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San Diego  
Housing Commission

# REPORT

**DATE:** For the Agenda of May 11, 2001 Item 100

**REPORT NO.:** HCR01- 053

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

## SUMMARY

**Issue:** Should the Housing Commission authorize grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the SuperNOFA?

**Recommendations:** (1) Authorize grant applications under the SuperNOFA for the Continuum of Care Program; the Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities Program; the Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities in Certain Developments Program; the Lead-based Paint Removal Program; the Public Housing Drug Elimination -- Technical Assistance Program; the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency -- Resident Service Delivery Models Program; Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator Renewal Program; (2) seek Housing Authority approval to authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to amend the FY02 Housing Commission Budget to reflect the addition of awarded funds, and execute all required documents.

**Fiscal Impact:** If successful, the applications are estimated to yield \$5 million in new or renewed funding to assist the Housing Commission in implementing housing, support services, and self-sufficiency programs.

**Affordable Housing Impact:** An additional 275 vouchers would be available for certain populations; the Continuum of Care Grants would provide 12 new permanent supportive housing units, and continue to fund 27 supportive housing beds. Other grants would improve quality of life for low income residents.

**Previous Related Action(s):** The Housing Commission has applied for funding in previous years under HUD's Super NOFA and NOFA processes.

**Future Related Actions:** This action will be calendared for the Housing Authority Meeting of May 15, 2001.



## **BACKGROUND**

The SuperNOFA is the process that HUD uses to notify applicants of funding available through its competitive grants program. In years past, HUD published a separate Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for each program. Now, many programs are noticed at one time in the SuperNOFA. Each grant still has its own application process and deadline.

On February 26, 2001, HUD published the SuperNOFA for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2001. This year's SuperNOFA includes 35 competitive grant programs addressing such activities as housing, community and economic development, special needs and technical assistance (SuperNOFA programs are listed in Attachment 1). The Housing Commission will submit applications for ten of these grant programs, the eight listed herein and the two that were the subject of the previous report (HCR01-048), approved on April 20, 2001.

## **DISCUSSION**

San Diego Housing Commission staff is requesting authorization to apply for the following programs:

- **Continuum of Care Grants:** The Homeless Continuum of Care Program is part of the SuperNOFA process. The program takes a comprehensive approach towards assisting individuals and families move from homelessness to independence and self-sufficiency. In San Diego, the Continuum of Care Council has ranked over \$7 million in projects for submittal to HUD. Among them are programs administered through local housing agencies. Funding for the Continuum of Care is provided through two main competitive programs: (a) the **Supportive Housing Program (SHP)** which provides funding for transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and support services; (b) **Shelter Plus Care (S+C)**, which provides rental assistance for homeless disabled persons. It is anticipated that the Housing Commission will partner with homeless providers for two grants: a renewal SHP grant for Episcopal Community Services' (ECS) downtown SafeHavens program for approximately \$1.1 million for up to two years (\$532,00/year), for which ECS will provide \$563,200 in cash match, and a Shelter Plus Care grant for approximately \$500,000 for five years, which would provide 12 units of new permanent supportive housing developed by The Association of Community Housing Solutions (TACHS). A collaborative of four experienced S+C sponsor agencies (ECS, Pathfinders, The Center for Social Support & Education, and Stepping Stone) will provide services for program participants. The S+C sponsors will provide a dollar to dollar in-kind services match. The deadline for submission of these grants is May 31, 2001.

- **Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities in Certain Developments Program:** The purpose of this program is to provide vouchers to non-elderly disabled individuals and families who are not currently receiving housing assistance in other HUD-assisted developments with designated preference for seniors. The Housing Commission can apply for up to 200 vouchers under this program. As it did in the past, the Housing Commission may dedicate a portion of these vouchers for the City's Special Needs Downtown Homeless Program as part of the City-County collaborative to provide housing and services for the homeless. July 24, 2001 is the deadline for submission of this application to HUD.
- **Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities:** The purpose of this program is to provide vouchers to enable any person with a disability, both elderly and non-elderly, to rent affordable private housing. The Housing Commission can apply for up to a maximum of 75 vouchers for this program, which is traditionally awarded by lottery. The deadline for application to HUD is July 20, 2001.
- **Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program:** The purpose of this program is to assist in identifying and controlling lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned housing for rental or owner-occupants in partnership with community-based organizations. The Housing Commission is collaborating with the Health Department, the Environmental Health Coalition, Neighborhood Code Compliance, the MAAC Project, the Sherman Heights Community Center, and District 8 Council Office to identify and eliminate lead-based paint hazards in targeted areas of the City, i.e., Sherman Heights, Grant Hill, Memorial, South Crest, Logan Heights, Barrio Logan, Stockton, Shelltown. At this time, it is estimated that the Housing Commission will apply for approximately \$2 million. A combination of cash match (\$100,000 from the City of San Diego FY02 CDBG funds) plus in-kind donations are anticipated. The application deadline to HUD is May 17, 2001.
- **Public Housing Drug Elimination – Technical Assistance:** This program provides funding for consultant services to Public Housing Authorities in order to evaluate and improve the management and effectiveness of the agency's Drug Elimination Program. The funds go from HUD directly to approved consultants. The Housing Commission has received consulting services under this program in the past and has applied again for the maximum \$15,000 for up to 30 days of billable technical consulting services. The application deadline is July 27, 2001; however, funds will be awarded on a first come, first served basis; therefore, the application was submitted as soon as completed.

- **Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Program (ROSS) – Resident Services Delivery Model:** The purpose of the ROSS program is to link residents of public housing to supportive services and empowerment activities that will promote self-sufficiency. The \$500,000 grant sought in this year’s application will strengthen and expand the existing framework of direct and linked services through the Learning Opportunity Centers and One-Stop Career Centers developed through two previous ROSS grant awards. This program requires a twenty-five percent match, which will include \$88,000 from the ICAN program for staff support; \$81,316 from METRO, grant partner, and additional in-kind dollars from the Housing Commission for the three year term of the grant. The application deadline is June 26, 2001.
- **Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Program – Service Coordinator Renewals:** This program will provide \$57,105 in funding to continue services to elderly and disabled public housing residents. The Service Coordinator helps residents obtain the services they need in order to maintain independent living. Service Coordinator grant renewal applications are accepted by HUD on a first come, first served basis until all funds are allocated, whichever occurs first. The application was submitted when it was completed.

## ALTERNATIVES

Do not seek funding under these programs. This would result in the reduction or loss of valuable support services and homeless programs.

## CONCLUSION

The Housing Commission has established the pursuit of increased funding for affordable housing, programs for the homeless, and support of resident initiatives as primary goals. The applications described in this report will expand housing opportunities, maintain important resident initiatives designed to help tenants achieve self-sufficiency, ensure the continuance of important homeless programs, and provide technical assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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