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SUBJECT:

FROM:

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Under the National Environmental Policy Act for the Issuance of a FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity for Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) (FR-6700-N-99)

It is the finding of this Office that issuance of the attached Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 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 PRICE NOFO sets forth the requirements governing the competitive grant made available through the authorization in the FY23 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. No. 117-328, approved December 29, 2022). PRICE is a newly authorized component of the larger Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), as amended (HCDA).

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Congress made available under the FY23 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Community Development Block Grant funds for communities to preserve long-term housing affordability for residents of manufactured housing communities (MHCs), to redevelop MHCs, and to primarily benefit low-and moderate-income residents. The funding will be granted on a competitive basis for communities to preserve and revitalize manufactured housing and eligible manufactured housing communities. The competition invites, local and state governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities, colonias, resident controlled MHCs, Cooperatives, non-profit entities (including consortia of non-profit entities), Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), Indian tribes or their Tribally designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), tribal non-profits, tribal organizations, and Native CDFIs to apply for funds for their eligible activities that preserve and revitalize manufactured housing units at one or multiple sites.

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The individual projects that may be funded by the PRICE grant competition are generally undetermined at the time the grants are awarded and may not be known at the time that subawards are made to local affiliates, but all activities awarded PRICE funding are subject to environmental review in accordance with the NEPA requirements at 24 CFR Part 58, or Part 50 for grantees who are not States or units of general local government (UGLGs) or are not recipients of funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 58.2(a)(5).

Assistance under the CDBG program is subject to the environmental review requirements of 24 CFR Part 58. Responsible Entities are responsible for completing environmental reviews on specific projects in accordance with Part 58. If applicable, the recipient must receive an Authority to Use Grant Funds (AUGF) form from HUD or the State if the review is performed under Part 58, or approval of the project from HUD if the review is performed under Part 50, before it can commit funds or take any choice limiting action with respect to a project. In cases in which States carry out activities directly, the State must, in accordance with 24 CFR 58.4, submit the certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) to HUD for approval. Issuance of the notice of funding opportunity does not constitute approval of any proposed projects. Any impacts arising from program activities would be localized and addressed in the appropriate environmental reviews prior to any choice-limiting actions.

Accordingly, the issuance of this notice of funding opportunity is deemed not to be a major Federal action having a significant impact on the human environment.

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