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MEMORANDUM FOR: Todd M. Richardson, Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, R

FROM: Calvin C. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, RR

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Fiscal Year 2017 Notice of Funding Availability for Research and Evaluation, Demonstration, and Data Analysis and Utilization (FR-6100-N-29)

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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds and provides program information and application instructions for Research and Evaluation, Demonstration, and Data Analysis and Utilization (HUDRD). This is a NOFA of up to \$950,000 in FY 2017 funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for research and evaluations, demonstration, and data analysis and utilization. These projects examine current HUD programs to provide information to improve them through activities such as designing research and developing work plans, data collection, data analysis and demonstration. The HUDRD has two projects: Project 1. Child Trajectories in HUD-Assisted Housing to assess long-term child outcomes among children who reside or resided in assisted housing. While HUD is interested in how poverty affects childhood trajectories, proposals must explicitly and exclusively target children connected to assisted housing. Project 2. The Social and Economic Impacts of the Community Development Block Grant Program to develop a better understanding of the effects of specific CDBG eligible activities. HUD seeks objective, quantifiable outcome measures that can be attributed to specific CDBG activities, to inform policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels.

The awards will be managed by HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research.

The HUDRD program is authorized under Section 501 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. §1701z-1) and the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 as included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31, enacted May 5, 2017).

Construction is not eligible in this NOFA.

Lease or rental of office space for HUDRD activities is an eligible use of administrative funds,

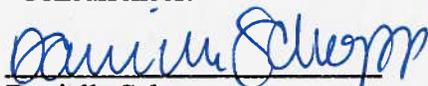
but only under the following conditions:

- (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 HUDRD funds; and
- (3) Properties in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act cannot be leased or rented with federal funds.

In accordance with 24 CFR 50.19(b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), and (b)(5), all activities assisted under this NOFA are categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act and are not subject to environmental review under the related laws and authorities.

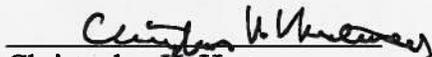
Accordingly, the Office of Policy Development and Research finds the issuance of this NOFA will not create any significant environmental impacts and will not result in significant impacts on the physical/human environment. Therefore, a Finding of No Significant Impact is hereby made.

Concurrences:



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