

FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR THE LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Purpose of the Program. The purpose of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program is to assist States, Indian Tribes and local governments in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing for rental or owner-occupants in partnership with faith-based and other community-based organizations.

Available Funds. Approximately \$80 million in Fiscal Year 2002.

Eligible Applicants. States, Indian Tribes or local governments. If you are a State or Tribal applicant, you must have a Lead-Based Paint Contractor Certification and Accreditation Program authorized by EPA.

Application Deadline. **June 14, 2002.**

Match. A minimum of 10% match in local funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I. Application Due Date, Application Kits, Further Information, and Technical Assistance.

Application Due Date. Submit your completed application (an original and four copies) to HUD postmarked on or before **12:00 midnight, Eastern Time, on June 14, 2002**, at the address shown below.

See the **General Section** of the SuperNOFA for specific procedures concerning the form of application submission (e.g., mailed applications, express mail or overnight delivery).

Application Submission Procedures. New Security Procedures. In HUD has implemented new security procedures that impact on application submission procedures. Please read the following instructions carefully and completely. HUD will not accept hand delivered applications. Applications may be mailed using the United States Postal Service

(USPS) or may be shipped via the following delivery services: United Parcel Service (UPS), FedEx, DHL, or Falcon Carrier. No other delivery services are permitted into HUD Headquarters without escort. You must, therefore, use one of the four carriers listed above.

Mailed Applications. Your application will be considered timely filed if your application is postmarked on or before **12:00 midnight** on the application due date and received by the designated HUD Office on or within **fifteen (15) days** of the application due date. All applicants must obtain and save a Certificate of Mailing showing the date when you submitted your application to the United States Postal Service (USPS). The Certificate of Mailing will be your documentary evidence that your application was timely filed.

Applications Sent by Overnight/Express Mail Delivery. If your application is sent by overnight delivery or express mail, your application will be timely filed if it is received before or on the application due date, or when you submit documentary evidence that your application was placed in transit with the overnight delivery/express mail service by no later than the application due date. **Due to new security measures, you must use one of four carrier services that do business with HUD Headquarters regularly. These services are UPS, DHL, FedEx and Falcon Carrier.** Delivery by these services must be made during HUD's Headquarters business hours, between 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM Eastern time, Monday to Friday. If these companies do not service your area, you should submit your application via the United States Postal Service.

Address for Submitting Applications. For Mailed Applications. The address for mailed applications is: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

For Application Kits. You may obtain an application kit from the SuperNOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929. Persons with speech or hearing impairments may call the Center's TTY number at 1-800-HUD-2209. When requesting an application kit, please refer to the **Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program**. Please be sure to provide your name, address (including zip code), and telephone number (including area code).

For Further Information and Technical Assistance. You may contact Ellis G. Goldman, Director, Program Management Division, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, at the address above; telephone (202) 755-1785, extension 112 (this is not a toll-free number). If you are a hearing-or speech-impaired person, you may reach the above telephone numbers via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Satellite Broadcast. HUD will hold an information broadcast via satellite for potential applicants to learn more about the program and preparation of the application. For more information about the date and time of the broadcast, you should consult the HUD web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

II. Amount Allocated

(A) Available Funding. Approximately \$80 million in Fiscal Year 2002 funds will be available for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program.

(B) Allocation of Funds/Grant Awards. Both current or prior (previously funded) grantees or previously unfunded applicants are eligible to apply for grants of \$1 million to \$2.5 million. Approximately 32 to 40 grants will be awarded. Approximately 80% of the funds shall be available to current and prior Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grantees. Applications from current and prior (previously funded) grantees will be evaluated and scored as a separate group and will not be in direct competition with applications from previously unfunded applicants. A minimum score of 70 is required for fundable applications. Within the category of current and prior grantees, a new subcategory has been created this year to allow for the “renewal” of current grants that meet specific criteria. Current grantees (with active grants at the application deadline date) whose period of performance commenced on or after January 1, 2000 and that, in their most recent grant, have completed and cleared at least 65 % of the negotiated number of units and have expended, as evidenced by the drawdown from the HUD Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS), at least 45 % of their original HUD Federal grant award by March 31, 2002, are eligible to request up to \$2 million to continue grant program activities for

an additional 24 months after their current period of performance ends. By achieving the above referenced level of performance significantly ahead of the expected schedule, these grantees have demonstrated a clear basis for eligibility in receiving additional funds without the need to submit a full application in response to the SuperNOFA. The creation of this subcategory reflects the intention of this grant program to move towards more competitive performance-based awards. Applicants eligible to submit a “Request for Renewal” will be required to submit a Total Budget (Federal Share and Matching), work plan strategy and supporting materials prescribed in the application. In addition, grantees awarded grant funds under this subcategory will be required to meet the terms and conditions of their current grant agreement and any additional applicable requirements under this NOFA. Additional details and guidance will be provided in the application kit.

III. Program Description; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities

(A) Program Description. The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program assists States, Indian Tribes and local governments in undertaking programs for the identification and control of lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned housing units for rental and owner-occupants. Appendix B (Eligibility of HUD Assisted Housing) and the application kit for this program will list the HUD-associated housing programs that meet the definition of eligible housing under this program.

- (1) Because lead-based paint is a national problem, these funds will be awarded to:
 - (a) Maximize the combination of children protected from lead poisoning and housing units where lead-hazards are controlled;
 - (b) Target lead hazard control efforts at housing in which children are at greatest risk of lead poisoning;
 - (c) Stimulate cost-effective approaches that can be replicated;
 - (d) Emphasize lower cost methods of hazard control;
 - (e) Build local capacity to safely and effectively address lead hazards during lead hazard

control, renovation, remodeling, and maintenance activities; and

(f) Affirmatively further fair housing and environmental justice.

(2) The objectives of this program include:

(a) Implementation of a national strategy, as defined in Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851 et. seq.) (Title X), to build the community's capacity necessary to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in housing, as widely and quickly as possible by establishing a workable framework for lead-based paint hazard identification and control;

(b) Mobilization of public and private resources, involving cooperation among all levels of government, the private sector, and faith-based and other community-based organizations to develop cost-effective methods for identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards;

(c) Development of comprehensive community approaches which result in integration of all community resources (governmental, faith-based and other community-based, and private businesses) to address lead hazards in housing;

(d) Integration of lead-safe work practices into housing maintenance, repair, weatherization, rehabilitation, and other programs that will continue after the grant period ends;

(e) Establishment of a public registry (listing) of lead-safe housing or inclusion of the lead-safe status of properties in another publicly accessible address-based property information system; and

(f) To the greatest extent feasible, promotion of job training, employment, and other economic opportunities for low-income and minority residents and businesses that are owned by and/or employ low-income and minority residents as defined in 24 CFR 135.5 (See 59 FR 33881, June 30, 1994).

(B) Eligible Applicants.

(1) To be eligible to apply for funding under this program, the applicant must be a State, Indian Tribe, or unit of local government. Multiple units of a local government (or multiple

local governments) may apply as part of a consortium; however, you must identify a single primary government or agency as "the applicant." You may submit only one application. In the event you submit multiple applications, this will be considered a curable (minor) defect and the application review process delayed until you notify HUD in writing which application should be reviewed. Your other applications will be returned unevaluated. (See the General Section of the SuperNOFA, Section V, Corrections to Deficient Applications)

(2) **Threshold Requirements.** As an applicant, you must meet all of the threshold requirements of Section II(B) of the **General Section** of the SuperNOFA as well as any specific threshold requirements for applicants under the Lead Hazard Control Grant Program. Applications will not be rated or ranked if they do not meet the threshold requirements of Section II (B) of the general Section of the SuperNOFA.

(3) **Consolidated Plans.** (This requirement does not apply to Indian Tribes)

(a) If your jurisdiction has a current HUD approved Consolidated Plan, you must submit, as an appendix, a copy of the lead-based paint element included in the approved Consolidated Plan.

(b) If your jurisdiction does not have a currently approved Consolidated Plan, but it is otherwise eligible for this grant program, you must include your jurisdiction's abbreviated Consolidated Plan, which includes a lead-based paint hazard control strategy developed in accordance with 24 CFR 91.235.

(4) **Contracts or other formal arrangements with faith-based and other community-based organizations.** If selected for funding, local and State applicants must enter into contractual relationships or other formal arrangements with faith-based and other community-based organizations. Such relationships must be established prior to actual execution of the grant agreement. This requirement does not apply to Indian Tribes.

(5) **EPA Authorization.** If you are a State government or an Indian Tribal government, you must have an EPA authorized Lead-Based Paint Training and Certification Program in effect

on the application deadline date to be eligible to apply for Lead Hazard Control Grant funds. The approval date in the Federal Register notice published by the EPA will be used in determining the Training and Certification status of the applicant State or Indian Tribal government.

(6) Current or prior grantees that have not completed a minimum of 35 percent of the units in their most recent grant agreement as of March 31, 2002, are not eligible to apply under this NOFA.

(7) The eligibility factors discussed in paragraphs (1) through (5) above are threshold requirements. If you do not satisfy the appropriate eligibility requirements stated in these paragraphs, HUD will not review your application.

(C) Eligible Activities. HUD is interested in promoting lead hazard control approaches that result in the reduction of this health threat for the maximum number of low-income families with children under six, for the longest period of time, and that demonstrate techniques which are cost-effective, efficient, and replicable elsewhere. Activities must be conducted in compliance with HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Rule, 24 CFR Part 35, and with any applicable requirements of a Training and Certification Program that has been authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency under the requirements of 40 CFR 745.320. Copies of HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Rule, and the companion publication "Interpretive Guidance: The HUD Regulation on Controlling Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing Receiving Federal Assistance and Federally Owned Housing Being Sold," are available from the National Lead Information Clearinghouse at 1-800-424-LEAD and on the Internet at www.hud.gov.

(1) Direct Project Elements that you may undertake directly or through sub-recipients, include:

(a) Performing dust testing, hazard screens, inspections, and risk assessments of eligible housing constructed before 1978 to determine the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead hazards from paint, dust, or soil.

(b) Conducting the required pre-hazard control blood lead testing of children under the age of six years (72 months) residing in units undergoing inspection, risk assessment, or hazard control, unless reimbursable from Medicaid or another source.

(c) Conducting lead hazard control, which may include: interim control of lead-based paint hazards in housing (which may include specialized cleaning techniques to address lead dust); and abatement of lead-based paint hazards, including soil and dust, by means of removal, enclosure, encapsulation, or replacement methods. Complete abatement of all lead-based paint or lead-contaminated soil is not acceptable as a cost-effective strategy unless justification is provided and subsequently approved by HUD. Abatement of lead-contaminated soil should be limited to areas with bare soil in the immediate vicinity of the structure, i.e., drip line or foundation of the structure being treated, and children's play areas.

(d) Carrying out temporary relocation of families and individuals during the period in which hazard control is conducted and until the time the affected unit receives clearance for reoccupancy.

(e) Performing blood lead testing and air sampling to protect the health of the hazard control workers, supervisors, and contractors.

(f) Undertaking minimal housing rehabilitation activities that are specifically required to carry out effective hazard control, and without which the hazard control could not be completed and maintained. Hazard Control grant funds may be used for lead hazard control work done in conjunction with other housing rehabilitation programs. HUD strongly encourages integration of this grant program with housing rehabilitation, weatherization, and other energy conservation activities.

(g) Conducting clearance dust-wipe testing and laboratory analysis.

(h) Engineering and architectural activities that are required for, and in direct support of, lead hazard control.

(i) Providing resources to build capacity for lead-safe housing and lead hazard control,

including free delivery of HUD-approved lead-safe work practices training courses for rehab contractors, rehab workers, homeowners, renters, painters, remodelers, maintenance staff, and others conducting renovation, rehabilitation, maintenance or other work in private housing; free delivery of lead sampling technician training, lead-based paint worker or contractor certification training; and subsidies for licensing or certification fees to low-income persons seeking credentials as lead-based paint workers or contractors or lead sampling technicians.

(j) Providing cleaning supplies for lead-hazard control, and instructions or training in their use, to faith-based and other community-based organizations, homeowners, and renters in low-income private housing.

(k) Conducting planning, coordination, and training activities to comply with HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR Part 35) that became effective on September 15, 2000. These activities should support the expansion of a workforce properly trained in lead-safe work practices which is available to conduct interim controls on HUD assisted housing covered by these regulations. The regulation and interpretive guidance about the rule are available from the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD or www.hud.gov

(l) Conducting general or targeted community awareness, education or outreach programs on lead hazard control and lead poisoning prevention including educating owners of rental properties on the Fair Housing Act and offering educational materials in languages other than English and providing training on lead-safe maintenance and renovation practices and management. Upon request, this also would include making all materials available in alternative formats to persons with disabilities (e.g.; Braille, audio, large type).

(m) Procuring liability insurance for lead-hazard control activities.

(n) Supporting data collection, analysis, and evaluation of grant program activities. This includes compiling and delivering such information and data as may be required by HUD. This activity is separate from administrative costs.

(o) Conducting applied research activities directed at demonstration of cost effective

methods for lead hazard control.

(p) Purchasing or leasing equipment having a per unit cost under \$5,000.

(q) Purchasing or leasing no more than two (2) X-ray fluorescence analyzers for use by the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, if not already available.

(r) Preparing a final report at the conclusion of grant activities.

(2) Support Elements.

(a) Administrative costs. There is a 10% maximum for administrative costs. Specific information on administrative costs is included in this Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program section of this SuperNOFA.

(b) Program planning and management costs of sub-grantees and other sub-recipients.

(D) Ineligible Activities. You may not use grant funds for any of the following:

(1) Purchase of real property.

(2) Purchase or lease of equipment having a per unit cost in excess of \$5,000, except for the purchase of X-ray fluorescence analyzers.

(3) Chelation or other medical treatment costs related to children with elevated blood lead levels. Non-Federal funds used to cover these costs may be counted as part of the required matching contribution.

(4) Lead hazard control activities in publicly owned housing, or project-based Section 8 housing.

IV. Program Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed in the **General Section** of this SuperNOFA, the applicant must comply with the following requirements:

(A) Conformance of proposed plans to Federal and State policies for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control. All lead hazard control activities must be conducted in compliance with the applicable requirements of HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Rule, 24 CFR Part 35, and as clarified in HUD's Interpretive Guidance about the rule. Activities must also comply with any additional

requirements in effect under a State or Tribal Lead-Based Paint Training and Certification Program that has been authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to 40 CFR 745.320.

Budgeting.

(1) Matching Contribution. You must provide a matching contribution of at least 10% of the requested grant sum. This may be in the form of cash, including private sector funding, or in-kind (non-cash) contributions or a combination of these sources. With the sole exception of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, Federal funds may not be used to satisfy the statutorily required ten (10) percent matching requirement. Federal funds may be used, however, for contributions above the statutory requirement. If you do not include the minimum 10% match in your application, the application will be rated lower during the evaluation process. If selected for an award, you will be required to provide evidence that the matching contribution requirement will be met before being given the grant.

(2) Direct Lead Hazard Identification and Control Activities. The budget proposed must show a minimum of 60 percent of the total Federal amount requested identified for direct lead hazard control activities. Direct lead hazard control activities consist of dust testing, hazard screens, lead inspections, risk assessments, lead hazard control services, and clearance examinations. Direct hazard control activities do not include relocation, blood testing of residents or workers, housing rehabilitation, training, community education, applied research, purchase of supplies or equipment, or administrative costs.

(3) Lead-Safe Work Practice Training Activities. For most applicants, at least two (2) percent of the total Federal amount in the budget proposal will be necessary to promote the expansion of a workforce properly trained in lead-safe work practices and which is available to conduct interim controls and follow lead-safe work practices while performing work on HUD assisted housing units per the provisions of the HUD Lead Safe Housing Regulation 24 CFR Part 35(1330 (a) (4) (iii)(v), and to safely repair, rehabilitate, and maintain other privately-owned

residential property. Any applicant that proposes to use less than 2% of the total Federal amount for this purpose shall present evidence that there is currently in place a workforce that is sufficient in size and is properly trained to carry out the work under the Lead Hazard Control grant and the HUD Lead-Safe Housing Regulation.

(4) Applied Research Activities. You may identify a maximum of five (5%) percent of the total grant request for applied research activities.

(5) Administrative Costs. There is a 10% maximum for administrative costs as specified in Section 1011 (j) of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, Public Law 102-550). Additional information about allowable administrative costs is provided in Appendix B of this NOFA and in the application kit.

(B) Period of Performance. The period of performance is 36 months for first time grant recipients. The period of performance for current and prior grantees is 30 months, except grantees receiving an award under a “Request for Renewal,” for which there is a 24-month period of performance.

(C) Certified and Trained Performers. Funded activities must be conducted by persons qualified for the activities according to 24 CFR Part 35 (possessing certification as abatement contractors, risk assessors, inspectors, abatement workers, or sampling technicians, or others having been trained in a HUD-approved course in lead-safe work practices).

(D) Coastal Barrier Resources Act. Pursuant to the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501), you may not use grant funds for properties located in the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

(E) Flood Disaster Protection Act. Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001-4128), you may not use grant funds for lead-based paint hazard control of a building or manufactured home that is located in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as having special flood hazards unless:

(1) The community in which the area is situated is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program in accordance with the applicable regulations (44 CFR parts 59-79), or less than a year has passed since FEMA notification regarding these hazards; and

(2) Where the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program, flood insurance on the property is obtained in accordance with section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act (42 U.S.C. 4012a(a)). You are responsible for assuring that flood insurance is obtained and maintained for the appropriate amount and term.

(F) National Historic Preservation Act. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470) and the regulations at 36 CFR part 800 apply to the lead-based paint hazard control activities that are undertaken pursuant to this program. HUD and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation have developed an optional Model Agreement for use by grantees and State Historic Preservation Officers in carrying out activities under this program. This may be obtained from the SuperNOFA Clearinghouse.

(G) Waste Disposal. You must handle waste disposal according to the requirements of the appropriate local, State and Federal regulatory agencies. You must handle disposal of wastes from hazard control activities that contain lead-based paint but are not classified as hazardous in accordance with state or local law or the HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Hazards in Housing (HUD Guidelines). The Guidelines may be purchased from HUD User (1-800-245-2691) or downloaded from the HUD website (www.hud.gov).

(H) Worker Protection Procedures. You must observe the procedures for worker protection established in the HUD Guidelines, as well as the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) (29 CFR 1926.62 - Lead Exposure in Construction), or the State or local occupational safety and health regulations, whichever are most protective. If other applicable requirements contain more stringent requirements than the HUD Guidelines, the more rigorous standards shall be followed.

(I) Prohibited Practices. You must not engage in practices that are not allowed because of

health and safety risks. Methods that generate high levels of lead dust shall be undertaken only with requisite worker protection, containment of dust and debris, suitable cleanup, and clearance. Prohibited practices include:

- (1) Open flame burning or torching;
- (2) Machine sanding or grinding without a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) exhaust control;
- (3) Uncontained hydro blasting or high-pressure wash;
- (4) Abrasive blasting or sandblasting without HEPA exhaust control;
- (5) Heat guns operating above 1100 degrees Fahrenheit;
- (6) Chemical paint strippers containing methylene chloride or other volatile hazardous chemicals in a poorly ventilated space; and
- (7) Dry scraping or dry sanding, except scraping in conjunction with heat guns or around electrical outlets or when treating no more than two (2) square feet in any one interior room or space, or totaling no more than 20 square feet on exterior surfaces.

(J) Proposed Exceptions to HUD Requirements. Proposed methods that differ from HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule will be considered on their merits through a separate HUD review and approval process after the grant award is made and a specific justification has been presented. HUD may consult with experts from both the public and private sectors. HUD will not approve methods that, in HUD's opinion, involve a lowering of standards that have the potential to adversely affect the health of residents, contractors or workers, or the environment.

(K) Written Policies and Procedures. You must have clearly established, written policies and procedures for eligibility, program marketing, unit selection, expediting work on homes occupied by children with elevated blood lead levels, and all phases of lead hazard control, including risk assessment, inspection, development of specifications, pre-hazard control blood lead testing, financing, relocation and clearance testing. Grantees, subcontractors, sub-grantees, sub-recipients, and their contractors must adhere to these policies and procedures.

(L) Continued Availability of Lead Safe Housing to Low-Income Families. Units in which lead hazards have been controlled under this program shall be occupied by and/or continue to be available to low-income residents as required by Title X. You must maintain a registry (listing) of units in which lead hazards have been controlled and ensure that these units are marketed to agencies and families as suitable housing for families with children under six. The grantee must notify the owner of the information that is collected so that the owner may make disclosure to tenants in accordance with the requirements under 24 CFR part 35, Subpart A.

(M) Testing. In developing your application budget, include costs for inspection, risk assessment, and clearance testing for each dwelling that will receive lead hazard control, as follows:

(1) Testing. (a) General. All testing and sampling shall conform to the current HUD Guidelines and Federal, state or tribal regulations developed as part of the appropriate contractor certification program. It is particularly important to provide this full cycle of testing for lead hazard control, including interim controls. Testing must be conducted according to the HUD Guidelines and the EPA lead hazard standards rule at 40 CFR part 745. All test results must be provided to the owner in a timely fashion, together with a notice describing the owner's legal duty to disclose the results to tenants and buyers under 24 CFR part 35, Subpart A.

(b) Pre-Hazard Control. A combined inspection and risk assessment is recommended. You should ensure that the results of the pre-hazard control investigation are sufficient to support hazard control decisions. When appropriate, you may elect to perform a lead hazard screen in lieu of an inspection or risk assessment.

(c) Non-Identification of Lead Hazards from Paint, Dust, Soil. In the event you propose to conduct lead hazard control work without identification of lead hazards from paint, dust, and soil, you must fully justify the technical and other rationale for such a proposal. HUD must approve such proposals. Approval is subject to HUD environmental review under 24 CFR part 50.

(d) Clearance Testing. Clearance dust testing must be conducted according to the EPA lead hazards standards rule at 40 CFR part 745 for abatement projects and the Lead-Safe Housing rule (24 CFR part 35) for lead hazard control activities or other abatement. These are available at www.epa.gov and www.hud.gov respectively.

(2) Blood lead testing. Before lead hazard control work begins, each occupant who is under six years old must be tested for lead poisoning within the six months preceding the housing intervention. Any child with an elevated blood lead level must be referred for appropriate medical follow-up. The standards for such testing are described in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publications Preventing Lead Poisoning in Young Children (1991), and Screening Young Children for Lead Poisoning: Guidance for State and Local Public Health Officials (1997).

(N) Cooperation With Related Research and Evaluation. You shall cooperate fully with any research or evaluation sponsored by HUD, CDC, EPA or other government agency and associated with this grant program, including preservation of project data and records and compiling requested information in formats provided by the researchers, evaluators or HUD. This also may include the compiling of certain relevant local demographic, dwelling unit, and participant data not contemplated in your original proposal. Participant data shall be subject to Privacy Act protection.

(O) Data collection. You will be required to collect and maintain the data necessary to document the various lead hazard control methods used and the cost of these methods.

(P) Section 3 Employment Opportunities. Please see Section II (E) of the **General Section** of the SuperNOFA. The requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 are applicable to the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program.

(Q) Replacing Existing Resources. Funds received under this grant program shall not be used to replace existing community resources dedicated to any ongoing project.

(R) Certifications and Assurances. You must include the certifications and assurances listed in

the **General Section** of the SuperNOFA with your application.

(S) Davis-Bacon Act. The Davis-Bacon Act does not apply to this program. However, if you use grant funds in conjunction with other Federal programs in which Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates apply, then Davis-Bacon provisions would apply to the extent required under the other Federal programs.

(T) Conducting Business in Accordance With HUD Core Values and Ethical Standards. If awarded assistance under this SuperNOFA, you will be required, prior to entering into a grant agreement with HUD, to submit a copy of your code of conduct and describe the methods you will use to ensure that all officers, employees and agents of your organization are aware of your code of conduct (See Section II(B)(2) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA for information about conducting business in accordance with HUD's core values and ethical standards.)

(U) Ensuring the Participation of Small Businesses, Small Disadvantaged Businesses, and Women-Owned Businesses. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is committed to ensuring that small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses and women-owned businesses participate fully in HUD's direct contracting and in contracting opportunities generated by HUD grant funds. Too often, these businesses still experience difficulty accessing information and successfully bidding on Federal contracts. HUD regulations at 24 CFR 85.36(e) require recipients of assistance (grantees and sub grantees) to take all necessary affirmative steps in contracting for purchase of goods or services to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Affirmative steps shall include:

(i) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(ii) Assuring that small and minority business, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(iii) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's

business enterprises;

(iv) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;

(v) Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration, and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

(vi) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (e)(2)(i) through (v) above.

V. Application Selection Process

(A) Rating and Ranking. Only those applications that meet the threshold review requirements will be rated and ranked. HUD intends to fund the highest ranked applications receiving a minimum score of 70 within the limits of funding, but reserves the right to advance other eligible applicants in funding rank. A decision to advance an applicant will be based on work plan strategies that foster innovative local approaches or lead hazard control methods.

(B) Award Offers. In the selection process, once available funds have been allocated to meet the requested or negotiated amounts of the top eligible applicants, HUD reserves the right to offer any residual amount as partial funding to the next eligible applicant, provided HUD is satisfied that the residual amount is sufficient to support a viable, though reduced effort, by such applicant(s). If you are an applicant offered a reduced grant amount you will have a maximum of seven (7) calendar days to accept such a reduced award. If you fail to respond within the seven-day limit, you shall be considered to have declined the award. Applicants may respond by e-mail, facsimile, or by mail.

(C) Budget. HUD will evaluate your proposed budget to determine if it is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of grant funds. HUD is not required to approve or fund all proposed activities. Previously unfunded applicants may devote up to 36 months for the planning, implementation, and completion of lead hazard control activities. Current and prior grantees may devote up to 30 months, except those grantees awarded funds under the "Request

for Renewal,” for which up to 24 months can be devoted to those activities. You must thoroughly document and justify all budget categories and costs (Part B of Standard Form 424A).

NOTE: Current grantees eligible to submit a “Request for Renewal” are to complete the required budget forms included in the NOFA and develop a work plan strategy for conducting lead hazard control program activities during the 24-month period of performance. Do not respond to the Factors for Award listed below. The application kit will provide additional guidance for submitting an application.

(D) Factors for Award Used to Evaluate and Rate Applications. The factors for rating and ranking applicants, and maximum points for each factor, are stated below. The maximum number of points to be awarded is 106. This maximum includes six bonus points as described in Section III(C)(1-3) of the **General Section of the SuperNOFA**, which addresses EZ, Brownfield Showcase Communities, and a court-ordered consideration applicable to this program. A minimum score of 70 is required for fundable applications.

**Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience
(20 points for all applicants)**

This factor addresses your organizational capacity necessary to successfully implement the proposed activities in a timely manner. The rating of the "applicant" or the "applicant's staff" for technical merit or threshold compliance, unless otherwise specified, includes any faith-based and other community-based organizations, sub-contractors, consultants, sub-recipients, and members of consortia which are firmly committed to your project. In rating this factor, HUD will consider:

(1) The applicant’s recent, relevant and successful demonstrated experience (including governmental and faith-based and other community-based partners) to undertake eligible program activities. The applicant must describe the knowledge and experience of the proposed overall project director and day-to-day program manager in planning and managing large and

complex interdisciplinary programs, especially involving housing rehabilitation, public health, or environmental programs. The applicant must demonstrate that it has sufficient personnel or will be able to quickly retain qualified experts or professionals, to begin the proposed work program immediately after receiving an award and to perform lead hazard evaluation, lead hazard reduction, and other proposed activities in a timely and effective manner.

In the narrative response for this factor, you should include information on your program staff, their experience, their commitment to the program, salary information, and position titles. Resumes (for up to three key personnel), position descriptions, and a clearly identified organizational chart for the lead hazard control grant program effort must be included in an appendix. Indicate the percentage of time that key personnel will devote to your project. The applicant's day-to-day program manager must be experienced in the management of housing rehabilitation or lead hazard control, or similar work involving project management, and must be dedicated to the proposed program for a minimum of 75% of the time. The applicant should provide a description of any previous experience in enrolling units and in completing lead hazard control work, housing rehabilitation or other work in a timely and effective manner. Describe how any other principal components of your agency, other public entities, or other organizations will participate in implementing or otherwise supporting or participating in the grant program. You may demonstrate capacity by thoroughly describing your prior experience in initiating and implementing lead hazard control efforts and/or related environmental, health, or housing projects. You should indicate how this prior experience will be used in carrying out your proposed comprehensive Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program.

(2) If the applicant received previous HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant funding, this past experience will be evaluated in terms of cumulative progress and achievements under the previous grant(s). Where the applicant has received multiple HUD Lead Hazard Control Grants, performance under the most recent grant award will be primarily evaluated. If you are a current or prior grantee, you must provide the detail necessary to assure HUD that you

will implement the proposed work immediately and perform it concurrently with existing lead hazard control grant work. The applicant must provide a description of its progress and performance in implementing the most recent grant award including the total number of housing units enrolled, assessed, in progress and completed and cleared as of the most recent calendar quarter. The applicant must also describe results from other lead hazard control grant program work plan activities and tasks including results from efforts undertaken to build local capacity for lead hazard control; in implementing HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Rule; "mainstreaming" lead-safe work practices into the private market; and in conducting effective education, outreach, and other training activities. The applicant should also cite specific instances in which the program has made a positive impact in the community. These impacts could include decreases in the number of children with elevated blood lead levels in the target area, average blood lead levels, and dust lead levels. In addition, activities undertaken to develop, enhance or expand the local infrastructure through collaboration should also be discussed.

In evaluating applications for funding HUD will take into account an applicant's past performance in managing funds, including the ability to account for funds appropriately; timely use of funds received either from HUD or other Federal, State or local programs; meeting performance targets for completion of activities and number of persons to be served or targeted for assistance. HUD may use information relating to these items based on information at hand or available from public sources such as newspapers, Inspector General or Government Accounting Office Reports or Findings, hotline complaints that have been proven to have merit, or other such sources of information.

In evaluating past performance, HUD may elect to deduct points from the rating score as specified under the Factors for Award or set threshold levels for performance as specified in the funding announcement.

Rating Factor 2: Needs/Extent of the Problem (20 points for all applicants)

This factor addresses the extent to which there is a need for the proposed program to

address a documented problem and will be based on the evidence of lead poisoning, the presence of lead hazards, high risk children, and high risk housing in any proposed target area(s).

(1) Document a critical level of need for your proposed activities in the geographical area where activities will be carried out. Since an objective of the program is to prevent at-risk children from being poisoned, specific attention must be paid to documenting such need as it applies to the targeted areas, rather than the entire locality or state.

(2) Document the following for the target area(s):

(a) Numbers and percentages of children less than 72 months of age

i. numbers and percentages of children with elevated blood lead levels

ii. numbers and percentages of children tested for blood lead levels,

(b) Economic and demographic data relevant to the target area, including poverty and unemployment rates;

(c) Relevant housing market data available from HUD, or other data sources, including the Consolidated Plan/Analysis of Impediments, Public Housing Authority's Five Year Comprehensive Plan, State or local Welfare Department's Welfare Reform Plan, and;

(d) Other data relevant to the target area or jurisdiction that documents an unmet need for lead-safe housing. These data may include the number of units that have been occupied by lead poisoned children where the identified lead-based paint hazards have not been remediated; the number of lead-based paint health and/or housing code violations; or the number of pre-1978 or pre-1960 housing units anticipated to undergo rehabilitation in the next 12 months; the proportion or number of units with lead dust hazards; information about the principal sources of exposure in your community, their prevalence, and the segments and/or characteristics of the housing most affected by these exposure sources; and/or other information about housing condition.

(3) To the extent that statistics and other data contained in your community's Consolidated Plan or Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) and other data

sources support the extent of the problem, you should include references to the Consolidated Plan, the AI or other data sources in your response.

(4) Provide information about the areas targeted for lead hazard control activities (data may be available from State or local sources, included in your currently approved Consolidated Plan or AI, derived from current Census Data, or available from special studies). The information to be provided includes the following:

- (a) The age and condition of housing;
- (b) The number and percentage of very-low (income less than 50% of the area median) and low (income less than 80% of the area median) income families, as determined by HUD, with adjustments for smaller and larger families;
- (c) The number and proportion of children under six years (72 months) of age at risk of lead poisoning;
- (d) The extent of the lead poisoning problem in children under six years (72 months) of age in target areas and the overall jurisdiction; and
- (e) Other socioeconomic or environmental factors that demonstrate a need to establish or continue lead hazard control work in your jurisdiction.

(5) You also must provide documentation of the priority that the community's Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice has placed on addressing the needs you described. If your application addresses needs that are in the Consolidated Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, or the result of court orders or consent decrees, settlements, conciliation agreements, voluntary compliance agreements, and/or Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs or other relevant local initiatives you will receive more points than applicants that do not relate their program to identified needs.

(6) For you to receive maximum points for this factor, there must be a direct relationship between your proposed lead hazard control activities in the target area(s) and the documented community needs.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (40 points for previously unfunded applicants and 50 points for current or prior grantees)

This factor addresses the quality and cost-effectiveness of your proposed work plan and the demonstrated performance of current and prior grantees both in terms of units completed and LOCCS draw downs). You should present information on your proposed lead-based paint hazard control program and describe how it will satisfy the identified needs. To the extent possible, describe a comprehensive strategy to address the need to protect targeted neighborhoods rather than individual units or homes. Your response to this factor must include the following elements:

(1) Lead Hazard Control Work Plan Strategy (32 points for previously unfunded applicants; 42 points for current and prior grantees). Describe your work plan goals and specific time-phased strategy to complete work under the grant within the 36-month period of performance (30 months for existing grantees) for your lead hazard control grant program. You should provide information on:

(a) Implementing a Lead Hazard Control Program (13 points for previously unfunded applicants; 6 points for current or prior grantees). Describe how you will implement the strategy for your proposed lead hazard control program. The description must include information on:

(i) How the project will be managed and staffed, the steps taken to ensure the availability of lead-based paint contractors and workers to conduct lead hazard control interventions, and other activities needed during the planning phase of the program and prior to beginning actual lead hazard control intervention work. In addition, a detailed description of the selection process for sub grantees, subcontractors or sub-recipients, and how assistance and funding will flow from the grantee to the actual performers of work under the grant shall be provided.

(ii) The overall number of eligible privately owned housing units scheduled for lead hazard control intervention work and the strategy for their identification, selection, prioritization,

and enrollment in the selected target area(s). Discuss the eligibility criteria for unit selection and how the program will identify units that meet these criteria. Explain how referrals of eligible units from childhood lead poisoning prevention programs, other health or housing agencies or health providers that serve children will be obtained. Also discuss how referrals from the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher programs and other agencies that provide housing assistance to low-income households with children including CDBG, Home-funded housing programs or other sources will be obtained. (Include as attachments any referral agreements, commitment letters or other documents from other entities that describe their participation in recruiting eligible units in the lead hazard control grant program.) (*See Rating Factor 4 Leveraging Resources and Rating Factor 5 Coordination, Self-Sufficiency and Sustainability*), Provide estimates of the total number of owner occupied and/or rental units that will receive lead hazard control. You should describe how the program will respond to the needs of children with elevated blood lead levels located outside the target area(s).

(iii) The degree to which the work plan focuses on eligible privately-owned housing units occupied by low-income families with children under six years (72 months) of age. Describe your planned approaches to control lead hazards in vacant and/or occupied units before children are poisoned and your plans to ensure that the program will continue to match these units with low-income families with children under six years (72 months) of age in the future. Discuss strategies to control lead hazards in units where children have already been identified with an elevated blood lead level, including your process for referring and tracking children with elevated blood lead levels for medical case management, and your capacity to rapidly complete lead hazard control work in their units. Also describe your process for referrals of EBL-occupied units that do not meet all the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the lead hazard control grant program. Provide estimates of the number of children you will assist through this program.

(iv) The lead hazard control financing strategy, including eligibility requirements, terms, conditions, dollar limits, and amounts available for lead hazard control work. You must discuss

the way assistance from the grant funds will be administered to or on behalf of property owners (e.g. use of grants, deferred loans and/or forgivable loans and the basis and schedule for forgiveness), and the role of other resources, such as private sector financing), as well as the entity that will administer the financing process. Describe any matching requirements proposed for assistance to rental property owners.

(v) You should describe how your proposed program will satisfy the stated needs in the Consolidated Plan. Describe how your proposed program will further and support the policy priorities of the Department, including promoting healthy homes; providing opportunities for self-sufficiency, particularly for persons enrolled in welfare to work programs; or providing educational and job training opportunities. Describe how your strategy will provide long-term benefits to families with children under six years of age. Describe whether any of the proposed activities will occur in an EZ/EC and how they will benefit the residents of those zones or communities.

(b) Lead Hazard Control Outreach and Community Private Sector Involvement (**6 points for all applicants**). Applicants are encouraged to solicit participation of faith-based and other community-based and private sector organizations to accomplish outreach and community involvement activities and to build long-term capacity and sustain accomplishments in the target area. Applicants that partner, fund, or subcontract with faith-based and other community-based organizations will receive higher points in this sub factor. Your application must describe:

(i) Proposed methods of community education. These may include community awareness, education, training, and outreach programs in support of the work plan and objectives. This description should include general and/or targeted efforts undertaken to assist your program in reducing lead exposure. Programs should be culturally sensitive, targeted, and linguistically appropriate. Upon request, this would include making materials available in alternative formats to persons with disabilities (e.g., Braille, audio, large type), and in other languages common to the community to the extent possible.

(ii) Strategy for involving neighborhood or faith-based and other community-based organizations in your proposed activities. Your activities may include training (including training residents to screen houses through visual assessment and sampling), outreach, community education, marketing, inspection (including dust lead testing), and the conduct of lead hazard control activities. HUD will evaluate the level of substantive involvement during the review process.

(iii) Strategies and methodologies that affirmatively further fair housing and increase access to lead-safe housing for all segments of the population: homeowners, owners of rental properties, and tenants. This outreach should address ways to avoid housing discrimination against families with young children, and ways to ensure that all families will have adequate, lead-safe housing choices in the future.

(c) Technical Approach/Performance **(13 points for previously unfunded applicants; 30 points for current or prior grantees)**. (Previously unfunded applicants are to respond to items (c) *i -vii* below)

(Current or prior grantees will be evaluated on the basis of cumulative unit production and cumulative LOCCS draw downs made under the grantee's most recent award for the period ending March 31, 2002. Current and prior grantees do not need to respond to items (c) *i-vii* below but are to provide a response for items *viii* and *ix*)

For Previously Unfunded Applicants

(i) Describe your process for the conduct of lead hazard evaluation (risk assessments and/or inspections) in units of eligible privately owned housing to confirm that there are lead-based paint hazards in the housing units where lead hazard control is undertaken. You may use the results of a valid risk assessment or inspection that had been previously performed within that past 6 months by certified inspectors or risk assessors in accordance with the HUD Guidelines if the report identified lead-based paint hazards and it is evident that hazards remain.

(ii) Describe your testing methods, schedule, and costs for performing blood lead testing,

risk assessments, inspections and clearance examinations to be used. If you propose to use a more restrictive standard than the HUD/EPA thresholds (e.g., less than 0.5% or 1.0 mg/ square centimeter for lead in paint, or less than 40, 250, 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{square foot}$ for lead in dust on floors, sills and troughs respectively); or 400 ppm in bare soil in children's play areas and 1200 ppm for bare soil in the rest of the yard), identify the standard(s) which will be used. All testing shall be performed in accordance with applicable regulations.

(iii) Describe the lead hazard control methods and strategies that you will undertake and the number of units you will treat for each method selected (interim controls or hazard abatement). Complete abatement of all lead painted surfaces in all units is generally not acceptable as a strategy. In cases where only a few surfaces have lead hazards in a specific unit and abatement is cost-effective, the applicant must provide a detailed rationale for selecting complete abatement as a strategy. Provide an estimate of the per unit costs (and a basis for those estimates) for each lead hazard control method proposed and a schedule for initiating and completing lead hazard control work in the selected units. Discuss efforts to incorporate cost-effective lead hazard control methods. Explain your cost estimates, providing detail on how the estimates were developed, with particular references to cost effectiveness.

(iv) Schedule. Describe your expected schedule for the overall project. Discuss when you plan to perform lead hazard control on your first unit; and complete lead hazard control on all units in the lead hazard control program. Describe the schedule for a typical unit that will receive lead hazard control. Discuss the duration for referral/intake, enrollment and qualification; evaluation; hazard control; and clearance. Describe the schedule for emergency referrals (e.g. unit occupied by a child under the age of 6 years of age with an elevated blood lead level).

(v) Describe how you will integrate proposed lead hazard control activities with rehabilitation activities, including providing the training needed to create a workforce properly trained in lead-safe work practices for units assisted or rehabilitated under other HUD programs,

and any collaboration with local housing or health departments, rehabilitation programs or community development corporations to stage lead hazard control and rehabilitation in the same units.

(vi) Describe your contracting process, including development of specifications or adoption of existing specifications for selected lead hazard control methods. Describe the management processes you will use to ensure the cost-effectiveness of your lead hazard control methods. Your application must include a discussion of the contracting process for the conduct of lead hazard control activities in the selected units, and requirements for coordination among lead hazard control, rehabilitation, weatherization, and other contractors.

(vii) Describe your plan for occupant protection or the temporary relocation of occupants of units selected for lead hazard control work. Describe any plan to avoid overnight relocation in small scale projects, consistent with 24 CFR 1345 (a)(2) and HUD's Interpretive Guidance J24, R18, and R19. You should address the use of safe houses and other temporary housing arrangements, storage of household goods, stipends, incentives, etc.

For Current and Prior Grantees

(viii) If you are a current or prior grantee, you must describe the actions you will take to ensure that your proposed lead hazard control work will occur concurrently with other ongoing HUD lead hazard control grant work. Your application must provide the detail necessary to assure HUD that you will implement the proposed work immediately and perform it concurrently with existing lead hazard control grant work. (See rating Factor 1)

(ix) If you are an existing or prior grantee, you must describe your progress in meeting the unit production goals included in your most recent lead hazard control grant award. If the unit production achieved is below the performance values (percentages of units completed) provided in the application kit, and no changes are proposed to your work plan, you should explain why the strategy in the earlier grant remains appropriate. Failure to provide this discussion will result in reduced points for this sub factor. In addition, the expenditure rate as

reflected by the timely drawdown of HUD grant funds from the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) will be evaluated in conjunction with the achievement of the unit production goal.

(2) Economic Opportunity (4 points for all applicants). Describe the ways you will train individuals and contractors in housing related trades, such as painters, remodelers, renovators, maintenance personnel, and rehabilitation specialists, and others in lead-safe work practices. Describe how you will help to integrate lead-safety into other housing activities, such as meeting the requirements of the HUD Lead-Safe Housing Regulation in housing units rehabilitated or assisted with Federal funds.

Describe the methods to be used to provide economic opportunities for residents and businesses in the community. This discussion should include information on how you will promote training, employment, business development, and contract opportunities as part of your lead hazard control program. Grantees must comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR Part 135. Describe how you will accomplish the requirement by (1) providing training and employment opportunities for low and very low-income persons living within the grantee's jurisdiction, and by (2) providing business opportunities to businesses owned by low and very low-income persons living within the grantees jurisdiction.

(3) Program Evaluation, Data Collection, and Research (4 points for all applicants).

(a) Identify and discuss the specific methods and measures you will use (in addition to HUD reporting requirements) to measure progress, evaluate program effectiveness, and identify program changes necessary to improve performance. Describe how you will obtain, document and report the information.

(b) Provide a detailed description of any proposed applied research activities. Describe the objectives, methodology and impact at the local level of the proposed research activities.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 points for previously unfunded

applicants; 5 points for current or prior grantees).

This factor addresses your ability to obtain other community and private sector resources that can be combined with HUD's program resources to achieve program objectives. **Current and prior grantees will be evaluated on their ability to generate new and/or additional resources and partnerships with faith-based and other community-based organizations committed to increasing lead poisoning prevention activities.**

(1) In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which you have established working partnerships with other entities to get additional resources or commitments to increase the effectiveness of the proposed program activities. Resources may include cash or in-kind contributions of services, equipment, or supplies allocated to the proposed program. Resources may be provided by governmental entities, public or private organizations, and other entities partnering with you. Leveraging arrangements with rental property owners may have the benefits of increasing the efficiency of public lead hazard expenditures and creating a financial stake for rental property owners in the quality of lead hazard control work. Contractual or other formal relationships with faith-based and other community-based organizations are a requirement for State and local government applicants. Documentation of these relationships with faith-based and other community-based organizations must be provided in this application either by signed agreements or commitment letters. This requirement does not apply to applicants who are an Indian Tribe. You also may partner with other program funding recipients to coordinate the use of resources in your target area.

(2) You should detail any activities to increase the understanding of lead poisoning prevention in your community. This could include partnerships with childhood lead screening programs, collaboration with ongoing health, housing or environmental research efforts which could result in a greater availability of resources, and efforts to build capacity for lead-safe housing.

(3) Matching funds must be shown to be specifically dedicated to and integrated into

supporting the lead-based paint hazard control program. You may not include funding from any Federally funded program (except the CDBG program) as part of your required 10% match. Other resources from the private sector or other sources committed to the program that exceed the required 10% match will provide points for this rating factor. Contributions above the first 10% may include funds from other Federally funded programs, State, local, charity, non-profit or for-profit entities. You must support each source of contributions, cash or in-kind, both for the required minimum and additional amounts, by a letter of commitment from the contributing entity, whether a public or private source. This letter must describe the contributed resources that you will use in the program and the purpose for which they are designated. Staff in-kind contributions should be given a monetary value. If you do not provide letters specifying details and the amount of the actual contributions, those contributions will not be counted. Matching contributions required of rental property owners may be included as part of your match. Documentation and estimates for the amount of the match should be provided in the annex for this factor.

(4) Applicants will not receive full points under this rating factor if they do not submit evidence of a firm commitment and the appropriate use of leveraged resources under the grant program. Such evidence must be provided by including letters of firm commitment, memoranda of understanding, or other signed agreements to participate from those entities identified as partners in your application. Each letter of commitment, memorandum of understanding, or agreement to participate should include the organization's name, the proposed level of commitment and responsibilities as they relate to your proposed program. The commitment must be signed by an official of the organization legally able to make commitments on behalf of the organization. Describe the role of faith-based and other community-based organizations in specific program activities, such as hazard evaluation and control; monitoring; and awareness, education, and outreach within the community. Describe how you will ensure that commitments to sub grantees specified in your proposal will be honored and executed, contingent upon an

award from HUD.

Rating Factor 5: Coordination, Self-Sufficiency, and Sustainability (10 Points for previously unfunded applicants; 5 Points for current or prior grantees).

This factor addresses the extent to which your program reflects a coordinated, community-based process of identifying needs and building a system to prevent lead poisoning in your community's housing by using available HUD and other community resources. This factor consists of three elements: 1) The extent to which you have coordinated your activities with other known organizations that are not directly participating in your proposed work activities, but with which you share common goals and objectives and are working toward meeting these objectives in a holistic and comprehensive manner; 2) The extent to which your application implements practical solutions within the grant term to result in assisting beneficiaries of grant program funds in achieving independent living, economic empowerment, educational opportunities, housing choice, or improved living environments; and 3) The extent to which your program exhibits the potential to be financially self-sustaining by decreasing dependence on Federal funding and relying more on State, local, and private funding so your activities can be continued after your grant award period is completed. In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider how you have:

(1) Coordinated your proposed activities with those of other groups or organizations to best support and coordinate all known activities and the specific steps you will take to share information on solutions and outcomes with others. Any written agreements or memoranda of understanding in place or proposed should be described. You should, at a minimum, describe the activities, in your metropolitan area or region, of other HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grantees, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention grantees, Maternal and Child Health programs, State Medicaid agencies and child care providers, EPA grantees, EPA Regions and/or EPA-authorized certification and training programs, and other programs which are addressing lead poisoning prevention needs. Efforts

undertaken to encourage non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations, to participate in the program should be described. Coordination also includes providing technical assistance and training to neighboring or regional jurisdictions to facilitate the implementation of lead-based paint hazard control activities in those jurisdictions.

(2) Become actively involved (or if not currently active, describe the specific steps that will be taken to become active) in your community's Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments processes and contribute information, action steps, and strategies to the element of the Consolidated Plan that has been established to identify and address the problem of childhood lead poisoning.

(3) Coordinated and integrated lead hazard control work with the local agencies responsible for housing rehabilitation, housing and health codes, and other related housing programs, as well as with the work of community development corporations, other faith-based and other community-based organizations and childhood lead poisoning prevention programs.

(a) Describe the degree to which lead hazard control work will be done in conjunction with other housing-related activities (i.e., rehabilitation, weatherization, correction of code violations, and other similar work), or your plan for the integration and coordination of lead hazard control activities into those activities in the future.

(b) Describe plans to incorporate lead-based paint maintenance, and hazard control standards with the applicable housing codes and health regulations, including training of workers to conduct such activities.

(c) Describe plans to generate and use public subsidies or other private-sector resources (such as revolving loan funds) to finance future lead hazard control activities.

(d) Describe plans to develop public-private lending partnerships to finance lead hazard control as part of acquisition and rehabilitation financing including the use of Community Reinvestment Act "credits" by lending institutions.

(e) Discuss efforts undertaken to coordinate activities of all agencies and organizations

participating in any aspect of the proposed program,

(f) Describe specific plans and objectives to implement a registry of lead-safe housing that is available to the public, or to incorporate housing or inclusion of the lead-safe status of properties in another publicly accessible address-based property information system. Such plans could include strategies on how the information would be managed and made available to the public so that families (particularly low income families with children under age six) can make informed decisions regarding their housing options. Existing grantee applicants must address any registry of lead-safe housing and specifically discuss the availability, amount of information contained, and the use by members of the community.

(g) Detail the extent to which the policy of affirmatively furthering fair housing for all segments of the population is advanced by the proposed activities. Detail how your proposed work plan will support the community's efforts to affirmatively further affordable housing for all segments of the population. If you have an existing grant, you should discuss activities that have contributed to enhanced lead safe housing opportunities to all segments of the population.

(h) Describe plans to adopt or amend statutes, regulations, or policies that will more fully integrate lead hazard control into community policies and priorities.

(4) Describe efforts to coordinate and cooperate with other organizations that will lead to a reduction in lead risks to community residents. This could include such activities as free training to create a workforce properly trained in lead safe work practices, lead-safe repainting and remodeling; promotion of essential maintenance practices; and provision of lead dust testing to low-income, privately-owned homes which may not receive lead hazard control assistance under this grant program.

(5) Describe how your program will be held accountable for meeting program goals, objectives, and the actions undertaken in implementing the grant program. Applicants should provide a description of the mechanism to assess progress and track performance in meeting the goals and objectives outlined in the work plan. Applicants should provide assurances that work

plans and performance measures developed for the program will assist intended beneficiaries, and that work will be conducted in a timely and cost-effective manner.

VI. Application Submission Requirements

(A) Applicant Information.

(1) Application Format. The application narrative response to the Rating Factors is limited to a maximum of 25 pages. Your response must be typewritten on one (1) side only on 8 1/2" x 11" paper using a 12-point (minimum) font with not less than 3/4" margins on all sides. Appendices should be referenced and discussed in the narrative response. Materials provided in the appendices should directly apply to the rating factor narrative.

(2) Application Checklist. Your application must contain the items listed in this Section VI(A)(B). These items include the standard forms, certifications, and assurances listed in the **General Section** of the SuperNOFA that are applicable to this funding (collectively, referred to as the "standard forms"). The standard forms can be found in Appendix B to the **General Section** of the SuperNOFA. The remaining application items that are forms (i.e., excluding such items as narratives, letters), referred to as the "non-standard forms" can be found as Appendix A to this program section of the SuperNOFA. The application items are as follows:

(a) Transmittal Letter that identifies "the applicant" (or applicants) submitting the application, the dollar amount requested, what the program funds are requested for, and the nature of involvement with faith-based and other community-based organizations.

(b) The name, mailing address, telephone number, and principal contact person of "the applicant." If you have consortium associates, sub-grantees, partners, major subcontractors, joint venture participants, or others contributing resources to your project, you must provide similar information for each of these partners.

(c) Checklist and Submission Table of Contents.

(d) Applicant Abstract. An abstract describing the goals and objectives of your proposed program (2 page maximum).

(e) Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance.

(f) HUD 424M, Federal Assistance Funding Matrix.

(g) A detailed budget (total budget is the federal share and matching contribution) with supporting cost justifications for all budget categories of your grant request. You must provide a separate estimate for the overall grant management element (Administrative Costs), which is more fully defined in the application kit for this program section of the SuperNOFA. The budget shall include not more than 10% for administrative costs and not less than 90% for direct project elements. A minimum of 60% of the total Federal amount requested must be dedicated to direct lead hazard control activities. A sufficient amount of the total Federal amount must be dedicated to activities to create a workforce properly trained in lead-safe work practices. In the event of a discrepancy between grant amounts requested in various sections of the application, the amount you indicate on the SF-424 will govern as the correct value.

(h) An itemized breakout (using the SF-424A) of your required matching contribution, including:

- Values placed on donated in-kind services;
- Letters or other evidence of commitment from donors; and
- The amounts and sources of contributed resources.

(i) Standard Forms SF-LLL and SF-424B, and HUD Forms 2880, 2990, 2991, 2992, 2993, 2994, 50070 and 50071.

(j) Contracts, Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement, letters of commitment or other documentation describing the proposed roles of agencies, local broad-based task forces, participating faith-based and other community or neighborhood-based groups or organizations, local businesses, and others working with the program.

(k) A copy of the lead hazard control element included in your current program year's Consolidated Plan. You should include the discussion of any lead-based paint issues in your jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments, particularly as it addresses your target areas.

(I) Narrative responses to the five rating factors.

(B) Proposed Activities. All applications must, at a minimum, describe the proposed activities in the narrative responses to the rating factors. Your narrative statement must be numbered in accordance with each factor for award (Rating Factors 1 through 5).

(C) Applicant Debriefing. See Section VII (E)(2) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA for information about applicant debriefing. Beginning not less than 30 days after the awards for assistance are announced in the above-mentioned Federal Register Notice, and for at least 120 days after awards for assistance are announced, HUD will provide a debriefing to any applicant requesting a debriefing on their application. All requests for debriefings must be made in writing and submitted to the person or organization identified as the Contact under the section entitled For Further Information and Technical Assistance in the program section of the SuperNOFA under which you applied for assistance. Information provided to you during your debriefing will include the final scores you received for each rating factor, final evaluator comments for each rating factor, and the final assessment indicating the basis upon which assistance was provided or denied.

VII. Corrections to Deficient Applications

The **General Section** of the SuperNOFA provides the procedures for corrections to deficient applications.

VIII. Environmental Requirements

In accordance with HUD regulations in 24 CFR Part 58, recipients of lead-based paint hazard control grants will assume Federal environmental review responsibilities. Recipients of a grant under this funded program will be given guidance in these responsibilities.

IX. Authority

The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program is authorized by Section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992).

APPENDIX A

The non-standard forms, which follow, are required for your Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program application. They are the Checklist and Submission Table of Contents and the Total Budget (Federal Share and Matching Contribution, including instructions).

APPENDIX B

The description of “Administrative Costs” and the “Eligibility of HUD Assisted Housing” are included in this section of the NOFA.