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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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**FROM:** Robert Mulderig, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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**SUBJECT:** Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact  
Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the  
FY2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Resident  
Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program  
(FR-6500-N-05)

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

This NOFO announces the availability of FY 2021 funds and provides program information and application instructions for the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinator Program. ROSS provides grants to Public Housing Agencies, tribes/Tribally Designated Housing Entities, resident associations, and eligible nonprofits to pay the salaries of a service coordinator to coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help Public and Indian Housing residents achieve economic self-sufficiency.

The ROSS Program is authorized by Section 34 of the United States Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.1437z-6). Funding for this is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, enacted December 27, 2020).

This NOFO does not direct or provide assistance or loan or mortgage insurance for real property acquisition, disposition, rehabilitation, alteration, demolition, or new construction, or establish, revise or provide for standards for construction or construction materials, manufactured housing, or occupancy. Lease or rental of space for ROSS activities is an eligible use of administrative funds, but only under the following conditions:

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

All activities funded under this NOFO are exempt or categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 24 CFR 58.34 (a)(3), (a)(4), or (a)(9), 58.35(b)(2), and 50.19(b)(3), (b)(4), (b)(9), or (b)(12), because they lack the potential for any significant effect on the environment.

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

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