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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, DN

FROM:

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Frances Bush, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations, D

SUBJECT: Finding of No Significant Impact under the National Environmental Policy Act  
Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Year 2013: McKinney-Vento HMIS  
Technical Assistance (FR-5700-N-06)

It is the finding of this office that the attached funding notice (FR-5700-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 2013 under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The grants will be available for conducting HMIS-related needs assessments, providing direct technical assistance, developing HMIS-related tools and products, delivering group learning sessions, and establishing and maintaining the HMIS Data Lab, in order to enhance the capabilities of the Continuums of Care (CoCs) and organizations responsible for the implementation of the CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), to more effectively and efficiently operate the HMIS and manage the McKinney-Vento grant funds awarded for HMIS operation and management, and maximize timely and accurate data collection and reporting.


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 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) and (9).
2. The funding notice permits leasing of 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.

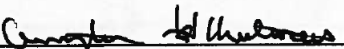
Accordingly, the publication of this notice is deemed not to be a major Federal action having a significant impact on the human environment.

Attachment

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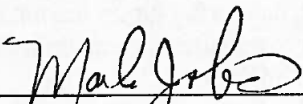
  
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Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
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