DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES PROGRAMS

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Funding Availability for Universities and Colleges Programs

As part of HUD’s consolidation approach to streamline the NOFA process, the Office of University Partnerships (OUP) is announcing the following competitive grant programs in this NOFA:

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The purpose for combining all of the OUP competitive grant programs (excluding the Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program, the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program, the Community Development Work Study Program, and the Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) Community Futures Demonstration) under this NOFA is to make it easier for applicants to identify all of the funding opportunities available to colleges and universities through OUP. Please read this NOFA thoroughly and carefully prior to submitting a proposal, since each program in this NOFA has distinct requirements. THERE IS NO SEPARATE APPLICATION KIT FOR THESE PROGRAMS.

Available Funds. Approximately $34.092 million from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Consolidated Appropriation Resolution, Division K (plus any unexpended and additional funds recaptured from prior appropriations) is available for the Office of University Partnership programs as follows:

- Community Outreach Partnership Centers Programs: $6.955 million ($1.955 million has been set aside to fund the COPC Community Futures Demonstration. A separate NOFA is included in this SuperNOFA for this program).
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities: $9.935 million (up to $2 million was earmarked to provide technical assistance).
- Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities: $6.458 million plus approximately $4.0 million in previously unexpended FY 2002 funds.
- Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Institutions Assisting Communities: $2.981 million plus approximately $194,552 in previously unexpended FY 2002 funds.

Additional Information

Applicants interested in applying for funds under these grant programs should carefully review the General Section of this SuperNOFA and the following additional information.

I. Application Due Date, Addresses, Submission Procedures, Further Information, and Technical Assistance

Application Due Date. A completed application package is due on or before June 12, 2003 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program, Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) Program, Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Communities Program (AN/NHIA), and Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP).

A completed application package is due on or before June 24, 2003 for the Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC) Program.

Address for Submitting Applications. A completed application package consists of one original signed application, three copies, and one computer disk (in Word 6.0 or higher) of the application. This package must be submitted to the following address: Processing and Control Branch, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7251, Washington, DC, 20410. When submitting an application package, also please include the following information on the outside of the envelope: (a) the Office of University Partnerships, (b) name of the program under which funding is being requested, (c) Room number 7251, (d) applicant’s name and mailing address (including zip code), and (e) applicant’s telephone number (including area code).

Applicants applying for funding under the HBCU program must also send a copy of their application to the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Director in the appropriate HUD Field Office. The address for each Field Office is listed in the General Section of this NOFA.

Mailing and Receipt Procedures. Applicants must refer to the General Section of this SuperNOFA for detailed requirements governing application submission and receipt.

For Further Information and Technical Assistance. Applicants may contact Armand W. Carriere of HUD’s Office of University Partnerships at (202) 708–3061, ext. 3183 or Susan Brunson at (202) 708–3061, ext. 3852. For information regarding the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program, please contact Sherone Ivey, Office of Native American Programs at (202) 708–0314 ext. 4200. Speech- or hearing-impaired individuals may call the Federal Information Relay Service TTY at (800) 877–8399. Except for the “800” number, these numbers are not toll-free. Applicants may also reach Mr. Carriere via email at Armand_W.Carriere@hud.gov, Ms. Brunson at Susan_S.Brunson@hud.gov, and Ms. Ivey at Sherone_E.Ivey@hud.gov.

The Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program (COPC)

I. Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To provide funds to two-year colleges, four-year colleges, and universities to establish and operate Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPCs) to address the problems of urban areas.

II. Amount Allocated, Grant Size and Term, and Performance Period

- The amount allocated, grant size and term, and performance period for this program are listed below.
- Amount Allocated. In Fiscal Year 2003, approximately $6.955 million was earmarked by the conference report accompanying the FY 2003 Consolidation Appropriation Resolution, Division K ($1.955 million has been set aside to fund architectural and planning schools. There is a separate NOFA for this program and it is included in this SuperNOFA).
- Grant Size and Term. HUD will award two kinds of grants under this program, New Grants and New Directions Grants.
  1. New Grants will be awarded to applicants who have never received a COPC grant to undertake eligible work (as identified in Section III(C) below). The minimum amount a New Grant applicant can request is $250,000 and the maximum amount is $400,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.
  2. New Directions Grants will be awarded to applicants who were previous COPC recipients to undertake new directions in their activities (as identified in Section III(C) below). The minimum and maximum amount a New Directions Grant applicant can request is $150,000 for a two-year (24 months) grant performance period.
HUD will use up to $4 million to fund approximately 10 New Grants and up to $1 million to fund approximately 6 New Directions Grants.

HUD intends to fund at least two eligible COPC applications (applications that receive a minimum score of 75 points) that serve Colonias, as defined in the General Section of this SuperNOFA. HUD will select the highest-ranking COPC applications that serve Colonias among the rated COPC applications. If less than two fundable COPC applications that serve Colonias are eligible for award these funds will be used to award additional COPC grants.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) Program Description. The main purpose of the COPC Program is to assist in establishing or carrying out outreach and applied research activities that address problems of urban areas; and to encourage structural change, both within an institution of higher education and in the way the institution relates to its neighbors. Funding under this program shall be used to establish and operate local Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC). The five key concepts that a COPC Program should include are:

1. Outreach, technical assistance, and applied research;
2. Empowerment efforts that engage community-based organizations and residents as partners with the institution throughout the life of the project and beyond;
3. Applied research related to the project’s outreach activities;
4. Assistance to target communities primarily from the faculty, students, and to a limited extent by neighborhood residents and community-based organizations funded by the university; and
5. Support from the university’s senior officials to make the program part of the institution’s broader effort to meet its urban mission.

(B) Eligible Applicants. Public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education granting two- or four-year degrees that are accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Consortia of eligible institutions may also apply, as long as one institution is designated the lead applicant. (Note: Institutions that participated in a COPC grant as a member of a consortium are eligible to apply for New Grant if they received 25 percent or less of the earlier grant.)

(C) Eligible Activities. COPC Programs should combine research with outreach activities and work with communities and local governments to address the multidimensional problems that beset urban areas. Appropriate urban problems include, but are not limited to housing, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, infrastructure, health care, job training, education, crime prevention, planning, the environment, and community organizing.

1. Research activities must have a clear near-term potential and practical application for solving specific, significant urban problems in designated communities and neighborhoods, including evaluation of the effectiveness of the outreach activities and how they relate to HUD programs. Applicants must have the capacity to apply the research results directly to the proposed outreach activities outlined in the application’s work plan. In addition, applicants must work with communities and local institutions, including neighborhood groups, local governments, and other appropriate community stakeholders, in applying these results to real-life urban problems.

2. Outreach, technical assistance, and information exchange activities designed to address specific urban problems in designated communities and neighborhoods served by the grant. Examples of outreach activities include, but are not limited to:
   a. Assistance to communities to improve consolidated housing and community development plans and eliminate impediments to the design and implementation of such plans;
   b. Design of community or metropolitan strategies to resolve urban problems of communities and neighborhoods;
   c. Innovative use of funds to provide direct technical expertise and assistance to local community groups, residents, and other appropriate community stakeholders to resolve local problems such as homelessness, housing discrimination, and impediments to fair housing choice;
   d. Technical assistance in business start-up activities for low- and moderate-income individuals and organizations, including business start-up training and technical expertise and assistance, mentor programs, assistance in developing small loan funds, business incubators, etc.
   e. Technical assistance to local public housing authorities on welfare-to-work initiatives and physical transformations of public or assisted housing, including development of accessible and visitable housing;
   f. Job training and other training projects, such as workshops, seminars, and one-on-one and on-the-job training;
   g. Assistance to communities in eliminating or reducing excessive, unnecessary or duplicative regulations, processes or policies that restrict the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing (For further discussion of Regulatory Barriers see the General Section of this SuperNOFA);
   h. Assistance to communities to improve the design of affordable housing to better meet user needs and applying design approaches and principles that can improve overall quality and livability. For further information and guidance visit the Web site: http://www.designadvisor.org.

(i) Regional projects that maximize the interaction of targeted inner city distressed neighborhoods with suburban job opportunities similar to HUD’s Bridges-to-Work or Moving to Opportunity programs. (For more information see www.HUDuser.org.)

3. Funds for faculty development including paying for course time or summer support to enable faculty members to work with the COPC.

4. Funds for stipends or salaries for students (but the program cannot cover tuition and fees) while they are working with the COPC.

5. Up to 20% of the grant for payments of reasonable grant administrative costs related to planning and execution of the project (e.g. preparation/submission of HUD reports). A detailed explanation of these costs is provided in the OMB Circulars that can be accessed at the White House Web site at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html.

6. Activities to carry out the “Program Requirements” as defined in this NOFA. These activities may include leases for office space in which to house the Community Outreach Partnership Center, under the following conditions:
   a. The lease must be for existing facilities not requiring rehabilitation or construction;
   b. No repairs or renovations of the property may be undertaken with federal funds; and
   c. Properties in the Coastal Barrier Resource System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501) cannot be leased with federal funds.

7. Components of the program may address metropolitan or regional strategies. Applicants must clearly demonstrate how:
   a. Strategies are directly related to what the targeted neighborhoods and neighborhood-based organizations have decided is needed; and
(b) Neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations are involved in the development and implementation of the metropolitan or regional strategies.

(D) Ineligible Activities. Activities ineligible for funding under this program include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Research activities that have no clear and immediate practical application for solving urban problems or do not address specific problems in designated communities and neighborhoods or have any specific link to HUD programs.
2. Any type of construction, rehabilitation, or other physical development costs.
3. Costs used for routine operations and day-to-day administration of institutions of higher education, local governments or neighborhood groups.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed in the General Section of this SuperNOFA, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

1. All funds awarded to New Grant applicants must be spent over a three-year (36 months) grant performance period. All funds awarded to New Direction Grants applicants must be spent over a two-year (24 months) grant performance period.
2. Applicants are required to meet the following matching requirements:
   a. New Grant applicants match requirement:
      1. Research Activities. 50% of the total project costs of establishing and operating research activities.
      2. Outreach Activities. 25% of the total project costs of establishing and operating outreach activities.
   b. New Directions Grant applicants match requirements:
      1. Research Activities. 50% of the total project costs of establishing and operating research activities.
      2. Outreach Activities. 25% of the total project costs of establishing and operating outreach activities.

For each match, cash or in-kind contributions to the program, applicants must submit a signed letter of commitment (Further detailed information is outlined in this NOFA in Section V. Application Selection Process, “Factor 4: Leveraging Resources” for this program).

Applicants may not count as match any costs that would be ineligible for funding under the program (e.g., housing rehabilitation).

In previous competitions, some applicants incorrectly based their match calculations on the federal grant amount only. An applicant’s match is evaluated as percentage of the total cost of establishing and operating research and outreach activities, not just the federal grant amount. Please remember to base the calculation on the TOTAL AMOUNT.

3. Employ the research and outreach resources of the institution of higher education to solve specific urban problems identified by communities served by the Center.
4. Establish outreach activities in areas identified in the application as the communities to be served;
5. Establish a community advisory committee comprised of representatives of local institutions and residents of the communities to be served to assist in identifying local needs and advise on the development and implementation of strategies to address those issues;
6. Coordinate outreach activities in communities to be served by the Center;
7. Facilitate public service projects in the communities served by the Center;
8. Act as a clearinghouse for dissemination of information;
9. Develop instructional programs, convene conferences, and provide training for local community leaders, when appropriate;
10. Exchange information with other Centers. The clearinghouse function in Section IV(8) above refers to a local or regional clearinghouse for dissemination of information and is separate and distinct from the functions in (10) above, which relate to the provision of information to the University Partnerships Clearinghouse, which is the national clearinghouse for the program;
11. Grant funds will pay for activities conducted directly, rather than passing funds to other entities (In order for an application to be competitive, no more than 25 percent of the grant funds should be passed to other entities).

V. Application Selection Process

Two types of reviews will be conducted:
1. A threshold review to determine an application’s eligibility; and
2. A technical review for all applications that pass the threshold review to rate and rank the application based on the “Factors for Award” rating factors listed in Section V(B) below.

Only those applications that pass the threshold review will receive a technical review and be rated and ranked.

(A) Threshold Requirements For Funding Consideration

All applicants must be in compliance with the threshold requirements as defined in the General Section of this SuperNOFA and the requirements listed below to be evaluated, rated, and ranked. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be considered ineligible for funding and will be disqualified:

There will be two separate competitions, one for New Grants applicants and one for New Direction Grant applicants. For each type of grant applicants will be rated, ranked, and selected separately.

1. The applicant is eligible as referenced in Section III, “Program Description, Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities in this NOFA”.
2. Applicants applying for New Grants may not request less than $250,000 or exceed $400,000. Applicants applying for New Direction Grants may not request less or exceed $150,000.
3. Applicants must meet the program’s statutory match requirement (the requirement is defined in Section IV, “Program Requirements”).
4. New Grant applications must be multifaceted, address three or more urban problems, and propose at least one distinct activity to address each separate urban problem. Single purpose applications are not eligible.
5. New Direction Grant applications are required to address two urban problems and undertake at least one activity for each of these problems. Applicants must also demonstrate that the proposed activities either implement new eligible projects in the current target neighborhood(s) or implement eligible projects in a new target neighborhood(s). Single purpose applications are not eligible.
6. New Direction Grant applications must have drawn down at least 75% from any previous COPC funding within two weeks prior to the program’s application due date to be eligible to apply and receive a New Directions Grant.
7. Applicants who are a member of a consortium and received more than 25 percent of the earlier funding are not eligible to apply for a New Grant. However, applicants may submit an application for a New Direction Grant (Applicants may submit an application individually or as part of the old consortium).
8. Only one New Grant application will be permitted from an institution. However different campuses of the same university system are eligible to apply, even if one campus has already received COPC funding if they have an administrative and budgeting structure independent of other campuses in the system.
(9) Applicants may be part of only one consortium or submit only one application or all applications will be disqualified. HUD will hold the applicant responsible for ensuring that neither the applicant nor any part of their institution, including specific faculty, participate in more than one application.

(10) Programs must operate in an urban area. The statute creating COPC is very specific that programs address the problems of urban areas. HUD uses the Census definition of an urban area: a single geographic place (e.g., a city, town, or village, but not a county) with a population of 2,500 or more. Applicants cannot meet this test by aggregating several places smaller than the population threshold in order to meet this requirement.

(11) In order to ensure that the primary focus of the proposed project is on outreach, there is a cap on research costs that can be budgeted for this program. No more than 25 percent of the total project costs (federal share plus match) can be spent on research activities. However, applicants are not required to undertake any research as part of their project and may apply for a project that is totally outreach focused.

(B) Factors for Award Used to Evaluate and Rate Applications

The factors for evaluating, rating, and ranking an application and the maximum points for each factor are listed below. Unless otherwise noted, New Grant applications and New Directions Grant applications will receive the same number of points on a given factor. Applications must receive a minimum of 75 out of the total possible points to be considered for funding. The maximum number of points available under this program is 102. This includes the two RC/EZ/EC bonus points as described in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

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

This factor addresses the extent to which the applicant has the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner. In rating this factor HUD will consider the extent to which the proposal demonstrates:

(a) The knowledge and experience of the overall proposed project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants, and contractors in planning and managing the kind of programs for which funding is being requested. Experience will be judged in terms of recent, relevant, and successful knowledge and skills of the staff to undertake eligible program activities. HUD will consider experience within the last 5 years to be recent; experience pertaining to the specific activities being proposed to be relevant; and experience producing specific accomplishments to be successful. The more recent and substantial the experience of the staff, particularly the institution’s own staff who will work on the project have in successfully conducting and completing similar activities, the higher the number of points an applicant can receive for this rating factor. The following categories will be evaluated:

(1) Undertaking research activities in specific communities that have a clear near-term potential for practical application to significant urban issues;

(2) Undertaking outreach activities in specific communities to solve or ameliorate significant urban issues;

(3) Undertaking projects with community-based organizations or local governments; and

(4) Providing leadership in solving community problems and making national contributions to solving long-term and immediate urban problems.

(b) Past Performance (8 points). For New Directions Grants only. This subfactor will evaluate the extent to which an applicant has performed successfully under a previous COPC grant(s), as measured by:

(a) Achievement of specific measurable outcome objectives consistent with the timeline in the awarded grant proposal. Please provide a detailed list outlining those achievements as they related to the approved timeline in the awarded grant;

(b) Leveraging of funding consistent with or exceeding the funds originally proposed to be leveraged for that project. In addressing leveraging provide information that compares the proposed leveraged funds and resources with what was actually leveraged; and

(c) Full points will be awarded for performance that met the goals and objectives as outlined in the awarded grant proposal.

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (10 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which there is a need for funding the proposed program activities and an indication of the urgency of meeting the need in the target area. In evaluating this factor, the proposal will be rated on the extent to which the level of need for the proposed activities and the importance of meeting the need are documented.

Applicants should use statistics and analyses contained in at least one or more current data sources that are sound and reliable. The data provided must be current. In rating this factor, HUD will consider data collected within the last five years to be current. To the extent that the targeted community’s Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) identify the level of the problem and the urgency in meeting the need, applicants should include references to these documents in the response.

If the proposed activities are not covered under the scope of the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), indicate such in the proposal and use other sound data sources to identify the level of need and the urgency in meeting the need. Other reliable sources of data include, but are not limited to, Census reports, HUD Continuum of Care gap analysis and its E-Map (http://www.hud.gov/emaps), law enforcement agency crime reports, Public Housing Authorities’ Comprehensive Plan, community needs analyses such as provided by the United Way, the applicant’s institution, and other sound and reliable appropriate sources. Needs in terms of fulfilling court orders or consent decrees, settlements, conciliation agreements, and voluntary compliance agreements may also be addressed.

The data used should be specific to the area where the proposed activities will be carried out. Needs should be documented as they apply to the area where the activities will be conducted, rather than the entire locality or state. Remember the statute creating COPC is very specific that the program addresses problems of an urban area: A single geographic place (e.g. a city, town, or village, but not a county) with a population of 2,500 or more.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (55 Points)

This factor addresses the quality and cost-effectiveness of the proposed work plan. There must be a clear relationship between the proposed activities, community needs, and purpose of the program funding for an applicant to receive points for this factor. In addition, HUD will also consider the extent to which the budget is consistent with the Work Plan and the dollars indicated on the HUD 424 form.
Committees have been or will be formed to which:

(a) COPC activities relate to the institution’s urban mission; demonstrates support and involvement of the institution’s executive leadership (e.g., department chairs, deans, etc.); are linked by a formal organizational structure to other units related to outreach and community partnerships; are reflected in budget and planning documents of the university; are part of the institution’s strategic plan.

(b) That does not duplicate outreach activities to other COPCs and other organizations in the city, state, and region.

(c) That identifies each task and who will be responsible for it;

(iii) Which is tied to the outreach agenda (e.g., if an applicant proposed to study the extent of housing abandonment in a neighborhood and then design a plan for reusing this housing, this demonstrates a link between the proposed research and outreach strategies);

(iv) Which does not duplicate research by the institution or others for the target area previously completed or currently underway. If other complimentary research is underway, describe how the proposed research agenda would complement it; and

(b) There is a clear outreach agenda:

(i) With identifiable outreach projects;

(ii) That identifies each task and who will be responsible for it;

(iii) Which involves the institution as a whole (i.e., many academic disciplines and administrative offices);

(iv) That provides for on-site or frequent presence in the target area; and

(v) That does not duplicate outreach activities by the institution or others for the target area previously completed or currently underway.

(c) The committee and partners will play an active role in all stages of the project and will not serve as merely advisors or monitors.

(d) The outreach agenda includes training projects for local community leaders, for example, to increase their capacity to direct their organizations or undertake various kinds of community development projects.

(e) That does not duplicate outreach activities to other organizations, including nonprofit organizations, state and local governments.

(f) That is designed to disseminate results of research and outreach activities to other COPCs and communities. HUD will evaluate an applicant’s demonstrated ability to disseminate information on COPC function and activities described in Factor 2.

(g) That is designed to disseminate information on COPC function and activities described in Factor 2.

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a climate that rewards faculty work on these activities through promotion and tenure policies; benefit students because they are part of a service learning program or professional training at the institution (rather than just volunteer activities); and are reflected in the institution’s curriculum. HUD will look at the institution’s commitment to faculty and staff continuing work in COPC neighborhoods or replicating successes in other neighborhoods and to the long term commitment (e.g. three years after the start of the COPC) of hard dollars to COPC work. HUD will consider the extent to which the proposed activities are appropriate for an institution of higher education and are tied to the institution’s teaching or research mission. In addition, HUD will consider the extent to which the faculty, staff and students from across many disciplines are involved in COPC-like activities as a way of demonstrating the institution’s commitment to these kinds of activities.

(b) The institution has received commitments for funding from sources outside the university for related COPC-like projects and activities in the targeted neighborhood or other distressed neighborhoods. Funding sources to be considered include, but are not limited to, local governments, neighborhood organizations, private businesses, the institution, and foundations.

In reviewing this subfactor for a New Directions Grant, HUD will consider the extent to which the New Directions project will build on the institutional capacity and commitment of the institution to undertake outreach activities. HUD will evaluate the following: (a) Increases in the number of faculty undertaking this kind of work, (b) increases in the number of courses linked to outreach activities and the number of students taking these courses, (c) formal changes in institutional policies related to support of outreach, and (d) other measures of the impact of this work on the institution.

(8) (5 Points) For New Directions Grants Only. Previous grantees have a wealth of knowledge that they can and should be shared with other institutions. If an applicant sends a faculty member of its team who has been listed in the application to participate in the peer review process for New Grants, the applicant will receive 5 points.

(9) (5 Points) Budget. HUD will consider the extent to which the budget presentation is consistent with the Work Plan and budget indicated on the HUD 424 form. The budget submission should follow the narrative statement in this factor and include the following documents:

(a) HUD 424-C “Budget Summary for Competitive Grant Programs”. This budget form shows the costs for each budget category for the program’s entire period of performance.

(b) HUD 424-CB “Grant Application Detailed Budget”. This budget form shows the total budget by year and by line item for the program activities to be carried out. This will be a functional budget. Each year of the program should be presented separately.

All budget forms must be completed in full. If an application is selected for award, the applicant may be required to provide greater specificity to the budget during grant agreement negotiations.

(b) Budget-Narrative. A narrative explanation of how the applicant arrived at the cost estimates, for any line item, including match items, over $5,000. For example, a van rental, $150 per month × 36 months equals $5,400. The proposals should be reasonable for the work to be performed and consistent with rates established for the level of expertise required to perform the work proposed in the geographical area. When necessary, quotes from various vendors or historical data should be used and included. All direct labor or salaries must be supported with mandated city/state pay scales, the Davis-Bacon rate, (if applicable) or other documentation.

When an applicant proposes to use a consultant, the applicant must indicate whether there is a formal agreement or written procurement policy. For each consultant, please provide the name, if known, hour or daily fee, and the estimated time on the project. For equipment applicants must provide a list by type and cost for each item and explain how it will be used. Applicants using contracts must provide an individual description and cost estimate for each contract.

Indirect costs attributed to a particular project functional category should be listed under the category “Indirect Costs”. Indirect costs are allowable only if an applicant has a federally approved indirect cost rate. A copy of the institution’s negotiated indirect cost rate as issued by the cognizant federal agency must be attached to the budget sheets when submitting an application.

Make sure that the amount shown on the HUD 424, the budget forms, and on all other required program forms is consistent and the budget totals correct. Remember to check addition in totaling the categories on the HUD 424-C and HUD 424-CB. If all items are included in the total. If there is an inconsistency between any of the forms required, the HUD 424C form will be used. If upon checking the addition HUD finds that an applicant has added incorrectly, the HUD 424-CB will be revised accordingly. Please note that this would be considered a substantive rather than a technical error. If this correction puts an application over the grant maximum, the applicant will not be able to correct the amount requested and the application will be disqualified.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 Points)

This factor addresses the ability of the applicant to secure community resources that can be combined with HUD’s grant funds to achieve the program purpose. This factor measures the extent to which partnerships have been established with other entities to secure additional resources to increase the effectiveness of the proposed program activities. Resources may include funding or in-kind contributions such as services or equipment, allocated to the purpose(s) of the grant being sought. Resources may be provided by governmental entities, public or private nonprofit organizations, for-profit private organizations, or other entities willing to establish partnerships. Applicants may also establish partnerships with funding recipients in other grant programs to coordinate the use of resources in the target area. Please note that the value of the time of individuals serving on an applicant program advisory board cannot be counted as an in-kind contribution. Applicants may count overhead and other institutional costs (e.g., salaries) that the institution has waived. In evaluating this factor, HUD will allocate points as follows:

(1) Five (5 Points) will be awarded for a match that is 50 percent over the required match, as described in Section V, Application Selection Process. Less points will be assigned depending on the extent of the match. Matching funds must be provided unconditionally in order to be counted for this subfactor. HUD is concerned that applicants should be providing hard dollars as part of their matching contributions to enhance the tangible resources going into targeted neighborhoods. Thus, while indirect costs can count towards meeting the required match, they will not be used in calculating match coverage. Only direct costs can count in this factor.

(2) Up to an additional five (5 points) will be awarded for the extent to which applicants document that matching funds are provided from eligible sources other than the institution (e.g., funds from the city,
including CDBG, other state or local government agencies, public or private organizations, or foundations). Less points will be assigned depending on the extent of the outside match. Applicants must provide evidence of leveraging/partnerships by including in the application package letters of firm commitment, memorandum of understanding, or agreements to participate from any entity, including the applicant’s own institution that will be providing matching funds to the project.

For each match, cash or in-kind contribution, a letter of commitment, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must be provided that shows the extent and firmness of the commitment of leveraged funds (including any commitment of resources from the applicant’s own institution) in order for the resources to count in determining points under this factor. Resources will not be counted for which there is no commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement, nor quantified level of commitment. Letters, memoranda of understanding or agreements must be submitted from the provider on the provider’s letterhead and be included with the application package. The date of the letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement from the CEO of the provider organization must be dated no earlier than the date of this published SuperNOFA. Applications that do not include evidence of leveraging will receive zero (0) points for this Factor and will be disqualified.

A firm commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must address the following:

(a) The cash amount contributed or dollar value of the in-kind goods and/or services committed (if a dollar amount and use is not shown, the source cannot be counted toward the match requirement);

(b) Specifically indicate how the match is to be used;

(c) The date the match will be made available and a statement that describes the duration of the contribution. If any of the matching sources are for more than one year, the commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must state the number of years, the per year commitment, and the total commitment. Without this statement, HUD will assume that the commitment is for only one year;

(d) Any terms and conditions affecting the commitment, other than receipt of a HUD Grant; and

(e) The signature of the appropriate executive officer authorized to commit the funds and/or goods and/or services. Please remember that only items eligible for funding under this program can be counted as a match.

Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (10 Points)

This factor reflects HUD’s goal to embrace high standards of ethics, management, and accountability. The factor measures the applicant’s commitment to assess their performance to achieve the program’s proposed objectives and goals. Applicants are required to develop an effective, quantifiable, outcome-oriented evaluation plan for measuring performance and determining that objectives and goals have been achieved.

“Outcomes” are benefits accruing to institutions of higher education and/or communities during or after participation in the COPC program. Applicants must clearly identify the outcomes to be measured and achieved. Examples of outcomes are increasing business start-up in the target community, by a certain percentage, or increasing family financial stability (e.g., increasing assets to families and communities through the development of incubators).

In addition, applicants must establish interim benchmarks and outputs that lead to the ultimate achievement of outcomes. “Outputs” are the direct products of the program’s activities. Examples of outputs are the number of new businesses developed, the number of students involved in service learning activities, the number of new courses an institution developed that focus on community outreach activities, the number of new formed partnerships that aid in community capacity building. Outputs should produce outcomes for the program. At a minimum an applicant must address the following activities in the evaluation plan:

(a) Short and long term objectives to be achieved;

(b) Actual accomplishments against anticipated achievements;

(c) Measurable impacts the grant will have on the long term commitment of the University to the faculty and students to provide opportunities to reward and continue this type of work; and

(d) The impact the grant will have on the long term commitment of the University to the faculty and students to provide opportunities to reward and continue this type of work at the end of the funding period of this grant award;

(e) The impact the grant will have on assisting the University to obtain additional resources to continue this type of work at the end of the funding period of this grant award.

This information should be provided in a Logic Model format. This form and information on how to use can be found in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program (HBCU)

I. Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To assist Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income, consistent with the purposes of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

II. Amount Allocated, Grant Size and Term and Performance Period

Amount Allocated. In Fiscal Year 2003, $9.935 million was earmarked by the conference report accompanying the FY 2003 Consolidation Appropriation Resolution, Division K (of which up to $2 million was earmarked to provide technical assistance).

Grant Size and Term. HUD will award two kinds of grants under this program, Previously Unfunded HBCU Grants and Previously Funded HBCU Grants.

(1) Previously Unfunded HBCU Grants will be awarded to HBCU applicants who have never received an HBCU grant. The minimum and maximum amount a Previously Unfunded HBCU applicant can request is $340,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

(2) Previously Funded HBCU Grants will be awarded to HBCU applicants that have received funding under previous HBCU grant competitions. The minimum amount a Previously Funded HBCU applicant can request is $340,000 and the maximum is $550,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

In order to ensure that Previously Unfunded HBCU applicants receive awards in this competition, approximately $1.4 million will be made available to fund Previously Unfunded HBCU applicants and approximately $6.6 million will be made available to Previously Funded HBCU applicants that have received funding under previous HBCU competitions. (See Appendix C of this NOFA for a list of Previously Funded and Unfunded HBCUs).

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) Program Description. The purpose of the HBCU Program is to assist HBCUs expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development
needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development.

(1) For the purposes of these programs, the term “locality” includes any city, county, township, parish, village, or other general political subdivision of a state, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands where the institution is located.

(2) If the institution is located in a metropolitan statistical area (MSA), as established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the locality may be considered to be one or more entities (as defined above) within the entire MSA. The nature of the locality for each HBCU may differ, therefore, depending on its location.

(3) A “target area” is the locality or the area within the locality in which the institution will implement its proposed HUD grant.

(B) Eligible Applicants. HBCUs as determined by the Department of Education in 34 CFR 608.2 in accordance with that Department’s responsibilities under Executive Order 13256, dated February 12, 2002, are eligible for funding under this program. Applicants must be accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(C) Eligible Activities. Each activity proposed for funding must meet both a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program national objective and the CDBG eligibility requirements. Eligible activities that may be funded under this program are those activities eligible for CDBG funding. The eligible activities are listed in 24 CFR part 570, subpart C, particularly §§ 570.201 through 570.206. Each activity funded under this program must meet one of the three national objectives of the Community Development Block Grant program, which are:

(a) Benefit to low- or moderate-income persons;
(b) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
(c) Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Criteria for determining whether an activity addresses one or more of these objectives are provided at 24 CFR 570.208.

Examples of Eligible Activities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Acquisition of real property;
(b) Clearance and demolition;
(c) Rehabilitation of residential structures including lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; and encouraging accessible design features in accordance with the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
(d) Acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities and streets; including lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; and encouraging compliance accessible with the design and construction requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Fair Housing Act;
(e) Relocation payments and other assistance for permanently and temporarily relocated individuals, families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farm operations where the assistance is:

(i) Required under the provisions of 24 CFR 570.606(b) or (c); or
(ii) Determined by the grantee to be appropriate under the provisions of 24 CFR 570.606(d);
(f) Direct homeownership assistance to low- and moderate-income persons, as provided in section 105(a) (25) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;
(g) Special economic development activities described at 24 CFR 570.203;
(h) Assistance to facilitate economic development by providing technical or financial assistance for the establishment, stabilization, and expansion of microenterprises, including minority enterprises;
(i) Assistance to community-based development organizations (CBDO) to carry out a CDBG neighborhood revitalization, community economic development, or energy conservation project, in accordance with 24 CFR 570.204. This could include activities in support of a HUD approved local entitlement grantee, CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRS) or HUD approved State CDBG Community Revitalization Strategy (CRS);
(j) Eligible public service activities are those general support activities that can help to stabilize a neighborhood and contribute to sustainable redevelopment of the area, including but not limited to such activities as those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, homebuyer down payment assistance, or recreational needs;
The CDBG Publication entitled “Community Development Block Grant Program Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities” describes the regulations, and a copy can be obtained from HUD’s SuperNOFA Information Center at 1–800–HUD–8929 or 1–800–HUD–2209 for the hearing-impaired.
(k) Fair housing services designed to further the fair housing objectives of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601–20) by making all persons, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status and/or disability aware of the range of housing opportunities available to them;
(l) Payments of reasonable grant administrative costs related to planning and execution of the project (e.g., preparation/submission of HUD reports). A detailed explanation of these costs are provided in the OMB circulars that can be accessed at the White House Web site at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html; and
(m) Activities Designed to Promote Training and Employment Opportunities. HUD urges applicants to consider undertaking activities designed to promote opportunities for training and employment of very low-income residents in connection with HUD initiatives such as “Neighborhood Networks” (NN) in other federally assisted or insured housing and Employment Opportunities for Lower Income Persons in connection with Assisted Projects.

(D) Ineligible Activities. Ineligible CDBG Activities are listed at 24 CFR 570.207.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed in the General Section of this SuperNOFA, applicants must meet the following requirements:

(1) All funds awarded under these programs must be spent over a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

(2) Applicants that propose to undertake activities that involve the following: acquisition of real property, clearance, demolition, rehabilitation of residential structures including lead-based paint hazard evaluation, reduction encouraging accessible design features, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements are required to provide at least one appraisal from a qualified certified appraiser other than the institution, of the cost to complete the activities. This information must be submitted with the application. Such an entity must be involved in the business of housing rehabilitation, construction, and/or management.
V. Application Selection Process

Two type of reviews will be conducted:

(1) A threshold review to determine an applicant’s eligibility; and 
(2) A technical review for all applications that pass the threshold review to rate and rank the application based on the “Factors for Award” rating factors listed in Section V (B) below.

Only those applications that pass the threshold review will receive a technical review and be rated and ranked.

(A) Threshold Requirements for Funding Consideration

All applicants must be in compliance with the threshold requirements as defined in the General Section of this SuperNOFA and the requirements listed below to be evaluated, rated, and ranked. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be considered ineligible for funding and will be disqualified:

(1) The applicant is eligible as referenced in Section III, “Program Description, Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities in this NOFA”.
(2) The minimum and maximum amount a Previously Funded HBCU applicant can request is $340,000 and the maximum is $550,000.
(3) Applicants are bound by the CDBG statutory requirement that no more than 15% of the total grant amount is used for public service activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Therefore, at least 85% of the grant amount must be used for activities qualifying under an eligibility category other than public services (as described at 24 CFR 570.201(e). If an applicant proposes an activity which otherwise is eligible it may not be funded if state or local law requires that it be carried out by a governmental entity.
(4) Institutions with two (2) or more active HBCU grants who have drawn down less than 50 percent of the funding for each active grant two weeks prior to the program’s application due date are ineligible to apply for a grant under this NOFA.

(B) Factors for Award Used To Evaluate and Rate Applications

The factors for evaluating, rating, and ranking an application and the maximum points for each factor are listed below. Applications must receive a minimum of 75 out of the total possible points to be considered for funding.

The maximum number of points available under this program is 102. This includes the two RC/EZ/EC bonus points as described in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

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

This factor addresses the extent to which the institution has the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner. In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the proposal demonstrates:

(a) Achievement of specific measurable outcome objectives consistent with the timeline in the grant proposal(s).
(b) Providing leadership in solving community problems that have a direct bearing on the proposed activities.
(c) Performance of the proposed leveraged funds and resources with what was actually leveraged; and
(d) Full points will be awarded for performance that has met the goals and objectives as outlined in the past awarded grant proposal(s).

To address this subfactor, applicants must submit the HUD 40076 “Response Sheet” (Preparation Narrative only) for each HBCU grant they have received. (This form is located in Appendix C at the end of this NOFA.) The form should be complete and detailed.

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (10 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which there is a need for funding the proposed program activities and an indication of the importance of meeting the need in the target area. In responding to this factor, the proposal will be rated on the extent to which the level of need for the proposed activities and the importance of meeting the need are documented.

Applicants should use statistics and analyses contained in at least one or more current data sources that are sound and reliable. The data provided must be relevant. In rating this factor, HUD will consider data collected within the last five years to be current. To the
extent that the targeted community’s Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) identify the level of the problem and the urgency in meeting the need, applicants should include references to these documents in the response to this factor. If the proposed activities are not covered under the scope of the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), indicate such in the proposal and use other sound data sources to identify the level of need and the urgency in meeting the need. Other reliable sources include, but are not limited to Census reports, HUD Continuum of Care gap analysis and its E–MAP [http://www.hud.gov/emap], law enforcement agency crime reports, Public Housing Authorities’ Comprehensive Plans, community needs analyses such as provided by the United Way, the applicant’s institution, and other sound and reliable appropriate sources. Needs in terms of fulfilling court orders or consent decrees, settlements, conciliation agreements, and voluntary compliance agreements may also be addressed.

The data used should be specific to the area where the proposed activities will be carried out. Needs should be documented as they apply to the area where the activities will be targeted, rather than the entire locality or state, unless the target area is the entire locality or state.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (50 Points)

This factor addresses the quality and cost-effectiveness of the proposed work plan, the commitment of the institution to sustain the proposed activities, and actions regarding HUD’s priorities, goals and objectives, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. In addition, HUD will also consider the extent to which the budget is consistent with the Work Plan and the dollars indicated on the HUD 424 form.

This factor will be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposed work plan will:

(1) Quality of the Work Plan (35 Points)

(a) (10 Points) Work Plan Impact. Describe how the proposed activities will:

(i) Expand the role of the institution in its community;
(ii) Alleviate and/or fulfill the needs identified in Factor 2;
(iii) Relate to and not duplicate other activities in the target area. Duplicative effort will be acceptable only if an applicant can demonstrate through documentation that there is a population in need that is not being served;
(iv) Involve and empower citizens of the target area in all stages of the proposed project (particularly through a committee that is representative of the target community to guide the project); and
(v) Be disseminated to a wide variety of audiences, both academic and community-based, using a wide variety of media, including print and Internet technology.

(b) (20 Points). Specific Services and/or Activities. The work plan must incorporate all proposed activities. HUD will consider the feasibility of success of the program, measurable objectives, and how timely products will be delivered. Describe each proposed activity and the tasks required to implement and complete the activities. Also for each activity describe:

(i) Which CDBG national objective is being met and how;
(ii) The sequence, duration, and the products to be delivered in 6 month intervals, up to thirty-six (36) months. Indicate which staff member, as described in Factor 1, will be responsible and accountable for the deliverables; and
(iii) Measurable objectives to be accomplished, e.g., the number of persons to be trained and employed; houses to be built (pursuant to 24 CFR 570.207) or rehabilitated; minority owned businesses to be started.

(c) (5 Points) Involvement of the Faculty and Students. The extent to which the applicant proposes to integrate the institution’s students and faculty into proposed project activities.

(2) (5 Points) HUD Policy Priorities. HUD encourages applicants to undertake specific activities that will assist the Department in implementing its policy priorities and which help the Department achieve its goals and objectives in FY 2004, when the majority of grant recipients will be reporting programmatic results and achievements. In addressing this factor, HUD will evaluate the extent to which a program will further and support HUD’s priorities. The quality of the responses provided to one or more of HUD’s priorities will determine the score an applicant can receive. For each policy priority addressed an applicant will receive one point. Applicants cannot receive more than five points. For the full list and explanation of each policy priority, please refer to the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

(3) (5 Points) Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. This subfactor will be evaluated on the extent to which an applicant proposes to undertake activities designed to affirmatively further fair housing, for example:

(a) Working with other entities in the community to overcome impediments to fair housing, such as discrimination in the sale or rental of housing or in advertising, provision of brokerage services or lending;

(b) Promoting fair housing choice through the expansion of homeownership opportunities and improved quality of services for minorities, families with children, and persons with disabilities; or

(c) Providing housing mobility counseling services.

(4) (5 Points) Budget. HUD will consider the extent to which the budget presentation is consistent with the Work Plan and the dollars indicated on the HUD 424 Form. The budget submission should follow the narrative statement in this factor and include the following documents:

(a) HUD 424–C “Budget Summary for Competitive Grant Programs”. This budget form shows the costs for each budget category for the program’s entire period of performance.

(b) HUD 424–CB “Grant Application Detailed Budget”. This budget form must show the total budget by year and by line item for the program activities to be carried out. This will be a functional budget. Each year of the program should be presented separately.

All budget forms must be completed in full. If an application is selected for award, the applicant may be required to provide greater specificity to the budget during grant agreement negotiations.

(c) Budget-Narrative. A narrative explanation of how the applicant arrived at the cost estimates, for any line item, including match items, over $5,000. For example, a van rental, $150 per month × 36 months equals $5,400. The proposed cost estimates should be reasonable for the work to be performed and consistent with rates established for the level of expertise required to perform the work proposed in the geographical area. When necessary, quotes from various vendors or historical data should be used and included. All direct labor or salaries must be supported with mandated city/state pay scales, Davis-Bacon wage rates (if applicable) or other documentation. When an applicant proposes to use a consultant, the applicant must indicate whether there is a formal agreement or written procurement policy. For each consultant, please provide the name, if known, hour or daily fee, and the estimated time on the project. If applicants propose to undertake rehabilitation of residential, commercial
and/or industrial structures; and/or acquisition, construction, or installation of public facilities and improvements, applicants must submit one appraisal from a qualified certified appraiser other than the institution. Such an entity must be involved in the business of housing rehabilitation, construction and/or management. Guidance for securing these estimates can be obtained from the local HUD Office of Community Planning and Development. Equipment and contracts cannot be presented as a total estimated figure. For equipment applicants must provide a list by type and cost for each item and explain how it will be used. Applicants using contracts must provide an individual description and cost estimate for each contract.

Indirect costs attributed to a particular project functional category should be listed as “Indirect Costs” under that category. Indirect costs are allowable only if an applicant has a federally approved indirect cost rate. A copy of the institution’s negotiated indirect cost rate as issued by the cognizant federal agency must be attached to the budget sheets when submitting an application.

Make sure that the amount shown on the HUD 424, the budget forms, and on all other required program forms is consistent and the budget totals correct. Remember to check addition in totaling the categories on the HUD 424–C and HUD 424–CB form so that all items are included in the total. If there is an inconsistency between any of the forms required, the HUD 424–C form will be revised accordingly. Please note that this would be considered a substantiate rather than a technical error. If this correction puts an application over the grant maximum, the applicant will not be able to correct the amount requested and the application will be disqualified.

**Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 Points)**

This factor addresses the ability of the applicant to secure community resources that can be combined with HUD’s grant funds to achieve the program’s purpose.

In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the applicant established partnerships with other entities to secure additional resources to increase the effectiveness of the proposed activities. Resources may include funding or in-kind contributions, such as services or equipment, allocated to the purpose(s) of the grant. Resources may be provided by governmental entities, public or private nonprofit organizations, for-profit private organizations, or other entities. Applicants may also establish partnerships with other program funding recipients to coordinate the use of resources in the target area. Please note that the value of the time of individuals serving on the program’s advisory board cannot be counted as an in-kind contribution. Overhead and other institutional costs (e.g., salaries) that the institution has waived may be counted. However, higher points will be awarded if an applicant secures leveraged resources from sources outside the institution. Examples of potential sources for outside assistance:

- State and local governments
- Housing Authorities
- Local or national nonprofit organizations
- Banks and/or private businesses
- Foundations
- Faith-based and other community based organizations.

For each match, cash or in-kind contribution to the program a letter of commitment, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must be provided that shows the extent and firmness of the commitment of leveraged funds (including any commitment of resources from the applicant’s own institution) in order for these resources to count in determining points under this factor. Resources will not be counted for which there is no commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement, nor quantified level of commitment. Letters, memoranda of understanding, or agreements must be submitted from the provider on the provider’s letterhead and be included with the application package. The date of the letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement from the CEO of the provider organization must be dated no earlier than the date of this published SuperNOFA. Applications that do not include evidence of leveraging will receive zero (0) points for this Factor.

A firm commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must address the following:

1. The cash amount contributed or dollar value of the in-kind goods and/or services committed (If a dollar amount and use is not shown, the source cannot be counted towards the match requirement.);
2. Specifically indicate how the match is to be used;
3. The date the match will be made available and a statement that describes the duration of the contribution. If any of the match funds are for more than one year, the commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must state the number of years, the per year commitment, and the total commitment. Without this statement, HUD will assume that the commitment is for only one year;
4. Any terms and conditions affecting the commitment, other than receipt of a HUD Grant; and
5. The signature of the appropriate executive officer authorized to commit the funds and/or goods and/or services.

Please remember that only items eligible for funding under this program can be counted as a match.

**Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (10 Points)**

This factor reflects HUD’s goal to embrace high standards of ethics, management, and accountability. The factor measures the applicant’s commitment to assess their performance to achieve the program’s proposed objectives and goals. Applicants are required to develop an effective, quantifiable, outcome oriented evaluation plan for measuring performance and determining that objectives and goals have been achieved.

“Outcomes” are benefits accruing to institutions of higher education and/or communities during or after participation in the HBCU program. Applicants must clearly identify the outcomes to be measured and achieved. Examples of outcomes are increasing community development in the target community, by a certain percentage, or increasing family stability through the creation of affordable housing opportunities (e.g., increasing assets to families and communities through the development of affordable community housing).

In addition, applicants must establish interim benchmarks and outputs that lead to the ultimate achievement of outcomes. “Outputs” are the direct products of the program’s activities. Examples of outputs are the number of new affordable housing units, the number of homes that have been renovated, and the number of community facilities that have been constructed or rehabilitated. Outputs should produce outcomes for the program. At a minimum, an applicant must address the following activities in the evaluation plan:

1. Short and long term objectives to be achieved;
2. Actual accomplishments against anticipated achievements;
3. Measurable impacts the grant will have on the community in general and the target area or population;
4. The impact the grant will have on the long term commitment of the...
University to the faculty and students to provide opportunities to reward and continue this type of work; and

(e) The impact the grant will have on assisting the university to obtain additional resources to continue this type of work at the end of the funding period of this grant award.

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The Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assisting Communities Program (HSIAC)

I. Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To assist Hispanic-serving Institutions (HSIs) expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development, consistent with the purposes of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

II. Amount Allocated, Grant Size and Term and Performance Period

Amount Allocated. In Fiscal Year 2003, $6,458 million was earmarked by the conference report accompanying the FY 2003 Consolidation Appropriation Resolution, Division K plus approximately $588,000 in previously unexpended FY 2002 funds.

Grant Size and Term. The maximum amount an HSIAC applicant can request for award is $600,000 for a three-year period. HUD intends to fund at least two eligible HSIAC applications (applications that receive a minimum score of 75 points) that serve Colonias (as defined in the General Section of the SuperNOFA). HUD will select the highest-ranking HSIAC applications that serve Colonias among the rated HSIAC applications. If less than two fundable HSIAC applications serve Colonias, the area within the locality in which the institution is located.

(2) A “target area” is the locality or

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) Program Description

(B) Eligible Applicants

Nonprofit Hispanic-serving institutions of higher education that meet the definition of an HSI established in Title V of the 1998 Amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 105–244; enacted October 7, 1998). In order to meet this definition, at least 25 percent of the full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an institution must be Hispanic and not less than 50 percent of these Hispanic students must be low-income individuals. Institutions are not required to be on the list of eligible HSIs prepared by the U.S. Department of Education. However, an applicant that is not on the list is required to state in the application that the institution meets the U.S. Department of Education’s statutory definition of an HSI.

(C) Eligible Activities

Each activity proposed for funding must meet both a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program national objective and the CDBG eligibility requirements. Eligible activities that may be funded under this program are those activities eligible for CDBG funding. The eligible activities are listed in 24 CFR part 570, subpart C, particularly §§ 570.201 through 570.206. Each activity funded under this program must meet one of the three national objectives of the Community Development Block Grant program, which are:

(a) Benefit to low- or moderate-income persons;

(b) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and

(c) Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Criteria for determining whether an activity addresses one or more of these objectives are provided at 24 CFR 570.206.

Examples of Eligible Activities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Acquisition of real property;

(b) Clearance and demolition;

(c) Rehabilitation of residential structures including lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; and encouraging accessible design features in accordance with the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;

(d) Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities and streets; including lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; and encouraging compliance with the design and construction requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Fair Housing Act;

(e) Relocation payments and other assistance for permanently and temporarily relocated individuals, families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farm operations where the assistance is:

(i) Required under the provisions of 24 CFR 570.606(b) or (c); or

(ii) Determined by the grantee to be appropriate under the provisions of 24 CFR 570.606(d);

(f) Direct homeownership assistance to low- and moderate-income persons, as provided in section 105(a)(25) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

(g) Special economic development activities described at 24 CFR 570.203;

(h) Assistance to facilitate economic development by providing technical or financial assistance for the establishment, stabilization, and expansion of microenterprises, including minority enterprises;

(i) Assistance to community-based development organizations (CBDO) to carry out a CDBG neighborhood revitalization, community economic development, or energy conservation project, in accordance with 24 CFR 570.204. This could include activities in support of a HUD approved local entitlement grantee CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRS) or HUD approved State CDBG Community Revitalization Strategy (CRS);

(j) Eligible public service activities are those general support activities that can help to stabilize a neighborhood and contribute to sustainable redevelopment of the area, including but not limited to such activities as those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, homebuyer down payment assistance, or recreational needs;
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(k) Fair housing services designed to further the fair housing objectives of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601–20) by making all persons, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status and/or disability aware of the range of housing opportunities available to them;

(l) Up to 20% of the grant for payments of reasonable grant administrative costs related to planning and execution of the project (e.g., preparation/submission of HUD reports). A detailed explanation of these costs is provided in the OMB circulars that can be accessed at the White House website at: www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html; and

(m) Activities Designed to Promote Training and Employment Opportunities. HUD urges applicants to consider undertaking activities designed to promote opportunities for training and employment of very low-income residents in connection with HUD initiatives such as “Neighborhood Networks” (NN) in other federally assisted or insured housing and Employment Opportunities for Lower Income Persons in connection with Assisted Projects.

(D) Ineligible Activities

Ineligible CDBG Activities are listed at §570.207.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed in the General Section of this SuperNOFA, applicants must meet the following requirements:

(1) All funds awarded under these programs must be spent over a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

(2) Applicants that propose to undertake activities that involve the following: acquisition of real property, clearance, demolition, rehabilitation of residential structures including lead-based paint hazard evaluation, reduction encouraging accessible design features, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements are required to provide at least one appraisal from a qualified certified appraiser other than the institution, of the cost to complete the activities. This information must be submitted with the application. Such an entity must be involved in the business of housing rehabilitation, construction, and/or management.

(3) Applicants must ensure that not less than 51% of the aggregated expenditures of a grant benefit low- and moderate-income persons under the criteria specified in 24 CFR 570.208(a) or 570.208(d)(5) or (6).

(4) Applicants that claim leveraging from any source, including their own institution, must provide letters of firm commitment, memoranda of understanding, or agreements evidencing the extent and firmness of commitment of leveraging from other federal (e.g., AmeriCorps Programs), state, local, and/or private sources (including the applicant’s own resources). These documents must be dated no earlier than the date of this published NOFA and follow the outline provided for these programs in Section V, Application Process, “Factor 4: Leveraging Resources” of this NOFA.

(5) Where grant funds will be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction an applicant must demonstrate site control. Funds may be recaptured or deobligated from applicants that cannot demonstrate control of a suitable site within one year after the initial notification of award.

(6) Labor Standards. Applicants awarded funds must comply with the labor standards (Davis-Bacon) as found at 24 CFR 570.603.

V. Application Selection Process

Two types of reviews will be conducted:

(1) A threshold review to determine an applicant’s eligibility; and

(2) A technical review for all applications that pass the threshold review to rate and rank the application based on the “Factors for Award” rating factors listed in Section V(B) below.

Only those applications that pass the threshold review will receive a technical review and be rated and ranked.

(A) Threshold Requirements for Funding Consideration

All applicants must be in compliance with the threshold requirements as defined in the General Section of this SuperNOFA and the requirements listed below to be evaluated, rated, and ranked. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be considered ineligible for funding and will be disqualified:

(1) The applicant is eligible as referenced in Section III, “Program Description, Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities in this NOFA”.

(2) The maximum amount an HSIAC applicant can request is $600,000.

(3) In order to meet the definition of a HSIAC, at least 25 percent of the full-time undergraduate student enrolled in an institution must be Hispanic and not less than 50 percent of these Hispanic students must be low-income individuals.

(4) An individual campus that is one of several campuses of the same institution may apply separately from the other campus as long as the applicant’s campus has a separate administrative and budget structure.

(5) Institutions that received an HSIAC grant in FY2002 cannot reapply. If an institution received an HSIAC grant in FY1999, FY2000, or FY2001 the institution may reapply as long as it: (a) propose a different activity (activities) in their current project location, or propose replicating their current project in a new location and (b) have drawn down at least 75 percent of the previous grant two weeks prior the program’s application due date.

(B) Factors for Award Used To Evaluate and Rate Applications

The factors for evaluating, rating, and ranking an application and the maximum points for each factor are listed below. Applications must receive a minimum of 75 out of the total possible points to be considered for funding. The maximum number of points available under this program is 102. This includes the two RC/EZ/EC bonus points as described in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

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

This factor addresses the extent to which the institution has the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner. In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the proposal demonstrates:

(1) Knowledge and Experience (20 Points) For previously Unfunded Applicants (5 Points) For previously Funded Applicants.

The knowledge and experience of the overall project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants (including technical assistance providers), and contractors in planning and managing the kinds of programs for which funding is being requested. Experience will be judged in terms of recent, relevant, and successful knowledge and skills of the staff to undertake eligible program activities. HUD will consider experience within the last 5 years to be recent;
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successful under all previously
awarded and current grant(s) as measured by
(a) Achievement of specific
measurable outcome objectives
consistent with the timeline in the grant
proposal(s). Provide a detailed list
outlining those achievements as they relate to the approved timeline in the past
grant award(s);
(b) Leveraging of funding consistent
with or exceeding the funds originally
proposed to be leveraged for that
project. In addressing leveraging,
provide information that compares the
proposed leveraged funds and resources with what was actually leveraged; and
(c) Full points will be awarded for
performance that has met the goals and
objectives as outlined in the past
awarded grant proposal(s).

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the
Problem (10 Points)
This factor addresses the extent
to which there is a need for funding the
proposed program activities and an
indication of the importance of meeting
the need in the target area. In
responding to this factor, the proposal
will be rated on the extent to which the
level of need for the proposed activities
and the importance of meeting the need
are documented.
Applicants should use statistics and
analyses contained in at least one or
more current data sources that are
sound and reliable. The data provided
must be current. In rating this factor
HUD will consider data collected within
the last five years to be current. To the
extent that the targeted community’s
Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan and
Analysis of Impediments to Fair
Housing Choice (AI) identify the level of
the problem and the urgency in meeting
the need, applicants should include
references to these documents in the
response to this factor.
If the proposed activities are not
covered under the scope of the
Consolidated Plan and Analysis of
Impediments for Housing Choice (AI),
indicate such in the proposal and use
other sound data sources to identify the
level of need and the urgency in
meeting the need. Other reliable sources
include, but are not limited to Census
reports, HUD Continuum of Care gap
analysis and its E–MAP (www.hud.gov/
emaps), law enforcement agency crime
reports, Public Housing Authorities’
Comprehensive Plans, community
needs analyses such as provided by the
United Way, the applicant’s institution,
and other sound and reliable
appropriate sources. Needs in terms of
fulfilling court orders or consent
decrees, settlements, conciliation
agreements, and voluntary compliance
agreements may also be addressed.
The data used should be specific to
the area where the proposed activities
will be carried out. Needs should be
documented as they apply to the area
where the activities will be targeted,
rather than the entire locality or state,
unless the target area is the entire
locality or state.
Rating Factor 3: Soundness of
Approach (50 Points)
This factor addresses the quality and
cost effectiveness of the proposed work
plan, the commitment of the institution
to sustain the proposed activities, and
actions regarding HUD’s priorities, goals
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fair housing, such as discrimination in the sale or rental of housing or in advertising, provision of brokerage services or lending; (b) Promoting fair housing choice through the expansion of homeownership opportunities and improved quality of services for minorities, families with children, and persons with disabilities; or (c) Providing housing mobility counseling services.

(4) (Points) Budget. HUD will consider the extent to which the budget presentation is consistent with the Work Plan and the dollars indicated on the HUD 424 Form. The budget submission should follow the narrative statement in this factor and include the following documents:

(a) HUD 424-C “Budget Summary for Competitive Grant Programs”. This budget form shows the costs for each budget category for the program’s entire period of performance.
(b) HUD 424 CB “Grant Application Detailed Budget”. This budget form must show the total budget by year and by line item for the program activities to be carried out. This will be a functional budget. Each year of the program should be presented separately.

All budget forms must be completed in full. If an application is selected for award, the applicant may be required to provide greater specificity to the budget during grant agreement negotiations.

(c) Budget-Narrative. A narrative explanation of how the applicant arrived at the cost estimates, for any line item, including match items, over $5,000. For example, a van rental, $150 per month × 36 months equals $5,400. The proposed cost estimates should be reasonable for the work to be performed and consistent with rates established for the level of expertise required to perform the work proposed in the geographical area. When necessary, quotes from various vendors or historical data should be used and included. All direct labor or salaries must be supported with mandated city/state pay scales, Davis-Bacon wage rates (if applicable) or other documentation. When an applicant proposes to use a consultant, the applicant must indicate whether there is a formal agreement or written procurement policy. For each consultant, please provide the name, if known, hour or daily fee, and the estimated time on the project. If applicants propose to undertake rehabilitation of residential, commercial and/or industrial structures; and/or acquisition, construction, or installation of public facilities and improvements, applicants must submit one appraisal from a qualified certified appraiser other than the institution. Such an entity must be involved in the business of housing rehabilitation, construction and/or management. Guidance for securing these estimates can be obtained from the local HUD Office of Community Planning and Development. Equipment and contracts cannot be presented as a total estimated figure. For equipment applicants must provide a list by type and cost for each item and explain how it will be used. Applicants using contracts must provide an individual description and cost estimate for each contract.

Indirect costs attributed to a particular project functional category should be listed as “Indirect Costs” under that category. Indirect costs are allowable only if an applicant has a federally approved indirect cost rate. A copy of the institution’s negotiated indirect cost rate as issued by the cognizant federal agency must be attached to the budget sheets when submitting an application.

Make sure that the amount shown on the HUD 424, the budget forms, and on all other required program forms is consistent and the budget totals correct. Remember to check addition in totaling the categories on the HUD 424C and HUD 424–CB form so that all items are included in the total. If there is an inconsistency between any of the forms required, the HUD 424C form will be used. If upon checking the addition HUD finds that an applicant has added incorrectly, the HUD 424–CB will be revised accordingly. Please note that this would be considered a substantive rather than a technical error. If this correction puts an application over the grant maximum, the applicant will not be able to correct the amount requested and the application will be disqualified.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 Points)

This factor addresses the ability of the applicant to secure community resources that can be combined with HUD’s grant funds to achieve the program’s purpose.

In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the applicant established partnerships with other entities to secure additional resources to increase the effectiveness of the proposed activities. Resources may include funding or in-kind contributions, such as services or equipment, allocated to the purpose(s) of the grant. Resources may be provided by governmental entities, public or private nonprofit organizations, for-profit private organizations, or other entities. Applicant may also establish partnerships with other program funding recipients to coordinate the use of resources in the target area. Please note that the value of the time of individuals serving on the program’s advisory board cannot be counted as an in-kind contribution. Overhead and other institutional costs (e.g., salaries) that the institution has waived may be counted. However, higher points will be awarded if an applicant secures leveraging resources from sources outside the institution. Examples of potential sources for outside assistance:

- State and local governments
- Housing Authorities
- Local or national nonprofit organizations
- Banks and/or private businesses
- Foundations
- Faith-based and other community-based organizations.

For each match, cash or in-kind contribution to the program a letter of commitment, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must be provided that shows the extent and firmness of the commitment of leveraged funds (including any commitment of resources from the applicant’s own institution) in order for these resources to count in determining points under this factor. Resources will not be counted for which there is no commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement, nor quantified level of commitment. Letters, memoranda of understanding, or agreements must be submitted from the provider on the provider’s letterhead and be included with the application package. The date of the letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement from the CEO of the provider organization must be dated no earlier than the date of this published SuperNOFA. Applications that do not include evidence of leveraging will receive zero (0) points for this Factor.

A firm commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must address the following:

(a) The cash amount contributed or dollar value of the in-kind goods and/or services committed (If a dollar amount and use is not shown, the source cannot be counted towards the match requirement);

(b) Specifically indicate how the match is to be used;

(c) The date the match will be made available and a statement that describes the duration of the contribution. If any of the matching sources are for more than one year, the commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must state the number of years, the per year commitment, and the total commitment. Without this statement, HUD will assume that the commitment is for only one year;
(d) Any terms and conditions affecting the commitment, other than receipt of a HUD Grant; and
(e) The signature of the appropriate executive officer authorized to commit the funds and/ or goods and /or services.

Please remember that only items eligible for funding under this program can be counted as a match.

Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (10 Points)

This factor reflects HUD’s goal to embrace high standards of ethics, management, and accountability. The factor measures the applicant’s commitment to assess their performance to achieve the program’s proposed objectives and goals. Applicants are required to develop an effective, quantifiable, outcome oriented evaluation plan for measuring performance and determining that objectives and goals have been achieved.

“Outcomes” are benefits accruing to institutions of higher education and/or communities during or after participation in the HSIAC program. Applicants must clearly identify the outcomes to be measured and achieved. Examples of outcomes are increasing community development in the target community, by a certain percentage, or family stability through the creation of affordable housing opportunities (e.g. increasing assets to families and communities through the development of affordable community housing).

In addition, applicants must establish interim benchmarks and outputs that lead to the ultimate achievement of outcomes. “Outputs” are the direct products of the program’s activities. Examples of outputs are the number of new affordable housing units, the number of homes that have been renovated, the number of community facilities that been constructed or rehabilitated. Outputs should produce outcomes for the program. At a minimum an applicant must address the following activities in the evaluation plan:

(a) Short and long term objectives to be achieved;
(b) Actual accomplishments against anticipated achievements;
(c) Measurable impacts the grant will have on the community in general and the target area or population;
(d) The impact the grant will have on the long term commitment of the University to the faculty and students to provide opportunities to reward and continue this type of work; and
(e) The impact the grant will have on assisting the university to obtain additional resources to continue this type of work at the end of the funding period of this grant award.

This information should be provided in a Logic Model format. This form and information can be found in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

The Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Institutions Assisting Communities Program (AN/NHIC)

I. Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To assist Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Institutions of higher education (AN/ NHIs) expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income, consistent with the purposes of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

II. Amount Allocated, Grant Size and Term, and Performance Period

Amount Allocated. In Fiscal Year 2003, $2,981 million was earmarked by the conference report accompanying the FY 2003 Consolidation Appropriation Resolution, Division K plus approximately $4 million in previously unexpended FY2002 funds.

III. Grant Size and Term, and Performance Period

HUD will award two kinds of grants under this program. Grants for Alaska Native Institutions (ANIs) and grants for Native Hawaiian Institutions (NHIs).

The maximum amount an ANI and NHI applicant can request is $800,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period. $3.4 million is being made available for ANIs and $ 3.4 million is being made available for NHIs.

IV. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) Program Description

The purpose is to assist AN/NHIs to expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development.

(1) For the purposes of this program, the term “locality” includes any city, county, township, parish, village, or other general political subdivision of a state within which your AN/NHI is located.

(2) A “target area” is the locality or the area within the locality in which the institution will implement its proposed HUD grant.

(B) Eligible Applicants

Nonprofit Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian institutions of higher education that meet the definitions of Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian institutions of higher education established in Title III, Part A, Section 317 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Pub. L.105-244; enacted October 7, 1998). Institutions are not required to be on the list of eligible AN/NHIs prepared by the U.S. Department of Education. However, an institution that is not on the list is required to state in the application that the institution meets the U.S. Department of Education’s statutory definition of an AN/NHI institution.

(C) Eligible Activities

Each activity proposed for funding must meet both a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program national objective and the CDBG eligibility requirements. Eligible activities that may be funded under this program are those activities eligible for CDBG funding. The eligible activities are listed in 24 CFR part 570, subpart C, particularly §§ 570.201 through 570.206. Each activity funded under this program must meet one of the three national objectives of the Community Development Block Grant program, which are:

(a) Benefit to low-or moderate-income persons;
(b) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
(c) Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Criteria for determining whether an activity addresses one or more of these objectives are provided at 24 CFR 570.208.

Examples of Eligible Activities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Acquisition of real property;
(b) Clearance and demolition;
(c) Rehabilitation of residential structures including lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; and encouraging accessible design features in accordance with the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
(d) Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and
improvements, such as water and sewer facilities and streets; including lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction; and encouraging compliance accessible with the design and construction requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Fair Housing Act;

(e) Relocation payments and other assistance for permanently and temporarily relocated individuals, families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farm operations where the assistance is:

(i) Required under the provisions of 24 CFR 570.606(b) or (c); or

(ii) Determined by the grantee to be appropriate under the provisions of 24 CFR 570.606(d);

(f) Direct homeownership assistance to low- and moderate-income persons, as provided in section 105(a) (25) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

(g) Special economic development activities described at 24 CFR 570.203;

(b) Assistance to facilitate economic development by providing technical or financial assistance for the establishment, stabilization, and expansion of microenterprises, including minority enterprises;

(i) Assistance to community-based development organizations (CBDO) to carry out a CDBG neighborhood revitalization, community economic development, or energy conservation project, in accordance with 24 CFR 570.204. This could include activities in support of a HUD-approved local entitlement grantee CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (NRS) or HUD-approved State CDBG Community Revitalization Strategy (CRS);

(j) Eligible public service activities are those general support activities that can help to stabilize a neighborhood and contribute to sustainable redevelopment of the area, including but not limited to such activities as those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, homeowner down payment assistance, or recreational needs.

The CDBG Publication entitled “Community Development Block Grant Program Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities” describes the regulations, and a copy can be obtained from HUD’s SuperNOFA Information Center at 1–800–HUD–8929 or 1–800–HUD–2209 for the hearing-impaired.

Fair housing services designed to further the fair housing objectives of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601–20) by making all persons, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status and/or disability aware of the range of housing opportunities available to them;

(l) Up to 20% of the grant for payments of reasonable grant administrative costs related to planning and execution of the project (e.g. preparation/submission of HUD reports). A detailed explanation of these costs are provided in the OMB circulars that can be accessed at the White House website at: www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html; and

(m) Activities Designed to Promote Training and Employment Opportunities. HUD urges applicants to consider undertaking activities designed to promote opportunities for training and employment of very low-income residents in connection with HUD initiatives such as “Neighborhood Networks” (NN) in other federally assisted or insured housing and Employment Opportunities for Lower Income Persons in connection with Assisted Projects.

(D) Ineligible Activities

Ineligible CDBG Activities are listed at 24 CFR 570.207.

V. Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed in General Section of this SuperNOFA, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

(1) All funds awarded under these programs must be spent over a three-year (36 months) period grant performance period.

(2) Applicants that propose to undertake activities that involve the following: acquisition of real property, clearance, demolition, rehabilitation of residential structures including lead-based paint hazard evaluation, reduction encouraging accessible design features, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and improvements are required to provide at least one appraisal from a qualified certified appraiser other than the institution, of the cost to complete the activities. This information must be submitted with the application. Such an entity must be involved in the business of housing rehabilitation, construction, and/or management.

(3) Applicants must ensure that not less than 51% of the aggregated expenditures of a grant benefit low- and moderate-income persons under the criteria specified in 24 CFR 570.208(a) or 570.208(d)(5) or (6).

(4) Applicants that claim leveraging from any source, including their own institution, must provide letters of firm commitment, memoranda of understanding, or agreements evidencing the extent and firmness of commitment of leveraging from other federal (e.g. AmeriCorps Programs), state, local, and other private sources (including the applicant’s own resources). These documents must be dated no earlier than the date of this published NOFA and follow the outline provided for this program in Section V, Application Process, “Factor 4: Leveraging Resources” of this NOFA.

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VI. Application Selection Process

Two types of reviews will be conducted:

(1) A threshold review to determine an applicant’s eligibility; and

(2) A technical review for all applications that pass the threshold review to rate and rank the application based on the “Factors for Award” rating factors listed in Section V (B) below. Only those applications that pass the threshold review will receive a technical review and be rated and ranked.

(A) Threshold Requirements for Funding Consideration

All applicants must be in compliance with the threshold requirements as defined in the General Section of this SuperNOFA and the requirements listed below to be evaluated, rated, and ranked. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be considered ineligible for funding and will be disqualified:

(1) The applicant is eligible as referenced in Section III, “Program Description, Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities in this NOFA”.

(2) The maximum amount ANI and NHI applicants can request for award is $800,000.

(3) In order to meet the Alaska Native Institution definition, at least 20% of the undergraduate headcount enrollment must be Alaska Native students. If applicant is a Native Hawaiian institution, in order to meet this definition at least 10% of the
undergraduate headcount enrollment must be Native Hawaiian students.

(4) Institutions that received grants in FY 2002 are not eligible to submit an application.

(5) If an institution has multiple campuses, each one is eligible to apply separately as long as it meets the enrollment test.

(B) Factors for Award Used To Evaluate and Rate Applications

The factors for evaluating, rating, and ranking an application and the maximum points for each factor are listed below. Applications must receive a minimum of 75 out of the total possible points to be considered for funding. The maximum number of points available under this program is 102. This includes the two RC/EZ/EC bonus points as described in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

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

This factor addresses the extent to which the institution has the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner. In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the proposal demonstrates:

(1) Knowledge and Experience (20 Points) For previously Unfunded Applicants (5 Points) For previously Funded Applicants.

The knowledge and experience of the overall project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants (including technical assistance providers), and contractors in planning and managing the kinds of programs for which funding is being requested. Experience will be judged in terms of recent, relevant, and successful knowledge and skills of the staff to undertake eligible program activities. HUD will consider experience within the last 5 years to be recent; experience pertaining to specific activities to be relevant; and experience producing specific accomplishments to be successful. The more recent and substantial the experience of the staff, particularly the institution’s own staff who will work on the project have in successfully conducting and completing similar activities, the higher the number of points an applicant can receive for this rating factor. The following categories will be evaluated:

(a) Undertaking specific successful community development projects with community-based organizations or local governments; and

(b) Providing leadership in solving community problems that have a direct bearing on the proposed activities.

(2) Past Performance—For previously Funded Grant Applicants Only (15 Points)

This subfactor will evaluate the extent to which an applicant has performed successfully under all previously awarded and current grant(s) as measured by:

(a) Achievement of specific measurable outcome objectives consistent with the timeline in the grant proposal(s). Provide a detailed list outlining those achievements as they relate to the approved timeline in the past grant award(s);

(b) Leveraging of funding consistent with or exceeding the funds originally proposed to be leveraged for that project. In addressing leveraging, provide information that compares the proposed leveraged funds and resources with what was actually leveraged; and

(c) Full points will be awarded for performance that has met the goals and objectives as outlined in the past awarded grant proposal(s).

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (10 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which there is a need for funding the proposed program activities and an indication of the importance of meeting the need in the target area. In responding to this factor, the proposal will be rated on the extent to which the level of need for the proposed activities and the importance of meeting the need are documented.

Applicants should use statistics and analyses contained in at least one or more current data sources that are sound and reliable. The data provided must be current. In rating this factor, HUD will consider data collected within the last five years to be current. To the extent that the targeted community’s Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) identify the level of the problem and the urgency in meeting the need, applicants should include references to these documents in the response to this factor.

If the proposed activities are not covered under the scope of the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), indicate such in the proposal and use other sound data sources to identify the level of need and the urgency in meeting the need. Other reliable sources include, but are not limited to Census reports, HUD Consolidation of Care gap analysis and the EMAP (http://www.hud.gov/emaps), law enforcement agency crime reports, Public Housing Authorities’ Comprehensive Plans, community needs analyses such as provided by the United Way, the applicant’s institution, and other sound and reliable appropriate sources. Needs in terms of fulfilling court orders or consent decrees, settlements, conciliation agreements, and voluntary compliance agreements may also be addressed.

The data used should be specific to the area where the proposed activities will be carried out. Needs should be documented as they apply to the area where the activities will be targeted, rather than the entire locality or state, unless the target area is the entire locality or state.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (50 Points)

This factor addresses the quality and cost effectiveness of the proposed work plan, the commitment of the institution to sustain the proposed activities, and actions regarding HUD’s priorities, goals and objectives, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. In addition, HUD will also consider the extent to which the budget is consistent with the Work Plan and the dollars indicated on the HUD 424 form.

This factor will be evaluated based on the extent to which the proposed work plan will:

(1) Quality of the Work Plan (35 Points)

(a) (10 Points) Work Plan Impact. Describe how the proposed activities will:

(i) Expand the role of the institution in its community;

(ii) Alleviate and/or fulfill the needs identified in Factor 2;

(iii) Relate to and not duplicate other activities in the target area. Duplicative effort will be acceptable only if an applicant can demonstrate through documentation that there is a population in need that is not being served;

(iv) Involve and empower citizens of the target area in all stages of the proposed project (particularly through a committee that is representative of the target community to guide the project); and

(v) Be disseminated to a wide variety of audiences, both academic and community-based, using a wide variety of media, including print and Internet technology.

(b) (20 Points). Specific Services and/or Activities. The work plan must incorporate all proposed activities. HUD will consider the feasibility of success of the proposed, measurable objectives, and how timely products will be delivered.
Describe each proposed activity and the tasks required to implement and complete the activities. Also for each activity, describe:

(1) Which CDBG national objective is being met and how;

(2) The sequence, duration, and the products to be delivered in 6 month intervals, up to thirty-six (36) months. Indicate which staff member, as described in Factor 1, will be responsible and accountable for the deliverables; and

(3) Measurable objectives to be accomplished, e.g., the number of persons to be trained and employed; houses to be built (pursuant to 24 CFR 570.207) or rehabilitated; minority-owned businesses to be started.

(c) (5 Points) Involvement of the Faculty and Students. The extent to which the applicant proposes to integrate the institution’s students and faculty into proposed project activities.

(2) (5 Points) HUD Policy Priorities. HUD encourages applicants to undertake activities that will assist the Department in implementing its policy priorities and which help the Department achieve its goals and objectives in FY 2004, when the majority of grant recipients will be reporting programmatic results and achievements. In addressing this factor, HUD will evaluate the extent to which a program will further and support HUD’s priorities. The quality of the responses provided to one or more of HUD’s priorities will determine the score an applicant can receive. For each policy priority addressed an applicant will receive one point. Applicants cannot receive more than five points.

For the full list and explanation of each policy priority, please refer to the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

(3) (5 Points) Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. This subfactor will be evaluated on the extent to which an applicant proposes to undertake activities designated to affirmatively further fair housing, for example:

(a) Working with other entities in the community to overcome impediments to fair housing discrimination in the sale or rental of housing or in advertising, provision of brokerage services or lending;

(b) Promoting fair housing choice through the expansion of homeownership opportunities and improved quality of services for minorities, families with children, and persons with disabilities; or

(c) Providing housing mobility counseling services.

(4) (5 Points) Budget. HUD will consider the extent to which the budget presentation is consistent with the Work Plan and the dollars indicated on the HUD 424 Form. The budget submission should follow the narrative statement in this factor and include the following documents:

(a) HUD 424-C “Budget Summary for Competitive Grant Programs”. This budget form shows the costs for each budget category for the program’s entire period of performance.

(b) HUD 424 CB “Grant Application Detailed Budget”. This budget form must show the total budget by year and by line item for the program activities to be carried out. This will be a functional budget. Each year of the program should be presented separately.

All budget forms must be completed in full. If an application is selected for award, the applicant may be required to provide greater specificity to the budget during grant agreement negotiations.

(c) Budget-Narrative. A narrative explanation of how the applicant arrived at the cost estimates, for any line item, including each item, over $5,000. For example, a van rental, $150 per month x 36 months equals $5,400.

The proposed cost estimates should be reasonable for the work to be performed and consistent with rates established for the level of expertise required to perform the work proposed in the geographical area. When necessary, quotes from various vendors or historical data should be used and included. All direct labor or salaries must be supported with mandated city/state pay scales, Davis-Bacon wage rates (if applicable) or other documentation.

When an applicant proposes to use a consultant, the applicant must indicate whether there is a formal agreement or written procurement policy. For each consultant, please provide the name, if known, hour or daily fee, and the estimated time on the project. If applicants propose to undertake: rehabilitation of residential, commercial and/or industrial structures; and/or acquisition, construction, or installation of public facilities and improvements, applicants must submit one appraisal from a qualified certified appraiser other than the institution. Such an entity must be involved in the business of housing rehabilitation, construction and/or management. Guidance for securing these estimates can be obtained from the local HUD Office of Community Planning and Development. Equipment and contracts cannot be presented as a total estimated figure. For equipment applicants must provide a list by type and cost for each item and explain how it will be used. Applicants using contracts must provide an individual description and cost estimate for each contract.

Indirect costs attributed to a particular project functional category should be listed as “Indirect Costs” under that category. Indirect costs are allowable only if an applicant has a federally approved indirect cost rate. A copy of the institution’s negotiated indirect cost rate as issued by the cognizant federal agency must be attached to the budget sheets when submitting an application.

Make sure that the amount shown on the HUD 424, the budget forms, and on all other required program forms is consistent and the budget totals correct. Remember to check addition in totaling the categories on the HUD 424C and HUD 424–CB form so that all items are included in the total. If there is an inconsistency between any of the forms required, the HUD 424C form will be used. If upon checking the addition HUD finds that an applicant has added incorrectly, the HUD 424–CB will be revised accordingly. Please note that this would be considered a substantive rather than a technical error. If this correction puts an application over the grant maximum, the applicant will not be able to correct the amount requested and the application will be disqualified.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 Points)

This factor addresses the ability of the applicant to secure community resources that can be combined with HUD’s grant funds to achieve the program’s purpose.

In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the applicant established partnerships with other entities to secure additional resources to increase the effectiveness of the proposed activities. Resources may include funding or in-kind contributions, such as services or equipment, allocated to the purpose(s) of the grant. Resources may be provided by governmental entities, public or private nonprofit organizations, for-profit private organizations, or other entities. Applicants may also establish partnerships with other program funding recipients to coordinate the use of resources in the target area. Please note that the value of the time of individuals serving on the program’s advisory board cannot be counted as an in-kind contribution. Overhead and other institutional costs (e.g., salaries) that the institution has waived may be counted. However, higher points will be awarded if an applicant secures leveraging resources from sources outside the institution. Examples of potential sources for outside assistance:

- State and local governments
- Housing Authorities
• Local or national nonprofit organizations
• Banks and/or private businesses
• Foundations
• Faith-based and other community based organizations.

For each match, cash or in-kind contribution to the program a letter of commitment, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must be provided that shows the extent and firmness of the commitment of leveraged funds (including any commitment of resources from the applicant's own institution) in order for these resources to count in determining points under this factor. Resources will not be counted for which there is no commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement, nor quantified level of commitment. Letters, memoranda of understanding, or agreements must be submitted from the provider on the provider’s letterhead and be included with the application package. The date of the letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement from the CEO of the provider organization must be no earlier than the date of this published SuperNOFA. Applications that do not include evidence of leveraging will receive zero (0) points for this Factor.

A firm commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must address the following:
(a) The cash amount contributed or dollar value of the in-kind goods and/ or services committed (If a dollar amount and use is not shown, the source cannot be counted towards the match requirement);
(b) Specifically indicate how the match is to be used;
(c) The date the match will be made available and a statement that describes the duration of the contribution. If any of the matching sources are for more than one year, the commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must state the number of years, the per year commitment, and the total commitment. Without this statement, HUD will assume that the commitment is for only one year;
(d) Any terms and conditions affecting the commitment, other than receipt of a HUD Grant; and
(e) The signature of the appropriate executive officer authorized to commit the funds and/ or goods and/or services.

Please remember that only items eligible for funding under this program can be counted as a match.

Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (10 Points)

This factor reflects HUD’s goal to embrace high standards of ethics, management, and accountability. The factor measures the applicant’s commitment to assess their performance to achieve the program’s proposed objectives and goals. Applicants are required to develop an effective, quantifiable, outcome oriented evaluation plan for measuring performance and determining that objectives and goals have been achieved.

“Outcomes” are benefits accruing to institutions of higher education and/ or communities during or after participation in the AN/NHIAI program. Applicants must clearly identify the outcomes to be measured and achieved. Examples of outcomes are increasing community development in the target community, by a certain percentage, or increasing family stability through the creation of affordable housing opportunities (e.g., increasing assets to families and communities through the development of affordable community housing).

In addition, applicants must establish interim benchmarks and outputs that lead to the ultimate achievement of outcomes. “Outputs” are the direct products of the program’s activities. Examples of outputs are the number of new affordable housing units, the number of homes that have been renovated, the number of community facilities that have been constructed or rehabilitated. Outputs should produce outcomes for the program. At a minimum, an applicant must address the following activities in the evaluation plan:
(a) Short- and long-term objectives to be achieved;
(b) Actual accomplishments against anticipated achievements.
(c) Measurable impacts the grant will have on the community in general and the target area or population;
(d) The impact the grant will have on the long term commitment of the University to the faculty and students to provide opportunities to reward and continue this type of work; and
(e) The impact the grant will have on assisting the university to obtain additional resources to continue this type of work at the end of the funding period of this grant award.

This information should be provided in a Logic Model format. This form and information on how to use can be found in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP)

I. Program Overview

Purpose of the Program. To assist Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) to build, expand, renovate, and equip their own facilities.

II. Amount Allocated, Grant Size and Term, and Performance Period

Amount Allocated. In Fiscal Year 2003, $2.981 million was earmarked by the conference report accompanying the FY 2003 Consolidation Appropriation Resolution, Division K, and approximately $194,522 in previously unexpended FY 2002 funds is being made available.

Grant Size and Term. The maximum amount a TCUP applicant can request is $400,000 for a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) Program Description

The purpose of this program is to assist TCUs to build, expand, renovate, and equip their own facilities, especially those facilities that are used by or available to the larger community.

(B) Eligible Applicants


Institutions must be accredited or state they are a candidate for accreditation by a regional institutional accrediting association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(C) Eligible Activities

Each activity proposed for funding must meet one of the following:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program national objectives:
(a) Benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
(b) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
(c) Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

TCU Programs should build, expand, renovate, and equip facilities to assist activities that an institution normally provides. Buildings in which an institution undertakes activities that serve those not enrolled in the institution are eligible, however the facilities must be predominantly for the use of the institution.

Up to 20% of the grant for payments of reasonable grant administrative costs related to planning and execution of the project (e.g., preparation/submission of...
institutions, must provide letters of firm commitment, memoranda of understanding, or agreements evidencing the extent and firmness of commitment of leveraging from other federal (e.g., Bureau of Indian Affairs), state, Indian housing authorities, local tribes, and/or other private sources (including the applicant’s own resources). These documents must be dated no earlier than the date of this published NOFA and follow the outline provided for these programs in Section V, Factor 4 of this NOFA.

(4) If a TCU is a part or instrumentality of a tribe, the applicant must comply with the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.). If the TCU is not a part or instrumentality of a tribe the applicant must comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601–19) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100 et seq. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d–2000d–4) (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 1, and Section 109 of Title One of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, with respect to nondiscrimination on the basis of age, sex, religion, or disability and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 6;

(5) Labor Standards. Institutions and their subgrantees, contractors and subcontractors must comply with the labor standards (Davis-Bacon) requirements referenced in 24 CFR 570.603. However, in accordance with HCDA section 107(e)(2), the Secretary waives the provisions of HCDA section 110 with respect to the TCUP program for grants to a TCU that is part of a tribe, i.e., a TCU that is legally a department or other part of a tribal government, but not a TCU that is established under tribal law as an entity separate from the tribal government. If a TCU is not part of a tribe, the labor standards of HCDA section 110, as referenced in 24 CFR 570.603, apply to activities under the grant to the TCU.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed in the General Section of this SuperNOFA, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

(1) All funds awarded under this program must be spent over a three-year (36 months) grant performance period.

(2) While community-wide use of a facility (that is purchased, leased, or built) is permissible under this program, the facility must be predominantly for the use of the institution (i.e., it must be used by the institution at least 51% of the time).

(3) Applicants that claim leveraging from any source, including their own

(A) Threshold Requirements for Funding Consideration

All applicants must be in compliance with the threshold requirements as defined in the General Section of this SuperNOFA and the requirements listed below to be evaluated, rated, and ranked. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be considered ineligible for funding and will be disqualified:

(1) The applicant is eligible as referenced in Section III, “Program Description, Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities in this NOFA.

(2) The maximum amount a TCUP applicant can request for award is $400,000.

(3) Funds awarded under this program may not be used for public services, as defined in 24 CFR part 570, subpart C, § 570.201(e).

(4) Only one application is eligible for funding from an institution or campus. However, an individual campus that is one of several campuses of the same institution may apply separately from the other campus as long as the applicant’s campus has a separate administrative and budget structure.

(5) Institutions that received grants in FY 2002 are not eligible to submit an application.

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

The factors for evaluating, rating, and ranking an application and the maximum points for each factor are listed below. Applications must receive a minimum of 75 out of the total possible points to be considered for funding. The maximum number of points available under this program is 100. The RC/EZ/EC bonus points do not apply to this program as described in the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

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

This factor addresses the extent to which the applicant has the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner. In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the proposal demonstrates the overall project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants, and contractors in planning and managing the kind of activities/projects for which funding is being requested. Experience will be judged in terms of recent, relevant, and successful knowledge and skills of the staff to undertake eligible program activities. HUD will consider experience.
within the last 5 years to be recent; experience pertaining to specific activities to be relevant; and experience producing specific accomplishments to be successful. Higher points will be awarded for this factor where the experience belongs to members of the TCU staff who will actually do the work on the project rather than consultants, contractors, and other staff outside the institution.

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (10 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which there is a need for funding the proposed program activities and an indication of the importance of meeting that need. In responding to this factor, the proposal will be rated on the extent to which the level of need for the proposed activities and the importance of meeting the need are documented.

Applicants should use statistics and analyses contained in at least one or more current data sources that are sound and reliable. The data provided must be current and specific to the area where the proposed activities will be carried out. In rating this factor HUD will consider data collected within the last five years to be current.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (50 Points)

This factor addresses the quality and cost-effectiveness of the proposed work plan.

(a) (15 Points) Work Plan Impact. Specifically, HUD will consider the extent to which the proposed activities will:

(i) Meet an identified important need; and

(ii) Relate to and not duplicate other activities in the target area.

(b) (15 Points) Specific Services and/or Activities. HUD will consider the feasibility of success of the program, the measurable objectives, and how timely the identified tasks will be completed. Specifically, HUD will examine the extent to which the objectives are measurable (e.g., the number of classrooms added, the number of additional clients that can be helped in an expanded small business assistance center), result in measurable improvement to the community (e.g., fifty more people receiving computer literacy training, twenty more small businesses started, etc.), and how well the applicant demonstrates that these objectives will be achieved by the proposed management plan, and team and will result directly from the activities.

(c) (5 Points) Community Involvement. HUD will consider the extent to which the applicant has involved the community in all stages of the proposed project.

(d) (5 Points) Involvement of the Faculty and Students. The extent to which the applicant proposes to integrate students and faculty into project activities.

(2) (5 Points) HUD Policy Priorities. HUD encourages applicants to undertake specific activities that will assist the Department in implementing its policy priorities and which help the Department achieve its goals and objectives in FY 2004, when the majority of grant recipients will be reporting programmatic results and achievement. In addressing this factor, HUD will evaluate the extent to which a program will further and support HUD priorities. The quality of the responses provided to one or more of HUD’s priorities will determine the score an applicant can receive. For each policy priority addressed, an applicant will receive one point. Applicants cannot receive more than five points. For the full list and explanation of each policy priority, please refer to the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

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Applicants may also establish partnerships with other programs funding recipients to coordinate the use of resources in the target area. Please note that the value of the time of individuals serving on the program’s advisory board cannot be counted as an in-kind contribution. Overhead and other institutional costs (e.g., salaries) that the institution has waived may be counted. However, higher points will be awarded if an applicant secures leveraging resources from sources outside the institution. Examples of potential sources for outside assistance are:

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(d) Any terms and conditions affecting the commitment, other than receipt of a HUD grant; and

(e) The signature of the appropriate executive officer authorized to commit the funds and/or goods and/or services. Please remember that only items eligible for funding under this program can be counted as a match.

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In addition, applicants must establish interim benchmarks and outputs that lead to the ultimate achievement of outcomes. “Outputs” are the direct products of the program’s activities. Examples of outputs are the number of new on campus facilities renovated, or the number of new dormitories built. Outputs should produce outcomes for the program. At a minimum, an applicant must address the following activities in the evaluation plan:

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(e) The impact the grant will have on assisting the university to obtain additional resources to continue this type of work at the end of the funding period of this grant award.

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VI. Application Submission Requirements (For All Programs)

A complete application package must include an original signed application, three copies, and one computer disk of the application (in Word 6.0 or higher) of the items listed below. In order to be able to recycle paper, applications should not be submitted in bound form; binder clips or loose-leaf binders are acceptable. Please do not use colored paper. Applications must be submitted on 8½ by 11 inches paper, double-spaced on one side of the paper, and printed in a standard Times Roman 12-point font. Each page should include the applicant’s name and be numbered. Each section should be tabbed sequentially. The application narrative including the statement of work, tables, and maps must not exceed 75 pages (excluding forms, budget narrative, assurances and commitment letters). The double-spacing requirement applies to all parts of the application including agreements and tables. Please note that although submitting pages in excess of the page limit will not disqualify an application, HUD will not consider the information on any excess page. This may result in a lower score or failure to meet a threshold. Please make sure that all items are submitted in the order listed below. Except where a particular form may direct otherwise, all forms included in an application, as well as the transmittal letter, must be signed by
the Chief Executive Officer (this is generally the President or Provost) or an official authorized legally to make a commitment on behalf of the institution. If a designee signs, the application must contain a copy of the official designation of signatory authority.

Applicants applying for funding under more than one of the programs included in this NOFA will need to produce separate applications for each program. However, applicants may use portions of an application to fulfill certain requirements of all of the applications. There is no separate application kit for these programs. **Note:** All OUP programs are included under this NOFA (excluding the Early Doctoral Student Research Grant, the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, the Community Development Work Study Grant Programs, and the Community Outreach Partnerships Center Community Futures Demonstration). Applicants are advised to review each program for specific requirements. Therefore, it is important for applicants to thoroughly read the information presented in this NOFA. Please include each item in the order listed below:

1. **HUD 424 “Application for Federal Assistance.”** Instructions for completing this form are found on the back of the first page of the form. Please remember the following: (a) The full grant amount should be entered in block 15, not the amount for just one year; (b) Include the name, title, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address of the designated contact in block 5. This is the person who will receive the reviewer comments; therefore please ensure the accuracy of the information; (c) the correct Employer Identification/Tax ID number in block 6. This form should be signed by the appropriate official (d) Block 10, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for the program from which funding is requested, and (e) the project’s proposed start date and completion date. For all projects the start date should be September 1, 2003. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CDFA) numbers (Item 10) for all OUP programs are as follows:
   - Community Outreach Partnership Center Programs 14.511
   - Historically Black Colleges and Universities 14.237
   - Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assisting Communities 14.514
   - Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Institutions Assisting Communities 14.515
   - Tribal Colleges and Universities Program 14.519
2. **Transmittal Letter.** The letter should contain the following:
   (a) A statement certifying that the institution is an eligible institution because it meets the requirement of the specific program from which funding is being sought; (b) the institution is a two- or four-year institution; and (c) the institution of higher education is fully accredited. This assurance must state not only the name of the accrediting agency but also that the particular accrediting agency is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (or, for applicants to the Tribal Colleges and Universities Programs, that the institution has applied for accreditation by a regional institutional accrediting association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education). Applicants can also use the transmittal letter as one way to demonstrate the President’s commitment to the institutionalization of the program. This letter must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer (usually the President or Provost) of the institution. If the Chief Executive Officer has delegated this responsibility to another official, that person may sign, but a copy of the delegation must be included or stated in the letter. **Note:** If applying for funding under the TCUP program, applicants must also address whether their institution is a department or agency of a tribal government and is thus claiming exemption from Davis-Bacon labor standards and the non-discrimination provision of section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
3. **Application Checklist.** Applicants must include the completed checklist in their application. On the checklist, indicate the page number where each of the items can be found in the application (See Appendix A).
4. **Abstract.** Applicants must include a two-page summary of the proposed project. Please include the following:
   (a) The designated contact person, including phone number, facsimile number, and email address;
   (b) University’s name, department, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address; and
   (c) The principal investigator for the project, including phone number, facsimile number, and email address.
5. **Narrative statement addressing the Factors for Award.** HUD will use the narrative response to the “Factors for Award” to evaluate, rate, and rank applications. This statement is the main source of information. Therefore, it is very important that applicants become fully familiar with each of the rating factors above since all OUP programs (excluding the Early Doctoral Student Research Grant, the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, the Community Development Work Study Programs, and the Community Outreach Partnership Centers Housing and Community Futures Demonstration) are included in this NOFA. Applicants are advised to review each factor carefully for program specific requirements. The response to each factor should be concise and contain only information relevant to the factor, but detailed enough to address each factor fully. Please do not repeat material in response to the five factors; instead focus on how well the proposal responds to each of the factors. In factors where there are subfactors, each subfactor should be presented separately, with the short title of the subfactor presented. Make sure to address each subfactor and provide sufficient information about every element of the subfactor.

The application narrative including the statement of work, tables, and maps must not exceed 75 pages (excluding forms, budget narrative, assurances, and letters of leveraging commitment).

(a) **Statement of Work.** The Statement of Work (SOW) under the Narrative Statement section of the application (Factor 3) should clearly identify and incorporate all proposed eligible activities in the application and detail how the proposed work will be accomplished. Specifically, the SOW must: briefly describe the target population that will be assisted with grant funds (See Factor for Award #2 for the kind of information that should be included in the abstract);

1. Arrange the presentation of related major activities by project functional category. (a) Summarize each activity, (b) Delineate the major tasks involved in carrying out each activity, (c) Indicate the sequence in which these tasks will be performed, noting areas of work that will be performed simultaneously and continually during the life of the grant and, (d) Identify the key personnel responsible for carrying out the activity (HUD recommends Applicant use a milestone chart to present the information above). Applicants applying for funding under the THCUS, HSIAC, AN/NHIA, and TCUP programs should describe how each proposed activity meets one of the three Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) national objectives. The sequence and duration should be presented in six-month intervals for the entire life of the grant (See Allocation of Funding, Period of Performance, Match Requirement).
2. Identify the specific number of quantifiable, major, intermediate, and end products and objectives (e.g., the
number of individuals in the community that will receive job training) the proposal aims to deliver by the end of the grant period as a result of the work performed.

(3) State the impact objectives the project intends to achieve in measurable terms along with deadlines for meeting them (e.g., number of persons obtaining jobs that pay more than minimum wage, or persons entering full time employment with benefits).

(4) Briefly discuss, with specific details:
(a) How the proposed major activities do not duplicate those of other entities in an applicant’s target community; and
(b) Are appropriate for an institution of higher education to undertake in light of its teaching, research, and service missions (if applicable).

Note: If applying for a COPC New Directions Grant, the Statement of Work should also describe the new directions proposed in the application either the new activities or new target neighborhoods—and how these differ from those in the previous COPC grant.

(6) Budget. The budget documents should follow the statement addressing Factor 3. The budget presentation should be consistent with the Statement of Work and include the following:
(a) HUD 424–C “Budget Summary for Competitive Grants Programs”
(b) (HUD 424–CB “Grant Application Detailed Budget”

Applicants should provide a budget for the funding period of the program for which they are applying (See Allocating Funding, Period of Performance, and Match Requirement).
(c) Budget-Narrative. A narrative of how the applicant arrived at costs for line items over $5,000. All budget forms must be completed in full.

Make sure that the amount shown on the HUD 424, the budget forms, and on all other required program forms is consistent and the budget totals correct. If there is an inconsistency between any of the forms required, the HUD 424–C will be used. If, upon checking the additions to HUD 424’s that an applicant has added incorrectly, the HUD 424–CB will be revised accordingly.

(d) Indirect Cost Rate. A copy of the negotiated indirect cost rate as issued by the cognizant federal agency.
(e) Explanation of Compliance with Limitation on Research Allocation. (Applicable only to applicants applying for funding under the COPC program). Applicants must demonstrate that not more than 25% of the total budget (including federal and matching funds) will be allocated to research activities. An applicant must use the Form HUD–30002, “Community Outreach Partnership Centers Breakdown of Outreach and Research Activities” to demonstrate this. This form is included in Appendix B. For purposes of this form, all costs (including administrative costs) must be categorized or apportioned as either research or outreach, as appropriate.
(f) Explanation of Compliance with Matching Requirement. (Applicable only to applicants applying for funding under the COPC program). This NOFA spells out the matching responsibilities for applicants applying for funds under COPC. Note that research requires a 50 percent match, while outreach activities require a 25 percent match. Match requirements are based on Total Project Costs, not the federal grant amount. In order to avoid confusion about the calculation of the match, an example is provided.

Assume that the total project cost for a New COPC Grant was $500,000, with $125,000 for research and $375,000 for outreach. Note that this project meets the requirement that no more than one-quarter of the total project costs be allocated for research. The total amount of the required match would be $156,250. The research match would be $62,500 ($125,000 × 50 percent) and the outreach match would be $93,750 ($375,000 × 25 percent). The federal grant requested would be $343,750 ($500,000 minus the match of $156,250). In calculating the match, administrative costs should be applied to the appropriate attributable outreach or research component. Applicants must use Form “HUD–30001, Community Outreach Partnership Centers Matching Requirements” (included in Appendix B) to show how the match requirements have been met. Under each category, list the specific project activities. Only the dollar totals for research and outreach activities should be listed; costs by activity do not need to be listed. For the purposes of this form, administrative costs should be allocated between research and outreach activities, as appropriate. Applicants must provide letters, memoranda of understanding or agreements that show the extent and firmness of commitments of leveraged funds (including an applicant’s own resources) in order for these resources to count. Any resource for which there is no commitment letter will not be counted, nor will the resource be counted without the proposed level of commitment being quantified. Each letter must include a specific dollar amount and use of the funds. If a dollar amount is not shown, the source cannot be counted towards the match requirement (Applicable only to COPC) and Factor 4. (Note: While indirect costs can count towards meeting the required match, they will not be used to calculate the match percentage above the match requirement. Only direct costs can count in this factor). Letters, memoranda of understanding and agreements must be signed by an authorized representative of the funding source. If any matching sources are for more than one year, the commitment letter, memorandum of understanding, or agreement must state the number of years, the per year commitment, and the total commitment. Items eligible for program funding can be counted as match. Include matching documentation at the end of the in the Narrative Statement Addressing the Factors for Award (see below). COPC program applicants only must include a multiple-page worksheet entitled “HUD 30011 or HUD 30012, Verification of the Match,” (included in Appendix B) which must be used to determine if a sufficient match has been provided. This worksheet must be included in the application. Please note on this form by each commitment listed if the match is an inside or outside match commitment.

(7) Certifications. The following certifications and assurances must be included in all application packages. These forms must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer (or official designee) of the institution and can be downloaded from the HUD Web site at http://www.hud.gov.
(a) Applicant Assurances and Certifications (HUD–424–B)
(b) Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF–LLL)
(c) Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD–2880)
(d) Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD–2991)
(e) Certification of Consistency with the EZ/EC/RC Strategic Plan (HUD–2990). Must be signed by the certifying official of the EZ/EC/RC. The General Section of the SuperNOFA provides procedures and guidelines required to certify that proposed grant activities are being conducted in the EZ/EC/RC that serve the residents of these areas, and are certified to be consistent with the area’s strategic plan. (Note: Applicants applying for funding under the TCUP programs are not eligible to receive these bonus points.)
(f) Acknowledgment of Receipt of Application (Form HUD–2993). To confirm that HUD has received the application package, please complete this form. Applicants are not required to include this form, but HUD recommends an applicant to do so.
an applicant turns down the award offer, HUD will make the same determination for the next highest-ranking application. If funds remain after all selections have been made, the remaining funds will be carried over to the next funding cycle’s competition.

(C) Negotiations. After all selections have been made, HUD may require winning applicants to participate in negotiations to determine the specific terms of a program’s Statement of Work and/or Grant Budget. In cases where HUD cannot successfully conclude negotiations, or an applicant fails to provide HUD with requested information, an award will not be made. In such instances, HUD may elect to offer an award to the next highest-ranking applicant, and proceed with negotiations with that applicant.

VII. Other Matters

The provisions of the HUD Reform Act of 1989 that apply to this NOFA are explained in the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(A) Debriefing. The General Section of the SuperNOFA provides the procedures for requesting a debriefing. All requests for debriefings must be made in writing and submitted to Armand Carriere of HUD’s Office of University Partnerships, Robert C. Weaver Building, 451 7th St., SW., Room 8106, Washington, DC 20410. Applicants may also write to Mr. Carriere via email at Armand_W.Carriere@hud.gov.

(B) Administrative. Grants awarded under this NOFA will be governed by the provisions of 24 CFR part 84 (Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations), A–21 (Cost Principles for Education Institutions) and A–133 (Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations). Applicants can access the OMB circulars at the White House website at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html.

VIII. Corrections to Deficient Applications

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

IX. Site Control

Where grant funds will be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction an applicant must demonstrate site control. If the recipient cannot demonstrate control of a suitable site within one year after initial notification of award of assistance, HUD may recapture or deobligate any award for assistance. (This is not applicable to applicants applying for funding under COPC).

X. Environmental Requirements

(A) COPC Program. In accordance with 24 CFR 50.19 (b) of the HUD regulations, activities under the COPC program are categorically excluded from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and are not subject to environmental review under related laws and authorities.

(B) HBCU, HSIAC, AN/NHIAC, and TCUP Programs. Selection for award does not constitute approval of any proposed sites. Following selection for award, HUD will perform an environmental review of activities proposed for assistance in accordance with 24 CFR part 50. The results of the environmental review may require that proposed activities be modified or proposed sites be rejected. Applicants are particularly cautioned not to undertake or commit funds for acquisition or development of proposed properties prior to HUD approval of specific properties or areas. An application constitutes an assurance that the institution will assist HUD to comply with part 50; will supply HUD with all available and relevant information to perform an environmental review for each proposed property; will carry out mitigating measures required by HUD or select alternate property; and will not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, demolish, lease, repair, or construct property and not commit or expend HUD or local funds for these program activities with respect to any eligible property until HUD approval of the property is received. In supplying HUD with environmental information, applicants should use the same guidance as provided in the HUD Notice CPD–99–01 entitled “Field Environmental Review Processing for HUD Colonias Initiative (HCI) Grants” issued January 27, 1999.

XI. Authority

initial five-year demonstration by providing funding for Community Outreach Partnership Centers for FY 2003.

The HBCU program is authorized under section 107 (b) (3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5307 (b) (3)), which was added by section 105 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (Pub. L. 101–235, approved December 15, 1989). This program is governed by regulations contained in 24 CFR 570.400 and 570.404, and in 24 CFR part 570, subparts A, C, J, K, and O.

The HSIAC, AN/NHIAC, and TCUP programs were approved by the Congress under the conference report accompanying the CDBG appropriation for section 107, as part of the FY2003 Consolidated Appropriations Resolution (Pub. L. 108–7). These programs are being implemented through this NOFA and the policies governing its operation are contained herein.

XII. Appendices

The application checklist, non-standard forms required for the programs, and the list of previously funded and unfunded HBCUs follow in Appendices A–C.
Appendix A--Application Checklist

Application Checklist

This checklist identifies application submission requirements. Applicants are requested to use this checklist when preparing an application to ensure submission of all required elements. Please present the information in the application in the order outlined below and include a completed checklist. Standard Forms and required certification are found in the General Section of the SuperNOFA, program specific forms are found at the end of this NOFA in Appendix A-C.

I. PART A

____ HUD 424 “Application For Federal Assistance”
____ Transmittal Letter
____ Application Checklist
____ Abstract
____ Narrative Statement Addressing the Factors for Award (Must not exceed 75 pages, double-spaced on one side, printed in standard Times Roman 12 point font).
____ Statement of Work
____ HUD-96010-1 “Logic Model”
____ HUD-40076 “Response Sheet-Performance Narrative” -only (Previously Funded HBCU Applicants Only)
____ Budget
____ HUD 424-C “ Budget Summary for Competitive Grants Program”
____ HUD 424-CB” Grant Application Detailed Budget”
____ Budget Narrative (No form provided)
____ Indirect Cost Rate

Community Outreach Partnership Center Applicants Only

____ HUD-30001 “Community Outreach Partnership Center Program Matching Requirements”
____ HUD 30002”Community Outreach Partnership Center Program Breakdown of Outreach and Research Activities”
____ HUD-30011 or HUD 30012 “Verification of Match
II. PART B

___ HUD-424-B “Applicant Assurance and Certifications”

___ HUD 50071 “Certification of Payments to Influence Transactions”

___ SF-LLL “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities”

___ HUD-2880 “Applicant/Recipient Disclosure Update Report”

___ HUD-2991 “Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan”, (if applicable)

___ HUD-2990 “Certification of Consistency with the EZ/EC/RC Strategic Plan”, (if applicable)

___ HUD-2993 “Acknowledgement of Applicant Receipt”

___ HUD-2994 “Client Comments and Suggestions”
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The information collection requirements contained in this notice of funding availability and application kit will be used to rate applications, determine eligibility, and establish grant amounts for the Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COCP) program. Total public reporting burden for collection of this information is estimated to average 80 hours. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The information submitted in response to the notice of funding availability for the COCP program and HSI-WSP program is subject to the disclosure requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (Pub.L. 101-235, approved December 15, 1989, 42 U.S.C. 3545).

The agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.
Community Outreach
Partnership Centers Program

Breakdown of Outreach and Research Activities

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Verification of Match for New Directions Grants  

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The information collected on this form is utilized to calculate and verify the amount of matching resources as a percentage of total project costs. This collection of information is authorized by Public Law 100-242, section 501. This agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. HUD has submitted a request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to collect this information. That approval is pending.

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CALCULATION OF THE MATCH

1. REQUIRED MATCH:

A. Research Total Project Costs:

\[
\frac{(\text{Grant request for Research})}{(\text{Match for Research})} + \frac{(\text{Research Total Project Costs})}{(\text{Research Total Project Costs})} = \frac{(\text{Required Research Match})}{(\text{Required Research Match})}
\]

Research match should be:

\[
\frac{(\text{Research Total Project Costs})}{(\text{Research Total Project Costs})} \times 60\% = \frac{(\text{Required Research Match})}{(\text{Required Research Match})}
\]

B. Outreach Total Project Costs:

\[
\frac{(\text{Grant request for Outreach})}{(\text{Match for Outreach})} + \frac{(\text{Outreach Total Project Costs})}{(\text{Outreach Total Project Costs})} = \frac{(\text{Required Outreach Match})}{(\text{Required Outreach Match})}
\]

Outreach match should be:

\[
\frac{(\text{Outreach Total Project Costs})}{(\text{Outreach Total Project Costs})} \times 35\% = \frac{(\text{Required Outreach Match})}{(\text{Required Outreach Match})}
\]

C. Required Total Match:

\[
\frac{(\text{Required Research Match-from 1.A.})}{(\text{Required Outreach Match-from 1.B.})} + \frac{(\text{Required Total Match})}{(\text{Required Total Match})} = \frac{(\text{Required Total Match})}{(\text{Required Total Match})}
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2. ACTUAL MATCH FOR STATUTORY PURPOSES:

COUNT ONLY THOSE ITEMS WHICH ARE ELIGIBLE AND FOR WHICH THERE ARE COMMITMENT LETTERS, USING THE FORM HUD-30001. THAT FORM AND THE FIRST PART OF THIS WORKSHEET SHOULD CONFORM.

Research match provided: __________

Outreach match provided: __________

Total match provided: __________

Match provided is more than match required:

_____ Yes  _____ No

3. ACTUAL MATCH FOR FACTOR 4 PURPOSES:

Actual total match provided (from # 2 above): __________

Minus indirect match: __________

Actual total match for following calculations: __________

4. MATCH OVERAGE

\[ \frac{\text{Total Actual Match (w/o indirect costs) (from 3)}}{\text{Total Required Match (from 1.C.)}} = \] __________

(As long as the number produced is more than 1, use only amount to the right of the decimal point to determine overage. If the number is less than 1, there is no match overage and you are not eligible for any points under this subfactor.)

5. MATCH FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES

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Research match should be:

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\frac{(\text{Research Total Project Costs})}{\text{(Required Research Match)}} \times 50\% = \frac{(\text{Required Research Match})}{\text{(Required Research Match)}}
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B. Outreach Total Project Costs:

\[
\frac{(\text{Grant request for Outreach})}{\text{(Outreach Total Project Costs)}} + \frac{(\text{Match for Outreach})}{\text{(Outreach Total Project Costs)}} = \frac{(\text{Required Outreach Match})}{\text{(Required Outreach Match)}}
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Outreach match should be:

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\frac{(\text{Outreach Total Project Costs})}{\text{(Required Outreach Match)}} \times 25\% = \frac{(\text{Required Outreach Match})}{\text{(Required Outreach Match)}}
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C. Required Total Match:

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\frac{(\text{Required Research Match-from 1.A.)}}{\text{(Required Total Match)}} + \frac{(\text{Required Outreach Match-from 1.B.)}}{\text{(Required Total Match)}} = \frac{(\text{Required Total Match})}{\text{(Required Total Match)}}
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5. MATCH FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES

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APPENDIX C

Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Previously Unfunded By HUD During Fiscal Years 1991-2002

Alabama
  Concordia College
  Selma University
  Trenholm State Technical College

Arkansas

Delaware

Florida
  Florida Memorial College

Georgia
  Morehouse School of Medicine
  Paine College

Louisiana

Maryland
  University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Michigan
  Lewis College of Business

Mississippi
  Mary Holmes College

North Carolina

Ohio
  Wilberforce University

Pennsylvania
  Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

South Carolina
  Clinton Junior College
  Denmark Technical College
  Morris College

Tennessee
  Knoxville College
  Lane College

Texas
  Southwestern Christian College
Virginia

West Virginia

U.S. Virgin Islands

Historically Black Colleges and Universities
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Alabama
Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Bishop State Community College
Gadsden State Community College
J.F. Drake Technical College
Lawson State Community College
Miles College
Oakwood College
Stillman College
Talladega College
Tuskegee University
C.A. Fredd Technical College

Arkansas
Arkansas Baptist College
Philander Smith College
Shorter College
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Delaware
Delaware State University

District of Columbia
Howard University
University of the District of Columbia

Florida
Bethune-Cookman College
Edward Waters College
Florida A&M University

Georgia
Albany State University
Clark Atlanta University
Fort Valley State University
Interdenominational Theological Center
Morehouse College
Morris Brown College
Savannah State University
Spelman College
Kentucky
  Kentucky State University

Louisiana
  Dillard University
  Grambling State University
  Southern University A & M College System at Baton Rouge
  Southern University at Shreveport
  Southern University at New Orleans
  Xavier University of New Orleans

Maryland
  Bowie State University
  Coppin State College
  Morgan State University

Mississippi
  Alcorn State University
  Coahoma Community College
  Jackson State University
  Mississippi Valley State University
  Rust College
  Tougaloo College
  Hinds Community College

Missouri
  Harris-Stowe State College
  Lincoln University

North Carolina
  Barber-Scotia College
  Bennett College
  Elizabeth City State University
  Fayetteville State University
  Johnson C. Smith University
  North Carolina A&T State University
  North Carolina Central University
  St. Augustine's College
  Shaw University
  Winston Salem State University

Ohio
  Central State University

Oklahoma
  Langston University

Pennsylvania
  Lincoln University
South Carolina
   Allen University
   Benedict College
   Claflin College
   South Carolina State University
   Voorhees College

Tennessee
   Fisk University
   Lenoir-Rhyne College
   Meharry Medical College
   Tennessee State University

Texas
   Huston-Tillotson College
   Jarvis Christian College
   Paul Quinn College
   Prairie View A&M University
   Saint Philip's College
   Texas Southern University
   Texas College
   Wiley College

Virginia
   Hampton University
   Norfolk State University
   Saint Paul's College
   Virginia State University
   Virginia Union University

West Virginia
   West Virginia State University
   Bluefield State College

U.S. Virgin Islands
   University of the Virgin Islands
RESPONSE SHEET

The information requested below is to be provided by Previously-funded HBCUs only.

Applicant should duplicate this page as necessary.

**Performance Narrative.** The following information is to be provided for HUD HBCU grant(s). The information will be reviewed in conjunction with the two latest progress reports for the grant(s) which are also to be submitted in response to this subfactor.

The following information is requested for each HUD/HBCU grant that you have received since 1991.

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**Grant Goals and Objectives**
RESPONSE SHEET

Applicant Name ________________________________

Performance Narrative. (continued)

Were / are Grant Goals and Objectives being met?  Yes ___  No ___

Total number of Grant tasks ___________________________

Total number of persons to be served by completion of this Grant

For the following questions, please enter a date that is no earlier than the publication date of this SuperNOFA.

Total number of Grant tasks completed as of (enter date) ___________________________

Percentage of Grant tasks completed as of (enter date) ___________________________

Total number of persons served as of (enter date) ___________________________

List measurable results as of (enter date) ___________________________

Were / are Grant Target dates and Schedules being met?  Yes ___  No ___

Impediments or delays in implementation encountered

Other comments:

Previous versions obsolete

form HUD-40076-HBCU (04/2003)
**RESPONSE SHEET**

**Applicant Name**

**Performance Narrative** (continued)

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Briefly describe the impact that the total amount of HUD/HBCU funds listed above have had on your community.