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Overview

Prospective applicants should carefully read all instructions in all sections to avoid sending an incomplete or ineligible application. HUD funding is highly competitive. Failure to respond accurately to any submission requirement could result in an incomplete or noncompetitive proposal.

HUD is prohibited from disclosing 1) information regarding any applicant's relative standing, 2) the amount of assistance requested by an applicant, and 3) any information contained in the application. Prior to the application deadline, HUD may not disclose the identity of any applicant or the number of applicants that have applied for assistance.

For Further Information Regarding this NOFA: Please direct questions regarding the specific program requirements of this Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to the office contact identified in Section VII.

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I. Funding Opportunity Description.

A. Program Description.

1. Purpose.

This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announces the availability of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)--Competitive Grants.

The IHBG program is authorized under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*) (NAHASDA). Under the program, eligible Indian tribes and tribally-designated housing entities (TDHEs) receive grants to carry out a range of affordable housing activities. Grant funds may be used to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas, and carry out other affordable housing activities. Grant funds must be used to primarily benefit low-income Indian families.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Appropriations Acts), Congress provided a total of \$200,000,000 for competitive grants to eligible IHBG recipients authorized under NAHASDA in addition to formula-based funding. This NOFA describes the criteria that HUD will use to award IHBG Competitive grants, and outlines program requirements. Consistent with the Appropriations Acts, HUD intends to transfer \$2 million to the Program Office Salaries and Expenses—Public and Indian Housing account for the administration and oversight of grants awarded under this NOFA.

In January 2017, HUD released a study entitled, “Housing Needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Tribal Areas: A Report From the Assessment of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs.” Among the findings, the study found that tribal households are substantially worse than other U.S. households, with overcrowding in tribal areas being especially severe. The study noted that in the 2013-2015 period alone, 68,000 new units would have been necessary to help eliminate overcrowding and replace physically deteriorating units. Additional information is available at: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/native_american_assessment/home.html

The Department recognizes that this additional IHBG funding provides a rare opportunity to fund strong and viable affordable housing projects in Indian Country. These projects could begin to address the concerns identified in the study.

In accordance with the Appropriations Acts, HUD will give priority to projects that spur construction and rehabilitation, while considering need and administrative capacity. HUD strongly encourages new affordable housing construction projects that will increase the number of housing units available for low-income Indian families and help address the housing shortage in Indian Country. Additionally, HUD encourages housing rehabilitation projects that will increase the useful life of existing affordable housing units and alleviate substandard housing conditions. HUD also encourages necessary affordable housing-related infrastructure projects that will enable future construction or rehabilitation.

While HUD will give funding priority for new construction projects, rehabilitation projects, and related necessary infrastructure projects, applicants may also apply for funding to carry out other eligible activities under NAHASDA.

Finally, Indian tribes and TDHEs that are applying for funding under this NOFA are encouraged to propose projects that are part of a comprehensive plan to address housing conditions in their communities, including overcrowding and physically deteriorating units, as appropriate. Applicants should also engage in long-term planning and ensure that the project being proposed is part of a holistic plan that considers planned future infrastructure development, economic development opportunities, and more.

All applications received through this NOFA and pass application screening and threshold review will be rated. Funds will be awarded in rank order based on the score received on the application submitted under this NOFA, starting with FY 2018 funds and continuing with FY 2019 funds. HUD reserves the right to issue a supplemental or independent NOFA if necessary (e.g., to ensure that all appropriated funds are awarded).

Grantees must comply with the requirements of NAHASDA and 24 CFR part 1000.

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) within HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing will administer this program.

2. Changes from Previous NOFA.

Not applicable.

3. Definitions.

a. Standard Definitions

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Regulations. Statutory obligation to affirmatively further the purposes and policies of the Fair Housing Act and guidance promulgated thereunder.

Assurances. By submitting your application, you provide assurances that, if selected to receive an award, you will comply with U.S. statutory and public policy requirements, including, but not limited to civil rights requirements.

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is the person authorized to submit applications on behalf of the organization via Grants.gov. The AOR is authorized by the E-Biz point of contact in the System for Award Management. The AOR is listed in item 21 on the SF-424.

Award, as used in this NOFA means a federal grant OR cooperative agreement as specified in Section II.E (Type of Funding Instrument).

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is a directory of the various Federal listings, projects, services and activities offering financial and non-financial assistance and benefits to the American public. CFDA Number is the unique number assigned to each program, project, service or activity listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).

Consolidated Plan is a document developed by states and local jurisdictions. This plan is completed by engaging in a participatory process to assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions with funding from formula grant programs. (See 24 CFR part 91 for more information about the Consolidated Plan and related Annual Action Plan).

Contract means a legal instrument by which a non-Federal entity purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a Federal award. The term as used in this NOFA does not include a legal instrument, even if the non-Federal entity considers it a contract, when the substance of the transaction meets the definition of a Federal award or subaward (See 2 CFR 200.22.)

Contractor means an entity receiving a contract.

Deficiency is information missing or omitted within a submitted application. Deficiencies typically involve missing documents, information on a form, or some other type of unsatisfied information requirement (e.g., an unsigned form, unchecked box.). Depending on specific criteria, deficiencies may be either curable or non-curable.

- Curable Deficiency – Applicants may correct a curable deficiency with timely action.

To be curable the deficiency must:

- Not be a threshold requirement, except for documentation of applicant eligibility;
 - not influence how an applicant is ranked or scored versus other applicants; and
 - be remedied within the time frame specified in the notice of deficiency.
- Non-Curable Deficiency – An applicant cannot correct a non-curable deficiency after the submission deadline.

Non-curable deficiencies are deficiencies that, if corrected, would change an applicant's score or rank versus other applicants. Non-curable deficiencies may result in an application being marked ineligible, or otherwise adversely affect an application's score and final determination.

DUNS Number is the nine-digit identification number assigned to a business or organization by Dun & Bradstreet and provides a means of identifying business entities on a location-specific basis. Requests for a DUNS number can be made by visiting the Online DUNS Request Portal.

Eligibility requirements are mandatory requirements for an application to be eligible for funding.

Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) is a database that has been established to track contractor misconduct and performance.

Grants.gov is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for federal financial assistance throughout the Federal government. Registration in Grants.gov is required for submission of applications to prospective agencies.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). -The Higher Education Act of 1965

defines historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) as "any historically Black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation..."

Institution of Higher Education (IHE), has the meaning given at 20 U.S.C. 1001.

Non-Federal Entity means a state, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education (IHE), or non-profit organization carrying out a Federal award as a recipient or sub recipient.

Nongovernmental organizations include Non-Federal entities and for-profit entities for the purpose of calculating indirect cost proposals accompanying applications submitted under this NOFA.

Personally identifiable information (PII) means information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, either alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual. The definition of PII is not anchored to any single category of information or technology. Rather, it requires a case-by-case assessment of the specific risk that an individual can be identified. For more detail, refer to 2 CFR 200.79.

Point of Contact (POC) is the person who may be contacted with questions about the application submitted by the AOR. The point of contact is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

Opportunity Zone according to the IRS, is an "economically-distressed community where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment." Opportunity Zones are further defined in 26 U.S.C. 1400Z.

Promotores/Promotoras are Spanish-speaking Community Health Workers who work in their communities to reduce barriers to health services and make health care systems more responsive.

Recipient means a non-Federal entity receiving an award directly from HUD to carry out an activity under a HUD program.

Section 3 Business Concern means a business concern: (1) 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents; (2) of which at least 30 percent of permanent, full-time employees are currently Section 3 residents, or were Section 3 residents within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern; or (3) provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract over 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns meeting the qualifications in this definition.

Section 3 Residents means: 1) Public housing residents; or 2) Low and very-low income

persons, as defined in 24 CFR 135.5, who live in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county where Section 3 covered assistance is expended.

Standard Form 424 (SF-424) means the government-wide forms required to apply for Application for Federal Assistance Programs, required by discretionary Federal grants and other forms of financial assistance programs. Applicants for this Federal assistance program must submit all required forms in the SF-424 Family of forms, including SF-424B. For an application under this notice to be complete, the applicant must sign and submit all required forms in the SF-424 Family.

Subaward means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal award received by the recipient. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual beneficiary of a Federal program. A subaward may be provided through any form of legal agreement, including an agreement that the pass-through entity considers a contract. The legal agreement must contain the subrecipient's assurance of compliance with program requirements, including but not limited to nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements.

Subrecipient means a non-Federal entity receiving a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a HUD program; but does not include an individual beneficiary of such program. A subrecipient may also receive other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency (including HUD).

System for Award Management (SAM), is an official website of the U.S. government. SAM is a U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of Central Contractor Registry (CCR), Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) and the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). Registration with [Sam.gov](http://sam.gov) is required for submission of applications via Grants.gov. You can access the website at Sam.gov There is no cost to use SAM.

Threshold Requirement – Threshold requirements are a type of eligibility requirement. Threshold requirements must be met for an application to be reviewed; are not curable, except for documentation of applicant eligibility and are listed in Section III.D *Threshold Eligibility Requirements*. Similarly, there are eligibility requirements under Section III.E, *Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility*.

4. Program Definitions.

The definitions in NAHASDA and in the IHBG program regulations at 24 CFR 1000.10 apply to this program.

Other NAHASDA-eligible activities: For this NOFA, this term refers to the eligible activities found in NAHASDA Section 202, other than new housing construction, rehabilitation, and affordable housing-related infrastructure.

Firm Commitment: This term refers to a letter of commitment, memorandum of

understanding, or agreement to participate from an applicant's partner specifying that it agrees to perform and/or support an activity specified in the application. The firm commitment must demonstrate that the partner has the financial capacity to deliver the resources or skills necessary to implement the proposed activity, either in cash or through in-kind contributions, if HUD awards IHBG competitive funds. Partners that may provide a firm commitment may be the tribal government, a public agency, foundation, or other private party resource provider.

5. Web Resources.

- [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Regulations](#)
- [Code of Conduct list](#)
- [Do Not Pay](#)
- [Dun & Bradstreet](#)
- [Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- [Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System](#)
- [FFATA Subaward Reporting System](#)
- [Grants.gov](#)
- [Healthy Homes Strategic Plan](#)
- [Healthy Housing Reference Manual](#)
- [HUD Funding Opportunities](#)
- [HUD's Strategic Plan](#)
- [HUD Grants](#)
- [Limited English Proficiency](#)
- [NOFA webcasts](#)
- [Opportunity Zone](#)
- [Procurement of recovered materials](#)
- [Section 3 Business Registry](#)
- [State Point of Contact List](#)
- [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#)
- [Uniform Relocation Act – Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Requirements](#)
- [USA Spending](#)

B. Authority.

This program is authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141, approved March 23, 2018), Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6, approved February 15, 2019), Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.), and any other authorities that may make additional funds available for award under this NOFA in the future.

II. Award Information.

A. Available Funds.

Funding of up to **\$198,000,000** is available through this NOFA.

Additional funds may become available for award under this NOFA, because of HUD's efforts to recapture unused funds, use carryover funds, or because of the availability of additional appropriated funds. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the applicable funding restrictions contained in this NOFA.

Funding of \$198,000,000 is available through this NOFA for funds appropriated in fiscal years 2018 and 2019. HUD intends to announce awards funding from each fiscal year concurrently.

All applications received through this NOFA that pass the application screening and threshold requirements will be rated and ranked. Funds will be awarded in rank order based on the score received on the application submitted under this NOFA, starting with FY 2018 funds and continuing with FY 2019 funds.

HUD reserves the right to issue a supplemental or independent NOFA if necessary (e.g., to ensure that all appropriated funds are awarded).

B. Number of Awards.

HUD expects to make approximately 80 awards from the funds available under this NOFA.

The number of awards will be based on the number of proposals HUD reviews, approves, and funds.

C. Minimum/Maximum Award Information.

Estimated Total Funding:	\$198,000,000
Minimum Award Amount:	\$100,000 Per Project Period
Maximum Award Amount:	\$5,000,000 Per Project Period

D. Period of Performance.

The period of performance and planned draw-downs for any grant awarded under this NOFA must be included in the Implementation Schedule, form HUD-53247, and approved by HUD. Costs must be incurred during the period of performance identified on the grant award.

Estimated Project Start Date:	01/01/2020
Estimated Project End Date:	12/31/2024
Length of Project Periods:	Other
Length of Project Periods Explanation of Other:	Projects awarded under this NOFA will be limited to 5 years.

E. Type of Funding Instrument.

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

III. Eligibility.

A. Eligible Applicants.

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

- Indian tribes (as defined under section 4(13) of NAHASDA)
- Tribally designated housing entity (TDHE) (as defined under 4(22) of NAHASDA)

Applications submitted by a TDHE on behalf of an Indian tribe(s) must include a tribal certification(s) authorizing the TDHE to submit an application on behalf of the tribe(s). An Indian tribe that authorizes a TDHE to apply on its behalf may not also submit its own application for funding. Such application will not be evaluated.

B. Ineligible Applicants.

HUD does not award grants to individuals. HUD will not evaluate applications from ineligible applicants.

C. Cost Sharing or Matching.

This Program does not require cost sharing, matching or leveraging.

Cost sharing or mandatory matching is not required under this grant, but applicants are encouraged to leverage other Federal (including IHBG formula funds) and non-Federal sources. (See Rating Factor 4 of this NOFA.) A Firm Commitment must be submitted for any leverage source including cash or in-kind donations. All leveraging must be secured and used by the end of the grant term. Other Federal sources are only allowed to be used as leveraging if permitted by a program's authorizing statute. Grantees will be required to show evidence that leveraging resources were actually received and used for their intended purposes through quarterly reports as the project proceeds.

D. Threshold Eligibility Requirements.

Applicants who fail to meet any of the following threshold eligibility requirements will be

deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants will not be evaluated.

Outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved to HUD's satisfaction prior to grant award, provided that all applicable legal processes have been satisfied.

1. Timely Submission of Applications. – Applications submitted after the deadline stated within this NOFA that do not meet the requirements of the grace period policy will be marked late. Late applications are ineligible and will not be considered for funding. See also Section IV Application and Submission Information, part D. Application Submission Dates and Times.

2. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

Outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved to HUD's satisfaction prior to grant award, provided that all applicable legal processes have been satisfied.

3. Number of Applications and Eligible Activity Project(s)

Each eligible applicant may only submit one application under this NOFA. Additionally, the one application may propose one project or multiple projects. Regardless of whether the applicant proposes one or multiple projects with funding under this NOFA, the applicant may not receive a grant that exceeds the maximum \$5,000,000 grant ceiling set under this NOFA. Additionally, if an applicant proposes multiple projects, HUD will evaluate all projects covered in the application together and will not separately score each project proposed.

4. Grant Ceiling

If an applicant requests more than the maximum grant amount of \$5,000,000 under this NOFA, then the application will not be reviewed. Applicants must clearly document the requested Federal funding amount on line 18a of the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424).

5. Outstanding Audit Findings

Applicants subject to the audit reporting requirements of 2 CFR part 200, Subpart F must not have any delinquent audit report submission or any delinquent open HUD-ONAP audit findings pertaining to financial management, accounting, and internal controls during the one-year period immediately preceding the date that the NOFA is published. Delinquent open audit findings are those in which the target date or revised target date has been exceeded. Report submission and the status of audit findings for HUD-ONAP grants will be verified using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) at <https://harvester.census.gov/facdissem/main.aspx> and ONAP's Performance Tracking Database (PTD).

Additionally, if HUD discovers that an applicant has delinquent audit findings or significant and material audit findings with target dates or revised target dates that have been exceeded at the

time that the application is reviewed and evaluated, the application will not be evaluated.

6. Threshold Rating Factors

Applicants must receive minimum scores of 15 points for Rating Factor 1-Capacity of the Applicant and 20 points for Rating Factor 3-Soundness of Approach. Applicants who do not meet the minimum score for each of these rating factors will be ineligible to receive a grant under this competition.

E. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility.

Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Grants Programs.

The following requirements affect applicant eligibility. Detailed information on each requirement is posted on HUD's Funding Opportunities Page ([click here](#)).

[Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts](#)

[Debarments and/or Suspensions](#)

[Pre-selection Review of Performance](#)

[Sufficiency of Financial Management System](#)

[False Statements](#)

[Mandatory Disclosure Requirement](#)

[Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities](#)

[Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities](#)

F. Program-Specific Requirements Affecting Eligibility.

Applicants awarded a grant under this NOFA are required to comply with all laws, regulations, and program requirements, including IHBG program regulations at 24 CFR part 1000.

Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws. Nondiscrimination requirements are outlined in 24 CFR 1000.12. Actions under NAHASDA by Federally-recognized Indian tribes and their instrumentalities are subject to the requirements of Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Indian Civil Rights Act, in addition to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 apply to recipients that are not Federally-recognized Indian tribes and their instrumentalities.

G. Criteria for Beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries of funds awarded under the IHBG Competitive program are families that meet the criteria of NAHASDA and 24 CFR 1000.104.

IV. Application and Submission Information.

A. Obtaining an Application Package.

Instructions for Applicants.

You must download both the Application Instruction and the Application Package from Grants.gov. You must verify that the CFDA Number and CFDA Description on the first page of the Application Package, and the Funding Opportunity Title and the Funding Opportunity Number match the Program and NOFA to which you are applying.

The Application Package contains the portable document forms (PDFs) available on Grants.gov, such as the SF-424 Family. The Instruction Download contains official copies of the NOFA and forms necessary for a complete application. The Instruction Download may include Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and additional documents.

An applicant demonstrating good cause may request a waiver from the requirement for electronic submission. For example, a lack of available Internet access in the geographic area in which your business offices are located. Lack of SAM registration or valid DUNS is not deemed good cause. If you cannot submit your application electronically, you must ask in writing for a waiver of the electronic grant submission requirements. HUD will not grant a waiver if HUD does not receive your written request at least 15 days before the application deadline and if you do not demonstrate good cause. An email request for a waiver sent 15 days before the application is due will also be considered. If HUD waives the requirement, HUD must receive your paper application before the deadline of this NOFA. To request a waiver you must contact:

Director of Grants Management, ONAP

Email: IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov

Office of Public and Indian Housing-Office of Native American Programs

451 7th Street SW, Rm. 4108

Washington, DC 20410

B. Content and Form of Application Submission.

You must verify that boxes 11, 12, and 13 on the SF424 match the NOFA for which you are applying. If they do not match, you have downloaded the wrong Application Instruction and Application Package.

Submission of an application that is otherwise sufficient, under the wrong CFDA and Funding Opportunity Number is not a curable deficiency and will result in your application being declared ineligible for funding.

1. Content.

Forms for your package include the forms outlined below:

Additionally, your complete application must include the following narratives and non-form attachments.

See required application components listed in Section IV(B)(2). See below for a list of required content.

2. Format and Form.

Narratives and other attachments to your application must follow the following format guidelines.

Submissions for All Projects: The following information must be submitted by applicants for all types of IHBG competitive projects. Unless otherwise noted as a curable deficiency, if information under this section is not submitted with the application or is submitted incorrectly, then the application will be disqualified and not evaluated. Do not submit third party documents, such as audits, general letters of support, or policies, unless specifically asked to do so. Unsolicited information will not be used when rating the applications.

a) Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

b) Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (form HUD-2880) ("HUD Applicant Recipient Disclosure Report"). This is a curable deficiency.

c) Implementation Schedule (form HUD-53247) for implementing the project.

d) Cost Summary (form HUD-53246) providing cost information including specific activity costs, administration, planning, and total resources that will be committed to the project, including resources from both Federal and non-Federal sources.

e) Workplan Narrative: Narrative to all five rating factors listed in Section V of this NOFA and are limited to:

1. A maximum of 25 pages (excluding budget forms, worksheets, and rating factor supporting attachments)
2. Double-Spaced
3. Letter-sized paper, 8-1/2 x 11 inches

4. 12-point (minimum) Times New Roman font
5. At least 1-inch margins on all sides
6. While the rating factor response page limit does not include required forms, the applicant must clearly describe and support its responses in the rating factor narrative itself. Any information submitted in response to the Rating Factors beyond the page limit, will not be reviewed.

f) Rating Factor Supporting Attachments: Applicants must provide supporting materials in the appendices. These attachments must directly refer to the specific rating factor narrative to which they pertain. Material provided in the appendices must support rating factor narrative information and will not be used in lieu of information provided in response to the rating factors. Applicants are strongly urged to submit only information that is required and/or requested in the NOFA or relevant to a specific narrative response. All attachments must identify the related rating factor in the page footer by providing the related rating factor number and the page number of the attachment (e.g., Rating Factor 1 Attachment, page 1).

g) Budget Narrative: The application must include a budget narrative separate from the rating factor narrative that details the eligible cost amounts and items for each budget line. The narrative must provide details on eligible activities and all planning and administrative costs (including indirect costs).

h) Certification of Compliance: Each application must include a certification signed by an authorized official of the applicant that provides the following:

1. The applicant certifies that, in carrying out a grant under this NOFA, it will comply with the applicable provisions of Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and any other applicable federal laws and regulations.
2. The applicant certifies that it will maintain adequate insurance coverage for housing units that are owned and operated or assisted with grant amounts provided under this NOFA.
3. The applicant certifies that policies are in effect and are available for review by HUD and the public governing the eligibility, admission, and occupancy of families for housing assisted with grant amounts provided under this NOFA.
4. The applicant certifies that policies are in effect and are available for review by HUD and the public governing rents and homebuyer payments charged, including the methods by which such rents or homebuyer payments are determined, for housing assisted with grant amounts provided under this NOFA.
5. The applicant certifies that policies are in effect and are available for review by HUD and the public governing the management and maintenance of housing assisted with grant amounts provided under this NOFA.
6. The applicant certifies that it will comply with section 104(b) of NAHASDA governing labor standards and 24 CFR 1000.16 governing labor standards.
7. The applicant certifies that it will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and

Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA) (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655), the regulations at 49 CFR part 24, and the requirements of 24 CFR 1000.14.

i) Code of Conduct: Applicants must submit their Code of Conduct with the application if it is not listed on HUD's website at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grant_sinfo/conductgrants or if the information on the website has changed.

j) Environmental Review - Expression of Intent: Applicants must include information on whether the tribe plans to assume environmental responsibilities under 24 CFR part 58 or decline to assume environmental responsibilities and request HUD perform the review under 24 CFR part 50, in accordance with 24 CFR 1000.20. Note that an environmental review, all required notifications, and approval of the request for Release of Funds and Certification when applicable under 24 CFR part 58 or HUD's approval of the project or activity under 24 CFR part 50, must be completed before a recipient may commit HUD or non-HUD funds, or take any other choice limiting action, including but not limited to real property acquisition, demolition, disposition, rehabilitation, repair, new construction, site preparation or clearance, ground disturbance, and leasing. Note that an environmental review must be completed before funds are released.

Submissions for Certain Projects/Applicants: The following information (in k, l, m, and n below) must be submitted, as applicable. Unless it is a curable deficiency, if information under this section is not submitted with the application or is submitted incorrectly, then the application will be disqualified and not evaluated.

k) Tribal Certification: If an application is submitted by a TDHE on behalf of a tribe, a tribal certification must be submitted authorizing the TDHE to submit the application. HUD will accept existing Indian Housing Plan (IHP) certifications that state that the tribe has delegated to the TDHE the authority to submit an IHP or application on behalf of the tribe without prior review by the tribe.

l) Indirect Cost Rate: The applicant must submit the following information if it is including indirect costs as part of the budget. (Note: This is a curable deficiency.)

1. If the applicant is using a federally-negotiated indirect cost rate, then the application must clearly state the approved rate and distribution base and include a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the approved rate.
2. If the applicant has **never** had an indirect cost rate and wishes to use the de minimis rate, then the application must clearly state the intent to use the de minimis 10 percent of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) in accordance with 2 CFR 200.414(f).

m) Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL): This form must be submitted by State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established under State law. (Note: This is a curable deficiency.)

n) Opportunity Zone (OZ) Certification and Supporting Documentation: Applicants proposing projects in an Opportunity Zone community must identify the state, county, and census tract(s) of the opportunity zone(s) in which the activity will be carried out and provide certification to HUD in order to receive preference points. The certification must affirm that the investment is in a qualified OZ and must be signed by an official authorized to certify that the project meets the criteria. This must be submitted as a supporting attachment on the applicant's letterhead and submitted with the application package. Applicants must also provide supporting documentation showing that the investment is in an Opportunity Zone. To view the list of designated OZs, please see the following link on the U.S. Department of the Treasury website: <https://www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/Opportunity-Zones.aspx>

o) Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation (HUD-50153): To receive Promise Zones Preference Points, applicants must submit form HUD 50153, "Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation," signed by the Promise Zone Official authorized to certify the project meets the criteria to receive preference points. To view the list of designated Promise Zones and persons authorized to certify, please see the Promise Zone pages on <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/promise-zones/>

C. System for Award Management (SAM) and Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.

1. SAM Registration Requirement.

Applicants must be registered with SAM before submitting their application. In addition, applicants must maintain an active SAM registration with current information while they have an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by HUD.

2. DUNS Number Requirement.

Applicants must provide a valid DUNS number, registered and active at SAM, in the application. DUNS numbers may be obtained for free from [Dun & Bradstreet](#).

3. Requirement to Register with Grants.gov.

Anyone planning to submit applications on behalf of an organization must register at Grants.gov and be approved by the EBiz Point of Contact in SAM to submit applications for the organization.

Registration for SAM and Grants.gov is a multi-step process and can take four (4) weeks or longer to complete if data issues arise. Applicants without a valid registration cannot submit an application through Grants.gov. Complete registration instructions and guidance are provided at Grants.gov. See also Section IV.B for necessary form and content information.

D. Application Submission Dates and Times.

The application deadline is 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time on **08/08/2019**. Applications must be received no later than the deadline.

Submit your application to Grants.gov unless a waiver has been issued allowing you to submit your application in paper form. Instructions for submitting your paper application will be contained in the waiver of electronic submission.

"Received by Grants.gov" means the applicant received a confirmation of receipt and an application tracking number from Grants.gov. Grants.gov then assigns an application tracking number and date-and time-stamps each application upon successful receipt by the Grants.gov system. A submission attempt not resulting in confirmation of receipt and an application tracking number is not considered received by Grants.gov.

Applications received by Grants.gov must be validated by Grants.gov to be received by HUD.

"Validated by Grants.gov" means the application has been accepted and was not rejected with errors. You can track the status of your application by logging into Grants.gov, selecting "Applicants" from the top navigation, and selecting "Track my application" from the dropdown list. If the application status is "rejected with errors," you must correct the error(s) and resubmit the application before the 24-hour grace period ends. Applications in "rejected with errors" status after the 24-hour grace period expires will not be received by HUD. Visit Grants.gov for a complete description of processing steps after submitting an application.

HUD strongly recommends applications be submitted at least **48 hours before the deadline** and during regular business hours to allow enough time to correct errors or overcome other problems.

You can verify the contents of your submitted application to confirm Grants.gov received everything you intended to submit. To verify the contents of your submitted application:

- Log in to Grants.gov.
- Click the Check Application Status link, which appears under the Grant Applications heading in the Applicant Center page. This will take you to the Check Application Status page.
- Enter search criteria and a date range to narrow your search results.
- Click the Search button. To review your search results in Microsoft Excel, click the Export Data button.
- Review the Status column.
- To view more detailed submission information, click the Details link in the Actions column.
- To download the submitted application, click the Download link in the Actions column.

Please make note of the Grants.gov tracking number as it will be needed by the Grants.gov Help Desk if you seek their assistance.

HUD may extend the application deadline for any program if Grants.gov is offline or not available to applicants for at least 24 hours immediately prior to the deadline date, or the system is down for 24 hours or longer and impacts the ability of applicants to cure a submission deficiency within the grace period.

HUD may also extend the application deadline upon request if there is a presidentially-declared disaster in the applicant's area.

If these events occur, HUD will post a notice on its website establishing the new, extended deadline for the affected applicants. HUD will also include the fact of the extension in the program's Notice of Funding Awards required to be published in the Federal Register.

In determining whether to grant a request for an extension based on a presidentially-declared disaster, HUD will consider the totality of the circumstances including the date of an applicant's extension request (how closely it followed the basis for the extension), whether other applicants in the geographic area are similarly affected by the disaster, and how quickly power or services are restored to enable the applicant to submit its application.

PLEASE NOTE: Busy servers, slow processing, large file sizes, improper registration or password issues are not valid circumstances to extend the deadline dates or the grace period.

1. Amending or Resubmitting an Application.

Before the submission deadline, you may amend a validated application through Grants.gov by resubmitting a revised application containing the new or changed material. The resubmitted application must be received and validated by Grants.gov by the applicable deadline.

If HUD receives an original and a revised application for a single proposal, HUD will evaluate only the last submission received by Grants.gov before the deadline.

2. Grace Period for Grants.gov Submissions.

If your application is received by Grants.gov before the deadline, but is rejected with errors, you have a grace period of 24 hours after the application deadline to submit a corrected, received, and validated application through Grants.gov. The date and time stamp on the

Grants.gov system determines the application receipt time. Any application submitted during the grace period not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. There is no grace period for paper applications.

3. Late Applications.

An application received after the NOFA deadline date that does not meet the Grace Period requirements will be marked late and will not be received by HUD for funding consideration. Improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes that allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline.

4. Corrections to Deficient Applications.

HUD will not consider information from applicants after the application deadline. HUD may contact the applicant to clarify information submitted prior to the deadline. HUD will uniformly notify applicants of each curable deficiency. A curable deficiency is an error or oversight that, if corrected, it would not alter, in a positive or negative fashion, the review and rating of the application. See curable deficiency in the definitions section (Section I.A.3.). Examples of curable (correctable) deficiencies include inconsistencies in the funding request and failure to submit required certifications. These examples are non-exhaustive.

When HUD identifies a curable deficiency, HUD will notify the authorized representative by email. This email is the official notification of a curable deficiency. Each applicant must provide accurate email addresses for receipt of these notifications and must monitor their email accounts to determine whether a deficiency notification has been received. The applicant must carefully review the request to cure a deficiency and must provide the response in accordance with the instructions contained in the deficiency notification.

Applicants must email corrections of curable deficiencies to applicationsupport@hud.gov within the time limits specified in the notification. The time allowed to correct deficiencies will be no less than 48 hours and no more than 14 calendar days from the date of the email notification. The start of the cure period will be the date stamp on the email sent from HUD. If the deficiency cure deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters are closed, then the applicant's correction must be received on the next business day HUD Headquarters offices in Washington, DC are open.

The subject line of the email sent to applicationsupport@hud.gov must state: Technical Cure and include the Grants.gov application tracking number or the GrantSolutions application number (e.g., Subject: Technical Cure - GRANT123456 or Technical Cure - XXXXXXXXXXXX). If this information is not included, HUD cannot match the response with the application under review and the application may be rejected due to the deficiency.

Corrections to a paper application must be sent in accordance with and to the address indicated in the notification of deficiency. HUD will treat a paper application submitted in accordance with a waiver of electronic application containing the wrong DUNS number as having a curable deficiency. Failure to correct the deficiency and meet the requirement to have a DUNS number and active registration in SAM will render the application ineligible for funding.

5. Authoritative Versions of HUD NOFAs. The version of these NOFAs as posted on Grants.gov are the official documents HUD uses to solicit applications.

6. Exemptions. Parties that believe the requirements of the NOFA would impose a substantial burden on the exercise of their religion should seek an exemption under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

E. Intergovernmental Review.

This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

F. Funding Restrictions.

1. Administrative and planning expenses: Consistent with 24 CFR 1000.238, recipients that are awarded a grant under this NOFA in excess of \$500,000 may use up to 20 percent of the grant award for IHBG-eligible administrative and planning expenses. Recipients awarded a grant in the amount of \$500,000 or less may use up to 30 percent of the grant award for these costs. A detailed breakdown for these costs must be included in the budget narrative.

2. Pre-award costs: With the exception of proposal costs incurred to prepare an application for submission under this NOFA, HUD will not allow the reimbursement of pre-award costs incurred prior to the period of performance start date. Applicants requesting reimbursement of proposal costs associated with the preparation of the IHBG competitive application must clearly identify this amount and activity in the narrative. If successful, any proposal costs incurred that are reimbursed with grant funds will count towards the applicant's administration and planning cap.

3. Consultant Cap: In accordance with 24 CFR 1000.26(b)(2), IHBG Competitive Grant funds may not be used, directly or indirectly, to pay or provide reimbursement for payment of the salary of a consultant in an employer-employee type of relationship at more than the daily equivalent of the rate paid for the Level IV of the Executive Schedule. For more information on the Executive Schedule, please see the [Office of Personnel Management \(OPM\) website](#).

4. Investment of IHBG competitive funds: IHBG Competitive Grant funds awarded under this NOFA may not be invested pursuant to section 204(b) of NAHASDA. Applications that propose to invest IHBG Competitive Grant funds will not be funded.

5. Title VI Loan Guarantees: IHBG Competitive Grant funds awarded under this NOFA may not be used to fund guarantees under Title VI of NAHASDA. Applications that propose to spend funds for this purpose will not be funded.

Indirect Cost Rate.

Normal indirect cost rules apply. If you intend to charge indirect costs to your award, your application must clearly state the rate and distribution base you intend to use. If you have a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, your application must also include a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the approved rate. Successful applicants whose rate changes after the application deadline must submit new rate and documentation.

Nongovernmental organizations and Indian tribal governments. If you have a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, your application must clearly state the approved rate and distribution base and must include a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the approved rate. If you have never received a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate and elect to use the de minimis rate, your application must clearly state you intend to use the de

de minimis rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). As described in 2 CFR 200.403, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. Once elected, the de minimis rate must be applied consistently for all Federal awards until you choose to negotiate for a rate, which you may apply to do at any time. Documentation of the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file for audit.

State and local governments. If your department or agency unit has a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, your application must include that rate, the applicable distribution base, and a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the negotiated rate. If your department or agency unit receives more than \$35 million in direct federal funding per year, you may not claim indirect costs until you receive a negotiated rate from your cognizant agency for indirect costs as provided in Appendix VII to 2 CFR part 200.

If your department or agency unit receives no more than \$35 million in direct federal funding per year and your department or agency unit has developed and maintains an indirect cost rate proposal and supporting documentation for audit in accordance with 2 CFR part 200, Appendix VII, you may use the rate and distribution base specified in that indirect cost rate proposal.

Alternatively, if your department or agency unit receives no more than \$35 million in direct federal funding per year and has never received a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, you may elect to use the de minimis rate of 10% of MTDC. As described in 2 CFR 200.403, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. Once elected, the de minimis rate must be applied consistently for all Federal awards until you choose to negotiate for a rate, which you may apply to do at any time. Documentation of the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file for audit.

G. Other Submission Requirements.

1. Application Certifications and Assurances.

By signing the forms in the SF-424 either through electronic submission or in paper copy submission (for those granted a waiver), the applicant and the signing authorized representative affirm that they have reviewed the certifications and assurances associated with the application for federal assistance and (1) are aware the submission of the SF424 is an assertion that the relevant certifications and assurances are established and (2) acknowledge that the truthfulness of the certifications and assurances are material representations upon which HUD will rely when making an award to the applicant. If it is later determined the signing authorized representative to the application made a false certification or assurance, caused the submission of a false certification or assurance, or did not have the authority to make a legally binding commitment for the applicant, the applicant and the individual who signed the application may be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal action. Additionally, HUD may terminate the award to the applicant organization or pursue other available remedies. Each applicant is responsible for including the correct certifications and assurances with its application submission, including those applicable to all applicants, those applicable only to federally-

recognized Indian tribes, and those applicable to applicants other than federally-recognized Indian tribes. All program-specific certifications and assurances are included in the program Instructions Download on Grants.gov.

2. Lead Based Paint Requirements.

When providing housing assistance funding for purchase, lease, support services operation, or work that may disturb painted surfaces, of pre-1978 housing, you must comply with the lead-based paint evaluation and hazard reduction requirements of HUD's lead-based paint rules (Lead Disclosure; and Lead Safe Housing (24 CFR part 35)), and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).

V. Application Review Information.

A. Review Criteria.

1. Rating Factors.

The factors for rating and ranking applications and the points for each factor are explained below. A maximum of 100 points may be awarded under Rating Factors 1 through 5. To be considered for funding, your application must receive a minimum of 15 points under Rating Factor 1 and 20 points under Rating Factor 3. Applicants who do not meet the minimum score for each of these rating factors are ineligible to receive an award under the competition. Eligible applicants must receive an overall total of at least 75 points without the addition of the Preference Points to be considered for funding.

<u>RATING FACTOR</u>	<u>FACTOR TITLE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	<u>CAPACITY OF THE APPLICANT</u> (Minimum of 15 points needed to meet threshold requirement)	20
1.1	Managerial and Technical Staff	4
1.2	Procurement and Contract Management	4
1.3	IHBG Expenditures	4
1.4	Findings	4
1.5	Timely Reporting	4
2	<u>NEED/EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM</u>	20
2.1	Identified Needs and Other Supporting Data	8
2.2	Project Beneficiaries	3
2.3	Past Efforts to Address Identified Need	3

2.4	Current Funding Assessment	3
2.5	Sustainability	3
3	<u>SOUNDNESS OF APPROACH</u> (Minimum of 20 points needed to meet threshold requirement)	40
3.1	IHBG Competitive Priorities	10
3.2	Project Implementation Plan	10
3.3	Project Implementation Schedule and Project Readiness	10
3.4	Budget	10
4	<u>LEVERAGING RESOURCES</u>	5
5	<u>COMPREHENSIVENESS AND COORDINATION</u>	15
5.1	Coordination	10
5.2	Outputs and Outcomes	5
	<u>PREFERENCE POINTS FOR OPPORTUNITY ZONES</u>	2
	<u>PREFERENCE POINTS FOR PROMISE ZONES</u>	2

Capacity of the Applicant Maximum Points: 20

Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant (up to 20 points)

The applicant must demonstrate that they possess the managerial, technical, and/or administrative capability necessary to carry out the proposed project. The application must address who will administer the project and how the applicant plans to handle the technical aspects of executing the project. Typical documents that may be submitted include, but are not limited to, written summaries of qualifications and past experience of proposed staff, descriptions of staff responsibilities, and references or letters of endorsement from others who have worked with the proposed staff. Do not submit job descriptions or resumes. Do not submit Social Security Numbers of any personnel or consultants.

Subfactor 1.1. Managerial and Technical Staff (up to 4 points)

The applicant must provide a description of the knowledge and experience of the staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants, and contractors that will plan, manage, and implement the project(s) that will be funded with the IHBG Competitive Grant. Experience

will be judged in terms of recent, relevant, and successful experience of the staff to undertake eligible program activities. In rating this factor, HUD will consider experience within the last 5 years to be recent, experience pertaining to the specific activities being proposed or the specific roles and responsibilities described in the application to be relevant, and experience producing specific accomplishments to be successful. The more recent, relevant, and successful the experience of the key staff who will work on the project, the greater the number of points the applicant will receive for this rating factor. Finally, the applicant must also provide a detailed assessment and plan for addressing identified gaps in capacity for managing and implementing the requested IHBG Competitive Grant funds.

(4 points) The applicant adequately describes the roles/responsibilities and the knowledge/experience of its overall project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants, and contractors in planning, managing, and implementing projects similar to the project(s) for which funding is being requested. Staff experience as described in the application is recent (within 5 years), relevant (pertains to the specific activities being proposed or the specific roles and responsibilities described in the application), and successful (has produced specific accomplishments). The applicant provided a detailed assessment and plan for addressing identified gaps in capacity for managing and implementing the requested IHBG Competitive Grant funds.

(2 points) The applicant adequately describes the roles/responsibilities and the knowledge/experience of its overall project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants, and contractors in planning, managing, and implementing projects similar to the project(s) for which funding is being requested. However, one of the following applies: staff experience as described in the application is not recent (not within 5 years), is not relevant (does not pertain to the specific activities being proposed or the specific roles and responsibilities described in the application) or is not successful (did not produce specific accomplishments). The applicant provided an assessment and plan for addressing identified gaps in capacity for managing and implementing the requested IHBG Competitive Grant funds.

(0 points) The applicant failed to adequately describe the roles/responsibilities and the knowledge/experience of its overall project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants, and contractors in planning, managing, and implementing projects similar to the project(s) for which funding is being requested or more than one of the following applies: staff experience as described in the application is not recent (not within 5 years), is not relevant (does not pertain to the specific activity being proposed or the specific roles and responsibilities described in the application), or is not successful (did not produce specific accomplishments). The applicant did not provide an assessment and plan for addressing identified gaps in capacity for managing and implementing the requested IHBG Competitive Grant funds.

Subfactor 1.2. Procurement and Contract Management (4 points)

The applicant must describe how its procurement and contract management systems meet the applicable regulatory requirements at 2 CFR part 200 (specifically the applicable procurement requirements in 2 CFR 200.318-326, and in 24 CFR part 1000 (specifically the requirements in 24 CFR 1000.48-1000.54 relating to Indian and tribal preference requirements and 24 CFR 1000.30 relating to conflicts of interest).

Points will be awarded as follows:

(4 points) The applicant clearly describes how the procurement and contract management policies and procedures of the applicant or the entity that will be responsible for procurement and contract management of the project meet the referenced regulatory requirements at 2 CFR part 200 and 24 CFR part 1000

(2 points) The applicant provides some information on how its procurement and contract management policies and procedures meet the referenced regulatory requirements cited above.

(0 points) The application does not contain information sufficient to award points under this Subfactor.

Subfactor 1.3. IHBG Expenditures (4 points)

HUD will evaluate administrative capacity by considering how applicants have spent and invested IHBG formula funds. In awarding points, HUD will take into account the amount of unexpended IHBG formula funds remaining in LOCCS, its plans for spending undisbursed IHBG funds, and if approved for investments, the status of the invested funds and the applicant's plans to use these funds for affordable housing activities.

HUD will evaluate administrative capacity under this Subfactor using the options below. In assessing an applicant's undisbursed funds, HUD will not consider IHBG formula funds awarded in FY 2019 since Indian tribes and TDHEs would have recently been awarded this funding.

Option #1: Applicants not approved for investing formula IHBG funds or approved for but not investing IHBG formula funds

For this Subfactor, applicants not approved for the investment of formula IHBG funds will be evaluated on the expenditure of IHBG formula funding received in the last three Federal fiscal years (2016-2018) in comparison with the amount of undisbursed IHBG funds remaining in LOCCS on the date this NOFA is published.

An applicant with an undisbursed balance that is more than 25% of IHBG formula cumulative amounts that it received for the last three Federal fiscal years may qualify for full points under this Subfactor only if it includes a justification that is satisfactory to HUD demonstrating well-developed plans to accumulate IHBG funds to carry out a specific activity in the future. The justification must include supporting information on when and how the recipient intends to spend its undisbursed IHBG funds in the future to qualify for the full 4 points. This may include specific references to past Indian Housing Plans, Annual Performance Reports, or other related documents.

(4 points) The applicant's undisbursed amount in LOCCS is no more than 25% of IHBG formula cumulative amounts it received for the last three Federal fiscal years or the applicant has provided sufficient justification that it is accumulating IHBG funds to carry out a specific IHBG eligible activities in the future.

(3 points) The applicant's undisbursed amount in LOCCS is between 26% and 50% of IHBG formula cumulative amount for the last three Federal fiscal years. The applicant did not provide a justification and supporting information satisfactory to HUD demonstrating well-developed plans to spend its undisbursed IHBG amounts.

(2 points) The applicant's undisbursed amount in LOCCS is between 51% and 75% of IHBG formula cumulative amount for the last three Federal fiscal years. The applicant did not provide a justification and supporting information satisfactory to HUD demonstrating well-developed plans to spend its undisbursed IHBG amounts.

(0 points) The applicant's undisbursed amount in LOCCS is more than 75% of IHBG formula cumulative amount for the last three Federal fiscal years. The applicant did not provide a justification and supporting information demonstrating a well-developed plan to spend its undisbursed IHBG amounts.

Option #2: Applicants approved for and investing IHBG formula funds

An applicant approved for investing formula IHBG funds in accordance with section 204(b) of NAHASDA and 24 CFR 1000.58 must submit information about its investment balances and its plans to spend the invested IHBG funds on affordable housing activities.

(4 points) The applicant submitted all of the following information addressing its invested IHBG funds: the amount of IHBG grant funds that it currently has invested, the investment securities and other obligations in which the funds are invested, and a well-developed plan for spending the invested IHBG funds on affordable housing activities.

(2 points) The applicant submitted only some of the following information addressing its

invested IHBG grant funds: the amount of IHBG grant funds that it currently has invested, the investment securities and other obligations in which the funds are invested, and a well-developed plan for spending the invested IHBG funds on affordable housing activities.

(0 points) The application failed to include any of the following: information detailing the amount of IHBG grant funds that it currently has invested, the investment securities and other obligations in which the funds are invested, and a well-developed plan for spending the invested IHBG funds on affordable housing activities.

Subfactor 1.4. Findings (4 points)

For this Subfactor, HUD will evaluate the performance of the applicant during the rating period of October 1, 2015 up to and including the application submission deadline. To receive maximum points, the applicant must not have had any HUD-ONAP monitoring findings (IHBG, ICDBG, and other programs monitored by ONAP) or findings pertaining to ONAP programs from either HUD's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and/or the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) at any time during the rating period. Do not submit responses to open monitoring findings with the application.

(4 points) The applicant did not have HUD-ONAP monitoring, HUD-OIG, or GAO findings at any time during the rating period.

(3 points) The applicant had outstanding HUD-ONAP monitoring, HUD-OIG, or GAO findings during the rating period but resolved those findings by the established target date(s) or revised target date.

(2 points) The applicant had HUD-ONAP monitoring, HUD-OIG, or GAO findings during the rating period but were not yet due for resolution based on the established target date(s) or revised target date.

(0 points) During the rating period, the applicant did not resolve all open HUD-ONAP monitoring, HUD-OIG, or GAO monitoring findings by the established target date(s) or revised target date.

Subfactor 1.5. Timely Reporting (4 points)

Applicants who currently receive HUD-ONAP grants under the Indian Housing Block Grant formula program, Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program, or Tribal HUD-VASH program must ensure the timely submission of the following required reports: Annual Performance Report (APR), Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER), and the Federal Financial Report (SF-425). HUD will award maximum points to those who have

submitted all reports by the submission deadlines (which includes any granted extensions) for all HUD-ONAP grants during the one-year period immediately preceding the date that this NOFA is published. Applicants who have never received a HUD-ONAP grant will be awarded 2 points under this Subfactor.

(4 points) The applicant submitted all required reports by the submission deadlines for all HUD-ONAP grants during the one-year period immediately preceding the date that this NOFA is published.

(2 points) Either the applicant submitted some, but not all, required reports by the submission deadlines for HUD-ONAP grants during the one-year period immediately preceding the date that this NOFA is published, or the applicant has never received a HUD-ONAP grant.

(0 points) The applicant did not submit any required reports by the submission deadlines for HUD-ONAP grants during the one-year period immediately preceding the date that this NOFA.

Need/Extent of the Problem

Maximum Points: 20

Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (Up to 20 points)

The applicant must identify its reasons for submitting an application for an IHBG Competitive Grant and the activities that will be carried out with the grant funds. The narrative must explain the nature and extent of the need for the planned project or planned IHBG activities that the applicant will implement if awarded funding under this NOFA. The applicant must support its description of its needs and extent of the problem with credible, reliable, and quantitative information. Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their identified needs as they relate to long-term comprehensive plans for housing, infrastructure development, economic development, and related issues

Subfactor 2.1. Identified Needs and Other Supporting Data (up to 8 points)

HUD will evaluate this factor based on the applicant's identification and explanation of the following components:

2.1.a. Identified Needs (up to 5 points)

The applicant must describe in detail the need of the Indian tribe and how the project or activities will help address such need. The applicant must limit its description to the following factors for determining need. However, the applicant may address one or more of the following factors that are relevant to its proposed project or activities when describing its need and is not required to address all of the following factors:

1. American Indian and Alaskan Native (AIAN) households with housing cost burden greater than 50 percent of formula annual income in its formula area (as defined under 24 CFR 1000.302).

2. AIAN households which are overcrowded or without kitchen or plumbing in its formula area
3. Housing Shortage in its formula area
4. AIAN households with annual income less than or equal to 30 percent of formula median income in its formula area
5. AIAN households with annual income between 30 percent and 50 percent of formula median income in its formula area
6. AIAN households with annual income between 50 percent and 80 percent of formula median income in its formula area
7. Number of AIAN persons in its formula area

The applicant must also describe the proposed project type (e.g., new construction, infrastructure, rehabilitation, other NAHASDA eligible activities, etc.) and how the project will address the applicant's identified needs. Indian tribes that annually receive minimum needs funding must describe how the proposed project or activities will address the needs of the low-income households addressed in the certification that they are required to submit pursuant to 24 CFR 1000.328.

(5 points) The applicant addressed all of the components of the identified needs statement in sufficient detail to HUD's satisfaction.

(3 points) The applicant provided an identified needs statement but either the narrative lacked some detail or it did not address all of the components.

(0 points) The application did not include an identified needs statement.

2.1.b. Other Supporting Data (up to 3 points)

The needs identified in Subfactor 2.1.a. must be supported by final published U.S. Decennial Census data and American Community Survey data, and any other data used by HUD to calculate the FY 2019 final IHBG formula allocations. Alternatively, the needs identified in Subfactor 2.1.a. may be supported by any data included in a successful IHBG Census challenge previously approved by HUD before the date of publication of this NOFA.

In accordance with 24 CFR 1000.328, Indian tribes that receive minimum needs funding because of insufficient data can receive full points for this subfactor if they certify the presence of any households at or below 80 percent of median income in their formula area.

As stated above, applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their identified needs as they relate to long-term comprehensive planning. HUD recognizes that housing needs of Indian

tribes vary widely across the country. Indian tribes are diverse and vary in size, geography, location, history, and many other characteristics. Tribal communities face both common and unique housing-related challenges across Indian Country. Applicants are encouraged to discuss all of these challenges and how they relate to identified housing needs.

(3 points) The applicant adequately supported the needs identified in Subfactor 2.1.a. with the data described in Subfactor 2.1.b.

(1 points) The applicant provided some data to support the needs identified in Subfactor 2.1.a. However, the data was not the data described in Subfactor 2.1.b.

(0 points) The applicant did not provide any data to support the needs identified in Subfactor 2.1.a.

Subfactor 2.2. Project Beneficiaries (up to 3 points)

The applicant must explain how eligible families will benefit from the proposed project and the number of families that will be assisted with funding under this NOFA and other resources that will be leveraged. The applicant must provide supporting documentation demonstrating that eligible families that will benefit from the project or activities being proposed either have been identified and will be able to be served with grant funds under this NOFA, when appropriate, or describe how the applicant will identify eligible families that will benefit from the project or activities being funded in the future.

(3 points) The applicant described how eligible families would benefit from the proposed project, including the total number of families that will be assisted, and provided supporting documentation showing that the applicant has identified eligible families, or will do so in the future when appropriate.

(1 point) The applicant described some but not all of the required components of this Subfactor.

(0 points) The applicant failed to include information in the application describing the eligible families that will be assisted with funding under this NOFA.

Subfactor 2.3. Past Efforts to Address Identified Need (up to 3 points)

The applicant must indicate whether it has actively pursued the proposed project or similar activity in the past, or whether this is a new undertaking based on this NOFA. The narrative must include an explanation of the time elapsed since the applicant has actively pursued the

project or similar eligible activity. If the applicant has not pursued the project in the past, then the narrative should explain the reasons why it is an opportune time to actively pursue the project.

All applicants must discuss any past or potential barriers towards implementing the project and strategies for overcoming possible hurdles if awarded IHBG competitive funds.

(3 points) The applicant clearly addressed this component, including an explanation of the time since last pursuing the proposed activity, a discussion of barriers, and strategies for overcoming possible hurdles in the implementation process. If the applicant has not pursued the project in the past, then the narrative explained the reasons why it is an opportune time to actively pursue the project and how it will overcome possible barriers.

(1 point) The applicant provided an explanation of the last time it has pursued the proposed activity, but the narrative lacked key details of why it is an opportune time to pursue the project at this point or discussion of barriers and strategies for implementation.

(0 points) The applicant did not include an explanation of the time elapsed since the applicant last actively pursued the project or similar eligible activity; or, if the applicant has not pursued the project in the past, the narrative did not explain the reasons why it is an opportune time to actively pursue the project, and did not identify all possible barriers and how it will overcome possible barriers.

Subfactor 2.4. Current Funding Assessment (up to 3 points)

The applicant must explain why current IHBG funds, IHBG investments, program income, and other sources of federal and non-federal funding have been insufficient for implementing the proposed project.

(3 points) The applicant explained in detail why current sources of federal and non-federal funds available to it have been insufficient for implementing the proposed project.

(1 point) The applicant provided some explanation but lacked details on how the source of funds (federal or non-federal) have been insufficient for implementing the proposed project.

(0 points) The applicant did not provide an explanation of why current federal and non-federal resources available to it have been insufficient for implementing the proposed project.

Subfactor 2.5. Sustainability (up to 3 points)

HUD encourages projects that are part of a comprehensive plan to address housing conditions in the Indian tribe's or TDHE's community, including overcrowding and physically deteriorating units, as appropriate. Applicants should also engage in long-term planning and ensure that the project being proposed is part of a holistic plan that considers planned future infrastructure development, economic development opportunities, and related issues.

For this Subfactor, the applicant must describe its plans to operate and maintain the project upon completion, including a plan for securing future tribal, federal, and any other sources to sustain the project, plans to ensure that, in accordance with section 205(a) of NAHASDA, each housing unit assisted under this program will remain affordable, according to binding commitments satisfactory to HUD, for the remaining useful life of each property (or for such other period that HUD determines is the longest feasible period of time consistent with sound economics and the purposes of NAHASDA), and how the project furthers the applicant's goals for implementing its IHBG program. Applicants are reminded that they are required to adequately maintain all housing assisted under this program, and to ensure that the housing remains affordable for the required applicable affordability periods. An applicant's failure to comply with these requirements may result in HUD taking corrective and remedial actions under 24 CFR Part 1000, Subpart F.

(3 points) The applicant fully explained how it would continue to operate and maintain the project beyond the period of performance, and how the project furthers its goals for implementing its IHBG program.

(1 point) The applicant explained how it would continue to operate and maintain the project beyond the proposed project period but did not detail how the project ties to the organization's goals for implementing NAHASDA.

(0 points) The applicant did not provide a description of how it plans to continue to operate and maintain the project past the period of performance.

Soundness of Approach

Maximum Points: 40

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (up to 40 points)

The applicant must address the IHBG Competitive Priorities and its plans, schedule, and budget for implementing its proposed project.

Subfactor 3.1. IHBG Competitive Priorities (up to 10 points)

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6) provided that in awarding funds under this program, HUD is required to give priority to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation. Accordingly, HUD is prioritizing applications that propose funding new housing construction projects, housing rehabilitation projects, and affordable housing-related

infrastructure projects that spur construction or rehabilitation.

HUD will award the maximum number of points under this Subfactor to new housing construction projects that address the critical housing shortage and further the development of new affordable housing in Indian Country. Proposals that include multiple NAHASDA-eligible activities will be rated according to the Subfactor category that would provide the applicant with the highest amount of points. HUD will also rate applications that propose to use grant funds for acquisition under the appropriate Subfactor depending on the nature of the project being proposed.

3.1.a. New Housing Construction Projects (up to 10 points)

HUD will award points for applications that propose to carry out new housing construction projects (including demolition followed by reconstruction) as follows:

(10 points) The applicant is proposing to use 100% of funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out a new housing construction project that increases the total number of affordable housing units for IHBG eligible families.

(8 points) The applicant is proposing to use 80-99% of funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out a new housing construction project that increases the total number of affordable housing units for IHBG eligible families. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(6 points) The applicant is proposing to use a 60-79% of funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out a new housing construction project that increases the total number of affordable housing units for IHBG eligible families. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(4 points) The applicant is proposing to use 40-59% of funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out a new housing construction project that increases the total number of affordable housing units for IHBG eligible families. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(2 points) The applicant is proposing to use less than 39% of the funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out a new housing construction project that increases the total number of affordable housing units for IHBG eligible families. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(0 points) The application does not propose to carry out NAHASDA-eligible new housing

construction activities with the funds awarded under this NOFA.

3.1.b. Affordable Housing-Related Infrastructure Projects (up to 7 points)

HUD will award points under this Subfactor for applications that propose to carry out necessary affordable housing-related infrastructure projects that will spur construction or rehabilitation. In order to be rated under this Subfactor, applications must demonstrate that the infrastructure will either support existing affordable housing or will support the development of affordable housing that will be developed in the near future. HUD will award points as follows:

(7 points) The applicant is proposing to use 75-100% funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out an affordable housing-related infrastructure project that will spur construction or rehabilitation activities.

(5 points) The applicant is proposing to use 50-74% funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out an affordable housing-related infrastructure project that will spur construction or rehabilitation activities. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(3 points) The applicant is proposing to use less than 49% of funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out an affordable housing-related infrastructure project that will spur construction or rehabilitation activities. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(0 points) The application does not propose to carry out NAHASDA-eligible affordable housing related infrastructure activities with the funds awarded under this NOFA.

3.1.c. Housing Rehabilitation Projects (up to 7 points)

HUD will award points for applications that propose to carry out housing rehabilitation projects as follows:

(7 points) The applicant is proposing to use 75-100% funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out a housing rehabilitation project that will improve the conditions of existing affordable housing units that are occupied, or will be occupied, by IHBG eligible families, and increase the useful life of such housing. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(5 points) The applicant is proposing to use 50-74% funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out a housing rehabilitation project that will improve the conditions of existing affordable

housing units that are occupied, or will be occupied, by IHBG eligible families, and increase the useful life of such housing. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(3 points) The applicant is proposing to use less than 49% of funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out a housing rehabilitation project that will improve the conditions of existing affordable housing units that are occupied, or will be occupied, by IHBG eligible families, and increase the useful life of such housing. The applicant is also proposing to use the remainder of IHBG Competitive Grant funds towards other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(0 points) The application does not propose to carry out NAHASDA-eligible housing rehabilitation activities with the funds awarded under this NOFA.

3.1.d. Other NAHASDA-eligible activities (up to 2 points)

HUD will award points for applications that propose to carry out other NAHASDA-eligible activities as follows:

(2 points) The applicant is proposing to use 100% of funds awarded under this NOFA to carry out other NAHASDA-eligible activities.

(0 points) The application does not propose to carry out NAHASDA-eligible affordable housing activities with the funds awarded under this NOFA.

Subfactor 3.2. Project Implementation Plan (up to 10 points)

The applicant must describe its plans for implementing the proposed project that will be funded with the IHBG Competitive Grant. HUD will evaluate whether the project implementation plan is viable and cost-effective in relation to the applicant's IHBG Competitive Grant application and the amount of funding being requested. The applicant must describe the project in detail and include the following components in its plan:

- Description of how the project is feasible and cost-effective
- Rationale behind the project design
- Location of the project (e.g., include a map, address and/or aerial photo), site control of the location, and whether the units are on fee-simple or trust land
- Description of how the applicant will train and/or employ residents pursuant to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 or contract with Section 3 businesses to provide other economic opportunities in accordance with Section III.D. and III.E. of this NOFA
- Description of how the applicant will comply with Indian Preference requirements. If a conflict is identified between Section 3 and Indian Preference requirements, describe

the nature of conflict and how it will be addressed.

- Infrastructure Projects: If the infrastructure project will support the development of affordable housing in the near future, then the applicant must describe its plans for the housing development project(s) and the anticipated completion date.

An applicant proposing new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, modernization, necessary infrastructure, or other development activities using IHBG Competitive Grant funds must also address the following in its project implementation plan:

- Affordability Period: The applicant must establish a minimum affordability period to ensure dwelling units assisted with funds under this NOFA will remain available to IHBG-eligible families for their remaining useful life in accordance with section 205 of NAHASDA. For this NOFA, HUD will award maximum points for an applicant that proposes an affordability period of at least 20 years while addressing all of the components listed in this Subfactor.
- Description of estimated cost savings (in percentage or dollar amount) resulting from either the building design, construction methods, or energy efficient measures that will be realized in future years
- Size and number of units
- Type of units (e.g., number of bedrooms proposed, single-family, multi-family units, etc.)

HUD will award points as follows:

(10 points) The proposed project is viable and cost-effective in relation to the IHBG Competitive Grant request. The project implementation plan is described in detail and includes all of the components outlined in this Subfactor. If applicable, the applicant has proposed affordability periods of at least 20 years

(7 points) The proposed project is viable and cost-effective in relation to the IHBG Competitive Grant request. The project implementation plan is described in detail and includes all of the components outlined in this Subfactor. If applicable, the applicant has proposed affordability periods of less than 20 years.

(4 points) The proposed project is viable and cost-effective in relation to the IHBG Competitive Grant request. The project implementation plan is described in some detail and includes some, but not all of the components outlined in this Subfactor.

(0 points) The proposed project is not viable and cost-effective in relation to the IHBG Competitive Grant request.

Subfactor 3.3. Project Implementation Schedule and Project Readiness (up to 10 points)

The applicant is required to submit an Implementation Schedule and project implementation narrative. Points will be awarded based on the level of detail provided in the Implementation Schedule (Form HUD-53247) and project implementation narrative. The Implementation Schedule and project implementation narrative must identify the specific tasks and timelines that the applicant and/or hired contractors, consultants, and subrecipients will undertake to complete the proposed project on time and within budget. The schedule should identify each significant activity and milestone required for completing the planning process and should list key milestones, including planned start and completion dates of all tasks. The applicant may provide additional description of the schedule in the narrative exhibits.

Additionally, points will be awarded on whether the applicant has already completed or will quickly implement key milestones, notwithstanding environmental responsibilities. Examples of key milestones may include but are not limited to developing proposed plans or specifications for new construction or rehabilitation, proposed site for new development, initiating the bid process for procurement assistance, securing leveraged financing (See Rating Factor 4), beginning coordination efforts with the community (See Rating Factor 5), etc. The applicant must ensure that no choice limiting actions will occur prior to completion of the environmental review process, and approval of the Request for Release of Funds where applicable, as discussed in Section VI.A. A choice limiting action may include, but is not limited to, real property acquisition, demolition, disposition, rehabilitation, repair, new construction, site preparation or clearance, ground disturbance, and leasing.

(10 points) The implementation schedule (Form HUD-53247) and project implementation narrative include a detailed breakdown of all tasks the applicant will complete, and the applicant has already completed major steps to facilitate the implementation of the proposed project or activities (e.g., developing proposed plans or specifications for new construction or rehabilitation, proposed site for new development, initiating the bid process for procurement assistance, securing leveraged financing, beginning coordination efforts with the community, etc.). The applicant has also thoroughly identified key milestones that will begin immediately upon receipt of the award and will ensure completion of the proposed project by the period of performance end date. The applicant has ensured that no choice limiting actions will occur prior to completion of the environmental review process, and approval of the Request for Release of Funds where applicable, as discussed in Section VI.A.

(7 points) The implementation schedule (Form HUD-53247) and/or project implementation narrative includes a detailed breakdown of all tasks to facilitate the implementation of the proposed project (e.g., developing proposed plans or specifications for new construction or rehabilitation, proposed site for new development, initiating the bid process for procurement assistance, securing leveraged financing, beginning coordination efforts with the community, etc.). The applicant has detailed immediate next steps needed to facilitate the initiation of the proposed project. The applicant has ensured that no choice limiting actions will occur prior to completion of the environmental review process, and approval of the Request for Release of

Funds where applicable, as discussed in Section VI.A.

(4 points) The implementation schedule and project implementation narrative include a breakdown of some tasks and key milestones through project completion but lacks sufficient detail or is otherwise incomplete.

(0 points) The application did not include all of the information described above to receive points under this Subfactor.

Subfactor 3.4. Budget (up to 10 points)

The applicant must submit Form HUD-53246 (Cost Summary) and a detailed budget narrative for the proposed project and activities. HUD will evaluate whether the budget is thoroughly prepared and that all costs are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project and activities. HUD will also evaluate whether housing and non-dwelling structures that the applicant proposes to develop, acquire, or assist will meet the standards outlined in 24 CFR 1000.156-1000.162 on moderate cost or design.

The applicant should include the following components in its budget and budget narrative:

- Breakdown of cost estimates by line item for each proposed activity, including administration and planning costs
- Budget calculations must all be mathematically correct
- Budget must include adequate information to allow HUD to determine that housing and non-dwelling structures that the applicant proposes to develop, acquire, or assist with funds under this NOFA will meet the standards outlined in 24 CFR 1000.156 – 1000.162 on moderate cost or design, including maximum Total Development Cost requirements.
 - See definition of TDC in 24 CFR 1000.302 and [Notice PIH 2016-07, “Extension-Total Development Costs for Affordable Housing under NAHASDA”](#)
- Description of the qualifications and experience of the individual(s) that prepared the cost estimates and how the experience is recent and relevant to the proposed project
- If applicable, applicants including indirect costs as part of the budget must demonstrate how it is calculating these costs in accordance with either its current federally-approved negotiated rate or its use of the de minimus rate in accordance with 2 CFR 200.414. Indirect costs that are administrative costs will count towards the administration and planning cap.

Points will be assigned as follows:

(10 points) The budget is thoroughly prepared, and all costs are allowable, allocable,

reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project. The applicant addressed all of the components in this Subfactor in detail to the satisfaction of HUD.

(7 points) The budget is adequately prepared, and all costs are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project. The applicant addressed some of the components in this Subfactor, but some details were lacking.

(4 points) The budget is adequately prepared, but not all of costs are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project. The applicant addressed some of the components in this Subfactor, but some details were lacking.

(0 points) The application did not include any of the information described above to receive points under this Subfactor.

Leveraging Resources Maximum Points: 5

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (up to 5 points)

Cost sharing or mandatory matching is not required under this grant, but voluntary leveraging with both Federal (including IHBG formula funding) and non-Federal funds is encouraged.

A Firm Commitment must be submitted for any sources of leveraging including cash or in-kind donations. Any sources of leveraging including cash or in-kind donations must be secured and used by the end of the period of performance. Contributions that could be considered as leveraged resources for point award include, but are not limited to: tribal government funds, donations from individuals or organizations, private foundations, businesses, state or federal loans or guarantees, other grant funds, donated goods and services needed for the project, land needed for the project, and direct administrative costs. With the exception of land acquisition, funds that have been expended on the project prior to the application deadline date will not be counted as leverage. Applicants are reminded that all IHBG requirements apply to the commitment or use of both IHBG and non-IHBG funds in a leveraged project. Federal sources are only allowed to be used as leveraging if permitted by a program’s authorizing statute.

To provide evidence of leveraged funds, the applicant must submit the following documents with the application:

LEVERAGED RESOURCE	EVIDENCE/DOCUMENTATION NEEDED
Tribal Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal resolution committing funds or equivalent; the resolution (or equivalent) must identify the exact dollar amount (or value of resources to be committed)

Federal Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHBG formula funds (whether administered by the tribe or a TDHE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leveraging with current program year funds: The most recently approved Indian Housing Plan (IHP) must identify the dollar amount and commit the IHBG resources to the project. If not currently approved in the most recent IHP, the application must state that an amendment to the IHP will be processed if the applicant is awarded IHBG Competitive Grant funds. ○ Future IHBG funding: If future IHBG funds will be used, the application must identify the program year and the dollar amount of IHBG funds that will be used. • Other Federal Program Funds: might include funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or any other federal agency. If allowable by the federal program’s statute, the applicant should submit statement (e.g. letter, email, etc.) from the federal agency approving the amount of funds to be committed for leveraging.
Public Agency, Foundation, or Other Private Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters of commitment which must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the donor organization's name ○ the specific funds proposed ○ the dollar amount of the financial or in-kind resource ○ method for valuation ○ the purpose of that resource within the proposed project ○ signed commitment from an official of the organization legally authorized to make the commitment • Memorandum of understanding, and/or agreement to participate, including any conditions to which the contribution may be subject.
Goods and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must demonstrate that the donated items are necessary to the actual development of the project and include comparable costs that support the donation.
Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land valuation must be established using one of the following methods and the documentation must be contained in the application. The application of land valuation documentation must state the method used to determine land value and identify the land value. The methods include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A site-specific appraisal no more than two years old

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An appraisal of a nearby comparable site also no more than two years old ○ A reasonable extrapolation of land value based on current area realtor value guides ○ A reasonable extrapolation of land value based on recent sales of similar properties in the same area.
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Grantees will be required to show evidence that leveraging resources were actually received and used for their intended purposes through quarterly reports (SF-425) as the project proceeds.

HUD recognizes that in some cases, the applicant cannot receive a firm commitment of non-tribal funds by the application deadline. In such cases, the applicant must include a statement from the contributing entity that describes why the firm commitment cannot be made at the current time. The statement must say that the tribe/organization and proposed project meets the eligibility criteria for receiving the leveraged funds. It must also include a date by which the funding decisions will be made. This date cannot be over six months from the anticipated date of grant approval by HUD. If the applicant does not provide HUD with evidence of the firm commitment from the original leverage source or an alternative source within six months of the date of grant approval, or if anticipated leverage is not provided, HUD will re-rate and re-rank the application with the updated lower leverage. If the application is no longer fundable after re-rating and re-ranking the application, HUD will rescind the grant and recapture grant funds.

HUD will award points based on the percentage of leveraged resources provided relative to the total IHBG Competitive Grant project costs. Additionally, applicants who propose leveraging but do not provide firm commitment documentation for all sources of leveraging will be ineligible for points under this rating factor. Points will be awarded as follows:

(5 points) The applicant is committing leveraging resources of 25% or more towards the total IHBG Competitive Grant project costs. The applicant provided firm commitment documentation for all sources of leveraging resources.

(3 points) The applicant is committing leveraging resources of 11-24% towards the total IHBG Competitive Grant project costs. The applicant provided firm commitment documentation for all sources of leveraging resources.

(1 point) The applicant is committing leveraging resources of 5-10% towards the total IHBG Competitive Grant project costs. The applicant provided firm commitment documentation for all sources of leveraging resources.

(0 points) The applicant is committing leveraging resources of less than 4% towards the total IHBG Competitive Grant project costs **or** the applicant proposed leveraging but did not provided firm commitment documentation for all sources of leveraging resources.

Comprehensiveness and Coordination

Maximum Points: 15

Rating Factor 5: Comprehensiveness and Coordination (up to 15 points)

Subfactor 5.1. Coordination (up to 10 points)

For this Subfactor, the applicant must address how it has designed the project and plans to implement it in coordination with community members, tribal departments, and other agencies/organizations. The applicant must explain how its coordination efforts tie into its long-term planning efforts to address housing conditions in the community. Points will be assigned as follows:

(10 points) The applicant identifies and describes in detail how it will coordinate and work on the project with community members, tribal departments, and other agencies/organizations. The applicant describes how its coordination efforts tie into its long-term planning efforts to address housing conditions in the community.

(6 points) The applicant identifies and describes in detail how it will coordinate and work on the project with community members, tribal departments, and other agencies/organizations. The applicant does not describe how its coordination efforts tie into long-term planning efforts to address housing conditions in the community.

(2 points) The applicant specifies that it plans to coordinate with community members, tribal departments, and other agencies/organizations on the project. However, detail is lacking, as the applicant does not describe how or to what extent coordination efforts will occur or how its coordination efforts tie into its long-term planning efforts to address housing conditions in the community.

(0 points) The applicant neither identifies nor describes how the applicant plans to coordinate with other organizations on the project. The applicant does not describe how its coordination efforts tie into long-term planning efforts to address housing conditions in the community.

Subfactor 5.2. Outputs and Outcomes (up to 5 points).

The applicant must include outcomes and outputs it strives to achieve with the project and describe them in detail. Outputs are measured in the volume of work accomplished and must be identified by each key task proposed in the workplan. They should be clear enough to allow HUD to monitor and assess the proposed project's progress if funded. An outcome is the impact achieved from the outputs of the proposed project. They should be quantifiable measures or indicators that identify the change in the community, people's lives, economic

status, etc.

Examples of outputs could include but are not limited to:

- Number of housing units rehabilitated
- Number of housing units constructed
- Number of homeownership units constructed or financed
- Number of persons assisted

Examples of outcomes could include but are not limited to:

- Reduction in the number of families living in substandard housing
- Reduction in overcrowding
- Increase in homeownership rates
- Reduction of drug-related crime or health-related hazards
- Increased units connected to utilities (e.g., gas, phone or electric lines/roads/water/sewer, etc.)
- Accessibility for persons with disabilities
- Improved energy efficiency

Points will be assigned as follows:

(5 points) The applicant clearly described measurable outputs and outcomes for each key task proposed in the workplan.

(3 points) The applicant included measurable outputs and outcomes for each key task proposed the workplan but did not clearly describe them in detail.

(1 point) The applicant included either measurable outputs or outcomes for each key task proposed in the workplan, but not both.

(0 points) The application did not contain the information described above to receive points under this Subfactor.

2. Other Factors.

Preference Points.

HUD encourages activities in Opportunity Zones (OZ) and activities in collaboration with HBCUs. HUD may award two (2) points for qualified activities supporting either or both initiative(s). In no case will HUD award more than two preference points for these activities.

Opportunity Zones.

HUD encourages activities in Opportunity Zones (OZ) communities. HUD will award two (2) points for qualified activities within a designated zone or area.

Applicants must certify to HUD that the investment is in a qualified OZ.

To view the list of designated OZs, please see the following link on the U.S. Department of the Treasury website: <https://www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/Opportunity-Zones.aspx>.

Promise Zones (PZ) communities

HUD encourages activities in Promise Zones (PZ) communities. HUD will award two (2) points for qualified activities within a designated zone or area.

To receive Promise Zones Preference Points, applicants must submit form HUD 50153, Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation, signed by the Promise Zone Official authorized to certify the project meets the criteria to receive preference points. To view the list of designated Promise Zones and persons authorized to certify, please see the Promise Zone pages on [HUD's website](#).

HBCU.

This program does not offer HBCU preference points.

B. Review and Selection Process.

1. Past Performance

In evaluating applications for funding, HUD will consider an applicant's past performance in managing funds. Items HUD may consider include, but are not limited to:

The ability to account for funds appropriately;

Timely use of funds received from HUD;

Timely submission and quality of reports submitted to HUD;

Meeting program requirements;

Meeting performance targets as established in the grant agreement;

The applicant's organizational capacity, including staffing structures and capabilities;

Time-lines for completion of activities and receipt of promised matching or leveraged funds;

and

The number of persons to be served or targeted for assistance;

Whenever possible, HUD will obtain past performance information. If this review results in an adverse finding related to integrity or performance, HUD reserves the right to take any of the remedies provided in Section III.E. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility, Pre-selection Review of Performance, above.

HUD may reduce scores as specified under V. A. Review Criteria. Whenever possible, HUD will obtain past performance information. If this review results in an adverse finding related to integrity or performance, HUD reserves the right to take any of the remedies provided in Section III.E Pre-selection Review of Performance, above.

2. Assessing Applicant Risk.

In evaluating risks posed by applicants, the Federal awarding agency may use a risk-based approach and may consider any items such as the following:

- Financial stability;
- Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in this part;
- History of performance. The applicant's record in managing Federal awards, if it is a prior recipient of Federal awards, including timeliness of compliance with applicable reporting requirements, conformance to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards, and if applicable, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards;
- Reports and findings from audits performed under Subpart F—Audit Requirements of this part or the reports and findings of any other available audits; and
- The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities.

3. Application Selection Process: HUD will review each application from an eligible applicant and assign points in accordance with the selection factors described in this section.

a. Application Screening and Acceptance: ONAP will screen and accept applications if they meet all the criteria listed below.

- The application is received or submitted in accordance with the requirements of this NOFA.
- The applicant is eligible to submit an application.
- The proposed project is eligible.
- The application contains all of the applicable components listed in Section IV. B. of this NOFA.

b. Threshold Compliance: HUD will review each application that passes the screening process to ensure that each applicant and each proposed project meets the eligibility and submission thresholds in the Eligibility Requirements and this NOFA.

c. Past Performance: HUD will evaluate applicants' past performance under Rating Factor 1.

d. Rating: HUD will rate all eligible applications that meet the Threshold Requirements against the criteria in Rating Factors 1 through 5 and assign a rating score. The maximum total rating score for the five Rating Factors is 100 points. An applicant can receive Preference Points if it scores a minimum of 75 points for the five Rating Factors. HUD will award two Preference Points to applicants that meet the Opportunity Zones criteria. An applicant can receive a possible total of 104 points which includes Rating Factors 1 through 5 and Preference Points. HUD will review and rate each application that meets the acceptance criteria and threshold requirements. Once all applications are rated, HUD will conduct a review to ensure consistency in the application rating.

e. Minimum Points: To be considered for funding, the application must receive a minimum of 15 points under Rating Factor 1, a minimum of 20 points under Rating Factor 3, and an overall score of at least 75 points (without the addition of the Preference Points). HUD will reject any application that does not meet the minimum rating score requirements.

f. Ranked Order: After adding any Preference Points, HUD will place eligible applications that meet the minimum rating score requirements in ranked order. Funds will be awarded in rank order based on the score received on the application submitted under this NOFA, starting with FY 2018 and continuing with FY 2019 funds. Applicants within the fundable range of 75 or more points will be considered for funding in ranked order up to the amount requested, or a lesser amount if sufficient funds are not available. Meeting the minimum score of 75 points does not guarantee a funding award will be made. HUD also reserves the right to adjust funding to meet urgent policy priorities. HUD reserves the right to issue a supplemental or independent NOFA if necessary (e.g., to ensure that all appropriated funds are awarded).

g. Grant Award Adjustments: At its discretion, if HUD determines that there are not enough funds available to fully fund a project as proposed by a successful applicant, then HUD may contact the applicant to determine whether revisions can be made to the program budget and workplan to reflect the actual award offer. If it is not possible to agree on a revised program budget and workplan, then an award will not be made to that applicant. In such an instance, HUD may offer an award, in a rank order, to another applicant. HUD may also select additional projects for funding, in rank order, if additional funds become available. See also Adjustments to Funding information in section VI.A. below.

h. Tiebreakers: When rating results in a tie among projects and there is not enough money to fund all tied projects, HUD will approve projects that can be fully funded over those that cannot be fully funded. When that does not resolve the tie, HUD will use the following factors in the order listed to resolve the tie:

- Projects that address IHBG Competitive Priorities: HUD will prioritize projects according to the rating criteria order of Subfactor 3.1.

- Applicants that score the highest cumulative points for Rating Factor 1 and Rating Factor 2.

i. IHBG Competitive Grant Progress and Performance: Failing to make significant progress by September 30, 2021, as evidenced by failing to meet planned activities described in an IHBG Competitive workplan, may constitute substantial noncompliance under 24 CFR 1000.534. HUD will review the circumstances of each grantee on a case by case basis to determine if the noncompliance is substantial.

j. Additional IHBG Competitive Funds: If, after publication of this NOFA, additional funds become available either through additional appropriations or through the deobligation or recapture of funds, HUD reserves the right to:

- Award funding to additional applicants based on their score from this competition
- Use the additional funds to provide additional funding to an applicant awarded less than the original requested amount of funds to make the full award
- Fund additional applicants that were eligible to receive an award but for which there were no funds available from FY 2018 or FY 2019 appropriations
- Award funding to applicants that meet the funding errors category in section VI.A. below

k. Curable Deficiencies and Pre-award Requirements

- **Curable Deficiencies:** If there are curable deficiencies identified in successful applications, then applicants must satisfactorily address these deficiencies before HUD can make a grant award.
- **Pre-Award Requirements:** Successful applicants may have to provide supporting documentation concerning the management, maintenance, operation, or financing of proposed projects before a grant agreement can be executed. HUD may ask for additional information on the scope, magnitude, timing or method of implementing the project. HUD may also ask further information to verify the commitment of other resources required to complete, operate, or maintain the proposed project. HUD will notify applicants by facsimile or via the U.S. Postal Service, return receipt requested. Applicants will be provided fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of receipt of the HUD notification to respond to these requirements. No extensions will be provided. If the deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the response must be received by HUD on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. If an applicant does not respond within the prescribed time period or makes an insufficient response, then ONAP will determine that the requirement has not been met and will withdraw the grant offer. Applicants may not substitute new projects for those originally proposed in the application and any new information will not affect the project's rating

and ranking.

- The time period for calculating the response deadline for pre-award requirements begins on the day after receipt of the pre-award letter from ONAP.

l. Agency Errors: Judgments made within the provisions of this NOFA and all program statutory and regulatory requirements are not subject to claim of error. There is no appeal process. An applicant may however, bring arithmetic errors in application scoring to the attention of HUD within 30 days of being informed of its score.

m. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates:

HUD anticipates announcing awards for FY 2018 and FY 2019 funds under this NOFA approximately four to six months after the application due date.

VI. Award Administration Information.

A. Award Notices.

Following the evaluation process, HUD will notify successful applicants of their selection for funding. HUD will also notify other applicants, whose applications were received by the deadline, but have not been chosen for award. Notifications will be sent by email to the person listed as the AOR in item 21 of the SF424.

Negotiation. After HUD has made selections, some HUD programs may negotiate specific terms of the funding agreement and budget with selected applicants. If HUD and a selected applicant do not successfully conclude negotiations in a timely manner, or a selected applicant fails to provide requested information, an award will not be made to that applicant. In this case, HUD may select another eligible applicant. Consult the program NOFA for specific details.

HUD may impose special conditions on an award as provided under 2 CFR 200.207:

- Based on HUD's review of the applicant's risk under 2 CFR 200.205;
- When the applicant or recipient has a history of failure to comply with the general or specific terms and conditions of a Federal award;
- When the applicant or recipient fails to meet expected performance goals; or
- When the applicant or recipient is not otherwise responsible.

Adjustments to Funding. To ensure the fair distribution of funds and enable the purposes or requirements of a specific program to be met, HUD reserves the right to fund less than the amount requested in an application.

a. HUD will fund no portion of an application that:

- (1) Is not eligible for funding under applicable statutory or regulatory requirements;

- (2) Does not meet the requirements of this notice; or
 - (3) Duplicates other funded programs or activities from prior year awards or other selected applicants.
- b. If funds are available after funding the highest-ranking application, HUD may fund all or part of another eligible fundable application. If an applicant turns down an award offer, or if HUD and an applicant do not successfully complete grant negotiations, HUD may make an offer of funding to another eligible application.
 - c. If funds remain after all selections have been made, remaining funds may be made available within the current FY for other competitions within the program area, or be held for future competitions, or be used as otherwise provided by authorizing statute or appropriation.
 - d. If, after announcement of awards made under the current NOFA, additional funds become available either through the current appropriations, a supplemental appropriation, other appropriations or recapture of funds, HUD may use the additional funds to provide additional funding to an applicant awarded less than the requested amount of funds to make the full award, and/or to fund additional applicants that were eligible to receive an award but for which there were no funds available.

Funding Errors. If HUD commits an error that when corrected would cause selection of an applicant during the funding round of a Program NOFA, HUD may select that applicant for funding, subject to the availability of funds.

The HUD Reform Act prohibits HUD from notifying applicants as to whether they have been selected to receive a grant until it has announced all successful award recipients.

If selected and as soon as a Congressional release has been obtained, ONAP will send the applicant an award letter and a grant agreement to sign and return. If the applicant does not already have one, it will have to establish an account in LOCCS so that it can draw down grant funds as needed to complete project/activities. Grantees will also be encouraged to participate in award implementation training offered by ONAP. All grant awards are conditioned on the successful completion of an environmental review in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 1000.18-1000.24, and an environmental review must be completed before funds are released. An environmental review, all required notifications, and approval of the Request for Release of Funds and Certification when applicable under 24 CFR part 58 or HUD's approval of the project or activity under 24 CFR part 50, must be completed before a recipient may commit HUD or non-HUD funds, or take any other choice limiting action, including but not limited to real property acquisition, demolition, disposition, rehabilitation, repair, new construction, site preparation or clearance, ground disturbance, and leasing. HUD may impose other grant conditions if additional actions or approvals are required, before the use of funds.

B. Administrative, National and Department Policy Requirements for HUD recipients.

For this NOFA, the following Administrative, National and Department Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance Awards apply. Please [Click here](#) to read the detailed

description of each applicable requirement.

1. Compliance with Non-discrimination and Other Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, these non-discrimination and equal opportunity authorities and other requirements apply to all NOFAs. Please read the following requirements carefully as the requirements are different among HUD's programs.

- Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws, Which Encompass the Fair Housing Act and Related Authorities (cf. 24 CFR 5.105(a)).
 - Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons (Section 3).
 - Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).
 - Accessible Technology.

2. Equal Access Requirements.

3. Ensuring the Participation of Small Disadvantaged Business, and Women-Owned Businesses.

4. Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities.

5. Real Property Acquisition and Relocation.

6. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation.

7. Drug-Free Workplace.

8. Safeguarding Resident/Client Files.

9. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L.109-282) (Transparency Act), as amended.

10. Eminent Domain.

11. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities.

12. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct.

13. Environmental Requirements.

Compliance with 24 CFR part 50 or 58 procedures is explained below:

All awards under this NOFA will be conditioned on the successful completion of an environmental review, and environmental reviews must be completed before funds are released. Applicants must comply with HUD environmental review requirements, in accordance with 24 CFR 1000.18-1000.24. An Indian tribe can assume environmental responsibilities under 24 CFR part 58 or decline to assume environmental responsibilities and request HUD perform the review under 24 CFR part 50, in accordance with 24 CFR 1000.20(a). An environmental review, all required notifications, and approval of the Request for Release of Funds and Certification when applicable under 24 CFR part 58 or HUD's approval of the project or activity under 24 CFR part 50, must be completed before a recipient may commit HUD or non-HUD funds, or take any other choice limiting action, including but not limited to real property acquisition, demolition, disposition, rehabilitation, repair, new construction, site preparation or clearance, ground disturbance, and leasing. Any mitigating/remedial measures required by the responsible entity (or HUD) must be carried out. Environmental review resources including training, guidance, forms, sample letters and worksheets are available on the HUD Exchange at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/>.

C. Reporting.

HUD requires recipients to submit performance and financial reports under OMB guidance and program instructions.

1. Reporting Requirements and Frequency of Reporting. Applicants should be aware that if the total Federal share of your Federal award includes more than \$ 500,000 over the period of performance, you may be subject to post award reporting requirements reflected in Appendix XII to Part 200-Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

2. Performance Reporting. All HUD-funded programs, including this program, require recipients to submit, not less than annually, a report documenting achievement of outcomes under the purpose of the program and the work plan in the award agreement.

3. Race, Ethnicity and Other Data Reporting. HUD requires recipients that provide HUD-funded program benefits to individuals or families to report data on the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and family characteristics of persons and households who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries of HUD programs in order to carry out the Department's responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act, Executive Order 11063, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 562 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987. NOFAs may specify the data collection and reporting requirements. Many programs use the Race and Ethnic Data Reporting Form HUD-27061, U.S. Department of Housing OMB Approval No. 2535-0113.

4. IHBG Competitive Grant: Post-Award Reporting Requirements

a. Quarterly Federal Financial Reports: Grantees will have to submit a Federal Financial Report (SF-425) to the Area ONAP within 30 days after the end of each quarter. A final SF-425 must be submitted within 90 days after the end of the period of performance identified on the grant agreement.

b. Annual Performance Reports: Grantees are required to submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) Form HUD-52737 to HUD within 90 days of the end of their program year and within 90 days after the end of the period of performance identified on the grant agreement. This APR must pertain only to the activities of IHBG Competitive Grant and submitted separately from the traditional IHBG formula APR.

Grantees must also include a narrative accompanying the HUD-52737 addressing the following areas:

- The progress made on completing the project in accordance with the project implementation plan and schedule
- A list of work remaining towards project completion

- If applicable, any minor modifications to the grantee’s workplan and budget in order to meet the project goals. Note that all modifications must be in accordance with this NOFA and subject to HUD approval.
- If applicable, a discussion of the barriers faced towards project implementation and explanation how the grantee will overcome those barriers to complete the project by the period of performance end date
- An update of how the project is addressing the need components identified in the IHBG Competitive grant application
- Progress of efforts to implement the project in coordination with community members, tribal departments, and other agencies/organizations
- Discussion of outputs and measurable outcomes achieved to date
- A report of obligations and expenditures in comparison with remaining funding LOCCS balances, or its successor system
- If applicable, a status of leveraging resources committed to the project
- When the project is done, an evaluation of its effectiveness in meeting the grantee’s affordable housing project needs

Filing of IHBG Competitive Grant Post-Award reports is mandatory for all grantees, and failure to do so within the required timeframe may result in HUD taking enforcement action against the grantee in accordance with Title IV of NAHASDA and IHBG implementing regulations.

HUD will assess all post-award reports submitted to evaluate the grantee’s performance in meeting its project goals. Grantees will also be held to the milestones in the program schedule, as approved by HUD. HUD expects that all grantees to have made significant progress on their IHBG Competitive workplan and on implementing their grants by September 30, 2021. Failing to make significant progress by September 30, 2021, as evidenced by failing to meet planned activities described in an IHBG Competitive workplan, may constitute substantial noncompliance under 24 CFR 1000.534. HUD will review the circumstances of each grantee on a case by case basis to determine if the noncompliance is substantial.

D. Debriefing.

For a period of at least 120 days, beginning 30 days after the public announcement of awards under this NOFA, HUD will provide a debriefing related to their application to requesting applicants. A request for debriefing must be made in writing or by email by the authorized official whose signature appears on the SF424 or by his or her successor in office and be submitted to the point of contact in Section VII Agency Contact(s), below. Information provided during a debriefing may include the final score the applicant received for each rating factor, final evaluator comments for each rating factor, and the final assessment indicating the basis upon which funding was approved or denied.

VII. Agency Contacts.

HUD staff will be available to provide clarification on the content of this NOFA.

Questions regarding specific program requirements for this NOFA should be directed to the point of contact listed below.

(000) 000-0000

IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov

Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Please note that HUD staff cannot assist applicants in preparing their applications.

VIII. Other Information.

1. National Environmental Policy Act.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the environment has been made for this NOFA in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

The FONSI is available for inspection at HUD's Funding Opportunities web page at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps.