

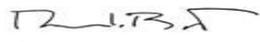


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PROGRAM GUIDANCE

PROGRAM: Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

FOR: All Tribal Government Leaders and Tribally Designated Housing Entities

FROM: 
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TOPIC: Posting of Fiscal Year 2015 Notice of Funding Availability for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program – Mold Remediation and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this guidance is to provide potential applicants with a summary of the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, also known as the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Mold Prevention and Remediation program, posted on April 20, 2015. The General Section of the NOFA was posted on October 16, 2014, and describes HUD's FY 2015 policy and submission requirements. Both documents can be downloaded from http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Program Description: The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable American Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes. The purpose of this NOFA is to make awards solely for mold remediation and prevention.

Eligibility Information: All federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaska Native Villages are eligible to participate in the ICDBG program. Tribal organizations, as described in 24 CFR 1003.5, are also eligible applicants. To apply for funding, an applicant must meet the eligibility criterion by the application submission date.

FY 2015 Funding Availability: The total approximate amount of funding available for the 2015 ICDBG mold prevention and remediation program is \$12,400,000.

Application Due Date: The application deadline is 11:59:59 p.m. eastern time June 22, 2015, and as in past years must be submitted through Grants.gov unless a waiver of the

electronic submission requirement has been requested and granted.

Changes in the FY 2015 NOFA: There are several changes in the FY 2015 ICDBG Mold NOFA as well as formatting revisions. This Program Guidance provides only a summary; interested applicants should read the entire NOFA carefully to be aware of each and every change.

Section I – Funding Opportunity Description

Program Description

The NOFA includes a new definition of “tribally owned or operated housing.” In FY 2015, “tribally owned or operated housing” means housing that is currently owned or operated by applicants eligible under 24 CFR 1003.5, or housing that is currently or was previously assisted with HUD funding.”

Section II – Award Information

Grant Ceilings

The grant ceiling for mold remediation and prevention is \$800,000 for all Area ONAPs. In the FY 2014 ICDBG NOFA, the ceiling for mold remediation and prevention projects was \$400,000.

Section III – Eligibility Information

Housing Rehabilitation Standards

The FY 2014 ICDBG NOFA stated that applicants for mold remediation and prevention projects had to have adopted rehabilitation standards and policies that were at least as stringent as the HUD Section 8 housing quality standards. In FY 2015, applicants are required to state that they have adopted such policies in their applications for the application to be reviewed.

Section IV – Application and Submission Information

Waiver of Electronic Application Submission

In FY 2014, applicants for mold remediation and prevention projects wishing to submit paper applications were required to send such requests to their Area ONAP Administrator. In FY 2015, these waiver requests should be submitted to Glenda N. Green, Director of Grants Management in HUD headquarters. Her email address is glenda.n.green@hud.gov.

Application Checklist

Applicants will no longer be required to submit a map of project location. Nor is the facsimile form required. Applicants can continue to submit additional information via fax but it is preferable to submit it to applicationSupport@hud.gov as explained in the General Section.

Section V – Application Review Information

Rating Factors

The NOFA revises the point structure slightly. This is spelled out in a table before the description of the rating factors themselves. Some of the changes to the scoring are summarized below.

Rating Factor 1

Past Performance

In Subfactor 2.a, implementation and expenditures, the rate of expenditures on current grants will continue to be factored into the points provided; however, grants funded in the year prior to this application will be excluded from the calculation. In FY 2014, the expenditures of all grants were evaluated in award of points.

Unfunded Applications

In Subfactor 3, applicants who did not receive either a grant for mold remediation and prevention or a regular ICDBG within the last NOFA application cycle will receive three points. Applicants who did not receive an ICDBG for mold remediation and prevention in the last application cycle will receive two points.

Rating Factor 2

Project Benefit

The NOFA indicates that the 2015 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula information was used to prepare the Rating Factor 2 Needs Table used to provide points in subfactor 2.b. In the FY 2014 ICDBG NOFA, the 2014 IHBG formula was used.

Bonus Points

In FY 2015, applicants will be eligible for one bonus point each for Promise Zones and Preferred Sustainability Status Communities. This is explained in Section V.A.3. of the NOFA. In FY 2014, only applicants in Promise Zones were eligible for bonus points.

Section VI – Award Administration Information

The NOFA, in Section VI.B., clarifies that where a tribal organization applies for a grant on behalf of an Indian tribe, the tribe is considered the grantee responsible for environmental review requirements.

Award Notices

HUD expects to announce awards by the end of September 2015.

Technical Assistance: Contact staff at your Area ONAP for general guidance and technical assistance regarding the NOFA. ONAP staff is not permitted to help you prepare your application. Contact the Grants.gov Support Center for assistance with electronic submission requirements.

Training on ICDBG NOFA Requirements: Training on the requirements of the FY 2015 ICDBG Mold Remediation and Prevention NOFA will be provided shortly after the NOFA is posted. Check the schedule for the date at <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/multimedia/videos>. The webcast will also be archived at this website. Applicants can also review the June 27, 2014, ONAP webcast on causes of and ways to address mold at the link above.

In addition, there are several resources about mold remediation on ONAP's website at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/about_onap/resourcesmrp

Applicants should not rely solely on information in this Guidance because it does not include all applicable NOFA requirements on the subjects addressed. Contact Roberta Youmans at ONAP Headquarters at (202) 402-3316 or roberta.l.youmans@hud.gov if you have any questions.