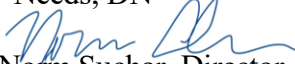




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FROM:   
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SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact  
under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) – Notice of  
Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022  
Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of  
Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and  
Replacement Grants (FR-6600-N-25)

It is the finding of this office that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Renewal and Replacement Grants 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 purpose of this NOFO is to announce the availability of FY 2022 funds for the CoC Program, including funds for Domestic Violence Bonus projects, and to provide program information and application instructions for these programs. The CoC Program and YHDP Renewal and Replacement Grants NOFO sets forth the requirements governing grants authorized for FY 2022 by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389) (the Act). The FY 2022 funds were authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), approved March 15, 2022.

The CoC Program is a competitive program designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities, and local governments to quickly re-house persons experiencing homelessness while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by persons experiencing homelessness; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. Eligible activities include new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, rental assistance, leasing, data collection in HMIS, and supportive services.

The FY 2022 YHDP non-competitive renewal and replacement of expiring YHDP grants is administered under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 which permits expiring YHDP projects to renew or replace non-competitively through the CoC Program. The goal of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is to support the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end. The population to be served by the demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, including

unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

Notwithstanding 24 CFR 578.31 and 24 FR 578.99(a) of the CoC Program regulations, and in accordance with Section 100261(3) of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405), activities under this NOFO are subject to environmental review by a responsible entity under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58.

Two types of projects are Categorically Excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act and not subject to 24 CFR 58.5 (CENST): All scattered-site projects where program participants choose their own unit and are not restricted to units within a pre-determined specific project site or sites are categorized in 24 CFR 58.35(b)(1) as CENST. This includes both tenant-based rental assistance and tenant-based leasing projects where program participants choose their own unit. The Exempt/CENST form is only required for each project, not every unit.

For activities under a grant to a recipient other than a state or unit of general local government that generally would be subject to review under 24 CFR part 58, HUD may make a finding in accordance with 24 CFR 58.11(d) and may itself perform the environmental review under the provision of 24 CFR part 50 if the recipient objects in writing to the responsible entity's performing the review under part 24 CFR part 58.

Irrespective of whether the responsible entity in accordance with 24 CFR part 58 (or HUD in accordance with 24 CFR part 50) performs the environmental review, the recipient must supply all available, relevant information necessary for the responsible entity (or HUD, if applicable) to perform for each property any required environmental review. The recipient also must carry out mitigating measures required by the responsible entity (or HUD, if applicable) or select alternative property.

The recipient, its project partners, and their contractors may not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, lease, repair, dispose of, demolish, or construct property for a project under this NOFO, or commit or expend HUD or local funds for such eligible activities under this NOFO, until the responsible entity (as defined by 24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)) has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) have been approved or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the property. HUD will not release grant funds if the recipient or any other party commits grant funds (i.e., incurs any costs or expenditures to be paid or reimbursed with such funds) before the recipient submits and HUD approves its RROF (where such submission is required).

This office finds that issuance of this NOFO will not have significant effect on the human environment because, prior to any recipient'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 done. Thus, the environmental effects of activities assisted under this NOFO will be taken into account at the appropriate time and environmental impacts will be assessed in the local setting in which they will occur.

Concurrences:

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