

subpart in a metropolitan city or an urban county.

(f) *Multiyear plans.* HUD will not make any new multiyear commitments for NOFAs published in calendar year 1997 or later. HUD will continue to honor the terms of the multiyear plans that were approved under the provisions of NOFAs published prior to calendar year 1997.

(g) *Maximum grant amount.* The maximum grant amount that will be awarded to a single unit of general local government in response to the annual Small Cities NOFA published in calendar year 1997 or later is \$400,000, except that counties may apply for up to \$600,000 in HUD-administered Small Cities funds. HUD may specify lower grant limits in the NOFA, which may include different limits for different types of grants available or different types of applicants. This paragraph (g) does not apply to multiyear plans that were approved under the provisions of NOFAs published prior to calendar year 1997, nor does it apply to grants awarded in connection with paragraphs (a)(3) through (a)(5) of this section. The maximum limits in this paragraph (g) apply to grants for economic development projects awarded under NOFAs in which there is no set-aside of funds for such projects.

§ 570.422 Applications from joint applicants.

Units of general local government may submit a joint application which addresses common problems faced by the jurisdictions, to the extent permitted by the NOFA. A joint application must be pursuant to a written cooperation agreement submitted with the application. The cooperation agreement must authorize one of the participating units of government to act as the lead applicant which will submit the application to HUD, and must delineate the responsibilities of each participating unit of government with respect to the Small Cities Program. The lead applicant is responsible for executing the application, certifications, and grant agreement, and ensuring compliance with all laws, regulations, and Executive Orders applicable to the CDBG Program. HUD reserves the right to deal exclusively with the lead appli-

cant with respect to issues of program administration and performance, including remedial actions. In the event of poor performance, HUD reserves the right to deny and/or restrict future funding to all units of general local government that are parties to the cooperation agreement. The maximum amount that may be awarded pursuant to a joint application is the maximum single grant limit established in a NOFA or pursuant to § 570.421(g) multiplied by the number of participants in the cooperation agreement, provided that for the purpose of determining such a multiple grant limit, and in order to receive such amount, a participating joint applicant must receive a substantial direct benefit from the activities proposed in the application, and must not be acting solely on behalf of, or in conjunction with, another jurisdiction for the sole purpose of raising the maximum grant amount that may be awarded. In addition, the statistics of each participant counted for maximum grant limits purposes shall also be used for purposes of the selection factors referred to in § 570.421(a).

§ 570.423 Application for the HUD-administered New York Small Cities Grants.

(a) *Proposed application.* The applicant shall prepare and publish a proposed application and comply with citizen participation requirements as described in § 570.431. The applicant should follow the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR part 91 if it submits a complete consolidated plan.

(b) *Final application.* The applicant shall submit to HUD a final application containing its community development objectives and activities. This final application shall be submitted, in a form prescribed by HUD, to the appropriate HUD office. The application also must contain a priority nonhousing community development plan, in accordance with 24 CFR 91.235.

(c) *Certifications.* (1) Certifications shall be submitted in a form prescribed by HUD. If the application contains any housing activities, the applicant shall certify that the proposed housing activities are consistent with its abbreviated consolidated plan, as described at 24 CFR part 91.