

Office of Health Homes and Lead Hazard Control

Combined 2006 Technical Studies NOFA:

- **Lead Technical Studies**
 - CFDA: 14.902
- **Healthy homes Technical Studies**
 - CFDA: 14.906

April 4, 2006

Combined Technical Studies Program NOFA

- **We encourage you to apply for a technical studies grant!**
- **Before deciding, read the NOFA carefully and determine which of the two technical studies programs best fits your proposed study**

Technical Studies Programs: Changes from 2005

- **Updated priority research topics**
- **No HBCU set aside for Lead Technical Studies**
- **Logic Model Revised, with Return on Investment added**
- **Limit HUD funds for construction**
 - **10% lead, 50% healthy homes**

Application Submittal Information

- Grants.gov must *receive and validate* applications by 11:59:59 PM on deadline date, June 6, 2006
- Waiver request must be submitted to OHHLHC no later than 15 days before the application deadline
 - If granted, HUD must receive paper applications by due date: no 15-day grace period

Application Submittal Information

- Form HUD-96011, fax cover page, required for faxed documents
 - Do not place another fax cover on top
 - Failure to use form HUD-96011 will result in faxed information not being reviewed
- For all general information, see the General Section posted at:
www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm

Highlights for All Programs

- **High emphasis on performance**
 - **Work plans with benchmark milestones**
- **Minimum score of 75 needed for funding consideration**
- **Electronic submissions only**

Purpose of Programs

Overall purposes of the two programs are to improve:

- Methods for detection and control of residential environmental health and safety hazards**
- The efficacy and cost-effectiveness of interventions**

Approximate Funding

| Program | Amount | Coop. Agreements |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Lead TS | \$3 million | 3 - 10 |
| Healthy Homes TS | \$1.3 million | 2 - 5 |

- **No match requirement**

Eligible Applicants

- **Academic and nonprofit institutions**
- **State, local, and Tribal governments**
- **For-profit organizations (no fee)**

Healthy Homes Technical Studies Topics

- **Improve residential indoor air quality**
- **Improve/assess Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods**
- **Evaluate effectiveness of education and outreach methods**
- **Control of excess moisture and dust**
- **Other relevant research**

Lead Technical Studies Topics of Interest

- **Develop improved clearance methods**
- **Reduce exterior soil & dust-lead hazards**
- **Assess the effectiveness of ongoing maintenance programs**
- **Use of available databases to evaluate and improve hazard reduction**
- **Other relevant research**

Period of Performance

- **36 months maximum**
 - **Shorter periods encouraged, but be realistic and consider possibility of delays**

Technical Studies NOFAs

Rating Factors

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| Applicant Capacity/Experience | 22 |
| Need/Extent of the problem | 15 |
| Soundness of Approach | 45 |
| Leveraging Resources | 8 |
| Achieving Results & Program Eval | 10 |
| RC/EC/EZ Bonus Points | <u>2</u> |
| Total | 102 |

75 minimum for funding consideration

Rating Factor 1: Capacity and Experience

- **Academic and professional qualifications, relevant publications, recent research**
- **Past performance of team in managing complex studies**
- **Overall success in project completion**

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of Problem

- **Review literature**
- **Why is topic high priority**
- **How could project advance state of knowledge**
- **How will study findings be applied**

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach

- **Soundness of the study design:**
 - **Thorough and feasible**
 - **How built upon current knowledge**
 - **Clear and testable hypotheses or objectives**
 - **Sample size statistically significant**

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (cont'd)

- **Logical design sequence**
- **Quality assurance integrated into design**
- **Address Institutional Review Board (IRB) where appropriate**

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources

- Match not required
- Points for demonstrating increased grant funding effectiveness
- Document any contributions with value specified

Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation

- **Performance goals and outcome measures**
- **Benchmarks and critical milestones**
- **Inclusion of revised Logic Model (drop-down menus) and Return on Investment measure**

Bonus Points

Two bonus points for studies proposed in federally designated:

- **Renewal Communities (RCs)**
- **Empowerment Zones (EZs), or**
- **Enterprise Communities (EC-Is)**

Must submit form HUD-2990

HUD's Logic Model

Logic Model contains drop down listings of need statements, activities/outputs and outcomes:

- **Complete, just need activity/output, and projected outcome tables with application**
- **Select need statement you plan to address**

HUD's Logic Model (cont.)

- **Reporting requirements apply only to grantees**
- **Return on Investment statement and calculation not required for application**
 - **HUD will issue Federal Register Notice on Return on Investment**

HUD's Logic Model (cont.)

Instruction download on Grants.gov:

- **Instructions under Tab 1**
- **Form fillable version available**

Logic model training:

- www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/training/training.cfm
- www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa06/lmtraining.pdf

Key Items for all TS Applicants

- **Link with program goals and objectives**
- **Address high priority issues**
- **Demonstrate use of existing scientific knowledge**
- **Clearly address ALL factors**
- **Develop a sound project implementation plan**

Key Items for all TS Applicants

- **Determine if Institutional Review Board approval is needed, and allow for possible delays**
- **Include community participation**
- **Be realistic with recruitment goals**
- **Obtain commitments by authorized representatives of collaborators**

Key Items for all TS Applicants

- Read technical studies appendices at: www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/

Grants.gov Support

- **Grants.gov helpline:
(800) 518-GRAN (4726)**
- **Email questions:
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