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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DIVISION OF HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

September 18, 2006

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDO)
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
Louisiana State Emergency Shelter Grant (SESG)

Agency: *Neighborhood 1 (NEIGHBORHOOD 1)*

Action: *Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)*

Summary: The City of New Orleans is entering the **second** year of its 2006-2010 Consolidated Plan (CP). The CP is a five-year housing and community development plan which serves as the planning and application process for the following four federal formula grants awarded to the City of New Orleans by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG/SESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA). The Consolidated Plan identifies priority housing, community development, and continuum of care needs and strategies to address these needs. The City of New Orleans partners with community-based organizations to assess, develop, and implement programs to address priority needs of the Consolidated Plan.

This NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$10,000,000 to community based, not-for-profit organizations that implement programs and/or projects addressing priority housing, community development, and continuum of care needs. Only organizations certified on Neighborhood 1 Registry of Neighborhood Organizations are eligible to receive funding under this NOFA.

Dates: Application packets are available for downloading in MS Word format, **beginning Monday, September 18, 2006 on the Neighborhood 1 website:**
www.cityofno.com/portals/portal49/portal.aspx ; click on “Resource Center”.

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An original completed application plus three (3) copies must be received by 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 16, 2006, at the Neighborhood 1 office, 1340 Poydras Street, 10th Floor.

Applications may not be sent by facsimile (fax). Applications may not be sent by electronic mail (e-mail). These deadlines are firm as to date and hour.

Any application received after the application deadline will be penalized 20 points for each 24-hour period the application is submitted late. (For example, applications received 3:01 p.m. Monday, October 16, 2006 - 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, 2006 can only earn a maximum of 80 points; applications received 3:01 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, 2006 - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 18, 2006 can only earn a maximum of 60 points; etc.)

Proposals must be complete at the time of submission. No addenda will be accepted after the deadline date for submission of proposals unless specifically requested by the Review Panel.

Applicants who physically deliver the proposal must have their proposal logged in and complete a sign-in sheet. Under no circumstance should an applicant leave a proposal at Neighborhood 1 office without completing the required log in procedure. Applicants who mail proposals should do so by certified mail, return receipt requested, or through overnight mail services, allowing enough time for the proposal to be received by the deadline date and time.

Format: All applications must be completed using the forms supplied with this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Any application not following the prescribed format will not be considered for funding. Neighborhood 1 will make no copies of any applications. Do not return the general information packet.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- The **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** is authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Funds available under this NOFA are subject to the requirements of the amended CDBG regulations located at 24 CFR Part 570.
- The **HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME)** is authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. Funds available under this NOFA are subject to requirements of this act and its amendments (if any) located at 24 CFR Part 92.
- The **Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)** is authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 as amended, and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations located at 24 CFR Part 576.
- The **Housing Opportunities for Person With AIDS (HOPWA)** program is authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunities ACT (42 U.S.C. 12901) as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 located at 24 CFR Part 574.

In 1993 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development developed a single planning and application process for the administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Home Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) funds. The City of New Orleans, through this NOFA, will fund programs that address housing, public service, and continuum of care (homeless, persons living with HIV/AIDS) community needs for program year 2007.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR: Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)

Purpose:

To provide resources to meet the housing and related needs, such as short-term rent and utility payments, of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Geographic target:

HOPWA activities should be targeted in the seven-parish region that includes Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines parishes.

Coordination:

In an effort to better coordinate HIV service delivery throughout the New Orleans area, HOPWA awards will be made in consideration of other sources of funding for HIV services in the New Orleans area including Ryan White CARE Act Titles I and II, Shelter Plus Care, UNITY of Greater New Orleans HOPWA, and the State of LA - HIV/AIDS Program.

Administrative costs:

Each project sponsor receiving amounts from grants made under the HOPWA program may use not more than 7% of the amounts received for its own administrative costs related to carrying out eligible activities.

Eligible activities:

- Acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease and repair of existing facilities to provide housing and services. **Applicants who wish to do rehab for independent living will need to fill out the HOME/CHDO application.**
- Operating costs for housing including maintenance, security, operation, insurance, utilities, furnishings, equipment, food, supplies, and other incidental costs. Salaries for personal care attendants and other housing staff directly related to the operation of the facility should be included here. Supportive services provided at housing facilities including but not limited to health care, case management, drug and alcohol abuse treatment and counseling, and mental health services are not included as part of this NOFA. Supportive services are funded through the Ryan White CARE Act, Titles I and II, UNITY of Greater New Orleans, and the State of LA - HIV/AIDS Program.
- Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent the homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling. Short-term assistance cannot be provided for a period longer than 21 weeks in any 52-week period.

Resources:

HIV Comprehensive Health Services Plan – New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council www.norpac.org or 821-7334
HOPWA STRMU Guidelines (CPD 06-07) – HUD
www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/strmu

INSTRUCTIONS FOR: Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and State Emergency Shelter Grant (SESG)

Purpose: To provide a foundation for homeless people to begin moving to independent living by 1) improving the quality of emergency homeless shelters, and 2) providing homeless prevention activities such as rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.

Geographic target:

ESG/SESG activities should be targeted citywide in Orleans parish.

Coordination:

In an effort to better coordinate homeless service delivery throughout the New Orleans area, ESG/SESG awards will be made in consideration of other sources of funding for homeless services in the New Orleans area including UNITY of Greater New Orleans.

UNITY of Greater New Orleans www.unityforthehomeless.org
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Matching funds:

Recipients shall be required to secure matching funds in an amount equal to its ESG or SESG funding amount unless exempted on grounds of severe incapacity to provide matching funds based on information submitted in grant application. Matching funds must derive from sources other than the program and be provided after the date of the grant award to the recipient. Funds used to match a previous ESG or SESG grant award may not be used to match a subsequent grant.

In calculating the amount of matching funds, the following may be included: "hard cash" amounts dedicated for homeless assistance activities, the value of any donated material or building; the value of any lease on a building, any salary paid to staff of the recipient local government or nonprofit provider in carrying out the emergency shelter program; and the time and services contributed by volunteers to carry out the emergency shelter program, determined at the rate of \$5.00 per hour. The recipient will determine the value of any donated material or building, or any lease, using any method reasonably calculated to establish a fair market value.

Eligible activities:

Eligible activities are provision of emergency shelter, essential services and homeless prevention activities. A proposal may include homeless prevention activities only as an adjunct of other eligible activities. A total of up to 60 percent ESG funds may be budgeted for both essential services and homeless prevention activities, subject to the separate 30 percent maximum applicable to each of these program categories.

Provision of Emergency Shelter

Payment of maintenance, operations (including shelter administration) rent, repair, security, fuel and equipment, insurance, utilities and furnishings.

Limitations:

An amount not to exceed ten (10) percent of ESG/SESG funds may be spent on staff costs of operations related to the provision of emergency shelter.

Essential Services

These may include but are not limited to:

- assistance in obtaining permanent housing and supervision;
- medical and psychological counseling and supervision;
- employment counseling;
- nutritional counseling;
- substance abuse treatment and counseling;
- help in obtaining other Federal, State and Local assistance;
- other services such as child care, transportation, job placement and training;
- staff salaries necessary to provide the above services.

Limitations: Grant amounts may be used to provide an essential service only if the service is 1) a new service; or 2) a quantifiable increase in the level of a service above that which the recipient provided with local funds during the 12 months immediately before the receipt of initial grant amounts.

Not more than 30 percent of ESG/SESG Program funding can be used for essential service activities.

Homeless Prevention Activities

Homeless prevention activities are those designed to prevent the incidence of homelessness, including (but not limited to):

- short-term subsidies to defray rent and utility arrearages for families that have received eviction or utility termination notices;
- security deposits or first month's rent to permit a homeless family to move into its own dwelling;
- mediation programs for landlords-tenant disputes; legal services programs for the representation of indigent tenants in eviction;
- payments to prevent foreclosure on a home and other innovative programs and activities designed to prevent the incidence of homelessness.

Any proposal containing homeless prevention activities must describe the type(s) of activities to be undertaken and a specific implementation plan.

Limitations: Not more than 30 percent ESG/SESG Program funding can be used for homeless prevention activities. If grant funds for homeless prevention activities are to be used to assist families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services, the following conditions must be met:

- ✓ The inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income;
- ✓ The assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of service to the family;
- ✓ There must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time (this "reasonable period to time" means a time period determined reasonable by the ESG grantee and applied consistently to all recipients); and
- ✓ The assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other sources.

The reference to "family" in these conditions are interpreted by HUD to include one-person families.
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR: Public Service Activities (CDBG)

Geographic target:

Public service activities should be targeted to Community Development areas (CD). These are census tracts in which at least 51% of the population is low/moderate income. (See Appendix A for list of census tracts and Appendix C for a guide to using “Factfinder” on the Census web site.)

Eligible activities:

All public service activities must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of the existing service. Any agency receiving prior year funding must provide a new service and/or demonstrate a quantifiable increase in the level of existing service.

Federal regulations list a variety of public service activities; however, the Consolidated Plan (CP) prioritized the following public service needs, which are included in this application: Youth Enhancement, Literacy/Education, Child Care, Senior Services, and Housing Counseling. Only proposals to provide the specific services described below will be considered for funding.

Youth Enhancement

Purpose: to expand and/or enhance positive experiences and alternatives from crime and substance abuse for low- to moderate-income youth. Proposed programs should include comprehensive services that address the diverse needs of youth. Services include but are not limited to mentor programs, substance abuse education, conflict resolution, etc. For purposes of this NOFA, Youth Enhancement services do not include tutorial programs.

Coordination:

Youth enhancement proposals must demonstrate that the proposed activity meets at least one of these HUD-CDBG national objectives: 1) benefiting low- and moderate-income persons or 2) preventing or eliminating slums or blight.

All organizations listing youth development as a principal activity of the organization are encouraged to be a member of the Out-of-School Time Collaborative (816-4206). Please indicate membership verification or application.

Youth enhancement services should be consistent with the strategies presented in the New Orleans Workforce Investment Strategic Plan (August 2000).

Agencies proposing Youth Enhancement services targeted in New Orleans neighborhoods where strategic plans have been developed must demonstrate that the proposed service is consistent with the strategies presented in the neighborhood plan.

Literacy/Education

Purpose: to provide basic reading, education, tutoring, work-based literacy, and GED instruction to low- to moderate-income persons. Programs can include components to provide life-long learning opportunities for the target population. For purposes of this NOFA, Literacy/Education services do not include computer literacy programs.

Coordination: Literacy/education proposals must demonstrate that the proposed activity meets at least one of these HUD-CDBG national objectives: 1) benefiting low- and moderate-income persons or 2) preventing or eliminating slums or blight.

Literacy/education services should be consistent with the strategies presented in the New Orleans Workforce Investment Strategic Plan (August 2000).

All organizations listing literacy as a principal activity of the organization are encouraged to be a member of the Literacy Alliance (864-7049). Please indicate membership verification or application.

Agencies proposing literacy/education services targeted in New Orleans neighborhoods where strategic plans have been developed must demonstrate that the proposed service is consistent with the strategies presented in the neighborhood plan.

Senior Services

Purpose: to assist low- to moderate-income seniors in maintaining their independence with a broad range of activities. Programs can include components to provide life-long learning opportunities for the target population. Eligible activities include but are not limited to health and physical fitness, counseling, arts & crafts etc. Programs should provide comprehensive services to the target population.

Coordination: Senior services proposals must demonstrate that the proposed activity meets at least one of these HUD-CDBG national objectives: 1) benefiting low- and moderate-income persons or 2) preventing or eliminating slums or blight.

Agencies proposing senior services targeted in New Orleans neighborhoods where strategic plans have been developed must demonstrate that the proposed service is consistent with the strategies presented in the neighborhood plan.

Child Care Services

Purpose: to assist low- to moderate-income families by providing support services to parents/guardians who are working and/or enrolled in school or training programs. Programs can be targeted to families moving from welfare to work. NEIGHBORHOOD 1 also seeks applicants who propose programs providing non-traditional hours for child care services.

Coordination: Child care proposals must demonstrate that the proposed activity meets at least one of these HUD-CDBG national objectives: 1) benefiting low- and moderate-income persons or 2) preventing or eliminating slums or blight.

Agencies proposing child care services targeted in New Orleans neighborhoods where strategic plans have been developed must demonstrate that the proposed service is consistent with the strategies presented in the neighborhood plan.

Housing Counseling

Purpose: to assist low- to moderate-income persons by preparing them to become homebuyers and homeowners. Programs should provide detailed training that will assist a potential homebuyer through the various stages of the homebuyer process. Housing Counseling programs must include a fair housing component. Housing counseling programs should also include a component on the hazards and effects of lead based paint and issues surrounding its abatement or removal.

Coordination: Housing counseling proposals must demonstrate that the proposed activity meets at least one of these HUD-CDBG national objectives: 1) benefiting low- and moderate-income persons or 2) preventing or eliminating slums or blight.

Agencies proposing housing counseling services targeted in New Orleans neighborhoods where strategic plans have been developed must demonstrate that the proposed service is consistent with the strategies presented in the neighborhood plan.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR: Minor Repair Activities (CDBG)
Housing Activities (CDBG/HOME/CHDO)
Homebuyer Activities (HOME/CHDO)
Rental Activities (HOME/CDBG)**

Purpose: Publicly funded housing programs are intended to improve the existing housing stock and increase the supply of decent, affordable housing units for low-income households. They include housing rehabilitation programs that provide various levels of assistance, as well as programs to increase the level of homeownership in the City. All of these programs are intended to provide some level of financial and technical assistance to persons who generally cannot afford to make needed repairs to their property by private means, or, in the case of homeownership, to afford to finance the entire cost of the home.

All programs are intended to ultimately assist low-income persons, both homeowners and tenants. Because of the large number of substandard housing units that exist throughout the City, it is important to maximize the utilization of the limited public funds available to improve the housing stock by leveraging other non-governmental funding sources. The City wishes to emphasize the rehabilitation of existing buildings, particularly those listed on the Blighted Properties list, as opposed to the construction of new homes.

Geographic target:

All housing activities should be targeted to Community Development areas (CD). These are census tracts in which at least 51% of the population is low/moderate income. (See Appendix A for list of census tracts.)

Coordination:

All housing proposals must demonstrate that the proposed activity meets at least one of these HUD-CDBG national objectives: 1) benefiting low- and moderate-income persons or 2) preventing or eliminating slums or blight. All housing proposals must demonstrate that the proposed activity meets the HUD-HOME objective of providing affordable housing to low-income persons.

Agencies proposing Housing services targeted in New Orleans neighborhoods where strategic plans have been developed must demonstrate and indicate that the proposed service is consistent with the strategies presented in the neighborhood plan.

In an effort to better coordinate housing service delivery throughout the City of New Orleans, housing awards will be made in consideration of other sources of funding for housing services including the New Orleans Neighborhood Development Collaborative (NONDC) and the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO).

NONDC www.nondc.org/ HANO www.hano.org/

Administrative costs:

There are no administrative costs available to non-profit organizations under a separate budget. Organizations should include in their HOME-funded proposals any eligible project costs as listed in '92.206 of the HOME Program regulations. All such costs should be limited to the amounts that are necessary and reasonable to accomplish the program activities.

Matching funds:

The City of New Orleans has matching requirements for the HOME funds allocated to it by the Department of HUD. The allowed forms of matching contributions can be found at 24 CFR 92.220. Matching contributions under the HOME Program must not be based on other federal funds. Some of the eligible forms of contributions are cash contributions, below market interest rates, infrastructure improvements, donated labor, and donated real property.

Matching fund requirements, which exist for the HOME Program, are similar but not identical to leveraging. While any amount of non-federal funds committed to a project is considered leveraged funds, not all leveraged funds are considered "matching" funds under the HOME Program. Consequently, funds or other contributions that help meet HOME Program match requirements are very valuable. Applicants are asked to identify the source and amount of non-federal funds that are to be committed to projects and to make every attempt to provide matching funds to meet this HOME program requirement. Projects or programs that can provide HOME matching funds or other leveraged, non-federal funds will receive more favorable ratings for funding consideration. Conversely, proposals that demonstrate no effort to provide HOME match will be rated lower, and may not be funded.

Eligible activities:

Proposals to provide services not included here will not be considered for funding.

Minor Home Repair

Funds are limited to \$5,000 per house. Such programs include weatherization, painting, and accessibility programs.

Rental Housing and Homeownership (HOME)

HOME funds are available for homeownership programs, including development costs. Funds may also be used to develop affordable rental housing.

Rental Housing and Homeownership (HOME/CHDO)

Set aside funds are available to designated Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). These funds may also be used to create homeownership opportunities and to develop affordable rental housing.

Resources:

Renewal Community – City of New Orleans
http://online.new-orleans.la.us/rc_business/index.php

City of New Orleans – City Planning Commission
<http://cityofno.com>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

A separate proposal must be submitted for each proposed service category. Example, if an applicant is applying to provide youth enhancement services, senior services, HOPWA services, and ESG services, the respondent would submit four separate proposals including all copies.

Only one application per applicant will be reviewed in each service category. Proposals that combine a request for funds in more than one category will not be considered for funding.

Eligible applicants

- Only organizations certified on the Neighborhood 1 Registry of Neighborhood Organizations are eligible to receive funding under this NOFA.
- Applications from organizations that are delinquent on any federal debt, any State of Louisiana debt, or any City of New Orleans debt will not be considered for funding.
- Applications from organizations that have not met audit requirements will not be considered for funding. All audits must be clear of ineligible/disallowed costs related to any and all funding provided by the City of New Orleans.
- Applications from organizations that are currently debarred or suspended from the receipt of federal and state funds will not be considered for funding. All awarded organizations will be required to submit documentation to certify that the organization has not been debarred or suspended from participation in the award of federal funds.

Target population

The community identified priority populations during the consolidated planning process. Priority populations are extremely low income households -- up to 30% of median family income -- and very-low income households -- 31% to 50% of median family income.

HUD's median family income determination for the New Orleans Metropolitan Area is \$44,000 for a family of four. See Appendix C for Chart

Other target populations include single-parent households, homeless families with children, elderly, persons with disabilities including HIV/AIDS.

The Census is a good source for this kind of data. See Appendix D for a guide to using "Factfinder" on the Census web site.

Coordination with City planning efforts

The City of New Orleans has invested in the development of several strategic plans for the City, its neighborhoods, and the citizens who live there. Agencies applying for funds under this NOFA must link proposed services and activities to existing strategic plans. Listed below are the strategic plans that have been developed in the City of New Orleans.

- 2006–2010 Consolidated Plan for the City of New Orleans (October 2006)
www.cityofno.com/portals/portal49/portal.aspx
- 2007 Draft Action Plan (September 2006)

- New Orleans Local Workforce Investment Area 12 - Five Year Strategic Plan (August 2000)
- 1999 Land Use Plan www.cityofno.com , then click on City Planning
- Neighborhood studies have been and/or are being developed for the numerous New Orleans neighborhoods. For information, check the following websites: www.nolanpr.com

Applicants proposing services included in the strategic plans listed above or targeted to neighborhoods listed above must demonstrate how the proposed service is consistent with the strategies outlined in those plans.

Environmental Assessment and Impact

Care should be taken in the selection of projects and in the preparation of applications to ensure the environmental and historic preservation impediments do not cause an application to be denied, or approval severely delayed. Applicants should canvas the service area and note any environmental concerns and address how their program will mitigate them.

Lead-Based Paint Requirements

Housing and Continuum of Care projects that require rehabilitation work must be compliant with requirements at 24 CFR Part 570.608. These requirements include notification of hazards of lead-based paint poisoning, prohibition of the use of lead-based paint, inspection and testing for lead-based paint, and abatement methods.

Flood Insurance Requirements

HUD guidelines require that activities carried out in special flood hazard areas (SFHA) purchase and maintain flood insurance protection as a condition of approval of any HUD financial assistance. When recipients provide loan assistance to a homeowner or homebuyer, insurance shall cover the term and loan amount. When recipients provide grant assistance to a homeowner or homebuyer, the insurance shall cover the property cost (less estimated land cost) and the economic or useful life of the building. For example, a substantially improved building requires flood insurance coverage for the life of the building, while minor rehabilitation such as weatherizing, or roofing of a building may require flood insurance coverage ranging from 5 to 15 years as deemed feasible. HUD will accept any period within that range which appears reasonable.

Historic Preservation Requirements

Recipients who will operate within local and national historic districts will be required to follow the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and conform to the local permitting requirements of the HDLC. This could add costs to a particular rehabilitation job if the initial write-up does not conform to historic standards.

Noise Regulation Requirements

Recipients who will purchase property or assist homeowners within 1,000ft. of a four lane roadway and/or 3,000ft. of a railroad track that has been determined by Neighborhood 1 to produce high noise levels; adjustments will be requested in the write-up to reduce the noise levels to the prospective occupant or owner. This adjustment can add cost to a particular project.

Relocation Impact Consideration

In accordance with the City's *Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan* (see the *Citizen Participation Plan on website*), housing programs funded or assisted with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), or Louisiana State Emergency Grant Program (SESG) funds, must be designed and implemented in a manner that will minimize the displacement of persons (families, individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations).

The use of federal funding, such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds requires compliance with the *Uniform Relocation and Real Properties Acquisition Act of 1970*, as amended (URA). The purpose of the URA is to mitigate any impact of a federally funded undertaking upon the occupants of affected properties. Although residential tenants are the primary concern of the URA with respect to activities conducted with CDBG and/or HOME funds, owner-occupants and businesses may also be affected by such federally funded activities.

The first and most important step in effecting the requirements of the URA is to identify the occupants of any property for which assistance with federal funds is proposed, and to then issue the proper notifications, in a timely manner, to those occupants. The intention of this requirement is to correctly inform the occupants of the circumstances that may affect them and to prevent their receipt of inaccurate information through rumors or other external sources, which may cause them to move or may serve to disrupt their lives unnecessarily.

The second step is to assess the impact of the proposed activity upon the occupants of the property. In the case of a residential tenant, this is accomplished by considering the income and family composition of the tenant, among other things, and the ultimate use of the property. If it is determined that the proposed project will have an impact upon the tenant, steps must be taken to minimize the impact. If the project or the tenant's existing circumstances (overcrowding, for example) require that the tenant permanently move from the property, the tenant is considered "displaced" and will be entitled to relocation assistance and benefits, which can significantly add to project costs and must be budgeted..

The third step is to provide relocation assistance when required. This may consist of counseling the displaced family about comparable replacement dwellings and locating same. It will also consist of issuing appropriate relocation payments for moving costs and for rental assistance. Any required relocation costs must be paid from the funds awarded for the project and these costs must be included in the project plans and budget.

A separate but related issue is "temporary relocation." This should not be confused with permanent displacement. Temporary relocation is used when the circumstances of a federal activity require the occupants to vacate the property for a limited period of time. For example, if a tenant-occupied property is to be rehabilitated and the required repairs are extensive, it may be necessary to relocate the

tenants during some or all of the construction period. As above, these costs must also be factored into the project budget.

Fair Housing Impact

In accordance with the fair housing laws, housing programs funded or assisted with federal funds such as under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program, and the Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME), must be administered in a manner that will affirmatively further fair housing. Further, the City of New Orleans, as a CDBG grantee, must certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing. In order for the City to certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing, it must analyze and eliminate housing discrimination, promote fair housing choice, provide opportunities for racially and ethnically inclusive patterns of housing occupancy, promote housing that is accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, and foster compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of the Fair Housing Act, U.S. HUD, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Fair Housing Planning Guide, at 1-1.

It is imperative, therefore, that subrecipients of the above funds include a fair housing impact statement addressing not only how they will refrain from housing discrimination, but also how they will ensure that their housing and community development programs are accessible to persons with disabilities and do not contribute to or intensify segregated housing patterns. For example, if you intend to target a particular neighborhood to rehabilitate blighted housing, you must address how your program is going to affect segregated housing patterns in that and surrounding areas.

Section 3 Requirements

The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment, job training, contracting and other economic opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance shall (to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations) be directed to low and very low income persons residing within the metropolitan area in which the assistance is expended.

For competitively awarded assistance involving housing rehabilitation, construction or other public construction, where the amount awarded to the applicant exceeds \$200,000, contractors and subcontractors agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

Davis Bacon Requirements

Agencies awarded construction or rehabilitation projects must ensure that they meet requirements specified under the Davis-Bacon Act. The Act requires that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the performance of construction work financed in whole or in part with assistance received under HUD programs shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C.276a--276a-5): Provided, that this section shall apply to the rehabilitation of residential property only if such property contains not less than 8 units, and HOME funded projects with 12 or more units.

Leveraging

The use of federal funds to stimulate the investment of non-governmental (particularly non-federal) funding sources in the financing of a project or program is called "leveraging". The applicant should

strive to secure non-governmental funds in order to minimize the need for limited federal funds in each project. The more leverage that can be attained, the more low-income persons can be assisted. For example, a homeowner who can borrow private funds may not require 100 percent financing from federal funds.

Audit Requirements

All awarded organizations will be required to comply with federal and state audit requirements as stated in OMB A-133, and all other applicable federal, state, and local rules and regulations.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Awardees will be minimally required to submit the following reports:

- § Monthly Programmatic Services/Direct Benefit Reports
- § Monthly Program Income Reports (as applicable)
- § Monthly Cost Control Statements
- § Section 3 Reports
- § Contractor/Subcontractor Activity Reports
- § Report of Matching Funds
- § Annual Reports

This information, required of all grant recipients, is necessary not only to monitor the progress of individual agencies, but also to guide the City of New Orleans - Neighborhood 1 in refining the development and maintenance of an effective system of housing, public service, and continuum of care needs for New Orleans and the surrounding areas.

Reports must be submitted with the required level of detail in a timely manner. Reporting requirements must be strictly followed. Failure to comply may result in the discontinuation of funding and/or the termination of contracts.

APPLICANT SELECTION PROCESS

1. Applications will be reviewed to ensure that they meet the following requirements:

- a) The applicant must complete the accompanying Registry application to be a registered organization with Neighborhood 1.
- b) The population and target area to be served must meet the eligibility requirements of the specific program.
- c) The activities for which assistance is requested must be eligible under the funding source regulations and activities specified in the NOFA.
- d) Organizations that receive assistance through the funding process must be in compliance with applicable civil laws and Executive Orders regarding fair housing and equal opportunity.

2. Applications will be scored against a standard set of criteria. The following six core selection criteria apply to the public services and continuum of care components of the NOFA:

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|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| (1) | Community Need and Target Population | 18 Points |
| (2) | Goals and Program Planning | 42 Points |
| (3) | Program Effectiveness | 14 Points |
| (4) | Program Management | 4 Points |
| (5) | Current Financial | 22 Points |

HOUSING - The following four core selection criteria apply to the Housing components of the NOFA:

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|-----|--|-----------|
| (1) | Approach to Providing Services | 40 Points |
| (2) | Project Characteristics | 10 Points |
| (3) | Financial Resources | 30 Points |
| (4) | Organizational Capacity and Prior Contract Performance | 20 Points |

HOUSING - The following three core selection criteria apply to the Minor Repair component of the NOFA:

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| (1) | Approach to Providing Services | 40 Points |
| (2) | Financial Resources | 30 Points |
| (3) | Organizational Capacity and Prior Contract Performance | 30 Points |

3. Currently funded agencies or agencies who have received prior funding from Neighborhood 1 will also be evaluated on past performance in carrying out programmatic activities and contractual compliance. Factors such as agency ability to meet service delivery goals, timely expenditure of funds, timely reporting, accuracy of reporting, ability to meet audit requirements, attendance at meetings and other programmatic and fiscal contractual requirements will be considered.

The City of New Orleans reserves the right to fund lower rated proposals over higher scoring proposals in any funding source and service category to address and meet gaps in services. Factors that may influence these decisions are target population served, geographical area served, etc.

GRANT AWARD PROCESS

The City of New Orleans will notify conditionally selected applicants in writing. Receipt of an award letter is not a guarantee of funding. Award letters may include conditions of award that must be met prior to the receipt of funding. Awards should not be construed as a guarantee by the City to renew contracts automatically beyond the initial 12-month contract period. All awards are subject to further contract negotiation and availability of funds.

As necessary, Neighborhood 1 will subsequently request conditionally selected applicants to submit additional project information which may include documentation showing project feasibility; documentation of firm commitments for cash match; documentation showing site control; information necessary for Neighborhood 1 to perform an environmental review, where applicable; and such other documentation as specified by Neighborhood 1 in writing to the applicant that confirms or clarifies information provided in the application or that revises information provided in the application based on the level of funding.

Applicants will also be notified of the deadline for submission of such requested information. If an applicant is unable to meet any condition of grant award within the specified time frame, the City of New Orleans reserves the right to rescind the notice of award and to use the available funds for other applicable programs. Contracts for CDBG, Federal ESG, and HOPWA activities will be for a twelve-month period effective January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Twelve month contracts for the State Emergency Shelter Grant program are effective September 1, 2007 - August 31, 2008.

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THIS NOFA/RFP AT ANY TIME AND WITHOUT NOTIFICATION.

Appendix A
Community Development Area (CD)

Federal regulations designate a Community Development (CD) area as one that is considered low income (At least 51% of the census tract must be low-moderate income.) The census tracts listed below have been determined to meet the low-moderate income criteria and are designated CD areas.

Eligible Census Tracts:

Algiers: 2, 3, 4, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, 6.05, 6.11, 6.13
Broadmoor: 103
Bywater: 11, 12
CBD: 58, 59
Central City/Magnolia: 67, 68, 69, 80, 84, 85, 86, 91, 92, 93.01, 93.02, 94
Desire/Florida: 14.01, 14.02, 15, 16, 17.03, 17.06, 17.14
Dillard: 33.07
East Riverside: 96, 97
Edgelake/Little Woods: 17.28
Fairgrounds/Broad: 37.02
Freret/Milan: 102, 100, 111
Gentilly Terrace: 24.02
Gert Town/Zion City: 70, 72
Hollygrove/Dixon: 75.01, 75.02, 76.05
Irish Channel/Lower Garden District: 81.01, 81.02, 82, 83, 87, 88, 89
Leonidas/West Carrollton: 129, 130, 131, 132
Lower Ninth Ward/Holy Cross: 7.01, 7.02, 8, 9.01, 9.02, 9.03, 9.04
Marigny: 18, 26
Mid-City: 45, 50, 63, 64, 65, 71
Plum Orchard: 17.22
St. Bernard: 33.05, 33.06
St. Claude: 13.01, 13.02, 13.03, 13.04
St. Roch: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
Seventh Ward: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36
St. Anthony: 33.03
Treme/Sixth Ward: 39, 40, 44.01, 44.02, 47, 48
Tulane/Gravier: 49, 60
Uptown/West Riverside: 104, 105, 106, 109
Viavant/Venetian Isles: 17.33
Village de L=est: 17.42
West Lake Forest: 17.35, 17.36

To visualize these census tracts, see the Regional Planning Commissions maps at:
http://www.norpc.org/data_desk/demographic_data/census/rpc_census_maps.html

To get data for these census tracts, see Appendix D
for a guide to using “Factfinder” on the Census web site.

Appendix B

**CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
NEIGHBORHOOD1**

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

2006

NEW ORLEANS HUD MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME

\$52,300

(Effective 5/3/2006)

% MFI	1-Person	2-Person	3-Person	4-Person	5-Person	6-Person	7-Person	8-Person
30%	11,000	12,550	14,150	15,700	16,950	18,200	19,450	20,700
50%	18,300	20,900	23,550	26,150	28,250	30,350	32,450	34,500
60%	21,960	25,080	28,260	31,380	33,900	36,420	38,940	41,400
80%	29,300	33,500	37,650	41,850	45,200	48,550	51,900	55,250
100%	36,600	41,800	47,100	52,300	56,500	60,700	64,900	69,000

Source: U.S. Department of HUD website -
www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/limits/income/index.cfm

SuperNOFA 2007

EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM PLANNING

The SuperNOFA 2007 applications ask that you gather evidence to inform your program design. Here are some hints to help you to do that research effectively and efficiently:

Finding reliable information sources

A. Use www.google.com

B. Search terms

- Don't type full questions.
- Don't use prepositions.
- Use words that are used by professionals in that field.
(i.e.: "academic achievement" instead of "kids doing well in school")
- Use quotation marks *only* when you want to find that specific string of words - otherwise you can miss important websites.

C. Assessing reliability

1. Websites from the U.S. government (.gov) are usually reliable.
2. Websites from educational institutions (.edu) are often reliable (but make sure they're an official document and not a student project).
3. Websites with .org may be a national association relevant to the field you are researching. Look at these web sites under "Facts" "Statistics" or "Research" to find links to articles and research from credible educational institutions and governmental agencies.
4. Websites with advertising (look for blinking and flashy things on web sites) do not usually have credible scientific research.

D. Google sorts by relevance. If the type of information you are looking for doesn't appear in the first page of listings, change your search terms.

Focus! Focus! Focus! Keep in mind the question you are trying to answer and look *only* at links that might provide the answer. Don't be distracted by other links, no matter how interesting. You'll waste a lot of time and get frustrated!

Any **citation format** will do!

These are items that are included in most citations, depending on what kind of document you are citing: author, date, title, publication, institution, and web site as well as the date you retrieved it from the web. The purpose is to make sure the reader can find and verify your source.

Check out: <http://www.apastyle.org/electref.html>

E. Collect source information *as you go along*.

F. Be sure to cite all your sources throughout your proposal.

Hints for specific questions on these applications:

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
Public Service Activities (CDBG)

Hints for Question 1 and 2

Data sources

www.gnocdc.org is the best source for all available post-Katrina data about New Orleans.

www.google.com can be helpful for finding studies and non-demographic data

Suggested format

It's best to present data in this order if at all possible:

1. Data at the national level
2. Data for Orleans Parish
3. Data for your specific geographic target if less than the entire parish

Helpful tips

- A table is an easy-to-look-at display for comparative data.
- Percentages are usually the best way to display comparative data ... because they are comparable!
- If the most recent data seems less than accurate to you, include this caveat:
"According to the best available data..."

Hints for Question 3

Data sources

To find out what agencies provide services to the same population, consider looking at these data sources:

- For childcare agencies, call Agenda for Children and ask for a list of all childcare agencies 586-8509. They sort them by zip code. They will fax or mail you the list.
- For agencies that serve school-age youth, contact the Greater New Orleans Afterschool Partnership (304-8265).
- For agencies that provide adult literacy services, contact the Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans (864-7012).
- For agencies that provide services for the homeless, contact Unity for Greater New Orleans (821-4496)
- For human service agencies in general, check out the listings on www.vialink.org.

Remember that these listings were all designed for "Information & Referral" purposes –they were not designed for planning and may not have all the information you might want.

Hints for Question 4

Guiding definition

Goals Broad statements of desired overall outcomes; general statements not specific as to when or how, but rather what is to be accomplished; statements that describe the long-range over-arching benefit that your program is seeking.

Hints for Question 5

Helpful tips

- Client participation methods vary by field. What works best for youth enhancement programs is different from what works best for child care centers. Look up the client participation method that is recommended for your field. You may find these described on the web sites of national associations in your field.
- If your field has not identified a recommended method, consider adapting one of the public participation methods described in this document:

<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook/compareparticipation.pdf>

Hints for Question 6

Helpful tips

- Think about the agencies to which you refer clients and from which you receive referrals. Think about the agencies that you meet with routinely.
- Describe how you will collaborate with other agencies and coordinate efforts so that the population experiences seamless service provision to the extent possible.

Hints for Question 7

Helpful tips

- Your “best practice” research may reveal:
 - proven program models,
 - proven program elements,
 - program quality standards,
 - no specific models, elements or standards, but expert opinion.

All of these are useful and applicable.

- Don't assume that the readers already know about the successes your proposed program may have experienced in other parts of the country.

Hints for Question 9

Guiding definitions

<i>Outcomes</i>	Observable, measurable changes in individuals or populations that are attributable to a program. Outcomes may relate to a change in behavior, skills, knowledge, attitudes, values, status and/or in condition.
<i>Validity</i>	Whether a tool is measuring what it is intended to measure.*
<i>Reliability</i>	The extent to which the tool yields the same results under the same conditions among the same test subjects.**
<i>Benchmark</i>	A quantitative standard by which results can be judged -- usually this standard is the results of another comparable program.

Helpful tips

- If you found a measurement tool that has been used to demonstrate the effectiveness of a model program, this tool will very likely have been proven to be valid and reliable. If the documentation you have does not give the exact validity and reliability measures of the tools, then simply note where you found the tool and in what situations it has been used previously.
- If you found a measurement tool that has been used to demonstrate the effectiveness of a model program, note the success rate of that program. This is the “benchmark” which you can use to inform your selection of a target. (Note: You may decide to set your target higher than or lower than or the same as this benchmark – just be sure to include your rationale for doing so.)
- If you can find no valid and reliable measurement tool, document the various places you looked, and then explain how the tool you will use measures the indicator you have stated.
- Describe in some detail who will collect the information, when and how. Don't neglect a plan to get a consent form from participants, if necessary.
- Describe in some detail who will analyze the information, when and how. Key steps involved in data analysis are: data entry; tabulation of the data to determine the number and percent of participants who have met the outcomes; providing explanatory information related to your findings.

Hints for Question 14

- **Think about the agencies to which you refer clients and from which you receive referrals. Think about the agencies that you meet with routinely.**
- Describe how you will collaborate with other agencies and coordinate efforts so that the population experiences seamless service provision to the extent possible.

* usually as judged by experts in the field or by quantitatively comparing the results of the tool to previously developed valid tools.

** usually assessed by comparing results of similar questions within the tool to one another, or by comparing the results of testing the same people more than once with the same tool, or by assessing the extent to which different raters yield the same results using the tool.

Hints for Question 15

Helpful tips

- If you found a measurement tool that has been used to demonstrate the effectiveness of a model program, note the success rate of that program. This is the “benchmark” which you can use to inform your selection of a target. (Note: You may decide to set your target higher than or lower than or the same as this benchmark – just be sure to include your rationale for doing so.)

Hints for Question 18

Helpful tips

- Describe in some detail who will collect the information, when and how. Don't neglect a plan to get a consent form from participants, if necessary.
- Describe in some detail who will analyze the information, when and how. Key steps involved in data analysis are: data entry; tabulation of the data to determine the number and percent of participants who have met the outcomes; providing explanatory information related to your findings.