

## **Identification of Historic Properties for FY13 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Applications**

Section III.C.2.b.5 of the FY13 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants NOFA requires that “If your target housing project buildings are 48 years old or older, or are in an area with such buildings, you are required to send a letter to the State/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO/THPO) confirm whether the buildings are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and therefore considered historic properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. New construction or other significant ground disturbance requires a similar inquiry about prehistoric and historic archeological resources.”

### **Links to additional resources**

HUD study on pre-1949 Public Housing:

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/guidance/Public%20Housing%20in%20the%20United%20States%20MPS.pdf>

SHPO addresses and websites: <http://www.ncshpo.org/>

National Register of Historic Places: <http://www.nps.gov/nr/research/>

### **Sample Letter Requesting SHPO Review**

Date

[SHPO mailing address]

Dear [SHPO]:

[Applicant/Sponsor] is applying for a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The proposed project consists of [the rehabilitation/demolition and new construction] of the existing [public or HUD-assisted multifamily] housing development known as [name] at [address example: rehabilitation of Happy Homes at 123 Elm Street, Anytown, AB]. We are compiling background information on whether the existing [public] housing on the site may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Attached are photographs of the property and a location map. The current development was constructed in [date or dates]. [Briefly describe if and how it has been physically altered since its construction.] [Describe any known historical associations with racial or ethnic communities, association with important people, design by a prominent architect, or other historic or architectural significance.] According to our file

search, it is not listed on the National Register [or state or local registers]. Can you please advise us if the SHPO would consider [project name] as meeting any National Register criteria?

Additionally, can you please inform us if any known archeological sites have been identified at this location?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Applicant signatory

[Include email address]