rehabilitation being undertaken and the level of exterior noise exposure.

Documentation: You are to select A or B for the condition that best describes their project and report the option selected in item 8 of section G.

A. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source stating that the property proposed by the applicant for a major rehabilitation or new construction project involving five or more dwelling units is not located within: (i) 1,000 feet of a major noise source, road, or highway; (ii) 3,000 feet of a railroad; or (iii) 1 mile of a civil or 5 miles of a military airfield.

B. The applicant provides HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source: (i) stating that the plans for the property proposed by the applicant for a major rehabilitation or new construction project involving five or more dwelling units will incorporate noise attenuation features in accord with HUD environmental criteria and standards contained in Subpart B (Noise Abatement and Control) of 24 CFR part 51; (ii) stating whether the property is located within a "Normally Unacceptable" or "Unacceptable" noise zone; and (iii) providing HUD plans and a statement of the anticipated interior noise levels.

9. Site affecting coastal zone management: Threshold: Only for proposed activities involving new construction or major rehabilitation of multifamily housing does the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) authority apply. Projects which can affect the coastal zone must be carried out in a manner consistent with the approved State coastal zone management program under Sec. 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

* Documentation: You are to select either A or B for the condition that best describes the project and report the option selected in item 9 of section G.

A. You state that your project is not located within a coastal zone, as defined by the States Coastal Zone Management Plan.

B. If your project is located within a coastal zone, you are providing HUD with a finding made by the State CZM agency that the project proposed by the applicant is consistent with the approved State coastal zone management program.

10. Site affecting a sole source aquifer: Threshold: The sole source aquifer authority applies primarily to activities involving proposed new construction or conversion to housing of non-residential property. Projects which can affect aquifers designated by the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must be reviewed for impact on such designated aquifer sources. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 requires protection of drinking water systems which are the sole or principal drinking water source for an area and which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health.

*Documentation: You are to select either A or B for the condition that best describes their project and report the option selected in item 10 of section G.

A. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source stating that the proposed property is not located on nor does it affect a sole source aquifer designated by EPA.

B. If your project proposes new construction or conversion activities that are located on or may affect any sole source aquifer designated by the EPA, you are identifying the aquifer and providing HUD with an explanation of the effect on the aquifer from a qualified data source, and/or a copy of any comments on the proposed project that have been received from the EPA Regional Office as well as from any State or local agency with jurisdiction for protecting the drinking water system.

11. Site affecting endangered species: Threshold: The Endangered Species Protection (ESP) authority applies primarily to activities involving proposed new construction or conversion to housing of a non-residential property. Projects which can affect listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or critical habitats require consultation with the Department of the Interior in compliance with the procedure of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

*Documentation: You are to select either A or B for the condition that best describes the property and report the option selected in item 11 of section G.

A. If your project proposes new construction or conversion activities, you are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source that the

project is not likely to affect any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat. The finding shall indicate whether the project is located within a critical habitat, and if so, explain why the project is not likely to affect the species or habitat.

B. If your project proposes new construction or conversion activities that are likely to affect listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat, you are providing HUD with a statement from a qualified data source explaining the likely affect, and/or a finding made by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior stating as acceptable the proposed mitigation that you will provide to protect any affected endangered or threatened species or critical habitat.

12. Site affecting a designated wetland: Threshold: New construction or conversion to housing of a non-residential property located within a designated wetland is subject to Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. This Executive Order directs HUD to avoid, where practicable, financial support for new construction on wetland property. Note: Proposed funding for new construction or conversion is subject to the Executive Order decision making process. This may result in a disqualification of the application (refer above to number 7 under "Instructions to Applicants").

* Documentation: You are to select A or B for the condition that best describes the property and report the option selected in item 12 of section G.

A. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source stating that the property is not located within a designated wetland where new construction or conversion is proposed.

B. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source that the property is located within a designated wetland, which applies only to property where new construction or conversion is proposed.

The information for A and B must provide HUD with the wetland panel

number obtained from official maps issued by the Department of the Interior on the basis of which the finding was made, or where DOI has not mapped the area, a letter or other documentation from the Army Corps of Engineers or other Federal agency.

13. Significant impact to the human environment: Threshold: HUD must perform an environmental assessment of any property proposed for major rehabilitation or new construction except for a single-family property having one-to-four dwelling units. It is the policy of the Department to reject proposals which have significant adverse environmental impacts and to encourage the modification of projects in order to enhance environmental quality and minimize environmental harm. This policy is authorized by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality and HUD's Environmental Rule at 24 CFR part 50.

*Documentation: You are to provide HUD with any information on any adverse environmental impacts that affect the property or that the project would create. You are to report this data on a separate sheet and attach it to Exhibit 2C(15). Examples of adverse impacts are: soil instability and erodibility; natural or person-made hazards and nuisances; air pollution; inadequate infrastructure (e.g., water supply, waste water treatment, storm water management, solid waste collection), inadequate public services (i.e., fire, police, health care, social services, schools, parks) and transportation; and encroachment on prime farmlands and wild and scenic river areas. You are to identify any significant impacts to the human environment.

Appendix B

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

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(Place this document behind the SF-424)

Youthbuild 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)

Category 1

Category 2

Category 3

For Category 3 Only - 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 youth 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

Program Summary

Exhibit 4B:

Non-Housing Program Resources

Information in this exhibit will be used to rate the Non-Housing Program Resources criterion. Applicants should refer to the specific instructions on how to complete this exhibit. Verify that the letter is acceptable. The "Dollar Value Provided" figure is total of those with an acceptable letter. Do not include any letters that are housing resources.

Name of Provider (Donor)	Cash or In-Kind	Dollar Value Provided	Page No. of Letter	HUD Use Only
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		\$		
Total		\$		

Exhibit 2F: Court-ordered Consideration

Due to an order of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, with respect to any application by the City of Dallas, Texas, for HUD funds, HUD shall consider the extent to which the Youthbuild strategy for the Dallas area will be used to eradicate the vestiges of segregation in the Dallas Housing Authority's low-income housing programs.

Is the applicant the City of Dallas, Texas?

No

Yes

If "yes", please attach a statement that addresses the effect(s), if any, that vestiges of racial segregation in the Dallas Housing Authority's low-income programs have on potential participants in the Youthbuild program and identify proposed actions for remedying those vestiges. Label this documentation Exhibit 2F.

Exhibit 4A**Total Youthbuild Grant Budget**

Grant Activities	Sources of Funds					Total
	Youthbuild	Other Federal	State	Local	Private	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Acquisition						
2. Architecture and Engineering						
3. Housing construction						
4. Housing rehabilitation						
5. Relocation						
6. Outreach and Recruitment Activities						
7. Education and job training (includes on-site training)						
8. Trainee wage, etc.*						
9. Leadership development, counseling, support services						
10. Job placement and follow-up						
11. Subtotal (sum of lines 1 through 10)						
12. Costs of administering Grant. **						
13. Total Costs (sum of lines 11 and 12)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

* Include need-based stipends/benefits/incentives/tools/clothing/etc.

** Request may not exceed 20% of Youthbuild subtotal (line 11).

2 C 15: Environmental Threshold Information for a Property Proposed for Youthbuild Funding

(See instructions for completing this exhibit.)

Youthbuild Applicant's Name.	Contact Person's Name.	Phone Number (include Area Code).
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A. Street address for the property:(include City, State, Zip Code)	B. Attach a map of the community and mark on the map the location of the property. Map is attached: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
C. Attach a copy of any environmental review for the property obtained from the local qualified data source. Environmental review is attached: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

D. Indicate the present and proposed use of the property (i.e., whether single-family, multifamily or non-residential); and number of dwellings or rooming units.

Present use: _____ No. of units: _____

Proposed use: _____ No. of units: _____

E. Indicate the activities for which you are proposing to use Youthbuild funds for the property.

Lease or purchase of a property
 Major Rehabilitation
 Minor Rehabilitation
 New Construction

F. If the proposed Youthbuild property is located within a floodplain, or a clear zone or accident potential zone of an airport or airfield, provide the following information:

Property value before rehabilitation (est. in thousands)	Rehabilitation costs (est. in thousands)	Property value after completion of rehabilitation (est. in thousands)
\$	\$	\$

G. For new construction or major rehabilitation of multifamily housing, complete items 1 through 13. For new construction of single-family housing, complete items 1 through 12. For minor rehabilitation of multifamily or single-family housing, or for the purchase or lease of a property, complete items 1 through 7. The designation "A" or "B" or "C" refers to the type of documentation required by the Instructions contained in the Appendix

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|---|--|-------|
| 1. Site within designated coastal barrier resources: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 2. Site contaminated with toxic chemicals and radioactive materials: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 3. Site affecting a floodplain: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 4. Building requiring flood insurance protection: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 5. Site within clear zones or accident potential zones of airports and airfields: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 6. Site is or affects an historic property: | Indicate A, B, or C | _____ |
| 7. Site near hazardous industrial operations: | Indicate A, B, or C | _____ |
| 8. Site near high noise source: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 9. Site affecting coastal zone management: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 10. Site affecting a sole source aquifer: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 11. Site affecting endangered species: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 12. Site affecting a designated wetland: | Indicate A or B | _____ |
| 13. Significant impact to the human environment: Are there any adverse environmental impacts that affect the property or that the project would create? | | |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | If yes, document on separate sheet(s). | |
| No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

2 C 13c: Housing Project Certifications For Homeownership

Applicants requesting Youthbuild Grant funds to fund any part of the acquisition, architectural and engineering fees, construction, or rehabilitation for a housing property that will be used for homeownership must provide the certifications below. If the rightful property owner is not the applicant, then these certifications must be signed by that property owner. A separate certification must be signed for each housing project.

The Applicant or Rightful Property Owner certifies that, for a period of not less than ten (10) years after construction or rehabilitation is completed and an occupancy permit is issued for the Youthbuild homeownership housing project receiving Youthbuild assistance, it:

- A. Will ensure that the homeownership project will comply with the requirements of the HOPE II or HOPE III programs authorized under subtitles B or C respectively of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act.
- B. Will not convey ownership of the property unless the instrument of conveyance requires a subsequent owner to comply with the above certification for the balance of the ten year period.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official of: _____

Applicant Organization Rightful Property Owner

Title _____

Organization _____

Date _____

Address of Property: _____

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2 C 13b: Housing Project Certifications For Transitional Housing

Applicants requesting Youthbuild Grant funds to fund any part of the acquisition, architectural and engineering fees, construction, rehabilitation, operating costs or replacement reserves for a housing property that will be used for Transitional housing for the homeless must make the certifications below. If the rightful property owner is not the applicant, these certifications must be signed by that owner. A separate certification must be signed for each housing project.

The Applicant or Rightful Property Owner certifies that, for a period of not less than ten (10) years after construction or rehabilitation is completed and an occupancy permit is issued for the Youthbuild transitional housing project receiving Youthbuild assistance, it:

- A. Will ensure that the aggregate monthly rental for each Youthbuild project will not exceed the operating costs of the project (including debt service, management, adequate reserves and other documented operating costs) plus a six percent return on any equity investment of the project owner.
- B. Will, **if it is a nonprofit organization**, use any profit received from the operation, sale or other disposition of the project for the purposes of providing housing for low- and moderate-income families. Any profit-motivated partners in a nonprofit partnership will receive: (i) not more than a six percent return on their equity investment from project operations; and (ii) upon disposition of the project, not more than an amount equal to their initial equity investment plus a return on that investment equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the geographic location of the project since the time of the initial investment of such partner in the project.
- C. Will ensure that the transitional housing project shall adhere to the requirements regarding service delivery, housing standards and rent limitations applicable to comparable housing receiving assistance under title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, unless these requirements are expressly waived by the Secretary of HUD to permit the conversion of the project to a permanent housing project.
- D. Will not convey ownership of the property unless the instrument of conveyance requires a subsequent owner to comply with the above certifications for the balance of the ten year period.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official of:

Applicant Organization Rightful Property Owner

Title _____

Organization _____

Date _____

Address of Property: _____

2 C 13a: Housing Project Certifications For Residential Rental Units

Applicants requesting Youthbuild Grant funds to fund any part of the acquisition, architectural and engineering fees, construction, rehabilitation, operating costs or replacement reserves for a housing project that will be used for residential rental units, must make the following certifications. If the rightful property owner is not the applicant, then these certifications must be signed by that property owner. A separate certification must be signed for each housing project.

The Applicant or Rightful Property Owner certifies that, for a period of not less than ten (10) years after construction or rehabilitation is completed and an occupancy permit is issued for the Youthbuild residential rental housing project receiving Youthbuild assistance, it:

- A. Will maintain at least a 90 percent level of occupancy for individuals and families with incomes less than 60 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size. The remaining ten percent of the units will be made available to and occupied by low-income families. The income test will be conducted only at the time of entry for each unit available for occupancy. Each available rental unit will be made available to the 60 percent-of-area-median-income group for an advertising period of not less than 90 days upon each vacancy occurrence throughout the ten year period. Community-wide advertisements for tenants of this income group will be conducted. If, at the end of the 90-day advertising period, no qualifying tenant leases the unit, the unit will be advertised for individuals and families with incomes between 60 and 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size, for another 90-day period. Leases for tenants whose incomes are between 60 and 80 percent of the area median income (exclusive of the ten percent allowance) will be limited to one year and such temporary tenants are not covered by paragraphs C., E., and F. below.
- B. Will use the model lease submitted with the Youthbuild application with any modifications approved by HUD at the time of grant award.
- C. Will not terminate the tenancy or refuse to renew the lease of a tenant occupying a Youthbuild residential rental housing unit except for serious or repeated violations of the terms and conditions of the lease, or for violation of applicable Federal, state or local laws, or for other good cause. Any termination or refusal to renew the lease will be preceded by a not less than 30-day written notice to the tenant specifying the grounds for the action.
- D. Will maintain the premises in compliance with all applicable HUD, other Federal, State or local program housing quality standards and local code requirements. If no public assistance is involved other than the Youthbuild grant, HUD's Section 8 housing quality standards will be followed.
- E. Will develop and adopt a tenant selection plan that:
 - (1) is consistent with the purpose of providing housing for homeless and very low-income families and individuals;
 - (2) is reasonably related to program eligibility and the certifying entity's ability to perform the obligations of the lease;
 - (3) gives reasonable consideration to the housing needs of families that would qualify for a preference under section 6(c)(4)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937;
 - (4) provides for the selection of tenants from a written waiting list in the chronological order of their application, to the extent practicable, and for the prompt notification in writing of any rejected applicant of the grounds for any rejection; and
 - (5) acknowledges that a family holding tenant-based assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 will not be refused tenancy because of the status of the prospective tenant as a holder of such assistance.

2 C 10: Youthbuild Grant Individual Housing Project Site Estimate

Address of Property (Include city, state, and zip code)

Grant Activities	Resources					Total
	Youthbuild	Other Federal	State	Local	Private	
1. Acquisition	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2. Architecture and Engineering						
3. Housing Construction						
4. Housing Rehabilitation						
5. Total Housing Project Costs for Site						

Note 1: Include both **cash** and **in-kind** contributions.

Note 2: When paid, in whole or in part, with Youthbuild program funds, the activities above will trigger applicable Youthbuild project-related restrictions contained in Youthbuild regulations CFR Part 585.309, 310, or 311. Applicants who propose to use Youthbuild funds for one or more of these activities are required to complete the appropriate certifications.

Documentation of Housing Resources

Attach a letter of commitment from each source of funding.

Name of Provider (Donor)	Cash or In-Kind	Dollar Value Provided	Page No. of Letter	HUD Use Only
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		
Total		\$		

Page no:

C. Housing Site Description

Complete all sections.

1. Housing Site Identification	2. Number of housing units planned to be produced	3. Type of housing to be produced: (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> residential rental <input type="checkbox"/> homeownership <input type="checkbox"/> transitional housing for the homeless
4. Homeless Housing: For housing that will be transitional housing for the homeless, attach a description of the plan for the outreach and placement of homeless families or individuals. (1 page) Label this narrative Exhibit 2C4.		
5. Will all housing produced be provided for homeless, low-income, or very-low income persons? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. The on-site training will consist of: <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation	
7. Are any of the units currently occupied? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, attach a relocation narrative that identifies: the number of persons, the business or others occupying the property on the date of submission of this application, the number to be displaced, the number to be temporarily relocated but not displaced, the estimated cost of relocation services payments and services, the source of funds for relocation, and the organization that will provide relocation assistance to occupants and the contact person's name and phone number. Label this attachment as Exhibit 2C7.	8. Name of the current owner of the property.	
9. Documentation of Access: Attach required evidence of site access. Label this attachment Exhibit 2C9.		
10. Individual Housing Project Site Estimate and Documentation of Resources Complete the attached Exhibit 2C10 for each housing project site to be used in conjunction with the Youthbuild implementation program. Attach documentation of resources behind each Exhibit 2C10.		
11. Describe the applicant's role and responsibilities for the on-site housing construction or rehabilitation work. Label this description Exhibit 2C11.		
12. Name the entity which will own and manage the property after the construction or rehabilitation work is completed.	13. Housing Project Certifications. Housing Certifications are Attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
14. Model Lease A Model Lease is attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Environmental Threshold Information for Property Proposed for Youthbuild funding Exhibit 2C15 and supporting documentation is attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
16. Picture: (optional) Provide a picture of each potential housing site. Label it Exhibit 2C16.		