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Program Office: Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Funding Opportunity Title: Lead Risk Assessment Demonstration (LRAD) Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6600-N-86 Assistance Listing Number (formerly CFDA Number): 14.920 Due Date for Applications: 06/20/2023 OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to invite applications from eligible applicants for the program and purpose described within this NOFO. You, as a prospective applicant, 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.

In accordance with <u>Title 24 part 4, subpart B</u> of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), during the selection process (which includes HUD's NOFO development and publication and concludes with the award of assistance), HUD is prohibited from disclosing covered selection information. Examples of impermissible disclosures include: 1) information regarding any applicant's relative standing; 2) the amount of assistance requested by any 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 NOFO, direct questions regarding the specific requirements of this NOFO to the agency contact identified in section VII.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501- 3520) (PRA), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection requirements in this NOFO. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. This NOFO identifies its applicable OMB control number, unless its collection of information is excluded from these requirements under <u>5 CFR part 1320</u>.

OMB Approval Number(s): 2539-0015 I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Program Description

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessment Demonstration Program (LRAD) is to demonstrate the feasibility of conducting Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessments or Lead Hazard

Screens in pre-1978 Housing Choice Voucher assistance (HCV) units (as described at 42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) occupied or to be occupied by children under the age of 6. Exposure to lead-based paint hazards can lead to a variety of health problems in young children, including reduced IQ, learning disabilities, developmental delays, reduced height, and impaired hearing. At higher levels, lead can damage a child's kidneys and central nervous system and can be deadly. The program under this NOFO provides competitive grants to Public Housing Authorities to evaluate for lead-based paint hazards in HCV units constructed before 1978 and occupied or to be occupied by a child under 6 through risk assessments and lead hazard screens in target housing (as those terms are defined in 24 CFR 35.110).

2. HUD and Program-Specific Goals and Objectives

This NOFO supports <u>HUD's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026</u> to accomplish HUD's mission and vision. Each of the five goals in the <u>Strategic Plan</u> include what HUD hopes to accomplish, the strategies to accomplish those objectives, and the indicators of success. However, of the five goals only those applicable to this NOFO are identified below.

You are expected to align your application to the applicable strategic goals and objectives below. Use the information in this section to describe in your application the specific goals, objectives, and measures that your project is expected to help accomplish. If your project is selected for funding, you are also expected to establish a plan to track progress related to those goals, objectives, and measures. HUD will monitor compliance with the goals, objectives, and measures in your project.

Applicable Goals and Objectives from HUD's Strategic Plan

1. Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities

Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

2. 4B: Strengthen Environmental Justice

Reduce exposure to health risks, environmental hazards, and substandard housing, especially for low-income households and communities of color.

3. 4C: Integrate Health and Housing

Advance policies that recognize housing's role as essential to health.

3. Changes from Previous NOFO

This is a new NOFO.

4. Definitions

a. Standard Definitions

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunities, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of

opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. The duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all program participant's activities and programs relating to housing and urban development.

Assistance Listing number refers to the unique number assigned to each Federal assistance program publicly available in the Assistance Listing, which is managed and administered by the General Services Administration. The Assistance Listing number was formerly known as the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number.

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is a person authorized to legally bind your organization and submit applications via Grants.gov. The AOR is authorized by the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) in the System for Award Management (see E-Biz POC definition). An AOR may include an Expanded AOR and/or a Standard AOR.

Expanded Authorized Organization Representative is a user in Grants.gov who is authorized by the E-Biz POC to perform the functions of a Standard AOR, initiate and submit applications on behalf of your organization, and is allowed to modify organization-level settings and certifications in Grants.gov.

Standard Authorized Organization Representative is a user in Grants.gov who is authorized by the E-Biz POC to initiate and submit applications in Grants.gov. A Grants.gov user with the Standard AOR role can only submit applications when they are a Participant for that workspace.

Consolidated Plan is the document submitted to HUD that serves as the comprehensive housing affordability strategy, community development plan, and submission for funding under any of the Community Planning and Development formula grant programs (e.g., CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA). This Plan is prepared in accordance with the process described in 24 CFR part 91. 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 HUD's requirements regarding the Consolidated Plan and related Action Plan).

Contract means, for the purpose of Federal financial assistance, a legal instrument by which a recipient or subrecipient purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a federal award. For additional information on contractor and subrecipient determinations, see <u>2 CFR 200.331</u>.

Contractor means an entity that receives a contract as defined above and in <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>.

Cooperative agreement has the same meaning defined at <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>.

Deficiency, with respect to the making of an application for funding, is information missing or omitted within a submitted application. Examples of deficiencies include missing documents, missing or incomplete information on a form, or some other type of unsatisfied information requirement. Depending on specific criteria, a deficiency may be either Curable or Non-Curable.

A Curable Deficiency is missing or incomplete application information that may be corrected by the applicant 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.

A Non-Curable Deficiency is missing or incomplete application information that cannot be corrected by an applicant after the submission deadline. A non-curable deficiency is a deficiency that is a threshold requirement, or a deficiency that, if corrected, would change an applicant's score or rank versus other applicants. If an application includes a non-curable deficiency, the application may receive an ineligible determination, or the non-curable deficiency may otherwise adversely affect the application's score and final funding determination.

E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) is an organization applicant who is responsible for the administration and management of grant activities for his or her organization. The E-Biz POC is likely to be an organization's chief financial officer or authorizing official. The E-Biz POC authorizes representatives of their organization to apply on behalf of the organization (see Authorized Organization Representative definition). There can only be one E-Biz POC per unique entity identifier (see definition of Unique Entity Identifier below).

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

Environmental Justice means investing in environmental improvements, remedying past environmental inequities, and otherwise developing, implementing, and enforcing laws and policies in a manner that advances environmental equity and provides meaningful involvement for people and communities that have been environmentally underserved or overburdened, such as Black and Brown communities, indigenous groups, and individuals with disabilities. This definition does not alter the requirements under HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 58.5(j) and 24 CFR 50.4(1) implementing Executive Order 12898. E.O. 12898 requires a consideration of how federally assisted projects may have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and/or low-income populations. For additional information on environmental review compliance, refer to:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/environment_energy/regulations.

Equity has the meaning given to that term in Section 2(a) of Executive Order <u>13985</u> and means the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

Federal Award, has the meaning, depending on the context, in either paragraphs (1) or (2) of this definition:

(1)

(a) The Federal financial assistance that a recipient receives directly from a Federal awarding agency or a subrecipient receives indirectly from a pass-through entity, as described in 2 CFR 200.101; or

(b) The cost-reimbursement contract under the Federal Acquisition Regulations that a non- Federal entity receives directly from a federal awarding agency or indirectly from a pass- through entity, as described in 2 CFR 200.101.

(2) The instrument setting forth the terms and conditions. The instrument is the grant agreement, cooperative agreement, other agreement for assistance covered in paragraph (2) of the definitions of Federal financial assistance in <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>, and this NOFO, or the cost-reimbursement contract awarded under the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

(3) Federal award does not include other contracts that a Federal agency uses to buy goods or services from a contractor or a contract to operate Federal Government owned, contractor operated facilities (GOCOs).

(4) See also definitions of Federal financial assistance, grant agreement, and cooperative agreement in <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>.

Federal Financial Assistance has the same meaning defined at <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>.

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 on Grants.gov is required for submission of applications to prospective agencies unless otherwise specified in this NOFO.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are 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 of Education 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. <u>A list of accredited HBCUs can be found at the U.S. Department of Education's website</u>.

Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) are

(1) a part B institution (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1601</u>);

(2) a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1101a(5));

(3) a Tribal College or University (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1059c</u>);

(4) an Alaska Native-serving institution or a Native Hawaiian-serving institution (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1059d(b)</u>);

(5) a Predominantly Black Institution (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1059e</u>);

(6) an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution (as defined in <u>20</u> <u>U.S.C. 1059g</u>); or

(7) a Native American-serving nontribal institution (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1059f).

Non-Federal Entity (NFE) means a state, local government, Indian tribe, Institution of Higher Education (IHE), or non-profit organization that carries out a federal award as a recipient or subrecipient.

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

Racial Equity is the elimination of racial disparities, and is achieved when race can no longer predict opportunities, distribution of resources, or outcomes – particularly for Black and Brown persons, which includes Black, Latino, indigenous, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other persons of color.

Recipient means an entity, usually but not limited to non-Federal entities, that receives a federal award directly from HUD. The term recipient does not include subrecipients or individuals that are beneficiaries of the award.

Resilience is a community's ability to minimize damage and recover quickly from extreme events and changing conditions.

Small business is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than regular-sized business. The definition of "small"—in terms of being able to apply for government support and qualify for preferential tax policy—varies by country and industry. The U.S. Small Business Administration defines a small business according to a set of standards based on specific industries. See <u>13 CFR Part 121</u>.

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 pass-through entity. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a 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.

Subrecipient means an entity, usually but not limited to non-Federal entities, that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a federal award but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such award. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards directly from a federal awarding agency.

System for Award Management (SAM) is the Federal Repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Registration with SAM is required for submission of applications via Grants.gov. You can access the website at <u>https://www.sam.gov/SAM/</u>. There is no cost to use SAM.

Threshold Requirements are eligibility requirements that must be met for an application to be reviewed, rated, and ranked. Threshold requirements are not curable, except for documentation of applicant eligibility, which are listed in Section III.D., Threshold Eligibility Requirements. Similarly, there are eligibility requirements under Section III.E., Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility.

Underserved Communities has the meaning given to that term in Section 2(b) of Executive Order <u>13985</u> and refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the definition of "equity" above.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) means the identifier assigned by SAM to uniquely identify business entities. As of April 4, 2022, the Federal government has transitioned from the use of the DUNS Number to the use of UEI, as the primary means of entity identification for Federal awards government-wide.

b. Program Definitions.

Lead hazard screen means a limited risk assessment activity that involves paint testing and dust sampling and analysis as described in <u>40 CFR 745.227(c)</u> and soil sampling and analysis as described in <u>40 CFR 745.227(d)</u>.

Risk assessment means an on-site investigation to determine the existence, nature, severity, and location of lead-based paint hazards; and the provision of a report by the individual or firm conducting the risk assessment explaining the results of the investigation and options for reducing lead-based paint hazards. Specific requirements for a Risk Assessment, including the number of units to be sampled, can be found in EPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 745 and in Chapter 5 of the HUD Guidelines at <u>HUD Guidelines</u>.

Target housing means any housing constructed prior to 1978, except housing designated for the elderly or persons with disabilities, or any 0-bedroom dwelling (unless a child of less than 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing), as defined in the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992.

B. Authority

The Lead Risk Assessment Demonstration program is authorized and funded under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103, approved March 15, 2022) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022).

II. AWARD INFORMATION

A. Available Funds

Funding of approximately **\$50,000,000** is available through this NOFO.

Additional funds may become available for award under this NOFO consistent with Section VI.A.2.e., Adjustments to Funding. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the funding restrictions contained in this NOFO.

B. Number of Awards

HUD expects to make approximately 50 awards from the funds available under this NOFO.

C. Minimum/Maximum Award Information

Award amounts will be based on the total number of HCV units in a qualifying program. It is projected that qualifying HCV programs with 100 to 1,000 HCV units will be awarded up to \$200,000. Programs with 1,001 to 5,000 HCV units could be awarded up to \$300,000. Programs with 5,001 to 20,000 HCV units could be awarded up to \$1,000,000 and programs with more than 20,000 HCV units could be awarded up to \$3,000,000 under this NOFO. HUD reserves the right to award grants in a manner that assures a diversity of program sizes are funded to assure the demonstration is representative of HCV programs across the country. HUD may prioritize similarly scored applications based on the size and location of the applicant and allocate funding to assure awardees are representative of various HCV program sizes and locations.

Estimated Total Funding: \$50,000,000 Minimum Award Amount: \$200,000 Per Project Period

Maximum Award Amount: \$3,000,000 Per Project Period

D. Period of Performance

Estimated Project Start Date: 08/29/2023 Estimated Project End Date: 09/01/2026 Length of Project Periods: 36-month project period and budget period

Length of Periods Explanation of Other:

E. Type of Funding Instrument

Funding Instrument Type: G (Grant)

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

08 (Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities)

Additional Information on Eligibility

Only Public Housing Authorities administering Housing Choice Voucher Programs are eligible under this NOFO. Indian Housing Authorities are not eligible.

B. Ineligible Applicants

Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs), nonprofit organizations, and resident associations are not eligible to apply.

Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards made under this announcement.

C. Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program does not require cost sharing or matching.

D. Threshold Eligibility Requirements

Applicants who fail to meet any of the following threshold eligibility requirements are deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants are not rated or ranked and will not receive

HUD funding.

1. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

Outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved before the application submission deadline. Applicants with unresolved civil rights matters at the application deadline are deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants are not rated or ranked and will not receive HUD funding.

a. An applicant is ineligible for funding if the applicant has any of the charges, cause determinations, lawsuits, or letters of findings referenced in subparagraphs (1) - (5) that are not resolved to HUD's satisfaction before or on the application deadline date for this NOFO.

(1) Charges from HUD concerning a systemic violation of the Fair Housing Act or receipt of a cause determination from a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency concerning a systemic violation of a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing law proscribing discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), national origin, disability or familial status;
(2) Status as a defendant in a Fair Housing Act lawsuit filed by the United States alleging a pattern or practice of discrimination or denial of rights to a group of persons raising an issue of general public importance under 42 U.S.C. 3614(a);

(3) Status as a defendant in any other lawsuit filed or joined by the Department of Justice, or in which the Department of Justice has intervened, or filed an amicus brief or statement of interest, alleging a pattern or practice or systemic violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Violence Against Women Act, or a claim under the False Claims Act related to fair housing, non-discrimination, or civil rights generally including an alleged failure to affirmatively further fair housing;

(4) Receipt of a letter of findings identifying systemic non-compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Violence Against Women Act; or the Americans with Disabilities Act; or

(5) Receipt of a cause determination from a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency concerning a systemic violation of provisions of a state or local law prohibiting discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or lawful source of income.

b. HUD will determine if actions to resolve the charge, cause determination, lawsuit, or letter of findings taken before the application deadline date will resolve the matter. Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:

Current compliance with a voluntary compliance agreement signed by all the parties;
Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;

(3) Current compliance with a conciliation agreement signed by all the parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;

- (4) Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree;
- (5) Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision; or
- (6) Dismissal of charges.

2. Timely Submission of Applications

Applications submitted after the deadline stated within this NOFO that do not meet the requirements of the grace period policy are marked late. Late applications are ineligible and are not considered for funding. See Section IV. D. Application Submission Dates and Times.

E. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Financial Assistance Programs

The following requirements affect applicant eligibility. Detailed information on each requirement is found in the <u>"Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Financial</u> Assistance Programs" document on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

- Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Requirements
- Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts
- Debarments or Suspensions, or both
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirement
- Pre-selection Review of Performance
- Sufficiency of Financial Management System
- False Statements
- Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities

In addition, each applicant under this NOFO must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the Award Term in Appendix A of 24 CFR part 170 if the applicant receives an award, unless an exception applies as provided in 2 CFR 170.110.

F. Program-Specific Requirements

Eligible activities include Lead Risk Assessments and Lead Hazard Screens in Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance units occupied or to be occupied by children under the age of 6 to identify lead-based paint hazards. Eligible costs include outreach to landlords to participate in the demonstration and education on lead hazards and the costs associated with conducting a lead hazard risk assessment or lead hazard screens. Presumption of the presence of lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards is not permitted.

Compliance with HUD Regulations and Guidelines. You must conduct lead risk assessments and/or lead hazard screens in compliance with HUD's Title X, the Lead Hazard Reduction Act, the current HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing (The HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-based Paint in Housing | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)), applicable OLHCHH Program Policies, and applicable federal, state, and local regulations and guidance, including, but not limited to the EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule (found within 40 CFR part 745; see <u>Renovation-repair-and-painting-program</u>).

After award, the applicant shall propose a quarterly benchmark schedule for completing lead risk

assessments and/or lead hazard screens in HCV units and common areas of multi-unit buildings in a timely fashion, evenly through the period of performance.

A critical goal of this NOFO is the development of information about the burdens to assisted housing families when lead risk assessments or lead hazard screens are conducted and hazards are found that require control. Increases in cost, time to initial occupancy, and other factors relevant to the timely occupancy of an assisted family will be reported.

All units assisted solely through funds awarded under this LRAD NOFO must be the residence of families in target housing occupied or to be occupied by a child under the age of six and participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Assistance program.

Cooperation with Related Research and Evaluation. You must cooperate fully with any research or evaluation sponsored by HUD, or another government agency associated with this grant program, including preservation of project data and records, and compiling requested information in formats provided by the researchers, evaluators, or HUD. This also may include the compiling of certain relevant local demographic, dwelling unit, and participant data not contemplated in the original proposal. Participant data shall be subject to the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). HIPAA and the Privacy Rule can be found at www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html. You should also check to ensure you meet state and local privacy regulations as well as other federal privacy laws and regulations. For the programs in this NOFO, HUD does not expect research to be conducted that could affect human subjects.

Code of Conduct. If you are awarded a grant, you must be prepared to submit a copy of your Organization's Code of Conduct and describe the methods you will use to ensure that all officers, employees, and agents of the organization are aware of your Code of Conduct, prior to entering into a grant agreement with HUD.

Worker Protection Procedures. The requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) (e.g., 29 CFR parts 1910 and/or 1926, as applicable) or the state or local occupational safety and health regulations, whichever are most stringent, must be met.

Notification Requirements. All lead-based paint risk assessment and lead hazard screen results must be provided to the owner of the unit, together with a notice describing the owner's legal duty to disclose the results to tenants and buyers (see 24 CFR 35.88 of the Lead Disclosure Rule). Grantee files must contain verifiable evidence of providing lead risk assessment and/or lead hazard screen reports to owners, such as a signed and dated receipt. Applicants should describe how they will assure owners comply with the Lead Disclosure Rule (24 CFR Part 35, subpart A, and the equivalent 40 CFR Part 745, subpart F) and the Lead Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR Part 35, subpart 35, subparts B and R).

Compliance with Section 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 8, and with Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations at 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36, facilities where program participants come for assistance (e.g., for intake and enrollment in the program), training or education, must be accessible to persons with disabilities. Applicants must take appropriate steps to ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities and provide appropriate auxiliary aides and services to ensure equal participation by individuals with disabilities. Applicants must also provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in programs and activities conducted under this NOFO. Also, any web-based program assistance, training or education must comply with Section 504 through compliance with Section 508 accessibility requirements, which requires that all information and communications technology, regardless of the medium of the technology, be accessible to persons with disabilities.

Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 13166.

Applicants must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 1 and Executive Order 13166. This may include providing language assistance services to ensure meaningful participation and involvement for individuals with LEP. The Department published *Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons* (72 Fed. Reg. 2732; January 22, 2007) to aid recipients of HUD assistance in identifying language assistance needs and developing language assistance plans.

Privacy. Submission of any information to databases (whether website, computer, paper, or other formats) of addresses of housing units identified under these studies may be subject to the protections of the Privacy Act of 1974 and shall not include any personal information that could identify any household member. You should also check to ensure you meet state and local privacy laws and regulations as well as other federal privacy laws and regulations.

Prohibited Practices. Applicants are not permitted to engage in practices prohibited under HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule at 24 CFR 35.140, EPA's RRP Rule at 40 CFR 745.85(a)(3), or EPA's lead abatement rule at 40 CFR 745.227(e)(6).

Procurement Requirements. All goods and services must be procured through a competitive process. Recipients must follow federal procurement requirements as defined in 2 CFR 200.317-326, as applicable. The designation of an entity as a "sub-recipient: or contractor" must follow program policies and 2 CFR 200.331. According to 2 CFR 200.331, a recipient acting as a pass-through entity must make a case-by-case determination whether each agreement it makes for the disbursement of Federal program funds cast the party receiving the funds in the role of a sub-recipient or contractor.

(see: <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2014-title2-vol1/CFR-2014-title2-vol1-sec200-330</u>).

Advancing Racial Equity

In accordance with Executive Order <u>13985</u>, *Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and* Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, and federal fair housing and civil rights laws, you must submit a narrative demonstrating the following:

- You analyzed the racial composition of the persons or households who are expected to benefit from your proposed grant activities;
- You identified any potential barriers to persons or communities of color equitably benefiting from your proposed grant activities;
- You detailed the steps you will take to prevent, reduce or eliminate these barriers; and
- You have measures in place to track your progress and evaluate the effectiveness of your efforts to advance racial equity in your grant activities.

Note that any actions taken in furtherance of this section must be consistent with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

Affirmative Marketing

You must submit a narrative demonstrating that the housing, services, or other benefits provided under this grant will be affirmatively marketed broadly throughout the local area and nearby areas to any demographic groups that would be unlikely or least likely to apply absent such efforts. Such demographic groups may include, for example, Black and Brown persons or communities, individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals with disabilities, or families with children. Such activities may include outreach through community contacts or service providers or at community centers serving the target population; and marketing on websites, social media channels, television, radio, and print media serving local members of the targeted group. Documentation for this factor consists of a narrative describing the activities that will fulfill the factor requirements.

G. Criteria for Beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries under this NOFO are families receiving Housing Choice Voucher Assistance who reside or are expected to reside in Target Housing and have or expect to have a child under the age of six residing in the proposed unit.

IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Obtain an Application Package

Instructions for Applicants

All application materials, including the Application Instructions and Application Package, are available through Grants.gov. You must access and review all available application materials. You must submit your application electronically via Grants.gov under the Funding Opportunity Number cited within this NOFO. Your application must list the applicable Funding Opportunity Number.

You can request a waiver from the requirement for electronic submission, if you demonstrate good cause. An example of good cause may include: a lack of available Internet access in the geographic area in which your business offices are located. However, lack of SAM registration or valid UEI is not a 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 you fail to submit to HUD in writing or via email a request for a waiver at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline. If HUD grants a waiver, a paper application must be received before the deadline for this NOFO. To request a waiver, you must contact:

Name: Bruce Haber Email: bruce.p.haber@hud.gov HUD Organization: OLHCHH Street: 451 7th Street SW City: Washington State: DC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Zip: 20410

B. Content and Form of Application Submission

You must verify that boxes 11, 12, and 13 on the SF-424 match the NOFO 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 Assistance Listing and Funding Opportunity Number is a Non-Curable Deficiency, unless otherwise stated under the Threshold requirements section.

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD 424-B)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	

1. Content

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD 2880)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements	
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	Federally recognized Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by federally recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage of the Byrd Amendment, but state- recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established only under state law shall comply with this requirement.
Certification Regarding Lobbying (Lobbying Form)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	
Form HUD-424 CBW Detailed Budget Worksheet	Form HUD- 424 CBW must be submitted with your application	Amounts on HUD-424 CBW must be consistent with the requested amounts on lines 18b-f of the SF-424; Application for federal assistance.

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

While the rating factor response page limit does not include attachments, appendices, and other required forms, applicants must not rely on excessive appendices to address the rating factors. Clearly describe and support all responses within the rating factor narrative itself. Any information submitted in response to the Rating Factors beyond the page limit will not be used for review or rating.

Appendices.

- 1. Budget Narrative. Your application must include a budget narrative separate from the rating factor narrative that details the eligible cost amounts and items for each budget line proposed. The narrative must provide details on administrative costs, which are a maximum of ten percent (10%). Additional budget line items should include salaries, consultant fees, equipment and supplies required for the conduct of lead risk assessments and/or lead hazard screens.
- Staff and Personnel. Résumés for key staff or position descriptions for vacant positions. Please do not include any Personally Identifiable Information (PII). (See 2 CFR 200.1 for more on PII).

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 NOFO 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., Factor 1 Attachment, page 1).

2. Format and Form

Narratives and other attachments to your application must follow the following format guidelines. Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

15 Pages maximum length of narratives

Double spaced 12-point (minimum) Times Roman font on letter sized paper (8 $1/2 \times 11$ inches) with at least 1-inch margins on all sides

C. System for Award Management (SAM) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

1. SAM Registration Requirement

You must register with <u>https://www.sam.gov/</u>before submitting their application. You must maintain current information in SAM on immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that have been awarded a federal contract or grant within the last three years, if applicable. Information in SAM must be current for all times during which you have an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by HUD.

2. UEI Requirement

As of April 4, 2022, entities doing business with the federal government must use the UEI created in SAM.gov. Also, you must provide a valid UEI, registered and active at <u>www.sam.gov/</u> in the application. For more information, see: <u>https://www.gsa.gov/about-</u>us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/office-of-systems-management/integrated-award-environment-iae/iae-systems- information-kit/unique-entity-identifier-update.

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 E-Biz POC 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 apply through Grants.gov. Complete registration instructions and guidance are provided on Grants.gov.

D. Application Submission Dates and Times

1. Application Due Date Explanation

The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on

06/20/2023

Submit your application to Grants.gov unless a waiver has been issued allowing you to submit a paper application. 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 timestamp 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 applying.

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

2. Grants.gov Customer Support

Grants.gov provides customer support information on its website at <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html</u>. If you have difficulty accessing the application and instructions or have technical problems, contact Grants.gov customer support center by calling (800) 518-GRANTS (this is a toll-free number) or by sending an email to <u>support@grants.gov</u>.The customer support center is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week, except Federal holidays. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have speech and other communication disabilities may use a relay service to reach Grants.gov Customer Support. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the <u>webpage for Federal Communications Commission</u>.

3. Grants.gov Application Submission

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.

Take note of the Grants.gov tracking number, as it is needed by the Grants.gov customer support center should 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 publish the extension on Grants.gov.

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.

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.

4. 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.

5. 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 but not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. There is no grace period for paper applications.

6. Late Applications

An application received after the NOFO deadline date that does not meet the Grace Period requirements will be marked late and will not be reviewed by HUD for funding

consideration. Improper or expired registration and password issues are not sufficient causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

7. Corrections to Deficient Applications

HUD will not consider information from applicants after the application deadline except for curable deficiencies.

HUD will uniformly notify applicants of each curable deficiency. See curable deficiency definition in section I.A of this NOFO. 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 organization representative identified on the SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance via email. This email is the official notification of a curable deficiency.

You must email corrections of Curable Deficiencies to <u>applicationsupport@hud.gov</u> 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 <u>applicationsupport@hud.gov</u> 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 - XXXXXXXXXX). 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 UEI as having a curable deficiency. Failure to correct the deficiency and meet the requirement to have a UEI and active registration in SAM will render the application ineligible for funding.

8. Authoritative Versions of HUD NOFOs

The version of this NOFO posted on Grants.gov includes the official documents HUD uses to solicit applications.

9. Exemptions

Parties that believe the requirements of the NOFO would impose a substantial burden on the exercise of their religion should seek an exemption under the <u>Religious Freedom Restoration Act</u> (RFRA).

E. Intergovernmental Review

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

F. Funding Restrictions

1. Funds can only be used to conduct lead risk assessments and lead hazard screens to identify lead-based paint hazards in compliance with state and federal regulations in target housing participating in the Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program which are or will be occupied by a child under the age of 6.

2. Administrative Costs. Awardees may utilize up to ten percent (10%) of the federal award for payments of allowable and allocable reasonable direct grant program administrative costs and indirect costs related to planning, general management, oversight, and coordination of the grant and executing the project, such as preparation and submission of HUD reports. Administrative costs must be reflected under each appropriate line items (e.g., salaries, fringe, supplies, on the Form HUD_424_CBW) and a detailed cost element breakdown in the budget narrative must be provided. The ten percent (10%) cap does not include in-kind or leveraging resources contributed by the awardee. There are two (2) categories of administrative costs: direct administrative costs and indirect costs. For the purposes of this grant, all direct administrative costs and all indirect costs count towards the ten percent (10%) administrative cost limit.

3. Purchase of Real Property. The purchase of real property is not an allowable cost under this program.

4. Purchase or Lease of Equipment. The purchase or lease of equipment having a per-unit cost more than \$5,000 is not an allowable cost unless prior written approval is obtained from HUD.

5. Construction Activities. Construction activities supported with funds awarded under this NOFO are limited to what is necessary to conduct the proposed testing for the identification of lead-based paint hazards.

Indirect Cost Rate

Normal indirect cost rules under <u>2 CFR part 200, subpart E</u> 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 the new rate and documentation to assure the award agreement incorporates the applicable rate.

<u>Applicants other than state and local governments.</u> 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 your organization does not have a current negotiated rate (including provisional rate) and elects to use the de minimis rate, your application must clearly state you intend to use the de minimis rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC), as defined at 2 CFR 200.1. Costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both, as described in 2 CFR 200.403. Once elected, the de minimis rate must be applied consistently for all Federal awards until the organization chooses to negotiate a rate, which the organization may apply to do at any time. Documentation of the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file for audit.

<u>State and local governments.</u> 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 <u>Appendix VII to 2 CFR part 200</u>.

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 <u>2 CFR Part 200</u>, Appendix <u>VII</u>, 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 does not have a current negotiated rate (including provisional) rate, you may elect to use the de minimis rate of 10% of MTDC. As described in <u>2 CFR 200.403</u>, 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 your department or agency chooses 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. Standard Application, Assurances, Certifications and Disclosures

Standard Form 424 (SF-424) Application for Federal Assistance

The SF-424 is the government-wide form required to apply for Federal assistance programs, discretionary Federal grants, and other forms of financial assistance programs. You must complete and submit the form with the other required forms and information as directed in this NOFO.

By signing the forms in the SF-424 either through electronic submission or in paper copy submission (for those granted a waiver), you and the signing authorized organization representative affirm that you both have reviewed the certifications and assurances associated with the application for Federal assistance and (1) are aware the submission of the SF-424 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 organization 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, or Alaskan native villages and those applicable to applicants other than Federally recognized Indian tribes, or Alaskan native villages.

Assurances (HUD 424-B)

By submitting your application, you provide assurances that, if selected to receive an award, you will comply with U.S. statutory and other requirements, including, but not limited to civil rights requirements. All recipients and subrecipients of the award are required to submit assurances of compliance with federal civil rights requirements. *See, e.g.*, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Violence Against Women Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; *see also* 24 C.F.R. §§ 1.5; 3.115; 8.50; and 146.25. HUD accepts these assurances in the form of the HUD 424-B, which also require compliance with HUD Reform Act requirements and all general federal nondiscrimination requirements in the administration of the federal assistance award.

Applicant Disclosure Report Form 2880 (HUD 2880)

The form HUD 2880 is required if you are applying for assistance within the jurisdiction of HUD to any project subject to Section 102(d) of the <u>HUD Reform Act</u>. Assistance is provided directly by HUD to any person or entity, but not to subrecipients. It includes assistance for the acquisition, rehabilitation, operation, conversion, modernization, renovation, or demolition of any property containing five or more dwelling units that is to be used primarily for residential purposes. It includes assistance to independent group residences, board and care facilities, group homes and transitional housing but does not include primarily nonresidential facilities such as intermediate care facilities, nursing homes and hospitals. It also includes any change requested by a recipient in the amount of assistance previously provided, except changes resulting from annual adjustments in Section 8 rents under Section 8(c)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f). See HUD Reform Act regulation for additional information.

Code of Conduct

Both you, as the award recipient, and all subrecipients must have a code of conduct (or written standards of conduct). The code of conduct must comply with the requirements included in the "Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards" section of the <u>Administrative</u>, <u>National and Department Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance</u> <u>Awards</u>, as well as any program-specific requirements. These requirements include ethical standards related to conflicts of interest for procurements in <u>2 CFR 200.318(c)</u> and <u>2 CFR 200.317</u>, as well as HUD-specific conflict of interest standards. HUD maintains a list of organizations that have previously submitted written standards of conduct on its <u>Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs webpage</u>. But it is your responsibility to ensure that the standards are compliant with the noted requirements and that HUD has the latest version of the written standards. Updated written standards should be submitted with the application. Any updates to your written standards, after the application period, should be submitted as directed by the HUD program contact for this NOFO.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

With some exceptions for Federally recognized Indian tribes and their instrumentalities, the application must discuss how the applicant will carry out the proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations, and how applicants will meet the requirements of the definition of AFFH at 24 CFR 5.151. Applicants may propose activities that are consistent with their jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments (AI), an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), or other means of fair housing planning that meaningfully supports their AFFH certification.

If the applicant will carry out proposed activities in a jurisdiction with an AFH, the proposed activities should be consistent with the AFH's fair housing goals and with fair housing strategies specified in the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan or Public Housing Agency Plan.

The Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) can be completed in SAM.gov.

2. Other Program-Specific Requirements

None

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Review Criteria

1. Rating Factors

HUD will consider whether your application is clear, concise and well organized. Each rating factor is reviewed independently. Be sure your response for each rating factor does not include information that belongs with another rating factor. Minimum Score. Applications scoring seventy-five (75) points or more will be eligible to receive an award. Applications will be scored and ranked, based on the total number of points allocated for each of the rating factors described in Section V.A of this NOFO. The maximum number of points to be awarded is 102.

Rating Factor 1	Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience	25 points
Rating Factor 2	Justification of Applicant Need	30 points
Rating Factor 3	Soundness of Approach and Cost Estimate	30 points
Rating Factor4	Project Management and Sharing of Results	15 points
Preference Points	Environmental Justice	2 Points

Summary of Applicant Scoring, point distribution

Total Points Possible: 102 points

i. Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience Maximum Points: (25 Points)

This factor addresses the extent to which you have the ability, capacity, and organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the Lead Risk Assessment Demonstration project in a timely manner. In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which your application demonstrates:

a. The capability of the organization and qualifications of key project personnel (15 points). Identify who on your staff will have the primary responsibility for implementing the project (i.e., the day-to-day project manager) and those in key positions of authority who will ensure that the project is successfully implemented. Please provide resumes (maximum of 3 pages in length) of a maximum of 3 key personnel in your application. Resumes will not be counted in the page limit for your application. HUD will assess the qualifications of project staff who will carry out

the proposed project, based on the relevance of as evidenced by their professional background, credentials, and expertise. For example, training/professional certifications, professional experience, and subject-matter expertise of the team that will execute the project proposed under this NOFO. In providing this information, please identify each individual's organization, position title, phone/fax numbers, email addresses, and percentage of time proposed for this grant. (Note: you have the option to provide this information on your proposed key personnel as an attachment which will not be included in the 15-page maximum. This may include, but is not limited to specialized training certifications, professional licenses to conduct lead hazard evaluation activities, and resumes.)

b. Past performance of the PHA in managing similar lead inspection/risk assessment or lead hazard screen projects (10 points).

(i). For PHA's that manage owned buildings. (a) Describe how previous lead inspection/risk assessment or lead hazard screens of properties that you manage or of properties participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program were conducted. Provide the following information: (a) when the initial inspection/risk assessments or lead hazard screens were conducted; and (b) were lead-hazards identified? If hazards were identified, how the hazard control work was conducted. List the qualifications of the in-house staff or contracted lead certified professional(s) who conducted and/or supervised the work, and briefly summarize how your PHA managed the project from initial inspection through hazard control and clearance prior to occupancy. (5 points)

(ii). For PHA's with no managed-owned buildings and only manage HCV units. (a) Describe how your program processes inspections of HCV units. Describe the scheduling, performance of the inspection, and corrective timeframe when HQS violations are identified. Include a description of the types of health and safety issues you have encountered in the past and how they were addressed by property owners. List the qualifications of staff or contractors used for the HQS process. (5 points).

(iii). For all PHA's, describe how you currently manage Housing Quality Standards Inspections (HQS) in the Housing Choice Voucher program in target housing occupied by a child under the age of 6. Describe how you assure the Lead Safe Housing Rule visual assessment is performed and documented. If deteriorated paint is visually identified in a subject target housing unit, describe the process you follow to notify property owners of the deteriorated paint and the process for correcting deteriorated paint before initial occupancy or if already occupied, in the time period specified in the HQS procedures. (5 points).

ii. Rating Factor 2: Justification of Applicant Need This factor addresses the extent to which there is a need for Lead Risk Assessments in the HCV program. Points will be awarded based on the evidence or predicted prevalence of lead exposure, the presence of lead hazards, high risk children, and high-risk housing in your HCV service area(s). For you to receive maximum points for this factor, there must be a direct relationship between your target area(s) and the documented community needs.

Housing characteristics in the HCV area you serve. (10 Points) Based on current IMS/PIC data, describe the housing characteristics of your HCV program. Identify the number and percentage of units that are in single family residences and the number and percentage that are in

multifamily residences. Indicate the total number of units in the program and of this total, the number and percentage of housing units built before December 31, 1939, built between January 1, 1940, and December 31, 1959, and built between January 1, 1960, and December 31, 1977.

Portion of HCV Units Occupied by at Least One Child Under Age Six (20 points)

Indicate the percentage of the currently occupied HCV units in your program occupied by a child under the age of 6. If the percent of HCV units occupied by children under 6 is 20% or above, then the application will receive the maximum points (20). If the percent ranges from 1% to 19%, then the application will receive commensurate points based on the percentage multiplied by 100, rounded up to the nearest whole number. For example, an application with 10% units occupied by children under 6 will receive 10 points.

iii. Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach and Cost Estimate: Maximum Points: 30 Points

This factor addresses the quality of your proposed project plan. Specific components include the following:

a. Soundness of the project plan (15 points).

(i). Project Plan. (10 Points) Clearly and thoroughly describe your proposed project plan indicating any milestones and the total number of HCV units you expect to evaluate for lead hazards. Describe your time from inspection request to initial occupancy. Provide an estimate of the time required to move a new tenant into a unit requiring a lead hazard screen or risk assessment compared to a unit not requiring a lead hazard screen or risk assessment. Provide an estimate of how many units you anticipate may fail the lead hazard screen or risk assessment and how many will pass. Describe the basis for your estimate of both the number of units inspected and the number of units with hazards.

(ii) Contracting Process (5 Points) Describe in sufficient detail your contracting process, how you plan to identify and hire lead risk assessment and lead hazard screen professionals with the appropriate credentials to execute the required activity. If you propose using in-house staff for lead risk assessments and/or lead hazard screens, describe the certifications and procedures for conducting the lead risk assessment and/or lead hazard screens.

b. Budget Proposal (15 points)

(i). Budget estimate. (10 Points) Your budget proposal should thoroughly estimate all applicable direct costs as well as any administrative expenses and the information must be presented in a clear and coherent format. HUD is not required to fund all proposed activities. You must thoroughly document and justify all budget categories and costs (Form HUD424CBW) and all major tasks, for your organization and subcontractors. **Develop your budget to minimize the possibility that you will have unspent funds at the end of the grant period.**

(ii). Budget justification (5 points). A narrative justification associated with these budgeted costs should be submitted as part of the Total Budget (Federal Share and Leveraging if applicable). The Budget Justification is not included in the 15-page limit for this submission. The narrative should clearly provide an explanation of the basis for the major budget items, including risk assessment and/or lead hazard screen, testing equipment and supplies required for hazard

evaluation activities. Your budget will be assessed on the degree to which it appears to be an efficient use of resources, considering the proposed scope of your project.

iv. Rating Factor 4: Management and Sharing of Results: Maximum Points: 15 points

This factor emphasizes HUD's commitment to ensuring that applicants keep promises made in their applications. The performance of successful applicants will be assessed quarterly to ensure that performance goals are met. This factor requires applicants to clearly identify benchmarks and milestones that demonstrate progress in project completion as well as final project outcomes. Applicants must also provide a management plan that indicates how they will ensure timely and successful completion of the project. The application should include the following: a. Timeline of project activities (3 points). You should demonstrate that it is clearly feasible to complete the project within the proposed period of performance. You should provide a schedule for the clear and expeditious completion of all tasks, including the Environmental Review, with associated benchmarks and major project milestones and deliverables. Benchmarks and important milestones should be identified on a quarterly basis in a project timeline. Successful applicants will be required to enter project benchmarks and milestones into a spreadsheet, which will be used by HUD to track project progress.

b. Project Administration and Oversight (8 points). Describe how you will administer this grant, including how you will address oversight and financial management and how you will ensure that work is conducted and that acceptable services are provided before you submit invoices to HUD. Describe the staff, procedures, and project management system you will use to ensure proper project oversight/monitoring, contract administration, and routine monitoring to ensure conformity to the terms, conditions, and specifications of contracts or other formal agreements. You must also submit an organizational chart that shows the key project staff, their roles, and their reporting relationships. The chart may be submitted as an attachment and will not count towards the 15-page maximum.

c. Potential obstacles (3 points). You should identify potential obstacles and delays in maintaining the proposed schedule and achieving project objectives and discuss steps and adjustments you would take to respond to these potential obstacles and delays to ensure timely completion of the project.

d. Final report (1 point). Describe plans for preparation and submission of a report detailing project findings from the lead risk assessment and/or lead hazard screen in HCV housing occupied by or to be occupied by a child under the age of 6, which will be part of the final deliverable submitted to HUD during the agreed upon period of performance or during the 120-day closeout period following award expiration.

2. Other Factors

Preference Points

This NOFO supports the following policy initiatives. If your application demonstrates the appropriate information for the policy initiative, your application will receive up to two (2) points for each initiative, and will receive no more than a total of four (4) points. These points are added to your application's overall score.

Environmental Justice (2 points)

You may choose to voluntarily commit to address policy initiatives in your application. Addressing these policy initiatives is not a requirement to apply for or receive an award. If you choose to address a voluntary policy initiative in your application, however, you will be required to adhere to the information submitted with your application should you receive an award. The proposed information will be included as a binding requirement of any federal award you receive as a term and condition of that award.

This program does not offer points for Climate Change

Environmental Justice: In accordance with <u>Executive Order 12898</u>, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, and EO 14008, HUD will award up to two (2) points for applications proposing activities that advance Environmental Justice (as defined in Section I.A.4 of this NOFO). For the purposes of this grant program, activities that advance Environmental Justice include doing the following for people or communities that have been environmentally underserved or overburdened (e.g. low-income and Black and Brown communities):

- Reducing or mitigating exposure to environmental and health hazards (e.g. industrial facilities, EPA superfund sites, legacy pollution, heat islands).
- Improving protection from and resilience to environmental harms (e.g. fire-resistant materials, floodproofing).
- Expanding environmental benefits (e.g. clean air and water, public transportation, bike and walking paths, clean energy, green technology, biodiversity).
- Overcoming prior disinvestment in environmental infrastructure (e.g. drainage systems, green spaces, pollution controls).

To receive points under this Section, your application must describe in detail how your proposed activities will advance Environmental Justice in one or more of these ways.

In addition, to receive points under this Section, your application must also clearly describe how your activities will be informed by input from affected communities. To provide those affected a meaningful opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of your activities, you should make key information available online and through other media, engage with community leaders, solicit public feedback, hold public meetings at a variety of times and locations or virtually, and respond appropriately to community concerns.

This program does not offer preference points related to HBCUs.

Pursuant to Executive Orders <u>13985</u>, <u>14041</u>, <u>14045</u>, and <u>14031</u>, you may receive up to two (2) preference points if you are an applicant designated as a minority-serving institution (MSI) or if your application proposes one or more partnerships with minority-serving educational institutions that have been historically underserved.

This program does not offer preference points related to minority-serving institutions.

This program does not offer Promise Zone 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 will consider include, but are not limited to:

OMB-designated repositories of governmentwide data, as noted in 2 CFR 200.206(a)

The ability to account for funds in compliance with applicable reporting and recordkeeping requirements

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

Timely completion of activities and receipt and expenditure of promised matching or leveraged funds

Promoting self-sufficiency and economic independence

HUD may reduce scores based on the past performance review, as specified under V.A. Review Criteria. Whenever possible, HUD will obtain and review past performance information. If this review results in an adverse finding related to integrity of performance, HUD reserves the right to take any of the remedies provided in the <u>Pre-Selection Review of Performance section of the Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD Financial Assistance Programs.</u>

2. Assessing Applicant Risk

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

(1) Financial stability;

(2) Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in this part;

(3) 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, failing to make significant progress in a timely manner, failing to meet planned activities in a timely manner, 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;

(4) 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

(5) The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities.

3. Experience Promoting Racial Equity

In evaluating applications for funding, HUD will consider the extent to which the application demonstrates that the applicant has the experience and the resources to effectively address the

needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities. This may include experience successfully working directly with such groups, experience designing or operating programs that equitably benefit such groups, or experience successfully advancing racial equity in other ways. This may also include experience soliciting, obtaining, and applying input from such groups when designing, planning, or implementing programs and activities.

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 were not chosen for award. Notifications will be sent by email to the person listed as the AOR in item 21 of the SF-424.

1. Final Grant

After HUD has made selections, HUD will finalize specific terms of the award and budget in consultation with the selected applicant. If HUD and the selected applicant do not finalize the terms and conditions of the award in a timely manner, or the 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. HUD may also impose specific conditions on an award as provided under 2 CFR 200.208.

2. 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 may fund no portion of an application that:

- (1) Is ineligible for funding under applicable statutory or regulatory requirements;
- (2) Fails, in whole or in part, to meet the requirements of this notice;
- (3) Duplicates activities funded by other federal awards; or
- (4) Duplicates activities funded in a prior year.

b. HUD may adjust the funding for an application to ensure funding diversity, geographic diversity, and alignment with HUD administrative priorities.

c. If an applicant turns down an award offer, or if HUD and an applicant do not finalize the terms and conditions of the award in a timely manner, HUD may withdraw the award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application.

d. If funds remain after all selections have been made, remaining funds may be made available within the current fiscal year for other competitions within the program area, or be held for future competitions (if allowable in accordance with the applicable appropriation or authorizing statute), or be used as otherwise provided by authorizing statute or appropriation.

e. If, after announcement of awards made under the current NOFO, additional funds become available either through the current appropriations, a supplemental appropriation, other

appropriations or recapture of funds, HUD may, in accordance with the appropriation, 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.

3. Funding Errors

If HUD commits an error that when corrected would cause selection of an applicant during the funding round of a Program NOFO, HUD may select that applicant for funding, subject to the availability of funds. If funding is not available to award in the current fiscal year, HUD may make an award to this applicant during the next fiscal year, if funding is available.

B. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Applicants and Recipients of Financial Assistance Awards

Unless otherwise specified, the following <u>Administrative</u>, <u>National and Department Policy</u> <u>Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance Awards</u> apply. Failure to comply with these requirements may impact your ability to receive or retain a financial assistance award from HUD. Read the requirements carefully as the requirements are different among HUD's programs.

1. Compliance with The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100 et seq

2. Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, <u>42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-4</u> (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations at <u>24 CFR</u> part <u>1</u>

3. Compliance with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (<u>42 U.S.C. 6101-6107</u>) and implementing regulations at <u>24 CFR part 146</u>

4. Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8

5. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, <u>42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq</u>

6. Compliance with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements, including those listed on HUD's <u>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing</u> webpage

7. Compliance with Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons (Section 3) requirements, including those listed at <u>24 CFR part 75</u>

8. Compliance with Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements, including those listed within <u>Federal Register Notice</u>, <u>FR-4878-N-02</u> (also see <u>HUD's webpage</u>)

9. Compliance with Accessible Technology requirements, including those listed on in <u>HUD's</u> <u>Policy on Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and Accessible Technology</u>

10. Compliance with Equal Access Requirements (see <u>24 CFR 5.105(a)(2)</u> and <u>5.106</u>)

11. Compliance with Ensuring the Participation of Small Disadvantaged Business, and Women-Owned Business requirements at <u>2 CFR 200.321</u>

12. Compliance with Energy Efficient, Sustainable, Accessible, and Free from Discrimination by Design

13. Compliance with Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation requirements (see <u>49 CFR part 24</u> and applicable program regulations)

14. Compliance with Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation (see Federal Register

Notice, FR-6278-N-01)

15. Compliance with OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (see <u>2 CFR part 200</u>)

16. Compliance with Drug-Free Workplace requirements (see <u>2 CFR part 2429</u>, which is HUD's implementation of <u>41 U.S.C. 701</u>, et seq.)

17. Compliance with the requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files

18. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (<u>2 CFR</u> part 170) (FFATA), as amended

19. Compliance with Eminent Domain

20. Compliance with Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements on <u>HUD's</u> <u>Disability Overview</u> webpage

21. Compliance with Violence Against Women Act at <u>24 CFR part 5</u>, subpart L and applicable program regulations

22. Compliance with Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct, including <u>2 CFR 200.317</u>, <u>2 CFR 200.318(c)</u> and other applicable conflicts of interest requirements

23. Compliance with the <u>Build America</u>, <u>Buy America</u> (BABA) Act procurement requirements and <u>implementing guidance available on HUD's dedicated webpage</u>

24. Compliance with System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements at 2 CFR part 25

25. Compliance with <u>section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)</u>, as amended (22 USC 7104(g)) and implementing regulations at 2 CFR part 175 (Award Term for Trafficking in Persons)

26. Compliance with Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters (see <u>Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200</u>)

27. Compliance with Suspension and Debarment (see <u>2 CFR part 2424</u> and <u>2 CFR part 180</u>)

28. Compliance with environmental justice requirements under Executive Orders <u>12898</u> and

<u>14008</u>, and OMB Memorandum <u>M-21-28</u>, which implements the Justice 40 Initiative, section 223 of Executive Order <u>14008</u>.

29. Compliance with Eliminating Barriers That May Unnecessarily Prevent Individuals with Criminal Histories from Participation in HUD Programs (see <u>HUD Secretary Fudge's April 12,</u> 2022 memorandum)

30. Compliance with equity requirements, which include compliance with racial equity and underserved communities and LGBTQ+ requirements under Executive Orders <u>13985</u> and <u>13988</u> 31. Compliance with waste, fraud, and abuse requirements, including whistleblower protections (see <u>HUD's webpage</u>)

Environmental Review

In accordance with 24 CFR 50.19(b)(1) and (5) and 58.34(a)(1) and (5), activities funded under this NOFO are exempt or categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321) and not subject to environmental review under related laws and authorities.

Prohibition on Surveillance

Compliance with <u>2 CFR 200.216</u>, <u>Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video</u> <u>Surveillance Services or Equipment</u> is required.

Remedies for Noncompliance

HUD may terminate a Federal award, in whole or in part, for any of the reasons specified in <u>2</u> <u>CFR 200.340</u>, <u>Termination</u>.

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 (<u>24 CFR part 35</u>)); and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (<u>40 CFR part 745</u>)).

C. Reporting

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

1. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters

You should be aware that if the total Federal share of your federal award includes more than \$500,000 over the period of performance, the award will be subject to post award reporting requirements reflected in <u>Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200</u>, <u>Award Terms and Conditions for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters</u>.

2. 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. These authorities prohibit discrimination in housing and in programs receiving financial assistance from the Department and direct the Secretary to administer the Department's programs and activities in a manner affirmatively to further these policies and to collect certain data to assess the extent of compliance with these policies. Each recipient shall keep such records and submit to the Department timely, complete, and accurate compliance reports at such times, and in such form and containing such information, as the Department may determine to be necessary to enable it to ascertain whether the recipient has complied or is complying with 24 CFR parts 1 and 121. In general, recipients should have available for the Department data showing the demographics of beneficiaries of federally-assisted programs.

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

FFATA requires information on federal awards be made available to the public via a single, searchable website, which is <u>www.USASpending.gov.</u> Accordingly, each award HUD makes under this NOFO will be subject to the requirements provided by the Award Term in Appendix A to <u>2 CFR part 170</u>, "REPORTING SUBAWARD AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION INFORMATION," unless the Federal funding for the award (including funding that may be

added through amendments) is not expected to equal or exceed \$30,000. Requirements under this Award Term include filing subaward information in the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS.gov) by the end of the month following the month in which the recipient awards any sub-grant equal to or greater than \$30,000.

4. Program-Specific Reporting Requirements

Applicants will be required to provide quarterly reports indicating the units evaluated through lead risk assessments or lead hazard screens. Quarterly reports should include obstacles encountered to the performance of the evaluations and summaries of the time frame required between the request for tenancy approval and occupancy.

D. Debriefing

For a period of at least 120 calendar days, beginning 30 calendar days after the public announcement of awards under this NOFO, 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 AOR whose signature appears on the SF-424 or by his or her successor in office and be submitted to the POC in Section VII Agency Contact(s) of this NOFO. 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 CONTACT(S)

HUD staff will be available to provide clarification on the content of this NOFO. Questions regarding specific program requirements for this NOFO should be directed to the POC listed below.

Name: Bruce Haber Phone: 202-402-7699 Email: bruce.p.haber@hud.gov

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have speech and other communication disabilities may use a relay service to reach the agency contact. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the webpage for the <u>Federal Communications</u> <u>Commission</u>. Note that HUD staff cannot assist applicants in preparing their applications.

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Compliance of this NOFO with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

This NOFO does not direct, provide for assistance or loan and mortgage insurance for, or otherwise govern or regulate, real property acquisition, disposition, leasing (other than tenant-based rental assistance), rehabilitation, demolition, or new construction, or establish revise or provide for standards for construction or construction materials, manufactured housing, or occupancy. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(1), this NOFO is categorically excluded from

environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

2. Web Resources.

- <u>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing</u>
- Assistance Listing (formerly CFDA)
- <u>Climate Action Plan</u>
- <u>Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)</u>
- <u>Code of Conduct Requirements and E-Library</u>
- Environmental Review
- Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations
- Fair Housing Rights and Obligations
- Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Subaward Reporting System
- Grants.gov
- Healthy Homes Strategic Plan
- Healthy Housing Reference Manual
- <u>Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)</u>
- HUD's Strategic Plan
- HUD Grants
- HUD Reform Act
- HUD Reform Act: HUD Implementing Regulations
- <u>Limited English Proficiency (LEP)</u>
- NOFO Webcasts
- **<u>Procurement of Recovered Materials</u>**
- <u>Promise Zones</u>
- <u>Section 3 Business Registry</u>
- <u>State Point of Contact List</u>
- System for Award Management (SAM)
- <u>Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation</u>
- <u>Unique Entity Identifier</u>
- USA Spending

3. Program Relevant Web Resources

The HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-based Paint in Housing | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Information and Guidance for HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

APPENDIX