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MEMORANDUM FOR:

**CPD Division Directors** 

Regional Environmental Officers

FROM:

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**SUBJECT:** 

Determination that Continuum of Care (CoC) Leasing and Rental Assistance with no associated physical building activities have "No Potential to Cause Effects" under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has determined that leasing and rental assistance activities in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program that include no maintenance, repairs, or rehabilitation to the leased or rented properties have "No Potential to Cause Effects," as described in 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1). These leasing and rental assistance activities provide transitional or permanent housing for the homeless in existing scattered site buildings with no associated physical changes to the buildings, and have no potential to cause effects on historic properties, assuming such properties were present. Neither HUD nor the grantees participating in the CoC Program have any further obligations for these projects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) or 36 CFR Part 800. No consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), or other interested parties is required.

A copy of this memorandum in the Environmental Review Record for a qualifying individual CoC project will document compliance with Section 106, 36 CFR Part 800, 24 CFR Part 50, and 24 CFR Part 58 regarding historic properties.

Leasing and rental assistance with associated unit or building repairs, rehabilitation, or new construction do not qualify for the treatment described in this memo. Likewise, other types of projects participating in the CoC Program, including repairs, rehabilitation, and new construction, do not qualify for the treatment described in this memo. These activities must be fully reviewed under the Section 106 process, including consultation with a SHPO, THPO and/or tribal authority, interested parties and the public, to aid HUD or the Responsible Entity in making an effect determination.

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