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MEMORANDUM FOR: Edward Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing, H

THROUGH:  Janet M. Golnick, Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Associate Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner, H

FROM:  Benjamin T. Metcalf, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs, HT

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Under the National Environmental Policy Act on the Notice of Funding Availability for Supportive Services Demonstration Program for Elderly Households in HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing – FR-5900-N-22

It is the finding of this office that the proposed Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) (copy attached) does not constitute a major Federal action that would have an individually or cumulatively significant impact on the human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The subject action would announce funding for supportive services in eligible existing HUD-assisted multifamily developments targeted to elderly households. The funding would support an enhanced service coordinator and a wellness nurse that would function as an interdisciplinary team to jointly conduct needs assessments and coordinate and connect residents to services. The Program would test models that demonstrate the potential for such support to delay or avoid the need for nursing home care. The Program is expected to produce evidence about the impact of housing with services models on aging in place, transitions to institutional care, housing stability, wellbeing, health outcomes, and health care utilization associated with nursing home placement and high health care costs of HUD-assisted elderly residents.


Most activities under this NOFA, including the provision of supportive services, purchase of equipment and supplies, and training, are excluded from environmental review under 24 CFR 50.19(b)(9), (12), and (13). In addition, leasing of office space that will not involve rehabilitation or repairs (except for minimal alterations to make the facilities accessible for a person with disabilities) and is not located within the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501) is considered an administrative expense excluded from environmental review under 24 CFR 50.19(b)(3).

If an activity under this NOFA does not qualify for a categorical exclusion, HUD will perform an environmental review in accordance with 24 CFR part 50 and any identified environmental issues will be mitigated to the point that there is no significant impact on the physical/human environment. Under this NOFA, it is possible that acquisition, leasing, rehabilitation, or conversion of confidential office space will not meet the conditions for exclusion as an administrative expense and will require an environmental review. As such, the NOFA would make clear that from the time an application is submitted under this NOFA, applicants may not commit or expend HUD or local funds for such acquisition, leasing, rehabilitation, or conversion of office space until HUD has completed its environmental review and notified the applicant that HUD has approved the use of the property.

For the foregoing reasons, this Office concludes that the publication of this Notice of Funding Availability will not result in any individually or cumulatively significant impacts on the physical/human environment.

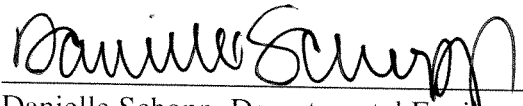
Attachment: Notice of Funding Availability for Supportive Services Demonstration Program for Elderly Households in HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing – FR-5900-N-22.

Concurrences:



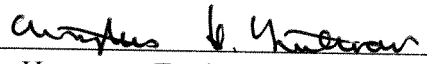
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Edward Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing
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