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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Gibbs, Acting Assistant Secretary  
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FROM: Lori Michalski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations,  
Community Planning and Development, DO

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact  
under the National Environmental Policy Act Notice of Funding  
Availability for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021: Community Compass  
Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (FR-6400-N-06)

It is the finding of this office that the attached funding notice (FR-6400-N-06) does not constitute a major Federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment and therefore does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. The notice sets out the guidance to govern grants authorized for Fiscal Year 2020 under The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94), approved December 20, 2019; Section 6(j)(3) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(j)(3)) and Section 17 and 18 of the Annual Contributions Contract (HUD 53012); the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136); the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11361b and 42 USC 11408, and any other authorities that may make additional funds available for award under this NOFA in the future. Contingent upon the availability of FY 2021 appropriations, HUD reserves the right to award Fiscal Year 2021 funds based on this single NOFA competition.

The awards will be available for the provision of technical assistance (TA), capacity building, and data research activities to enhance the capabilities of HUD customers to more effectively and efficiently operate HUD programs. Eligible activities include conducting needs assessments, direct TA and capacity building engagements, developing and maintaining tools and products, self-directed and group learning, knowledge management, data analysis, reporting, and performance measurement, and NAHASDA allocation formula administration and negotiated rulemaking support.

This office finds that the notice does not have a significant impact on the human environment for two reasons:

1. The activities funded by the program consist of training, education, advice and technical support, and administrative expenses, which have no significant physical impact on the environment. These activities are exempt or categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act due to the lack of potential for any significant effort on the environment, and do not require review under related environmental authorities, under 24 CFR 50.19(b)(3), (9), and (13); 58.34(a)(3) and (a)(9); and 58.35(b)(3).
2. The funding notice permits leasing of existing office space as an administrative cost but prohibits the use of funds provided under the NOFA for property repairs or renovations and prohibits leasing or renting properties in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501) with federal funds.

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

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Approval:

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Acting Assistant Secretary  
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