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SuperNOFA Now Available!

On February 24, 2000, HUD released its Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA). This year marks the third year that HUD has issued a SuperNOFA for its competitive grant programs, and the first year that HUD has added to the SuperNOFA its announcements of funding availability for Section 8 housing voucher assistance for certain initiatives. The SuperNOFA approach, in which the great majority of HUD's competitive funds are announced in one document, is designed to simplify the application process, bring consistency and uniformity to the application and selection process, and accelerate the availability of funding. Equally important, the SuperNOFA approach is designed to increase the ability of applicants to consider and apply for funding under a wide variety of HUD programs.

Approximately \$1.8 billion in total funds is available through this year's SuperNOFA. Funds available through the Youthbuild program approach \$40 million. Additionally, approximately \$24.1 million is available through the Economic Development Initiative (EDI), and roughly \$25 million through the Brownfield Development Initiative (BEDI).

Applications for programs published through the SuperNOFA are rated according to five factors: the capacity of the applicant and relevant organizational staff; the need/extent of the problem; the soundness of approach; leveraging resources; and comprehensiveness and coordination. Eligible activities/projects that the applicant proposes to be located in federally designated Empowerment Zones (EZs), Enterprise Communities (ECs), Urban Enhanced Enterprise Communities (EECs), and Strategic Planning Communities, and that are certified to be consistent with the strategic plan of these federally designated references, may be automatically awarded up to two bonus points.

The SuperNOFA can be accessed at the following site: <http://www.hud.gov/fundsavl.html>. Applications for some programs are not currently available. However, these applications will be available a few weeks prior to the start of the program year. Refer back to this web site periodically for application availability.

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<http://www.hud.gov/cpd/ezec/ezeclist.html>