

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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**HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 NOFA for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative –
Implementation Grants – Technical Correction**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing and Office of Multifamily Programs, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of technical correction.

SUMMARY: On May 31, 2013 HUD posted on www.Grants.gov its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY2013 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants. The NOFA makes available approximately \$109 million for grant awards. Today's notice describes corrections to the NOFA.

DATE: The current deadline of September 10, 2013 remains unchanged.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning this Choice Neighborhoods NOFA, please submit an e-mail to ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 31, 2013 HUD posted on www.Grants.gov its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY2013 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants. The NOFA makes available approximately \$109 million for grant awards. Today's publication corrects certain sections of that NOFA.

Potential applicants should review carefully this technical correction notice and determine how this impacts the application they had prepared before issuance of this notice and, thus, whether they choose to submit an updated application which incorporates these corrections and clarifications related to this notice. Applicants who submitted their applications prior to this technical correction notice can choose to submit an updated application that reflects the corrections and clarifications, but are not required to if they determine no changes are needed for their application. The last version of the application received by Grants.gov by the deadline date, in accordance with the timely receipt requirements, will be the application that is reviewed and rated.

I. Technical Corrections

A. Available funds.

1. On page 7, in Available Funds paragraph, G.2, the fourth sentence is revised to read, "At least \$80 million of the total FY2013 Choice Neighborhoods funding must be awarded to applications in which a public housing authority is the Lead Applicant or Co-Applicant."

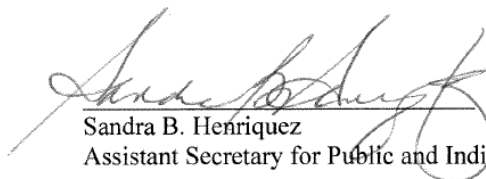
- B. Cure Period for Corrections to Deficient Applications.
1. On page 20, in Section III.C.2, the eighth and ninth sentences are replaced with the following: “Clarifications or corrections of technical deficiencies in accordance with the information provided by HUD must be submitted within 5 business days (i.e. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays) of the date of receipt of the HUD notification.” With this change, the language conforms to the information provided in Section V.B.1 on page 99.
- C. Documentation for Capacity of Neighborhood Implementation Entity and Housing Implementation Entity (page 60).
1. Attachment 26 is revised to read as follows, “**Capacity – Neighborhood Implementation Entity Documentation.** This attachment may be used, if needed, to provide any additional support for your narrative response to Section V.A.1.b.”
 2. Attachment 27 is revised to read as follows, “**Capacity – Housing Implementation Entity Documentation.** Review and respond to Section V.A.1.c by providing the list of recent housing projects and most recent operating statements, in accordance with those criteria. Also, this attachment may be used, if needed, to provide any additional support for your narrative response to Section V.A.1.c.”
- D. Rating Factor: Neighborhood Access.
1. On page 78, in Section V.A.3.b(5), the following sentence is added to the end of the introductory paragraph: “You must include the print out/screen shot from the respective website identified below depending on which measure upon which you want HUD to rate your application.”
 2. In paragraph (b), the sentence for the standard used to assign points for the Housing and Transportation Cost Burden is revised to read: “Using data from <http://htaindex.cnt.org/>, provide the regional typical household transportation cost burden for the census block group in which the target housing is located.”
 3. In the table, the heading “Housing and Transportation Cost Burden” is replaced with “Transportation Costs % Income”.
- E. Rating Factor: Critical Community Improvements Leverage.
1. On pages 79-80, section V.A.3.b(8)(b), the table is replaced in its entirety with the following:

Leverage Ratio (15% of Choice Neighborhoods grant vs. non-Choice Neighborhoods funds)		Points Awarded
MSA greater than 200,000	MSA 200,000 or less	
1:2.5 or higher	1:1.25 or higher	4
1:1.50 and 1:2.49	1:0.75 and 1:1.24	3
1:1.00 and 1:1.49	1:0.50 and 1:0.74	2
1:0.50 and 1:0.99	1:0.25 and 1:0.49	1
less than 1:0.50	Less than 1:0.25	0

- F. Rating Factor: Housing Development Leverage.

1. On page 84, in the chart showing the ratios upon which HUD will assign scores for this rating factor, the second line in the column under “MSA 200,000 or less” is revised to read, “1:1.99 and 1:2.24”.

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