

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Fiscal Year 2010 Limited English Proficiency Initiative (LEPI) Program; Amendment to Increase Amount of Assistance and Other Changes

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability for HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Limited English Proficiency Initiative (LEPI) Program: Amendment to increase amount of assistance provided and other changes.

SUMMARY: On July 11, 2011, HUD posted on its website the Fiscal Year 2010 Limited English Proficiency Initiative (LEPI) Program NOFA. The NOFA announced the availability of \$400,000 to be awarded to non-profit organizations, including grassroots, faith-based, and other community-based organizations, to help ensure access to HUD programs, services, and activities by limited English proficient (LEP) individuals. The NOFA stated that that HUD would select four geographically diverse grantees and award each up to \$100,000 to provide assistance to locally targeted LEP individuals. Today's notice announces that HUD has increased to \$650,000 the amount of assistance made available by this NOFA. HUD plans, as a result, to award six, and possibly seven, grants. HUD has also determined that it needs flexibility to select applicants that have the capacity to provide language services in languages other than Spanish. As a result, HUD will select lower scoring applicants that have the capacity to provide language services in English and Chinese, in English and Korean, in English and Arabic, and other less prominent languages if the top scoring applicants only have capacity to provide language services in English and Spanish.

As a result, of these amendments, HUD is extending the deadline for the submission of applications to **August 22, 2011**.

DATES: The application deadline date is **August 22, 2011**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On July 11, 2011, HUD posted on its website the Fiscal Year 2010 Limited English Proficiency Initiative (LEPI) Program NOFA. This notice amends the July 11, 2011 NOFA by increasing the amount of assistance made available from \$400,000 to \$650,000. HUD now plans to select up to seven geographically diverse applicants.

HUD has also determined that it needs flexibility to ensure that applicants provide the capabilities to serve all LEP individuals. As a result, HUD is adding a provision that permits it to select lower scoring applicants. Specifically, HUD may select lower scoring applicants that have the capacity to provide language services in English and Chinese, in English and Korean, in English and Arabic, and other less prominent languages if the top scoring applicants only have capacity to provide language services in English and Spanish.

As a result of these amendments, HUD will extend the deadline date for applications to August 22, 2011.

Amendments to LEPI NOFA

A. Amendments to Reflect Increased Amount of Assistance and Number of Grantee

1. SUMMARY paragraph, page 1, the first two sentences are amended to read as follows:

This NOFA announces the availability of \$650,000 to be awarded to non-profit organizations, including grassroots, faith-based, and other community-based organizations, to help ensure access to HUD programs, services, and activities by limited English proficient (LEP) individuals. Up to seven (7) geographically diverse grantees will be awarded up to \$100,000 to provide assistance to locally targeted LEP individuals.

2. OVERVIEW INFORMATION, Sections G.2 and G.3. page 2. These paragraphs are amended to read as follows:

2. Award Information. Up to seven (7) awards of up to \$100,000 each will be awarded to non-profit organizations, including, grassroots, faith-based, and other community-based organizations in geographically diverse areas or regions of the United States for a one (1) year grant period. The awards will be in the form of Cooperative Agreements. HUD expects substantial involvement in reviewing and approving work plans, results from the Service Provider, and where necessary, adjusting work plans to address results emanating from previous work products or delivery services.

3. Available Funds. A total of \$650,000 is available to ensure that HUD programs, services, and activities are made available to individuals who are limited English proficient.

3. Available Funds, Section II.A., page 3. Is amended to read as follows:

A. Available Funds. A total of \$650,000 in FY2010 funding for approximately seven (7) awards of up to \$100,000 each will be available under this LEPI program NOFA.


B. Amendment to Review and Selection Process

In order to provide HUD the ability to match an applicant's capabilities applicants to the need of LEP individuals, HUD will select lower rated applicants to ensure that multi-languages

are being served. As a result, Section V.B.2. entitled, "Ranked Order" is amended to read as follows:

2. Ranked Order. Once rating scores are assigned, rated applications will be listed in ranked order. After HUD has rated and ranked the applications, applicants within the fundable range of 75 or more points, with 20 or more points for Factor 1, may be funded in ranked order under the LEPI program service area for which they applied. HUD may use staff from Headquarters and/or field office for this rating and ranking process. HUD reserves the right to select a lower scoring applicant in ranked order to ensure geographical diversity. In addition, HUD has determined that it needs flexibility to select applicants that have the capacity to provide language services in languages other than Spanish. As a result, HUD may select lower scoring applicants that have the capacity to provide language services in English and Chinese, in English and Korean, in English and Arabic, and other less prominent languages if the top scoring applicants only have capacity to provide language services in English and Spanish and HUD determines that there exists in the applicant's geographic service area a significant need for such multi-language capabilities.

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