



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

February 14, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mercedes Márquez, Assistant Secretary, D

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Frances Bush, Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Operations (Acting), DO

SUBJECT: Finding of No Significant Impact under the National Environmental Policy Act – Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Technical Assistance and Capacity Building under the Transformation Initiative (FR-5600-N-32)

It is the finding of this office that the attached funding notice (FR-5600-N-32) does not constitute a major Federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment and therefore does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. The notice sets out the guidance to govern awards authorized for Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 under HUD's Transformation Initiative.

The awards will be available for training, competency certification, technical support, and advice to enhance the capabilities of CPD grantees and their subrecipients and Continuums of Care (CoCs) to more effectively and efficiently operate CPD programs.

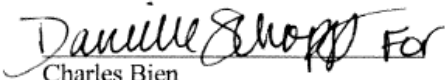
This office finds that the notice does not have a significant impact on the human environment for two reasons.

1. The activities funded by the program consist of training, education, advice and technical support, and administrative expenses, which have no significant physical impact on the environment. These activities are categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act due to the lack of potential for any significant effect on the environment, and do not require review under related environmental authorities, under 24 CFR 50.19(b)(1), (2), (3), (9), and (13).
2. The funding notice permits leasing of office space as an administrative cost but prohibits the use of funds for property repairs or renovations and leasing or renting properties in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501).

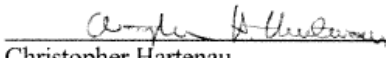
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Accordingly, the publication of this notice is deemed not to be a major Federal action having a significant impact on the human environment.

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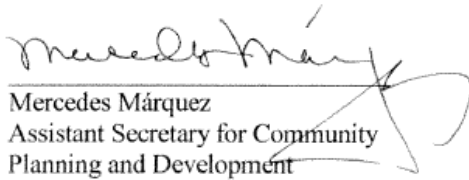
  
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