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REPORT

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ITEM 103

REPORT NO.: HCR05-52
For the meeting of June 3, 2005

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) Applications (Citywide)

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the Housing Commission authorize grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the 2005 SuperNOFA, recommend Housing Authority approval to revise the FY06 Housing Commission Budget to reflect the addition of awarded funds, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute all required documents.

Recommendation:

- 1) Authorize or ratify grant applications under the 2005 SuperNOFA for:
 - Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Resident Services Delivery Model-Family program;
 - Neighborhood Networks program;
 - Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinators grant;
 - Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinators grant;
 - Five Shelter Plus Care renewal grants;
- 2) Seek Housing Authority approval to amend the FY06 Housing Commission Budget to reflect the addition of awarded funds;
- 3) Authorize the CEO to execute all required documents.

Fiscal Impact: Successful applications will result in the receipt of \$350,000 from the ROSS grant; \$200,000 from the Neighborhood Networks grant; \$130,000 for the Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator grant; \$378,000 for the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinators grant; and \$831,924 from the five Shelter Plus Care renewal grants. Budgets for the grant applications are included as Attachments 1 and 2.



Previous Related Actions: The Housing Commission applied for and received grants for these same programs under HUD's 2004 SuperNOFA.

Future Related Actions: If approved by the Housing Commission, this action will be calendared for Housing Authority approval on June 28, 2005.

Environmental Actions: Under applicable federal regulations, the response to the Super NOFA does not require compliance with NEPA at this time. Further at the time the funds are committed, if and when they are received, in appropriate circumstances, Determinations of Exemption and or Exclusion will be sought prior to commitment of the funds in accordance with applicable federal regulations. The application for a federal grant is "not a project" under the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

BACKGROUND

The SuperNOFA is the process that HUD uses to notify potential applicants of available funding through its competitive grant programs. The SuperNOFA for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 was published on March 21, 2005.

DISCUSSION

San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) staff is requesting authorization to apply for funding for the following programs:

- (1) Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) – Resident Services Delivery Model - Family Program:** The objective of the ROSS Resident Service Delivery Model-Family Program is to link residents of public housing to supportive services and empowerment activities that promote self-sufficiency. Funds sought through this application will assist public housing residents in achieving economic self-sufficiency through asset acquisition, financial education, life skills training and supportive services. Participants will have the opportunity to build financial assets through Individual Savings Accounts (ISA's) which will be matched through grant funds. The program will target public housing residents who are enrolled in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) to strengthen their ability to achieve long-term economic stability. It will also target non-FSS residents who reside at six public housing sites: El Camino Real (District 1), Pulitzer (District 1), Market Street (District 4), Juniper Street (District 3), Santa Margarita (District 4), and Alaquinas (District 8). The program will enhance existing services offered at the Learning Opportunity Centers at these sites to further assist families in attaining self-sufficiency. This grant has been funded every year since FFY00. The funding request is for \$350,000 over three years (Attachment No. 1). The application deadline is July 25, 2005.
- 2) Neighborhood Networks Program:** The purpose of the Neighborhood Networks Program is to support community technology centers in public housing sites. The goal of these centers is to increase the use of computer technology to reduce welfare

dependency, promote economic self-sufficiency, and provide expanded educational, job training and development opportunities to empower public housing residents. The funds sought through this application will help expand and enhance the academic tutoring and college information services at the Learning Opportunity Centers at the Juniper (District 3) and Market Street (District 4) sites through a partnership with the University of California, San Diego. (These two sites were established as Neighborhood Network Centers through previous grants.) In addition, the Neighborhood Networks program will provide for classes and presentations designed to expand resident awareness of financial literacy, credit repair, and homeownership resources and services. This grant has been funded every year since FFY02. The funding request is for \$200,000 over three years (Attachment No. 1). The application deadline is June 3, 2005.

(3) Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators: The purpose of Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinators is to link participating public housing families to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency. Funding under this grant is limited exclusively to salaries and benefits for FSS coordinators, at a maximum of \$65,000 per full time employee (FTE). This application will request funding for two coordinator positions. The grant will be used for existing staff and has been funded every year since FFY00. The funding request is for \$130,000 for one year (Attachment No. 1). The application deadline is June 20, 2005.

(4) Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators Program: The purpose of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinators is to link families participating in the HCV program to the supportive services they need to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. Funding is limited exclusively to salaries and benefits for FSS program staff, at a maximum of \$63,000 per full time employee (FTE). We are requesting funding for four regular coordinator positions and two homeownership coordinator positions. All funds will be used for existing staff. This grant has been funded since FFY02. The funding request is for \$378,000 for one year (Attachment No. 1). The application deadline was May 20, 2005. Housing Commission ratification of this application is sought.

5) Continuum of Care Program Shelter Plus Care Renewal Applications: The purpose of the Shelter Plus Care Program is to provide permanent housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities. We are requesting renewal funding for five (5) Shelter Plus Care grants under the Continuum of Care Program. Funding will support the following sponsors who provide seventy-seven (77) units serving ninety-seven (97) individuals with Shelter Plus Care housing/services:

Stepping Stone of San Diego:	\$174,336
Pathfinders of San Diego:	\$113,568
Pathfinders of San Diego:	\$158,076

Center for Social Support and Education:	\$237,072
The Association for Community Housing Solutions:	\$148,872

Shelter Plus Care grants have been funded since the program began in 1992. The FFY05 funding request is for \$831,924 for one year (Attachment No. 2). The application deadline is June 10, 2005.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not seek funding under these programs. This is not recommended as it would result in the reduction or loss of valuable resources that support self-sufficiency and/or provide permanent supportive housing assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

**Signature on File
With Original Document**

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Elizabeth C. Morris
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments:

1. Proposed Budget Summary (Resident Services)
2. Proposed Budget Summary (Continuum of Care Shelter Plus Care Grant Renewals)

Attachment 1

Summary of Expenditures Resident Services – OUSA 320

Summary Total of FY05 SuperNOFA Grants for Resident Services

	Current FY06 Budget	Proposed Revision (Grant Awards)	Revised FY06 Budget
Salaries & Benefits	961,817	452,507	1,414,324
Services & Supplies			
Legal	2,000		2,000
Training	7,850	2,700	10,550
Travel	7,600	2,700	10,300
Contract / Consultant	175,865	220,493	396,358
Office Rent	91,710		91,710
Sundry	50,000	6,500	56,500
Insurance	2,430		2,430
Total Services & Supplies	337,455	232,393	569,848
Housing Programs			
Resident Services Expenses	546,985	347,900	894,885
Protective Contract	9,200	3,200	9,200
Maintenance Expenses	31,500	4,000	35,500
Total Housing Programs	587,685	355,100	930,385
Equipment	1,500		1,500
Indirect		18,000	18,000
Total Resident Services Budget	1,888,457	1,058,000	2,934,057

Anticipated total funding amount is \$1,058,000

Attachment 2

Summary of Expenditure
Special Purpose Housing – OUSA 363
FY05 Continuum of Care Program Shelter Plus Care – Renewal Grants

	Current FY06 Budget	Proposed Revision (Grant Award)	Revised FY06 Budget
Salaries & Benefits	91,476	33,244	124,720
Services & Supplies			
Legal	3,800		3,800
Training	500		500
Travel	2,000		2,000
Contract / Consultant	107,000		107,000
Office Rent	7,542		7,542
Data Processing	750		750
Sundry	3,791		3,791
Insurance	0		0
Total Services & Supplies	125,383		125,383
Housing Programs			
Loans and Grants	760,037	798,680	1,558,717
Total Housing Programs	760,037	798,680	1,558,717
Equipment	272		272
Total Special Purpose Housing Budget:	977,168	831,924	1,809,092

Anticipated funding amount is \$831,924