MEMORANDUM FOR: Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, P

FROM: Robert E. Mulderig, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Housing Investments, PI

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund NOFA Re-Issue (FR-6100-N-42A)

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

The purpose of this NOFA is to announce the availability of remaining FY 2017 funds and to provide program information and application instructions for the Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program. The purpose of the Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program is to help Public Housing Authorities identify and eliminate lead-based paint hazards in public housing. In accordance with Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (1937 Act), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, $25,000,000 shall be available for competitive grants to public housing agencies to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in public housing by carrying out the activities of risk assessments, abatement, and interim controls (as those terms are defined in section 1004 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851b)). The authority for the Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program is Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (1937 Act), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017. This second round of funding makes available $6,631,190 that was not awarded under the first round of competition (FR-6100-N-42).

The NOFA provides for environmental review through the requirement that PHAs should include activities funded under this program in the environmental review process performed for the Capital Fund formula grant program. The activities under this NOFA are subject to 24 CFR Part 58 or 50 in accordance with 24 CFR 905.308(b)(2).

This Office finds that issuance of this NOFA will not have a significant effect on the human environment because prior to any grantee's commitment of funds for any activities that would have an environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives, an environmental review of these activities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities will be done. Thus, the environmental effects of activities assisted under this NOFA will be taken into account at the appropriate time, and environmental impacts will be assessed in the local setting in which they will occur.
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