

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**SELF-HELP HOMEOWNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (SHOP)**

Billing Code 4210-32-C

FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR SELF-HELP HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (SHOP) PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Purpose of the Program. To facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities through self-help housing where the homebuyer contributes a significant amount of sweat-equity toward the construction of the new dwelling.

Available Funds. Approximately \$22 million.

Eligible Applicants. You must be a national or regional nonprofit organization or consortium.

Application Deadline. June 19, 2002. *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, Standard Forms, Further Information, and Technical Assistance

Application Due Date. Applications for SHOP grants are due on or before June 19, 2002.

See the General Section of this SuperNOFA for specific procedures governing the form of application submission (e.g., mailed applications, express mail, or overnight delivery).

Application Submission Procedures. *New Security Procedures.* HUD has implemented new security procedures that apply to application submission. Please read the following instructions carefully and completely. HUD will not accept hand-delivered applications. Applications may be mailed using the United States Postal Service (UPS) or may be shipped via the following delivery services: United Parcel Service (UPS), FedEx, DHL, or Falcon Carrier. No other delivery services are permitted into HUD Headquarters without an escort. You must, therefore, use one of the four carriers listed above.

Mailed Applications. Your application will be considered timely filed if your application is postmarked on or before 12:00 midnight on the application due date and received in HUD Headquarters on or within fifteen (15) days of the application due date. Applicants must obtain and save a Certificate of Mailing showing the date, when your application was submitted to the United States Postal Service (USPS). The Certificate of Mailing will be your documentary evidence that your application was timely filed.

Applications Sent by Overnight/Express Mail Delivery. If your

application is sent by overnight delivery or express mail, your application will be timely filed if it is received before or on the application due date, or when you submit documentary evidence that your application was placed in transit with the overnight delivery/express service no later than the application due date. Due to new security measures, you must use one of four carrier services that do business with HUD Headquarters regularly. These services are UPS, DHL, FedEx and Falcon Carrier. Delivery by these services must be made during HUD's Headquarters business hours, between 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM Eastern time, Monday through Friday. If these companies do not service your area, you should submit your application via the United States Postal Service.

Address for Submitting Applications. Submit one original and two copies of the application to Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Processing and Control Unit, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7251, Washington, DC 20410, ATTN: Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP).

For Application Forms. Only national and regional nonprofit organizations and consortia are eligible to apply. There is no separate application kit. This notice contains all the information necessary for submission of your application. Copies of the standard forms are located in the General Section of this SuperNOFA or you may request copies by calling HUD's SuperNOFA Information Center at: 1-800-HUD-8929. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please call the Center's TTY number at 1-800-HUD-2209. When requesting standard forms, you should refer to SHOP and provide your name and address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code). See Section VI for application submission requirements. You may also access the application requirements on the Internet through HUD's web site at www.hud.gov/grants.

Further Information and Technical Assistance. You may contact Lou Thompson, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7168, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2684, ext. 4594 (this is not a toll-free number). This number can be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service Operator at 1-800-877-8339.

Satellite Broadcast. HUD will hold an information broadcast via satellite for potential applicants to learn more about the program and preparation of the

application. For more information about the date and time of the broadcast, you should consult the HUD web site at <http://www.hud.gov/grants>.

II. Amount Allocated

The amount available for this program is approximately \$22 million. Any unobligated funds from previous competitions or additional funds that may become available, as a result of deobligation or recaptures from previous awards or budget transfers, may be used in addition to the Fiscal Year 2002 appropriation to fund applications submitted in response to this NOFA.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) *Program Description.* SHOP is intended to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national geographically-diverse basis through self-help housing where the homebuyer contributes a significant amount of sweat-equity toward the construction or rehabilitation of the dwelling.

Decent, safe, and sanitary non-luxury dwellings developed under SHOP must be made available to eligible homebuyers at prices below the prevailing market prices. Eligible homebuyers are low-income individuals and families (those whose annual incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area, as established by HUD) who are unable to purchase a dwelling. Housing assisted under this Notice must involve community participation through the use of homebuyers and/or volunteers in the construction of dwellings and by other activities that involve the community in the project.

(B) *Eligible Applicants.* You must be a national or regional nonprofit organization or consortium that has the capacity and experience to provide or facilitate self-help housing homeownership opportunities. Local affiliates of national or regional organizations or consortia must apply as part of the national or regional organization or consortia and may not apply for SHOP independently. "Regional" is defined for the purpose of this program section of the SuperNOFA to be a "regional area" such as the Southwest or Northeast that must include at least two or more States (the States need not be contiguous and the operational boundaries of the organization need not precisely conform to State boundaries). If you are a consortium, one organization must be chosen as the lead entity. The lead entity must submit the application and,

if selected for funding, will execute the grant agreement and assume primary responsibility for carrying out grant activities in compliance with all program requirements. Other participants in your consortium must be identified in your application.

Your application may not propose a partnership with or funding for any affiliate or consortium member that is also included in another SHOP application. You must assure that any affiliate or consortium member under your FY 2002 application is not also seeking funding from another SHOP applicant for FY 2002 funds.

(C) *Eligible Activities.* The only eligible activities are: (1) land acquisition (including financing and closing costs), which may include reimbursing an organization, consortium, or affiliate, upon approval of any required environmental review, for nongrant amounts of the organization, consortium, or affiliate advanced to acquire land before completion of the review; (2) infrastructure improvements (installing, extending, constructing, rehabilitating, or otherwise improving utilities and other infrastructure, including removal of environmental hazards); and (3) administration, planning and management development as defined under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (24 CFR 92.207) and not to exceed 20 percent of any SHOP grant. Funding of eligible activities may be used for both single-family and multifamily dwellings.

(D) *Ineligible Costs:* Costs associated with the rehabilitation, improvement, or construction of dwellings are not eligible uses of program funds.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to meeting the Requirements and Procedures Applicable to All Programs in Section II of the General Section of this SuperNOFA, you are subject to the following SHOP requirements:

(A) *Conducting Business In Accordance With Core Values and Ethical Standards:* See Section II(B)(2) of General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(B) *Statutory Requirements.* You must comply with all statutory requirements applicable to SHOP as cited in Section IX of this program section below. There are no regulations for this program. You must be capable of:

(1) Developing, through significant amounts of sweat-equity and volunteer labor, at least 30 dwellings at an average cost of no more than \$10,000 per unit in SHOP funds for land acquisition and infrastructure improvements;

(2) Using your grant to leverage other sources of funding, including private or other public funds, to complete the housing units;

(3) Developing quality dwellings that comply with local building and safety codes and standards and which will be available to homebuyers at prices below the prevailing market price; and

(4) Scheduling activities to expend all grant funds awarded and substantially fulfill your obligations under your grant agreement, including timely development of the appropriate number of dwelling units. Grant funds must be expended within 24 months, except that grant funds provided to affiliates and consortium members that develop five or more units must be expended within 36 months.

(C) *Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons (Section 3).* If you fund infrastructure improvements under this program, you are required to comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons) and the HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 135, including the reporting requirements in subpart E. Section 3 requires that you provide training, employment and other economic opportunities, to the greatest extent feasible, to: (1) Low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing and (2) business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

V. Application Selection Process

(A) *Rating.* HUD will review all applications in accordance with the Application Selection Process in Section III of the General Section of this SuperNOFA. HUD will review all applications based on the threshold factors listed in Section V(D) of this program section below. Applications that meet all threshold requirements will be rated according to the selection factors in this section of the SuperNOFA. Applications that do not meet all threshold factors will be rejected and not rated.

(B) *Ranking and Selection Procedures.* Applications that receive a total rating of 70 points or more (without the addition of Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities/Urban Enhanced Enterprise Communities/Strategic Planning Communities, or Renewal Communities [RC/EZ/ECs] bonus points) will be eligible for selection, and HUD will place them in rank order. After adding any bonus points for RC/EZ/ECs, HUD will

consider rank order and funds availability in the selection and funding of applications.

HUD reserves the right to fund less than the full amount requested in any application to ensure a fair distribution of the funds and that dwellings will be developed on a national geographically-diverse basis as required by the statute. HUD will not fund any portion of an application that is ineligible for funding under program statutory requirements, or which does not meet the requirements of the General Section of this SuperNOFA or the requirements in the SHOP section of the SuperNOFA. HUD will not fund any eligible applicant for less than the minimum amount necessary to complete at least 30 homes (at a maximum investment of \$10,000 per home or a lesser amount if lower costs are reflected in the application). If funds remain after all selections have been made, these funds may be available for other competitions.

(C) *Applicant Debriefing.* Beginning not less than 30 days after the awards for assistance are announced in the **Federal Register**, and not longer than 120 days, HUD will, upon receiving a written request from an applicant, provide a debriefing to the requesting applicant. Materials provided during a briefing will be the applicant's final score for each rating factor, final evaluator comments for each rating factor, and the final assessment indicating the basis upon which assistance was provided or denied. Applicants requesting to be debriefed must send a written request to Lou Thompson, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7168, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410.

(D) *Threshold Requirements.* The following threshold requirements apply specifically to SHOP. You must also be sure to address the threshold requirements listed in Section II(B) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA and must submit all forms, certifications, and assurances identified in Section II(H) of the General Section.

(1) You, the applicant, must be eligible to apply under SHOP (see Section III(B) of this program section of the SuperNOFA).

(2) The amount of funding you request must support no less than 30 self-help units and may not exceed an average investment of \$10,000 per unit in SHOP funding.

(3) The population you plan to serve must be eligible under SHOP (see Section III(A) of this program section of the SuperNOFA).

(4) You must demonstrate that you have completed at least 30 self-help homeownership units within a national or regional area (where the homebuyers contributed a significant amount of sweat-equity and/or volunteer labor toward the construction of the dwellings) within the 24-month period preceding the publication of this SuperNOFA.

Submission Threshold Requirements:

(1) Evidence of your non-profit status, such as a copy of a current Internal Revenue Service ruling that your organization is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Where an IRS ruling is unavailable, you may submit a certified copy of your approved charter, articles of incorporation or bylaws demonstrating that you are established as a nonprofit organization under state law. If you are a consortium, each participant in your consortium must be a nonprofit organization. Each consortium member must submit evidence of its nonprofit status to the lead entity for inclusion in the Consortium's application package.

Submission threshold requirements (2) through (4) require no additional submissions. These requirements are addressed under the submission requirements for the rating factors listed in Section V(D) of this program section of the SuperNOFA below.

(E) *Factors for Award Used to Evaluate Applications.* HUD will rate all SHOP applications that successfully complete technical processing using the Rating Factors and the Application Submission Requirements described below. The maximum number of points for this program is 102. This includes two RC/EZ/EC bonus points, as described in Section III(C)(1) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA. In evaluating applications for funding, HUD will take into account an applicant's past performance in managing funds, including accounting for funds appropriately, the timely use of funds received from HUD, meeting performance targets for completion of activities, and the number of persons served.

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

This factor examines the extent to which you, as a single applicant or as a consortium (including affiliates and/or members of the consortium, if any), have the experience and organizational resources necessary to carry out the proposed activities in a timely manner.

In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider your recent and relevant

experience in carrying out the activities you propose, and your administrative and fiscal management capability to administer the grant, including the ability to account for funds appropriately. HUD will assess your organization's past performance based upon performance reports for completion of activities and the number of families/persons provided housing, financial status information focusing on expediency of draws and use of funds, monitoring reports, audit reports and other information available to HUD in making its determination under this factor. If you are not a current recipient of HUD funds, you should submit any existing internal or external performance reports or other information that will assist HUD in making this determination.

Submission Requirements for Rating Factor 1.

(1) You must describe your past experience in carrying out activities (describe the time frame when these activities occurred) that are the same as, or similar to, the activities you propose for funding, and demonstrate reasonable success in carrying out those activities. You may demonstrate such reasonable success by showing that your previous activities were carried out as proposed consistent with the time frame you proposed for completion of all work. You must show that established benchmarks for acquiring properties and completing housing construction were met and performance reports were submitted, as required. You must also describe any delays that were encountered, and the actions you took to overcome such delays to successfully complete your program.

(2) You must demonstrate that you have completed at least 30 self-help homeownership units within a national or regional area (where the homebuyers contributed sweat-equity and/or volunteer labor toward the construction of the dwellings) within the 24-month period preceding the publication of this SuperNOFA. In identifying these recent projects, please include all projects completed, regardless of whether they were funded with Federal, State, local, public or private funds.

(3) You must provide a description of your organization's management structure. You must also describe how you will staff and manage your proposed activities within the organization if funds are awarded.

(4) You must demonstrate your ability to handle financial resources with adequate financial control and accounting procedures. You must describe how your financial control

procedures meet 24 CFR 84.21, "Standards for Financial Management Systems." You must provide a copy of your most recent audit (only an audit of the lead entity must be provided with an application for a consortium).

(5) You must demonstrate your experience and ability in constructing and altering homes by describing the kinds of features that you have used to design homes in accordance with universal design or otherwise make homes accessible to the elderly or persons with disabilities.

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (15 Points)

This factor examines the extent to which you identify the community need, or problem, or distress that your proposed activities will target, and the urgency of meeting that need.

The purpose of this factor is to make sure that funding is provided where a need for funding exists. Under this factor, you must identify the need or needs in the community that your proposed activities are designed to address or, if you plan to select specific affiliates only after you receive SHOP funding, you must demonstrate how you plan to identify need prior to your selection of affiliates.

Submission Requirements for Rating Factor 2.

(1) Identify the communities or areas in which your proposed activities will be carried out or how you will select communities or projects based on need after you have received an award under SHOP.

(2) Depending on the type of activities proposed, the kind of information you submit to demonstrate the need or needs in the target area may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:

(a) Housing market data such as information included in the local Five Year Consolidated Plan or other data sources;

(b) Data dealing with such factors as housing density, housing affordability, housing age or deterioration, and lack of adequate infrastructure or utilities;

(c) Data on the need for accessible homes in the area;

(d) Evidence of housing discrimination;

(e) Evidence from the local Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that shows the need for this program.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (45 Points)

This factor examines the quality of your plan of proposed activities. In evaluating this factor HUD will consider:

(1) Your specific use of SHOP funds, the number of units and the type(s) of housing to be constructed, and the use of sweat equity/volunteer labor; your established timeline for performance; your schedule for expending funds and completing construction; the proposed budget and cost effectiveness of your program; and your plans to reach all potentially-eligible homebuyers, including those with disabilities or least likely to apply. You may not require a homebuyer to make financial contributions to a unit other than cash contributed for down payment or closing costs at the time of acquisition.

(2) How your planned activities further the Department's FY 2002 policy priorities noted in Section VI of the General Section. You will receive one rating point for each priority addressed in your program of activities and associated with performance measures. For FY 2002, HUD's policy priorities are:

(i) Increasing Homeownership Opportunities for Low- and Moderate-Income Persons, Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly, and Minorities and Families where English may be a second language.

(ii) Improving the Quality of Public Housing and Providing More Choices for Its Residents.

(iii) Encouraging Accessible Design Features: Visitability in New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation Activities and Universal Design.

(iv) Improving Computer Access, Literacy, and Employment Opportunities.

(v) Providing Full and Equal Access to Faith Based and Other Community Based Organizations in HUD Program Implementation.

(vi) Ensuring that Programs are Accountable for the Promises Made and the Actions Taken.

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Submission Requirements for Factor 3

(1) Identify all activities you propose to fund with SHOP.

(2) Provide a timetable for the selection of your participating local affiliates if they are not specified in the application.

(3) Identify the housing type(s) (single family or multifamily, or both) you plan to develop and the form of ownership (fee simple, condominium, cooperative, etc.) you propose to use.

(4) Submit a construction and completion schedule which expends SHOP funds and substantially fulfills your obligations, including the development of the appropriate number of dwelling units, within 24 months, or

in the case of affiliates that develop five or more units, within 36 months, and demonstrates that remaining housing construction will be completed within a reasonable period of time.

(5) Submit a timeline listing milestones against which HUD is to measure your performance progress in expending funds, and completing acquisition, infrastructure and housing construction activities within the schedule in Item 4 above. These milestones should be at reasonable intervals (*e.g.*, monthly, quarterly, etc.).

(6) Describe how your proposed activities address the need or needs you have identified under Rating Factor 2 above.

(7) List the long- and short-term benefits from your activities to the community and targeted groups within the community, and describe how you will ascertain and measure the benefits.

(8) Provide a detailed budget with a break out for each proposed task and each budget category (acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and administration) in the SF-424A. If SHOP funds will be used for administration of your grant, you must include the cost of monitoring affiliates once during the grant period. Your budget must also include leveraged funding to cover all costs of completing the proposed number of units.

(9) Demonstrate that projected costs for the proposed activities do not deviate substantially from the norm in the locale in which your activities will take place, will not exceed an average cost of \$10,000 per unit in SHOP funds, and illustrate your ability to carry out your proposed activities cost effectively.

(10) Describe how each of the Department's policy priorities are furthered by your proposed activities. To receive a point for a policy priority, you must describe how your proposed work activities address the specific policy and list proposed performance measurements related to it.

(11) Describe how you will reach potential homebuyers through the use of services and materials that are accessible or visitable to all persons, including persons with disabilities (*e.g.*, languages, formats, locations, distribution, and use of minority media to attract those least likely to apply).

(12) Describe your criteria and procedures for selecting homebuyers and how activities will benefit eligible homebuyers.

(13) Describe how your proposed activities will yield long-term results and innovative strategies or "best practices" that can be readily disseminated to other organizations,

communities, and/or State and local governments.

(14) Describe how your program will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with a variety of disabilities by providing "sweat equity" assignments that can be performed by the client regardless of disability.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (15 Points)

This factor addresses your ability to secure other resources that can be combined with HUD's program resources to achieve the purposes of SHOP. HUD will consider only those leveraging contributions for which current firm commitments have been provided. Leveraging can be counted only if you have secured a firm financial commitment described and listed under this Factor. A firm commitment letter means the agreement by which the contributing partner or entity agrees to perform an activity specified in your application which should demonstrate your financial capacity to deliver the resources necessary to carry out the activity. Firm commitments of resources may be in the form of cash funding, in-kind contributions, or personnel from Federal, State, local, and private sources, which are jointly referred to as your leverage partners. HUD will also consider the extent that the applicant's proposed sweat-equity requirements and other leveraged resources will serve to reduce costs to the homebuyers.

Submission Requirements for Factor 4

(1) Provide a list of amounts and sources of all firm commitments of cash funding, in-kind contributions, or personnel from other Federal, State, local, and private sources which will be available to complete your project. Together with the grant funds, these commitments must be sufficient to develop the proposed number of units in your application, which must be 30 units or more.

(2) Provide firm written commitments (letters, agreements, etc.) from the source of the commitment to support your list of firm commitments. This written commitment should include your organization's name, the contributing organization's name, and the proposed type and level of commitment and responsibilities as they relate to your proposed program. This leveraging commitment must be signed by an official of the organization legally able to make the commitment on behalf of the organization and must be specifically targeted to support your FY 2002 SHOP application. The written commitment may be contingent upon your receiving a grant award.

(3) Provide a description of the individual sweat-equity requirements (types of tasks and number of hours) of your program and how this contribution of labor will serve to reduce the costs of the home to the homebuyer. Reasonable accommodation must be allowed for persons with a variety of disabilities to participate in your program.

Rating Factor 5: Coordination, Self-Sufficiency and Sustainability (5 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which your application reflects a comprehensive approach that coordinates effectively with other organizations in the community and fosters self-sufficiency of beneficiaries in your program after completion of the grant award. In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider:

(1) The extent to which you have coordinated your activities with other known organizations that are not directly participating in your proposed work activities, but with which you share common goals and objectives and are working toward meeting these objectives in a holistic and comprehensive manner; and

(2) The extent to which your application implements practical solutions within the grant term to result in assisting beneficiaries of grant program funds in achieving independent living, housing choice or improved living environments.

Submission Requirements for Factor 5

(1) Describe the steps taken to coordinate your program activities at the national, regional and local levels with other organizations not directly participating in your program and work activities. If affiliates are selected after grant award, you must describe how your selections will be made to ensure that the affiliates' programs fit in with other activities and programs that are being carried out by others in the local communities.

(2) Describe the steps to be taken within the grant term that provide assistance to homebuyers in a manner that achieves independent living, housing choice in a wider range of neighborhoods and improved living conditions free from overcrowding and

environmental hazards, such as lead-based paint, Brownfields, etc.

VI. Application Requirements and Checklist for Application Submission

Your application consists of the items listed in this Section VI. The standard forms, certifications, and assurances that are applicable to this funding (collectively, referred to as the "standard forms") can be found in Appendix B to the General Section of the SuperNOFA. The following checklist helps to ensure that all of the required items have been submitted in order to receive consideration for funding:

_____ Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance (signed by the authorized representative of the organization eligible to receive funds)

_____ Evidence of Non-Profit status
 _____ A copy of your code of conduct and a narrative description of the methods you will use to ensure that all officers, employees and agents of your organization become aware of your code of conduct.

Narrative Statement Addressing:

_____ Factor 1—Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Staff, including recent audit.

_____ Factor 2—Need/Extent of the Problem

_____ Factor 3—Soundness of Approach

_____ Factor 4—Leveraging Resources

_____ Factor 5—Coordination, Self Sufficiency and Sustainability

Forms, Certifications and Assurances:
 _____ SF 424A, Budget Information, Non-Construction Programs
 _____ SF 424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs
 _____ SF 424M, Federal Assistance Funding Matrix

_____ HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace

_____ HUD-50071, Certification of Payment to Influence Federal Transactions

_____ SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activity, as applicable

_____ HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report

_____ HUD-2990, Certification of Consistency with the RC/EZ/EC Strategic Plan

_____ HUD-2992, Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension

_____ HUD-2993, Acknowledgment of Application Receipt

VII. Corrections to Deficient Applications

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

VIII. Environmental Requirements

The provisions contained in Section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994, Environmental Review, implemented in the Environmental Review regulations at 24 CFR part 58, are applicable to properties assisted with SHOP funds. All SHOP assistance is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related federal environmental authorities. SHOP grant applicants are cautioned that no federal or non-federal funds or assistance which limits reasonable choices or could produce a significant adverse environmental impact may be committed to a project until all required environmental reviews and notifications have been completed by a unit of general local government, tribe or State and until HUD approves a recipient's request for release of funds under the environmental provisions contained in 24 CFR part 58. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, in accordance with Section 11(d)(2)(A) of the Housing Opportunity Extension Act of 1996 and HUD Notice CPD-01-09, an organization, consortium or affiliate receiving SHOP assistance may advance nongrant funds to acquire land prior to completion of an environmental review and HUD's approval of a request for release of funds and environmental certification. Any advances to acquire land prior to such approval are made at the risk of the organization, consortium or affiliate and reimbursement from SHOP funds for such advances will depend on the result of the environmental review.

IX. Authority

The funding made available under this program section of the SuperNOFA is authorized by section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 12805 note) (the "Extension Act").

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