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PROGRAM GUIDANCE

PROGRAM: Rural Housing and Economic Development

FOR: Tribal Government Leaders and Tribally Designated Housing Entities

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TOPIC: Rural Housing and Economic Development Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Year 2004

Purpose: On April 23, 2004, HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development published in the Federal Register (pages 22320 –22376) the Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). This NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$25 million in funds for RHED grants in two categories: Capacity Building (\$150,000 maximum grants) and Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development Activities (\$400,000 maximum grants).

Eligibility: Federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible along with local rural nonprofit organizations, community development corporations, state housing finance agencies and state community and/or economic development agencies to apply and compete for these grants. Tribes should be sure in making application to use the tribal name as it appears on the Bureau of Indian Affairs list of recognized tribes published in the Federal Register December 5, 2003.

Application Deadline: The application due date is Monday, May 24, 2004. Applications must be postmarked at or before midnight of the due date and received at HUD Headquarters within five days after the due date.

NOFA and Application Forms: The RHED NOFA and application forms may be downloaded from the Grants.gov Web site at www.grants.gov/Find or you may call HUD's NOFA Information Center at 1-800-483-8929. The NOFA contains all forms and information required for submitting an application. There are no separate application kits available. Read the NOFA and follow the instructions therein carefully.

Application Submissions: Applications (the original and two copies) must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Development, Processing and Control Unit, Room 7251, ATTN: Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-7000.

Satellite Broadcast: HUD will hold an information webcast via satellite for potential applicants to learn more about the program and preparation of an application on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, from 1:00 - 2:30 ET. To receive the webcast go to www.hud.gov and click on “webcast” under the heading “Tools” in the column on the left.

DUNS Numbers: It is important to note that ALL applications must contain a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number for the applying entity. Failure to provide a DUNS number with the application will be treated as a technical deficiency of the application. If your organization does not have a DUNS number, please see Recipient Program Guidance 2003-11 [RE: Grants.gov (E-Grants) Initiative; Use of a Universal Identifier (DUNS Number) for Application for All Federal Grants] for instructions on obtaining one.

For Further Information: For all information concerning RHED applications prior to the actual awarding of grants, interested parties should contact: Holly A. Kelly, Economic Development Program Specialist, (holly_a_kelly@hud.gov), or Linda L. Streets, Community Development Specialist, (linda_streets@hud.gov) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Room 7137, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone (202) 708-2290.