

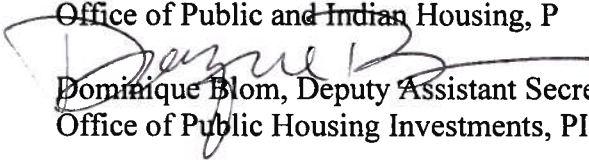


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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FROM:   
Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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**SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for FY 2016 Notice of Funding Availability for the Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Service Coordinators Program (FR-6000-N-05)**

It is the finding of this office that the subject Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) does not constitute a major federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the physical/human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

This NOFA announces the availability of FY 2016 funds and provides program information and application instructions for the Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Service Coordinators program (ROSS). ROSS provides grants to Public Housing Agencies, tribes/THDEs, resident associations, and nonprofit organizations to pay for the salary of a service coordinator to coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help public and Indian housing residents attain economic and housing self-sufficiency. ROSS funding also covers administrative and training expenses to support the work of the service coordinator.

The ROSS program is authorized by Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-6).

This NOFA does not direct or provide loans or mortgage insurance for real property acquisition, disposition, rehabilitation, alteration, demolition, or new construction, or establish, revise or provide for standards for construction or construction materials, manufactured housing, or occupancy. Lease or rental of space for ROSS activities is an eligible use of administrative funds, but only under the following conditions:

- (1) The lease must be for existing facilities not requiring rehabilitation or construction except for minimal alterations to make the facilities accessible for a person with disabilities;
- (2) No repairs or renovations of the property may be undertaken with ROSS funds; and
- (3) Properties in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501) cannot be leased or rented with federal funds.

All activities assisted under this NOFA are categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 24 CFR 58.34 (a)(3) or (a)(9), 58.35(b)(2), 50.19(b)(3), (b)(9), or (b)(12), because they lack the potential for any significant effect on the environment.

Accordingly, the Office of Public Housing Investments finds the issuance of this NOFA will not create any significant environmental impacts and will not result in significant impacts on the physical/human environment. Therefore, a Finding of No Significant Impact is hereby made.

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