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...for the Integrated Disbursement and Information System

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7.1 RELEASE COMING FEB. 21

IDIS Version 7.1, tentatively scheduled for release on Friday, February 21, will provide fixes to problems reported by grantees when creating PI draws, modifying activity funding when the current obligation is a negative amount, and activity and beneficiary calculations on the Summary of Accomplishments (PR23) report. In addition, grantees will be able to revise whether a CDBG draw should be made on a prior year's funds before the voucher is approved and sent to LOCCS.

Here are the highlights of Version 7.1. Watch for detailed [Release Notes](#) on the IDIS web page concurrent with the release.

PI Drawdowns Allowed to Exceed Amount Funded: IDIS is allowing users to create draws for Program Income, State Revolving Funds, and Revolving Loan funds that exceed the maximum amount funded to the activity. As an example, if \$100 of PI has been receipted and \$50 has been funded to the activity, IDIS is allowing a draw for \$100 when, in fact, the draw should not exceed the amount committed from the EN source (\$50). In addition, after the draw, the committed amount in the grant is changed but the funded amount in 'Activity Funding' is not changed.

Changing Negative Activity Funding Commitments Results in Positive Amount Funded: When an activity funding source is over-committed, the Activity Funding (C04MO04) screen shows the amount available to fund as a negative amount, which is correct. The Activity Funding (C04MO05) screen also shows the amount of available funding as a negative amount. However, if the user attempts to change any of the funding amounts on screen C04MO05, two errors occur: First, the user is allowed to increase funding even though funds are not

available. Second, the "Available to Fund" amount is updated as though it were a positive amount, and the new amount available to fund is displayed as a positive amount.

Summary of Accomplishments (PR23) Report Needs Enhancements and Fixes: Fix calculations and labels in the following sections on the report: "CDBG Expenditures by Eligibility Category;" "CDBG Accomplishments by Eligibility Category;" "CDBG Beneficiaries by Income Category;" "CDBG Beneficiaries by Racial/Ethnic Category."

CDBG Financial Summary (PR26) Report Needs Fixes: Non-housing Low/Mod activities occurring in a NRSA or CDFI should appear on line 19, "Disbursed for Other Low/Mod Activities." Generate a complete "Line 17 Detail" list of activities with a low/mod housing (LMH) national objective and identified as being located in a CDFI or NRSA. Include negative draws on line 6, Returns, only if recorded in the same year received. Use the same population of activities for a grantee for the same program year as the CDBG Activity Summary (PR03) report.

Drawdown Reports PR05 and PR07 Needs Fixes: Identify which vouchers are to be attributed to the prior year. When a voucher is revised, retain the ID of the user updating the voucher. When a voucher is canceled, save the current date and time of the cancel request.

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More Data Required for Activity Completion: Version 6.7 of IDIS released May 7, 2002 placed requirements on grantees, particularly CDBG and HOPWA, to enter specific information before an activity could be funded on the MO04 screen. For CDBG activities, IDIS does not currently require that “actual” accomplishment and beneficiary data be entered before a grantee can complete an activity on the Setup Activity screen (CO4MA04).

The CDBG program office has requested that certain fields on the following screens be required before IDIS will let a grantee change the status of an activity to “2” (Complete) on the MA04 screen: Setup Activity screen (MA04); Direct Beneficiaries screen (MA05); Direct Beneficiaries Continued screen (MC02); Job Creation/Retention screen (MC07); Multi-Unit Housing screen (MC05).

Need Ability to Revise a CDBG Draw to Specify Prior Year Funds: Currently the user who created a voucher line item or the user who approves the draw cannot indicate that the draw was to use Prior Year funds if they failed to indicate this on the original voucher request. Users need to be able to revise this when the original draw requester incorrectly entered it.

The Max Cap for CHDO Subfunds May be Incorrect: A one-time program fix in the Spring of 2002 failed to reset all existing CHDO Operating subfunds to a maximum cap of 5%. Create a one-time program for this release that will identify subfunds in violation and reset them to the 5% cap.

Users Sometimes Unable to Create AD and SU Subgrants: Version 6.5.2 removed the requirement to have a grantee answer whether a subgrant recipient was a CHDO or Other Entity on the Create Subgrant (C04MG01) screen and make the determination based on the UOG code and fund type entered. The logic doesn’t work when the recipient receives both CHDO

and Other Entity funds; grantees are unable to create new AD and SU subgrants for these recipients.

Users Confused by Current Report Statuses: The Report Status (C04MU16) screen displays the status of submitted reports. However, if a report stops running for whatever reason, the screen displays “Not Ready” and the user gets no indication that the report should be re-submitted. It would be helpful if users knew when a report aborted. In addition, when users enter a “D” to download a report, the initial status of “Wait” changes to “Ready” when the user presses Enter, even though the report may not have been moved to the report server from the mainframe.

CDBG PROGRAM OFFICE PROVIDES WORKAROUND FOR COMPLETING “CANCELED WITH DRAWS” ACTIVITIES

Currently, IDIS will not let grantees cancel an activity for which funds have been drawn. Instead, grantees are required to show the status as complete or redistribute the funds to other activities. A number of grantees have contacted HUD concerned that if they report the activity as complete, the activity shows up on subsequent “Data Cleanup Worksheets” with no accomplishments. The CDBG program office provides this workaround: On the Setup Activity (MA04) screen, answer “Y” to the prompt, “Accomplishments For This Activity Reported at Another Activity (Y/N).” The next run of cleanup worksheets will not list the activity as requiring any accomplishments or beneficiary information.

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