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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary
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FROM: *SAW*
Susan A. Wilson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
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SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact
Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the
FY2018 Notice of Funding Availability for the Jobs Plus
Program (FR-6200-N-14)

It is the finding of this office that the subject Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) does not constitute a major Federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the physical/human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

This NOFA announces the availability of FY 2018 funds and provides program information and application instructions for the Jobs Plus Program (Jobs Plus). Jobs Plus provides grants to certain Public Housing Agencies to develop locally-based approaches to increase earnings and advance employment outcomes. Jobs Plus will fund initiatives to improve outcomes such as work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement and financial literacy.

The Jobs Plus Program is authorized by Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-6).

This office finds that this NOFA does not have a significant impact on the human environment for two reasons. First, this NOFA does not direct or provide loans or mortgage insurance for real property acquisition, disposition, rehabilitation, alteration, demolition, or new construction, or establish, revise or provide for standards for construction or construction materials, manufactured housing, or occupancy. Lease or rental of space for Jobs Plus activities is an eligible use of administrative funds, but only under the following conditions:

- (1) The lease must be for existing facilities not requiring rehabilitation or construction except for minimal alterations to make the facilities accessible for a person with disabilities;
- (2) No repairs or renovations of the property may be undertaken with Jobs Plus funds; and
- (3) Properties in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501) cannot be leased or rented with federal funds.

Second, the activities assisted under this NOFA, namely public services that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes, technical assistance and training, supportive services, and administrative activities are categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 24 CFR 58.34 (a)(3), (4) and (9), 24 CFR 58.35(b)(2) and (3), and 24 CFR 50.19(b)(3), (4), (9), (12), and (13) because they lack the potential for any significant effect on the environment.

Accordingly, the Office of Public Housing Investments finds the issuance of this NOFA will not create any significant environmental impacts and will not result in significant impacts on the physical/human environment. Therefore, a Finding of No Significant Impact is hereby made.

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