



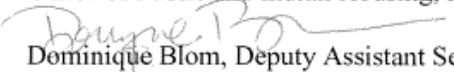
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary  
Office of Public and Indian Housing, P

FROM:

  
Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Public Housing Investments, PI

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for FY 2011 Notice of Funding Availability for HOPE VI Main Street Grants

The subject Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is found to not constitute a major federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the physical/human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

This NOFA announces the availability of FY 2011 funds and provides program information and application instructions for the HOPE VI Main Street Program. HOPE VI Main Street provides grants to small communities to assist in the rejuvenation of an historic or traditional central business district or "Main Street" by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units.

Program authority for HOPE VI Main Street is Section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v), as amended by Section 535 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-276, 112 Stat. 2461, approved October 21, 1998), the HOPE VI Program Reauthorization and Small Community Mainstreet Rejuvenation and Housing Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-186, 117 Stat. 2685, approved December 16, 2003); and the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 112-10, approved April 15, 2011).

Under this NOFA and applicable law, an applicant is prohibited from undertaking any actions that are choice-limiting or could have environmentally adverse effects, including demolishing, acquiring, rehabilitating, converting, leasing, repairing, or constructing property proposed to be assisted under this NOFA or committing or expending HUD or non-HUD funds for such activities, until after HUD's completion of an environmental review under 24 CFR Part 50. The environmental review may result in requirements for mitigation or remedial measures or other conditions.

The Office of Public Housing Investment finds the issuance of this NOFA will not have a significant effect on the human environment because prior to any grantee's commitment of funds for any activities that would have an environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives, an environmental review of these activities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities will be completed. Thus, the environmental effects of activities assisted under this NOFA are addressed at the appropriate time and environmental impacts will be assessed in the local setting in which they occur.

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