

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

YOUTHBUILD

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Overview Information

A. *Federal Agency Name:* Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development.

B. *Funding Opportunity Title:* Youthbuild.

C. *Announcement Type:* Initial announcement.

D. *Funding Opportunity Number:* The OMB approval number for this program is 2506-0142. The **Federal Register** number for this NOFA is FR-4950-N-04.

E. *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number(s):* 14.243, Youthbuild Program

F. *Dates:* The application submission date is on or before June 21, 2005. Please see the General Section of the SuperNOFA (the General Section) for application submission and receipt procedures. Please note that this year, all applications must be submitted electronically using <http://www.grants.gov>, as described in Section IV.F of the General Section.

G. *Additional Overview Content Information:* 1. *Purpose of the Program.* The purpose of the Youthbuild program is to assist disadvantaged young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 years of age in distressed communities to: (1) Complete their high school education; (2) provide on-site construction training experiences which result in the rehabilitation or construction of housing for homeless persons and low- and very low-income families; (3) foster leadership skills; (4) further opportunities for placement in apprenticeship programs; and (5) promote economic self-sufficiency for program participants.

2. *Available Funds.* Approximately \$56,444,800 in appropriated funds and carry over is available for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005, plus any funds available through recapture, minus any amount needed to correct errors.

3. *Eligible Applicants.* Eligible applicants are public or private nonprofit organizations that include grassroots community-based organizations inclusive of faith-based organizations. For a definition of grassroots community based organizations see Secretarial Policy Priority D. Providing Full and Equal Access to Grassroots, Faith-Based and other Community-Based Organizations in HUD Program Implementation found in the General Section. Other eligible applicants include state or local housing agencies or authorities, state or units of local government, or any entity eligible to provide education and employment

training under other federal employment training programs, as further defined in HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.4.

4. *Match.* None.

If you are interested in applying for funding under this program, please carefully review the General Section and the following additional information.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

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

1. Provide economically disadvantaged young adults with opportunities to obtain an educational experience that will enhance their employment skills, as a means to achieving self-sufficiency;
2. Foster the development of leadership skills and commitment to community;
3. Expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low- and very low-income persons by providing implementation grants for carrying out a Youthbuild program;
4. Provide disadvantaged young adults with meaningful on-site training experiences in housing construction and rehabilitation that will enable them to render a service to their communities by helping to meet the housing needs of homeless persons and low-income families; and
5. Give to the greatest extent possible, job training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities to low-income young adults.

B. *Desirable Elements of a Youthbuild Program.* You should document the extent to which HUD's initiatives are furthered by the proposed activities. Such initiatives include:

1. Providing increased homeownership and rental opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons, persons with disabilities, the elderly, minorities, and families with limited English proficiency;
2. Improving our nation's communities;
3. Encouraging accessible design features;
4. Providing full and equal access to grassroots faith-based and other community based organizations in HUD program implementation; and
5. Ending chronic homelessness.

C. *Definitions.* The following definitions apply to the Youthbuild Program: Rural and Underserved areas are defined as follows:

1. *Rural Area.* A rural area is defined in one of five ways:

a. A non-urban place having fewer than 2,500 inhabitants (within or outside of metropolitan areas).

b. A county or parish with an urban population of 20,000 inhabitants or fewer.

c. Territory, including its persons and housing units, in rural portions of "extended cities." The Census Bureau identifies the rural portions of extended cities.

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

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

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

- a. A census tract where the unemployment remains high (50 percent or more above the nation's unemployment rate) and
- b. A census tract where high rates of poverty (50 percent or more above the national average) persist.

II. Award Information

A. *Available Funds.* Approximately \$56,444,800 in funding is made available for this FY 2005 Youthbuild NOFA, which includes any carry over from previous appropriated funds, plus any FY 2005 funds appropriated by Congress. See the General Section for funding amounts and available funds.

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

C. *Funding Categories.* HUD will award up to \$56,444,800 on a competitive basis. Funds will be divided among three categories of grants as described below. In each fiscal year, the Secretary shall reserve five percent of the amounts available for technical assistance activities under this subtitle pursuant to section 402 to carry out subsections (b) and (c) (Subtitle D-Hope

for Youth: Section 458 (42 U.S.C. 12899g)).

1. *Category 1 Grants. New Applicants.* HUD will award up to \$10,000,000 for new applicants that have not previously received implementation grants since the inception of the Youthbuild Program and that have elected not to apply under Category 2 or 3. The maximum amount that may be awarded to a successful applicant in this category is \$400,000, for a period not to exceed 30 months.

2. *Category 2 Grants. Grants up to \$700,000.* HUD will award up to \$37,516,800 for grants up to \$700,000 for a period not to exceed 30 months. The maximum amount that may be awarded to a successful applicant in this category is \$700,000. Any eligible applicant can apply in Category 2.

3. *Category 3 Grants. Underserved and Rural Areas.* HUD will award approximately \$8,928,000 for grants to organizations serving clients in underserved and rural areas as defined in this NOFA for a period not to exceed 30 months. The maximum amount that may be awarded to a successful applicant in this category is \$400,000.

4. *Selection of Category.* Applicants must indicate in their project abstract which funding category they are applying for. For Category 3 applicants, you must designate which definition(s) under Section I.C. is (are) applicable.

5. *Grant Period.* You must expend funds awarded within 30 months of the effective date of the grant agreement.

6. *Maximum Awards.* Under the competition established by this Youthbuild program section of the SuperNOFA, the maximum award for a Youthbuild grant is \$700,000 for Category 2 grants. The maximum amount of award for Categories 1 and 3 grants is \$400,000.

III. Eligibility Information

A. *Eligible Applicants.* Eligible applicants are public or private nonprofit organizations which include grassroots community-based organizations inclusive of faith-based organizations. For a definition of grassroots community based organizations, see Secretarial Policy Priority D. Providing Full and Equal Access to Grassroots, Faith-Based and Other Community-Based Organizations in HUD Program Implementation found in the General Section. Other eligible applicants include state or local housing agencies or authorities, states or units of local government, or any entity eligible to provide education and employment training under other federal employment training programs as further defined in HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.4.

B. *Cost Sharing or Matching.* Under the Youthbuild program, there is no match required. Applicants that submit evidence of leveraging dollars under Rating Factor 4 "Leveraging Resources" will receive points under that Factor.

C. Other. 1. Eligible Activities

a. Work and activities associated with the acquisition, architectural and engineering work, rehabilitation or construction of housing, as defined in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 585.309, 585.310, and 585.311.

b. Relocation payments and other assistance required to comply with HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.308;

c. Costs of ongoing training and technical assistance needs related to carrying out a Youthbuild program;

d. Education, job training, counseling, employment, leadership development services, and optional activities that meet the needs of the participants including entrepreneurial training, driver education, apprenticeship opportunities, financial literacy, credit counseling, assistance programs for those with learning disabilities, and in-house staff training;

e. Outreach to potential participants;

f. Wages, benefits, and need-based stipends for participants; and

g. Administrative costs must not exceed 10 percent of the grant award. HUD encourages you to use grant funds for outreach, recruitment, training, and other services for the participants that facilitate program implementation. Please refer to HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.305 for further details on eligible activities.

2. *Threshold Requirements.* All applicants must comply with the threshold requirements as defined in the General Section and the requirements listed below to receive an award. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be considered ineligible for funding and will be disqualified.

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

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

(1) Educational and job training services;

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

(3) On-site training through actual housing rehabilitation and/or new construction work.

(New construction may be subject to the accessible design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act [see the General Section], including the provision of alternative training experiences that are necessary as a reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities.)

c. *Identification of and Access to Property.* Your application must identify the location of the site(s) or property(ies) (e.g., addresses, parcel numbers, etc.) that will be used for on-site construction. Your application MUST contain a letter from the property owner or property management company or companies allowing access to the housing site(s) for on-site construction training. HUD will deem as ineligible any application that fails to specifically identify the location of the on-site construction, including evidence of site access. Guidance on evidence of site access is as follows:

(1) If the applicant or joint applicant has a contract or option to purchase the property, you should include a copy of the contract or option; and

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

d. *Minimum Score.* In order to be considered eligible for funding, your application must receive a minimum score of 75, including a minimum of 10 points in Factor 1.

e. *DUNS Requirement.* Refer to the General Section for information regarding the DUNS requirement. You will need to obtain a DUNS number to receive an award from HUD and submit your application on line using <http://www.grants.gov>.

f. *Civil Rights Threshold Requirement.* Applicants must meet all of the applicable threshold requirements of Section III.C.2.c of the General Section regarding Fair Housing and Civil Rights laws, statutes, regulations and Executive orders and enumerated in 24 CFR 5.105(a).

g. *Potential Environmental Disqualification.* HUD reserves the right to disqualify an application where one or more environmental thresholds are exceeded if HUD determines that it cannot conduct the environmental

review and satisfactorily complete the review within the HUD application review period. (See 24 CFR 585.307.) Environmental thresholds are explained in Appendix A of this program section of the SuperNOFA. Complete form 2C13a, 2C13b, or 2C13c and form 2C15 only if you are proposing to use Youthbuild funds for new housing construction, rehabilitation, lease or acquisition.

h. Consistency with Consolidated Plan. You must provide the required certification that the proposed activities are consistent with the HUD-approved Consolidated Plan in accordance with 24 CFR part 91. See the General Section regarding the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan requirement.

i. If you have received a Youthbuild grant and it is greater than 24 months old and you have not drawn down at least 50 percent of the total HUD grant funds as of the application submission date for this NOFA, you will not be eligible to receive a FY 2005 Youthbuild grant.

3. *Program Requirements.* In addition to the program requirements listed below, applicants must comply with the program requirements in Section III.C of the General Section.

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

b. *Site Selection.* In determining the site or the location of a federally assisted facility, the applicant may not select sites that will exclude qualified persons with disabilities, or otherwise subject them to discrimination under the Youthbuild program.

c. *New Construction, Substantial Alterations,—Other Alterations.* If the applicant undertakes to participate in New Construction, Substantial Alterations, or Other Alterations, it must conform to the accessibility standards outlined in the regulations implementing the Rehabilitation Act of

1973 at 24 CFR part 8, §§ 8.22, 8.23(a) and § 8.23(b).

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

e. *Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons (Section 3).* Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, (12 U.S.C. 1701u) is applicable to the Youthbuild program. Section 3 requires recipients to ensure that, to the greatest extent feasible, training, employment, and other economic opportunities will be directed to low- and very-low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons. The regulations may be found at 24 CFR part 135.

f. *Participation in Local Workforce Investment Act One-Stop Center.* Youthbuild grantees are mandatory partners in one-stop centers authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-220).

g. *First time applicants.* If you are a first-time applicant applying for funding under Category 1, you must have a graduating class of not more than 20 participants.

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

If you propose to use your Youthbuild funds to cover any costs of the lease, acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of real property, you must submit all relevant environmental information in your application to support HUD decisionmaking in accordance with the environmental procedures and standards set forth in HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 585.307.

IV. Application and Submission Information: (See the General Section)

A. Addresses to Request Application Package: There is no application kit for the FY2005 Youthbuild NOFA. This SuperNOFA clearly describes the requirements for completing a successful application and all forms and certifications needed to complete the application are included in the General and Youthbuild Sections of the SuperNOFA, which can be downloaded from <http://www.Grants.gov/Apply>. The Grants.gov web site contains the electronic forms and the NOFA which includes forms and other attachments. The NOFA and forms are contained in a zipped file found under instructions. You may call the Grants.gov Support Desk at 800-518-Grants or email the Support Desk at Support@Grants.gov for assistance in downloading the application and instructions. The Support Desk is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time, except Federal holidays.

B. Content and Form of Application Submission: Be sure to read the application submission instructions in the General Section and below carefully.

1. *Response to NOFA Page Limitation.* The total narrative response to all factors identified in Section V of this program NOFA must not exceed 15 single sided pages of text based on an 8.5 by 11 inch paper, using a standard 12 point font, with lines double-spaced. Please note that submitting pages in excess of the page limit will not disqualify your application. However, HUD will not review or consider the information on any excess pages.

2. *Application Items.* Your application must contain the items listed in this section below. These items include the standard forms, certifications, and assurances listed in the General Section that are applicable to this funding (collectively referred to as the "standard forms"). The standard forms can be found in Appendix A to the General Section. The other items listed represent program specific forms or information needed to evaluate your application. General letters of support not associated with specific cash or in-kind commitments have no bearing on the rating of the applications for any rating factor.

What to submit	Required content	Required form or format	When to submit it
Project abstract	Category applying for (if Category 3, specify which definition(s) under "rural and underserved" is(are) applicable); Amount of funds requested; Location of project, including census tract(s); Number of participants to be trained; Number of houses to be constructed; Number of houses to be rehabbed; Major partners.	.....	Application submission date.
Application Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants.	.....	SF-424, SF-424 supplement.	
Budget information	Total Youthbuild Grant Budget	Youthbuild Form 4A.	
Rating Factors: Narrative addressing 5 rating factors.	Described in Section V of this announcement.	Youthbuild Form 4B.	
Non-Housing Program Resources and accompanying letters of commitment for non-housing program resources.	.....	HUD-96010.	
Logic Model Form	(Per required form)	HUD-2880.	
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Form.	.....	SF-LLL.	
Disclosure of Lobby Activities (if necessary).	.....	HUD-2990.	
Certification of Consistency with RC/EZ/EC-II Strategic Plan.	.....	HUD-2991.	
Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan.	.....	HUD-2993.	
Acknowledgment of Application Receipt ....	.....	HUD-2994.	
Client Comments and Suggestions .....	.....	HUD-40211	Application submission date.
Youthbuild Program Specific Forms/information (required for all applications) Exhibit 2C (Housing Site Description).	.....	
Exhibit 2C10 (Individual Housing Project Site) Estimate.	.....	
Accompanying letters of commitment to cover costs of lease, acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of real property.	.....	
Site Access Letter(s).	.....	
Youthbuild Program Specific Forms (only if applicant proposes to use Youthbuild funds for lease, acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of real property).	.....		Application submission date.
Exhibit 2C13a (Housing Project Certifications for Residential Rental Units).	.....	
Exhibit 2C13b (Housing Project Certifications for Transitional Housing).	.....	
Exhibit 2C13c (Housing Project Certifications for Homeownership).	.....		Application submission date.
Exhibit 2C15 (Environmental Threshold Information for a Property Proposed for YB Funding).	.....	HUD-27300	Application submission date.
Questionnaire for HUD's Initiative on Removal of Regulatory Barriers.	.....	HUD-96011	On or before the application submission date.
Facsimile Transmittal	To be used when submitting third party letters or other documents if you are unable to scan the documents and make them attachments to your electronic application.		

C. Submission Dates and Times: The application submission date is June 21, 2005. Applications must be received by Grants.gov no later than 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on the application submission date. Applicants that have requested and received a waiver to the

electronic application submission requirement must submit their application to the United States Postal Service no later than 11:59:59 PM on the application submission date. Please see the General Section for application

submission and timely receipt procedures.

D. Intergovernmental Review. The Youthbuild is subject to Intergovernmental Review under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal

Programs." See the General Section for further discussion of the Executive Order and HUD's implementing regulations.

E. Funding Restrictions.

Administrative costs must not exceed 10 percent of the grant award.

V. Application Review Information

The factors for rating and ranking applicants, and maximum points for each factor, are provided below. The maximum number of points for the program is 102. This includes two RC/EZ/EC-II and USDA designated Round II EC bonus points, as described in the General Section. The minimum fundable score is 75, including a minimum of 10 points in Factor 1.

A. Rating Factor 1. Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (20 points, minimum 10 points). This factor addresses the qualifications and experience of the applicant and participating parties to implement a successful young adult education training program in accordance with your work plan as further described in Factor 3. HUD will review and evaluate information provided documenting recent capability. Experience within the last 5 years will be considered recent. In addition, as described in the General Section, HUD will take into account the applicant's past performance and may deduct points in this rating factor for previous inability to demonstrate performance. In reviewing this rating factor, HUD will evaluate the following sub-factors:

1. *Team Member Composition and Experience (5 points).* Your experience and the experience of your project director, core staff competencies including your day-to-day program manager, consultants, and contractors. You must demonstrate that your program manager has the background, experience, and capacity to implement all of the program components of the proposed work plan, as evidenced by recent work experience (within the last 5 years) in managing projects of the same or similar size, dollar amount, types of activities, and beneficiaries as those proposed in your work plan. If any gaps exist in your experience or organizational structure to carry out the program, describe how you will fill those gaps including the hiring of consultants or other outside parties.

2. *Organizational Structure (5 points).* The structure of your organization (include an organizational chart), management structure, including reporting relationships of key staff, a system for coordinating with outside contractors or third party service

providers, a mechanism for an internal and external auditing relationship, and an accounting system which meets federal accounting system requirements. You should provide a clear description of how your organizational structure will operate to carry out your work plan.

3. *Achievement of Performance Outcomes (10 points).* The objectives and accomplishments of your past experience in conducting similar activities. You must describe your past project objectives and accomplishments that are similar to those of your proposed work plan to show your effectiveness and timeliness in managing similar projects. If you have received similar grants including previous Youthbuild grants, you must describe the effectiveness of your administration, including timeliness and meeting performance results from performance reports. In addressing timeliness of reports, you must compare when your reports were due with when they were actually submitted. You must describe your achievements, including specific measurable outcome objectives: number of youths recruited, trained, and received GEDs; number of youths obtaining jobs (*i.e.*, those that are a part of a career path or apprenticeship program); number of youths participating in apprenticeships and number of housing units rehabilitated or constructed and made available for low- and very low-income persons. Previously generated outcomes should include the following: (1) Percent entered employment or enrolled in education and/or training first quarter after program exit, (2) percent of participants that earned a diploma, GED, or certificate, (3) percent that have attained literacy and numeracy skills by participants, (4) annual cost per participant.

Also, you must describe the extent to which you or participating partners have been successful in past education, training and employment programs and activities, including federally funded Youthbuild programs. In applying the rating criteria, HUD will take into consideration your performance (including meeting target dates and schedules) as reported. The more recent, relevant, and successful the experience of the proposed team members, organization and other participating entities in relation to the work plan, the greater the number of points that you will receive. For previous and existing Youthbuild grantees, applicants that can demonstrate a closer and greater linkage between the expected outcomes and the previously generated outcomes will receive a higher amount of points for this Factor. Applicants that have been

slow to draw their funds and therefore appear to be not making progress in completing their program activities, will receive lower rating points than applicants that have a pattern and practice of drawing funds in a timely manner consistent with timely progress in meeting program activity goals and objectives.

B. Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (22 Points): This Factor addresses the extent to which there is need for funding the proposed activities based on levels of distress and an indication of the urgency of meeting the need/distress in the applicant's target area. In responding to this Factor, applications will be evaluated on the extent to which the level of need for the proposed activity and the urgency in meeting the need are documented and compared to the target area and national data.

1. In applying this Factor, HUD will consider current levels of distress for the area (*i.e.*, Census Tract(s) or Block Groups) immediately surrounding the project site or the target area to be served by the proposed project, and in the nation. This means that an application that provides data that show levels of distress in the target area expressed as a percent greater than the national average will be rated higher under this Factor.

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

2. Applicants should provide data that address indicators of distress, as follows:

a. *Poverty (5 points)*—data should be provided in both absolute and percentage form (*i.e.*, whole numbers and percentages) for the target area(s); an application that compares the local poverty rate in the following manner to the national average at the time of submission will receive points under this section as follows:

(1) Less than the national average—0 points.

(2) Equal to but less than twice the national average—1 points.

(3) Twice but less than three times the national average—3 points.

(4) Three or more times the national average—5 points.

b. *Unemployment (5 points)*—for the project area;

(1) Less than the national average—0 points.

(2) Equal to but less than twice the national average—1 point.

(3) Twice but less than three times the national average—2 points.

(4) Three but less than four times the national average—3 points.

(5) Four but less than five times the national average—4 points.

(6) Five or more times the national average—5 points.

c. High School Dropouts (9 points)—for the project area;

(1) Less than the national average—0 points.

(2) Equal to but less than twice the national average—2 points.

(3) Twice but less than three times the national average—4 points.

(4) Three but less than four times the national average—6 points.

(5) Four but less than five times the national average—8 points.

(6) Five or more times the national average—9 points.

d. Concrete examples of social and/or economic decline that best capture the applicant's local situation (3 points). Examples that could be provided under this section are information on the community's stagnant or falling tax base, including recent commercial or industrial closings, housing conditions, such as the number and percentage of substandard and/or overcrowded units, rent burden (defined as average housing cost divided by average income) for the target area and urgency in addressing problems facing youth, local crime statistics, etc.

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

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

a. Unemployment rate—estimated monthly, with a two-month lag;

b. High School Dropout rate using the status rate-1999 data;

c. Poverty rate—2000 Census data at the tract level.

C. Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (36 points): This Factor addresses the extent to which your proposed program is coordinated with other ongoing and related activities in the area you propose to serve and how

well your program outcomes result in increased independence and empowerment to your beneficiaries at the conclusion of the grant period. HUD will evaluate the extent to which your application meets the following three elements:

1. *Coordination Elements:* 5 points as distributed below.

a. *Coordination of activities* (2 points). The extent to which you have coordinated your activities with other known organizations that are not directly in your proposed work activities, but with which you share common goals and objectives and are working toward meeting these objectives in a holistic and comprehensive manner. The goal of coordination is to ensure that programs do not operate in isolation. The more your activities are coordinated with other agencies in your service area, the more points you will receive. An example of coordination of activities would be the applicant's partnership with an existing child day care facility (which is not funded by program) that provides day care services to the Youthbuild participants during the hours they are being trained or receiving education.

b. *Self-Sufficiency* (1 point). Describe how your program will provide Youthbuild participants the ability to achieve: independent living, economic empowerment, educational opportunities, housing choice or an improved environment that is free from environmental hazards such as lead hazards, brownfields, overcrowded housing, etc. An applicant that addresses this subfactor will receive one point.

c. *Sustainability* (2 points). For applicants that have not received a prior Youthbuild award, describe how your program will be financially self-sustaining by decreasing dependence on Youthbuild funding and relying more on state, local, and private funding so your activities can be continued after your grant award is complete. For previous Youthbuild grantees, describe how your program demonstrates a progression of reduced reliance on HUD's Youthbuild funds, as either a reduced Youthbuild grant amount or increased overall program level with Youthbuild as a declining share of the total.

2. *Youthbuild Program Work Plan:* For each component, HUD will consider the overall quality and feasibility of your proposed work plan and budget that must be consistent with the Youthbuild program as measured by your specific activities and outcomes. You will receive a greater number of

points if the program components are consistent with the purpose of the Youthbuild program and your project goals and the resources provided. Letters describing specific resources or services to be contributed by non-applicant organizations must be included in your application.

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

a. *Program Components.* (15 points)

(1) Outreach strategy, recruitment strategy, and selection activities. Points will be awarded based upon overall quality and feasibility of the outreach, recruitment and selection activities, the number and types of outreach activities, number of youths to be recruited including eligible participants who are harder to reach and comprehensiveness of the local selection process.

In evaluating this category, HUD will consider your selection strategies and your specific outreach efforts to recruit or contact:

(a) potential eligible participants who are unlikely to be aware of this program (because of race, color, national origin, religion, ethnicity, sex, or disability);

(b) young women, young women with dependent children, and persons receiving public assistance; and

(c) public agencies, courts, homeless shelters, local school systems, local workforce development systems, one-stop centers and community-based organizations, etc.

(2) Educational and job training services and activities. Points will be awarded based upon the qualifications of instructors and proposed wages and stipends for youth participants. In evaluating this category, HUD will consider:

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

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

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

(d) Reasonable payments to participants of wages, stipends, and incentives. Wages or stipends for on-site construction training must be at least federal minimum wage.

(3) Leadership development. Points will be awarded based upon your proposed leadership curriculum, qualifications of instructors, and the impact of the proposed leadership activities on the target area. You must describe the leadership development training you will offer to participants and strategies for providing the training

to build group cohesion and peer support.

(4) Support services. You must assess the need for counseling and referral services during each stage of program implementation: outreach strategy, recruitment strategy, youths interviewed and not selected for the program, program participants, youths who drop out of the program, and graduates of the program. Describe how the participant needs will be addressed, document counseling and referral services to be offered to participants, the type of counseling, social services, and/or need-based stipends you will provide.

(5) Follow-up assistance and support activities to program graduates. You must describe the type of proposed assistance and support which should be based upon an assessment of the needs of the program graduates and should include continued linkage to the local Youthbuild program, counseling, and social service referral services.

(6) On-site training. Points will be awarded based upon the experience of proposed instructors, number of youth to be trained, and wages or stipends for participants. HUD will consider:

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

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

(c) The ratio of trainers to participants;

(d) The number of participants per site; and

(e) The amounts, wages, and/or stipends you will pay to participants during on-site work. Amounts must be at least federal minimum wage.

b. *Strategy for Job Placement.* (2 points).

(1) For applicants that have not received a prior Youthbuild award. HUD will evaluate the quality and feasibility of your proposed strategy to place youth participants in permanent jobs. You will be rated on the following factors: (a) proposed number of youth to obtain jobs that promote economic self-sufficiency (*i.e.*, those that are a part of career paths or apprenticeship programs); (b) proposed number of youths who will continue post-secondary or secondary education; and (c) proposed number of youths to receive entrepreneurship training.

(2) For Youthbuild grantees who have grants that are at least 24 months old. In addition to the information in section V.C.2.b(1) above, provide the actual number of program participants that met

each criterion in section V.C.2.b(1)(a), V.C.2.b(1)(b) and V.C.2.b(1)(c) as a percent of the total program participants served.

c. *Housing Program Priority:* (10 points). HUD will assign Housing Program Priority points to all applications that contain evidence that housing resources from other federal, state, local, or private sources are available and firmly committed to cover all costs, in full, for the following housing activities for the proposed Youthbuild program: acquisition, architect and engineering fees, construction, and rehabilitation. Forms 2C, Housing Site Description, and 2C10, Youthbuild Grant Individual Housing Project Site Estimate, must be completed to receive the Housing Program Priority points. Applications that do not include proper documentation of firm financial commitments of non-Youthbuild resources or propose to use Youthbuild grant funds, in whole or in part, or do not evidence site control, for any one of the housing activities listed above will not be entitled to housing program priority points. For an applicant to receive the housing program priority points, each letter of commitment to cover the costs of the above activities must include the following:

(1) The organization's name;

(2) the applicant's name;

(3) the proposed program;

(4) the proposed amount of commitment and which housing activity(ies) (*i.e.*, acquisition, architect and engineering fees, construction, and rehabilitation) the commitment represent(s);

(5) a signature by an official of the organization legally able to make commitments on behalf of the organization with a statement confirming that the authority remains in effect for a period stated in the commitment.

(6) If the contribution is cash, the applicant, the applicant's partner(s) or contributing entity must evidence its financial capability through a corporate or personal financial statement or other appropriate means. If any portion of the committed activity is to be financed through a lending institution, the participant must evidence the institution's commitment to fund the commitment.

(7) Affirm that its investment is contingent only upon receipt of FY2005 Youthbuild funds and state a willingness on the part of the signatory to sign a legally binding commitment not earlier than the date this NOFA is published and (conditioned on HUD's environmental review and approval of a

property, where applicable) upon award of the grant.

d. *Policy Priorities: (4 points).* Policy Priorities are further defined in the General Section. Applicants should document the extent HUD's policy priorities are enhanced by the proposed activities. Applicants that include activities that can result in the achievement of these departmental policy priorities, as described in the General Section, will receive higher rating points in evaluating their application for funding. Three departmental policy priorities are listed below. Policy Priorities include:

(1) Ending chronic homelessness (1 point);

(2) Removal of regulatory barriers to affordable housing (up to 2 points) (see the General Section for further explanation). You must complete Form HUD-27300, Questionnaire for HUD's Initiative on Removal of Regulatory Barriers and provide the requested documentation to receive points for this policy priority. See the General Section for a discussion of how points are allocated.

(3) Participation in Energy Star (1 point). See the General Section for further explanation. Applicants must state how they incorporate this priority into their application in order to receive the one point.

D. *Rating Factor 4: Leveraging of Non-housing Resources (10 Points).* This Factor addresses the ability of the applicant to secure non-housing resources from its program partners. HUD will evaluate the extent to which firm commitments of resources are obtained from federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit sources. The applicant will receive points based upon the ratio of committed non-HUD resources for non-housing activities compared to the amount of Youthbuild funds requested in the application. (Exhibit 4B Non-Housing Program Resources must be completed and you must provide letters of firm commitment from the donor with the amount of cash or in-kind contribution). Applicants submitting letters of commitment without the Exhibit 4 completed, will not receive points for this Rating Factor. Each commitment described on Exhibit 4B for this Factor must have a firm commitment letter. In addition, the amount of the commitment in each letter must match the amount listed on the Form 4B.

In assigning points for this criterion, HUD will consider the level of resources obtained for cash or in-kind contributions to cover the following kinds of areas:

- Social services (*i.e.*, counseling and training);

- Use of existing vocational, adult, and bilingual educational courses;
- Donation of labor, resource personnel, supplies, teaching materials, classroom, and/or meeting space.

1. *Firm commitment for non-housing resources.* Each letter of commitment to cover the costs of the above activities must include the following:

- a. the organization's name;
- b. the applicant's name;
- c. the proposed program;
- d. the proposed amount of commitment and which non-housing activity(ies) the commitment represent(s);
- e. a signature by an official of the organization legally able to make commitments on behalf of the organization with a statement confirming that the authority remains in effect for a period stated in the commitment;

- f. an affirmation that its investment is contingent only upon receipt of FY2005 Youthbuild funds and a statement of willingness on the part of the signatory to sign a legally binding commitment not earlier than the date this NOFA is published.

2. Resources from other federal, state, local governments, or private entities. HUD encourages use of existing federal, state, local governments, or private and nonprofit housing programs as part of your Youthbuild program. In addition, HUD encourages use of other non-Youthbuild funds available for vocational, adult, and bilingual education programs, or for job training under the Workforce Investment Act and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (48 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*).

E. Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (12 Points). This factor emphasizes HUD's commitment to ensuring that applicants keep promises made in their application to rigorously assess their performance and ensure performance goals are met. Achieving results means you, the applicant, have clearly identified the benefits, or outcomes of your program. Outcomes are ultimate goals. Benchmarks or outputs are interim activities or products that lead to the ultimate achievement of your goals. Performance measurement requires that you, the applicant, identify program outcomes, interim products or benchmarks, and performance indicators that will allow you to assess your performance. Performance indicators must be quantified and measure actual achievements against anticipated achievements. You should

identify what you are going to measure, how you are going to measure it, and the steps you have in place to make adjustments to your work plan if performance targets are not met within established timeframes. Applicants are required to address this factor as a narrative as well as complete the Logic Model form (see appendix to the General Section). This rating factor reflects HUD's goal to embrace high standards of ethics, management and accountability. HUD's evaluation of this rating factor will be based upon your Logic Model performance measures, results, and timeframes consistent with your program description, budget, resources, and program design.

At a minimum, your Logic Model must include the following program outcomes:

- Number of participants enrolled in the program;
- Number of participants that graduate;
- Number of housing units constructed;
- Number of housing units rehabilitated;
- Number and percent of GED's or certificates attained by participants (for percentage calculation, numerator: the number of participants who attain a diploma, GED or certificate; denominator: those who are participating in the Youthbuild program).
- Number and percent of graduates placed in employment or education (for percentage calculation, numerator: the number of participants who have entered employment or enrolled in post secondary education; denominator: the number of graduates from the Youthbuild program); and
- Number and percentage of graduates who made literacy and numeracy gains (measures the increase in literacy and numeracy skills of participants through a common assessment tool administered at program registration and regular intervals thereafter); for percentage calculation, numerator: the number of Youthbuild program participants who increase one or more education functioning levels; denominator: the number of Youthbuild program participants who have completed a year in the program).
- Efficiency or annual cost per participant (numerator: grant amount; denominator: number of Youthbuild participants.)

An applicant should agree to cooperate with any HUD-approved evaluation by making staff available for interview, providing lists of participants and their contact information, and

making available files under appropriate assurance of confidentiality of records.

VI. Reviews and Selection Process

A. Rating and Ranking

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

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

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

4. *Eligibility for Selection.* To be eligible for funding, an application must have an overall minimum score of 75 points, including a minimum score of 10 points in Factor 1. If two or more applications are rated fundable and have the same score, but there are insufficient funds to fund all of them, HUD will select the application(s) with the highest score for Rating Factor 3 (Soundness of Approach). If two or more applications still have the same score, the highest score in the following factors will be selected sequentially until one highest score can be determined: Rating Factor 1 (Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organization); Rating Factor 4 (Leveraging of Resources) and Rating Factor 2 (Need/Extent of the Problem).

5. *Adjustments to Funding.* HUD reserves the right to utilize this year's funding to fund previous years' errors prior to rating and ranking this year's applications. Any available funds that remain after all applications within funding range have been selected or obligated will be reallocated between categories 1 and 2 by rank order between applications at the discretion of the selecting official or designee. Category 3 funds are appropriated as a set-aside, and can not be reallocated.

6. *Corrections to Deficient Applications.* The General Section provides the procedures for corrections to deficient applications.

B. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates. HUD anticipates making award announcements no later than four months after the application submission deadline date.

VII. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

1. *Notification of Approval or Disapproval.* HUD will notify you

whether or not you have been selected for an award. If you are selected, HUD's notice to you of the amount of the grant award based on the approved application will constitute HUD's CONDITIONAL approval, subject to negotiation and execution of the grant agreement by HUD.

2. *Application Debriefing.* Applicants who wish to have a debriefing of their application must send a written or email request (see the General Section) to: Mr. Mark A. Horwath, Director; Youthbuild Program; Office of Economic Development; Office of Community Planning and Development; 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7149; Washington, DC 20410-7000 or e-mail address Mark_A_Horwath@hud.gov. Debriefing information can be found in the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

1. Applicable OMB Circulars. Please refer to the General Section for information regarding applicable OMB Circulars.

2. Applicable Executive Orders and Statutes. Please note that Executive Order 13202 may apply to your program (see the General Section) and Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act covering the procurement of recovered materials may also be applicable (see the General Section.)

3. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access To Services For Persons With Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Consistent with Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited Proficiency (LEP)," issued on August 11, 2000, all HUD recipients should take reasonable steps to provide certain materials and information available in languages other than English. The determination as to what materials, languages, and modes of translation/interpretation services should be used shall be based upon:

a. The specific needs and capabilities of the LEP populations among the award recipient's program beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries of assistance (e.g. tenants, community residents, counselees, trainees, etc.)

b. The recipient's primary and major program purposes;

c. Resources of the recipient and size of the program; and

d. Local housing, demographic, and community conditions and needs. HUD's LEP recipient Guidance has been published in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2003 and further guidance may be found at <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. Reporting Requirements:

a. Progress reports and Logic Model reporting. Youthbuild grantees are

required to submit progress reports to the appropriate HUD field office in accordance with 24 CFR Part 585.403, using HUD Form 40201. Should you receive a FY 2005 Youthbuild award, you will be required to update your Logic Model periodically, addressing the time schedule, accomplishments to date and results and submit it to HUD in conjunction within the timeframes established for the Youthbuild progress reports.

b. Racial and Ethnic Data reporting. HUD requires that funded recipients collect racial data and ethnic beneficiary data. It has adopted the Office of Management and Budget's Standards for the Collection of Racial and Ethnic Data. In view of these requirements, you should use form HUD-27061, Racial and Ethnic Data Reporting Form (instructions for its use), found on <http://www.HUDclips.org>, a comparable program form, or a comparable electronic data system for this purpose.

VIII. Agency Contact(s)

For technical assistance in downloading an application package from Grants.gov/Apply, contact the Grants.gov help desk at 800-518-Grants or by sending an e-mail to support@grants.gov.

For programmatic information concerning the HUD Youthbuild program, contact Ms. Phyllis Williams, Community Planning and Development Specialist; Office of Economic Development; Office of Community Planning and Development; U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7149; Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone (202) 708-2035 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Prior to the application deadline, HUD's staff will be available to provide general guidance on the application submission process and location of information, but not guidance in preparing your application.

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

B. *Paperwork Reduction Act:* The information collection requirements contained in this document have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) and assigned OMB control

number 2506.0142. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 45 hours per annum per respondent for the application and grant administration. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data for the application, semi-annual reports, and final report. The information will be used for grantee selection and monitoring the administration of funds. Response to this request for information is required in order to receive the benefits to be derived.

Appendix A

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

A. Instructions to Applicants

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

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

2. After selecting a property for proposed Youthbuild funding, you are to determine the activities to be undertaken with your Youthbuild funds. You are to indicate in Section E whether the Youthbuild funds will be used for:

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

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

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

a. Has the agency ever prepared an environmental review of the proposed Youthbuild property or the neighborhood in which the property is located, and if so, would it provide a copy to the applicant for use by HUD;

b. Would the agency assist you in completing section G; or if the agency is not able to help complete any item in section G, would the agency advise you which local or state agency is the appropriate qualified data source for obtaining the information.

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

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

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

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

b. *Minor rehabilitation* refers to proposed repairs and renovations to

(1) A building for residential use (with one to four units);

(a) Where the density is not increased beyond four units;

(b) Where the land use is not changed; and

(c) Where the footprint of the building is not increased in a floodplain or in a wetland; or

(2) A multifamily residential building (with more than four units):

(a) Where the unit density is not changed more than 20 percent;

(b) Where the land use is not changed to non-residential; and

(c) Where the estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75 percent of the

total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation.

c. *Major rehabilitation* refers to proposed repairs and renovations to:

(1) An existing building for residential use with one to four units:

(a) Where the density is increased beyond four units;

(b) That involves changes in land use; or

(c) Where the footprint of the building is increased in a floodplain or in a wetland.

(2) An existing multifamily building (with five or more units):

(a) Where the estimated cost of the work is 75 percent or more of the estimated cost of replacement after completion;

(b) That involves changes in land use from residential to nonresidential, or from nonresidential to residential; or

(c) That increases unit density by more than 20 percent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Applicants subject to HUD's environmental procedures are to submit Exhibit 2C(15) and accompanying documentation to HUD with the applications for grant assistance. Such applicants are prohibited from committing or expending state, local, or other funds in order to undertake property rehabilitation, construction (including demolition), or acquisition (including lease), until HUD and the grantee execute a grant agreement for the proposed Youthbuild project.

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

B. Environmental Threshold and Documentation Requirements

The threshold and documentation requirements for each of the federal environmental laws and authorities are

described below, following the same order as they appear in section G.

1. Site Within Designated Coastal Barrier Resources

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

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

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

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

2. Site Contaminated With Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials

Threshold: Under HUD policy, as described in 24 CFR 50.3 (i), HUD will not approve the provision of financial assistance to residential properties on sites where contamination could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property. Sites known or suspected to be contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials include, but are not limited to, sites: (i) listed on either an EPA Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) or CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) List, or equivalent state list; (ii) located within 3,000 feet of a hazardous or solid waste landfill site; or (iii) with an underground storage tank (which is not a residential fuel tank).

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

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

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

3. Site Affecting a Floodplain

Threshold: A property located within a floodplain and proposed for funding is subject to Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management. The Executive Order directs HUD to avoid, where practicable, proposed financial support for any floodplain property,

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

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

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

B. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source that the property is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and indicating if the property is located within a floodway or coastal high hazard area.

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

For all proposed rehabilitation of properties that are located within a SFHA, you must provide HUD with estimates of: (1) the property value before rehabilitation, and (2) the cost of the proposed rehabilitation. Provide the estimates in section F.

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

4. Building Requiring Flood Insurance Protection

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

Proof of Purchase of Flood Insurance Protection: You must provide HUD with proof of purchase of flood insurance protection for any proposed Youthbuild building located within the SFHA, whenever HUD funding is being used for property purchase, rehabilitation, or new construction. The standard documentation for compliance is the Policy Declarations form issued by the

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or issued by any property insurance company offering coverage under the NFIP. Whenever the requirement applies to coverage that extends to future years, the grant agreement will require that the insured have its insurer automatically forward to HUD, in the same manner as to the insured, an information copy of the Policy Declarations form, which is used to verify compliance.

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

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

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

5. Site Within Clear Zones or Accident Potential Zones of Airports and Airfields

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Site Is or Affects an Historic Property

Threshold: Only if a property is proposed for rehabilitation or new construction must HUD in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and following the Department of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Evaluation, make a determination whether the property is:

- a. Listed on or formally determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places;
- b. Located within or directly adjacent to an historic district; or
- c. A property whose area of potential effects includes an historic district or property.

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

* *Documentation:* You are to select one of the following options that best describes the condition of your property and report the option selected in item 6 of section G.

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

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

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

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

7. Site Near Hazardous Industrial Operations

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

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

A. The proposed project does not include: (1) Construction of a building; (2) conversion of a non-residential land use to a residential land use including making habitable a building condemned for habitation; or (3) rehabilitation that increases the density of a residential structure by increasing the number of dwelling or rooming units.

B. The proposed project includes: (1) Construction of a building; (2) conversion of a non-residential land use to a residential land use including making habitable a building condemned for habitation; or (3) rehabilitation that increases the density of a residential structure by increasing the number of dwelling or rooming units; and you are providing HUD with a finding by a qualified data source that the proposed property is not located within the immediate vicinity of hazardous industrial operations handling fuel or chemicals of an explosive or flammable nature by citing data used and the maps used.

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

8. Site Near High Noise Source

Threshold: For new construction that is to occur in high noise areas (*i.e.*, exceeding 65 decibels), applicants shall incorporate noise attenuation features to the extent required by

HUD environmental criteria and standards contained in subpart B (Noise Abatement and Control) of 24 CFR part 51. Approvals in a Normally unacceptable noise zone require a minimum of 5 decibels additional sound attenuation for buildings having noise-sensitive uses if the day-night average sound level is greater than 65 decibels but does not exceed 70 decibels, or a minimum of 10 decibels of additional sound attenuation if the day-night average sound level is greater than 70 decibels but does not exceed 75 decibels.

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

For major rehabilitation projects involving five or more dwelling units located in the "Normally Unacceptable" and "Unacceptable" noise zones, HUD actively seeks to have project sponsors incorporate noise attenuation features, given the extent and nature of the rehabilitation being undertaken and the level of exterior noise exposure.

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

A. You are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source stating that the property proposed by the applicant for a major rehabilitation or new construction project involving five or more dwelling units is not located within: (1) 1,000 feet of a major noise source, road, or highway; (2) 3,000 feet of a railroad; or (3) 1 mile of a civil or 5 miles of a military airfield.

B. The applicant provides HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source: (1) stating that the plans for the property proposed by the applicant for a major rehabilitation or new construction project involving five or more dwelling units will incorporate noise attenuation features in accord with HUD environmental criteria and standards contained in subpart B (Noise Abatement and Control) of 24 CFR part 51; (2) stating whether the property is located within a "Normally Unacceptable" or "Unacceptable" noise zone; and (3) providing HUD plans and a statement of the anticipated interior noise levels.

9. Site Affecting Coastal Zone Management

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

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

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

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

10. Site Affecting a Sole Source Aquifer

Threshold: The sole source aquifer authority applies primarily to activities involving proposed new construction or conversion to housing of non-residential property. Projects that can affect aquifers designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must be reviewed for impact on such designated aquifer sources. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 requires protection of drinking water systems that are the sole or principal drinking water source for an area and which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health.

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

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

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

11. Site Affecting Endangered Species

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

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

A. If your project proposes new construction or conversion activities, you are providing HUD with a finding made by a qualified data source that the project is not likely to affect any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat. The finding shall indicate whether the project is located within a critical habitat, and if so, explain why the project is not likely to affect the species or habitat.

B. If your project proposes new construction or conversion activities that are likely to affect listed or proposed endangered

or threatened species or critical habitat, you are providing HUD with a statement from a qualified data source explaining the likely effect, and/or a finding made by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior or the National Marine Fisheries Service of the Department of Commerce stating as acceptable the proposed mitigation that you will provide to protect any affected endangered or threatened species or critical habitat.

12. Site Affecting a Designated Wetland

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

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

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

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

where new construction or conversion is proposed.

The information for A and B must provide HUD with the wetland panel number obtained from official maps issued by the Department of the Interior on the basis of which the finding was made, or where the Department of the Interior has not mapped the area, a letter or other documentation from the Army Corps of Engineers, or other federal agency.

13. Significant Impact to the Human Environment.

Threshold: HUD must perform an environmental assessment of any property proposed for either:

a. Major rehabilitation of:

(1) Multifamily residential buildings (with more than four units) that would: increase unit density by more than 20 percent, change the land use, or cost 75 percent or more of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation; or

(2) Buildings for residential use (with one to four units) that would increase density beyond four units, change the land use, or increase the footprint of the building in a floodplain or in a wetland;

b. New construction except for (A) an individual action on up to four dwelling units where there is a maximum of four units on any one site (The units can be four one-unit buildings or one four-unit building or any combination in between); and (B) an individual action on a project of five or more housing units developed on scattered sites, when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four housing

units on any one site. It is the policy of the Department to reject proposals that have significant adverse environmental impacts and to encourage the modification of projects in order to enhance environmental quality and minimize environmental harm. This policy is authorized by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality and HUD's Environmental regulations at 24 CFR part 50.

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

APPENDIX B

The following non-standard forms are required for your Youthbuild application. The Youthbuild forms were approved under OMB Approval No. 2506-0142 (expiration 12/31/06).

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INDIVIDUAL HOUSING PROJECT SITE ESTIMATE

Information is collected from eligible applicants for a competition to determine which entities will receive grant funds. Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data. The information will be used for the Youthbuild grant and is authorized by 24 CFR 585, Subpart A. Response to this request for information is required in order to receive the benefits to be derived. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality. 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.

Address of Property (include city, state, and zip code):

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

Note 1: Include both cash and in-kind contributions

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

Documentation of Housing Resources

Attach a letter of commitment from each source of funding

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

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Housing Project Certifications For Residential Rental Units

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

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

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

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- 4) provides for the selection of tenants from a written waiting list in the chronological order of their application, to the extent practicable, and for the prompt notification in writing of any rejected applicant of the grounds for any rejection; and
 - 5) acknowledges that a family holding tenant-based assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 will not be refused tenancy because of the status of the prospective tenant as a holder of such assistance.
- F. Will, if it is a nonprofit organization, adopt and follow a plan for tenant participation in management decisions.
- G. Will not require tenants to pay rent in excess of the amount provided under section 3(a) of the United States Housing Act of 1937.
- H. Will ensure that the aggregate monthly rental for each eligible project will not exceed the operating costs of the project (including debt service, management, adequate reserves, and other documented operating costs) plus a six percent return on any equity investment of the project owner.
- I. Will, if it is a nonprofit organization, use any profit received from the operation, sale or other disposition of the project for the purposes of providing housing for low- and moderate-income families. Any profit-motivated partners in a nonprofit partnership will receive (i) not more than a six percent return on their equity investment from project operations; and (ii) upon disposition of the project, not more than an amount equal to their initial equity investment plus a return on that investment equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the geographic location of the project since the time of the initial investment of such partner in the project.
- J. Will not convey ownership of the property unless the instrument of conveyance requires a subsequent owner to comply with the above certifications for the remainder of the ten year period.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official of:

Applicant Rightful Property Owner

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Address of Property: _____

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Housing Project Certifications For Transitional Housing

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

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

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

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official of:

____ Applicant ____ Rightful Property Owner

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Address of Property: _____

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Housing Project Certifications for Homeownership

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

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

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

Signature of Authorized Certifying Official of:

_____ Applicant Organization _____ Rightful Property Owner

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Address of Property: _____

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**Environmental Threshold Information for a Property Proposed
for Youthbuild Funding**

Information is collected from eligible applicants for a competition to determine which entities will receive grant funds. Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data. The information will be used for the Youthbuild grant and is authorized by 24 CFR 585, Subpart A. Response to this request for information is required in order to receive the benefits to be derived. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality. 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.

(See Instructions for completing this exhibit)

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

- D. Indicate the present and proposed use of the property (ie., whether single-family, multifamily or non-residential); and number of dwellings or rooming units.
- Present use: _____ No. of units: _____
- Proposed use: _____ No. of units: _____

- E. Indicate the activities for which you are proposing to use Youthbuild funds for the property.
 Lease or purchase of a property _____ Major Rehabilitation _____ Minor Rehabilitation _____ New Construction _____
- F. If the proposed Youthbuild property is located within a floodplain, or a clear zone or accident potential zone of an airport or airfield provide the following information:

Property value before rehabilitation (est. in thousands) \$ _____	Rehabilitation costs (est. in thousands) \$ _____	Property value after completion of rehabilitation (est. in thousands) \$ _____
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- G. For new construction or major rehabilitation of multifamily housing, complete items 1 through 13. For new construction of single-family housing, complete items 1 through 12. For minor rehabilitation of multifamily or single-family housing, or for the purchase or lease of a property, complete items 1 through 7. The designation "A" or "B" or "C" refers to the type of documentation required by the instructions contained in the Appendix**

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

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Exhibit 4 A

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TOTAL YOUTHBUILD GRANT BUDGET

Information is collected from eligible applicants for a competition to determine which entities will receive grant funds. Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data. The information will be used for the Youthbuild grant and is authorized by 24 CFR 585, Subpart A. Response to this request for information is required in order to receive the benefits to be derived. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality. 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.

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

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

** Can not exceed 10% of total Youthbuild grant amount.

