

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5415-N-15]

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2010
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
Family Unification Program (FUP);
Correction**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of correction.

SUMMARY: On October 5, 2010, HUD posted on www.Grants.gov its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD's FY2010 Family Unification Program. This notice clarifies and corrects certain provisions of the FUP NOFA by: (1) clarifying that those documents in the NOFA that require Public Housing Agency (PHA), Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) and/or PCWA contractor signature(s) must be signed by the Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, or individual of equivalent position; (2); adding the word “families” on page 9, line 4, under Section III.C.1.b.5.h.(iii) of the NOFA; (3) removing reference to Section V.A.1.d on page 9, line 2, under Section III.C.1.b.5.h.(v) of the NOFA; and (4) making technical edits to Section V.A.1.c.1.a (Mobility Assistance - Housing Search Assistance in Low-Poverty Census Tracts) and Section V.A.1.d (Logic Model) by adding the words “low-poverty census tracts” to each activity listed under these rating criteria.

DATE: The Deadline Date for Submission and Timely Receipt remains unchanged at 11:59:59 p.m. eastern time **December 1, 2010**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Program specific questions may be directed to Amaris Rodriguez at (202) 708-0477 or by email at amaris.rodriguez@hud.gov. Program staff will not be available to provide guidance on how to prepare the application. Questions may

also be directed to the NOFA Information Center at 800-HUD-8929 (toll free). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877- 8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FUP NOFA posted by HUD on Grants.gov on October 5, 2010, announces the availability of approximately \$15 million for new incremental voucher assistance to provide adequate housing as a means to promote family unification through the FUP. In accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2010, the funding must be provided to PHAs with demonstrated experience and resources for supportive services, as evidenced by the executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the PCWA. FUP vouchers under the NOFA will be used to promote unification of families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the separation, or the threat of imminent separation, of children from their families or the delay in the discharge of the child, or children, to the family from out-of-home care. FUP vouchers under the NOFA will also be used for youths 18 to 21 years old who left foster care at age 16 or older and lack adequate housing.

Since posting the NOFA, HUD has become aware of specific provisions that require correction or clarification.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

1. The NOFA currently uses executive director as the designated position for signing of specific documents that require PHA, PCWA and/or PCWA contractor signature(s) in the NOFA. HUD recognizes that some agencies may not have an executive director position. To account for this circumstance, and because it is the nature of the position that is important, not the title of the position, HUD is clarifying that either the executive director, chief executive officer, or individual of equivalent position of the PHA, PCWA and/or PCWA contractor may sign these

documents. This correction does not change in any way the signature requirements of the NOFA but rather clarifies the position that may sign the documents. As a result, the following sections of the NOFA are modified as follows:

(a) On page 7, in section III.C.b.5 of the NOFA, the first paragraph is modified to read as follows: “The PHA must demonstrate experience and resources for supportive services by submitting an MOU executed by the executive director, chief executive officer, or individual of equivalent position of both the PHA and the PCWA. HUD has become aware that in certain states PCWAs are authorized to contract out their child welfare functions to other organizations. If a PCWA is authorized under State law to contract out its functions and it has done so, the executive director, chief executive officer, or individual of equivalent position of the PCWA and the executive director, chief executive officer, or individual of equivalent position of the contractor organization must sign the MOU.”

(b) On page 12, in section IV.B.9 of the NOFA, the first sentence is modified as follows: “The Statement of Need must be signed by the executive director, chief executive officer, or individual of equivalent position of the PCWA, even if the PCWA has authority, under applicable State law, to contract out its functions to another organization.”

(c) On page 13, in section IV.B.11 of the NOFA, the paragraph is modified as follows: “If the PCWA has authority under State law to contract out its function to another organization and the PCWA has exercised this authority, the application under this NOFA must contain a one page letter signed by the executive director, chief executive officer, or individual of equivalent position of both the PCWA and the contractor organization which indicates that this agreement has been executed, including the name of the contractor organization and the applicable State law authorizing such an agreement.”

(d) On page 18, in section V.A.3.b.2 of the NOFA, the second sentence is modified as follows: “The certification must be on the PHA’s letterhead and signed by the PHA’s executive director, chief executive officer, or individual of equivalent position.”

2. On page 9, in section III.C.1.b.5.h.(iii) of the NOFA, in the fourth line, the requirement for PCWAs to have a process for reviewing its active caseload and identifying and referring FUP-eligible families and youths to the PHA omitted the word “families” after “FUP-eligible”. As a result, the second sentence of section III.C.1.b.5.h.(iii) is modified as follows: “This commitment must include a process to ensure that the PCWA’s active caseload is reviewed at least once a month (when the PHA has FUP vouchers available) to identify FUP-eligible families and FUP-eligible youths and refer them to the PHA.” This threshold requirement remains unchanged.

3. Reference is inadvertently made to section V.A.1.d in page 9, under section III.C.1.b.5.h.(v) of the NOFA, which specifies the requirement to address applicable rating criteria under the PCWAs responsibilities section of the MOU (if applying for those rating criteria points). This correction merely removes reference to Section V.A.1.d; all other specifications remain unchanged. As a result section III.C.1.b.5.h.(v) is modified as follows: “If applying for rating criteria points under section V.A.1.c (Mobility assistance), V.A.2.a (FUP-eligible youths no longer in PCWA caseload), V.A.2.b (Case management to FUP families), or V.A.2.c (Cash assistance), the MOU must describe the activities that the PCWA is committing to.”

4. On page 15, in section V.A.1.c.1.a of the NOFA, regarding the rating criteria of housing search assistance in low-poverty census tracts, although it is evident from the title and context of the paragraphs under this section that all activities are to be conducted in low-poverty census tracts the second sentence specifies (on the list of activities of which applicants must do at least

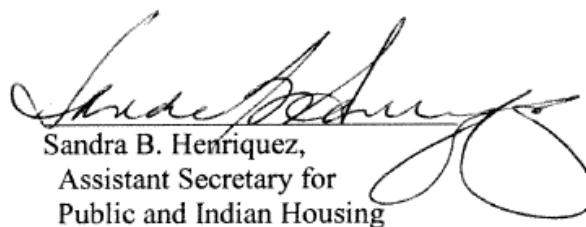
one to get the points under this rating criteria) that landlord introductions are in low-poverty census tracts but, inadvertently, no such statement is made for the other activities. For further clarification, the second sentence in section V.A.1.c.1.a is modified as follows: “Housing search assistance must include providing participants with a current list of other organizations that can help families find units in low-poverty census tracts, and at least one of the following activities: neighborhood tours in low-poverty census tracts, unit viewings in low-poverty census tracts, landlord introductions in low-poverty census tracts, or financial assistance to participants for moving costs (such as security and utility deposits) in low-poverty census tracts.” All other specifications under this rating criteria remain unchanged.

5. On page 16, in section V.A.1.d.2 of the NOFA, regarding the logic model, although it is evident from the context of the paragraphs and their connection to the rating criteria of housing search assistance in low-poverty census tracts that all outputs and outcomes are in low-poverty census tracts the fourth sentence specifies (on the list of outputs of which PHAs must report on at least one to get the logic model point) that landlord introductions are in low-poverty census tracts but, inadvertently, no such statement is made for the other outputs. Also, the fifth and sixth sentence under section V.A.1.d.2 inadvertently omitted the word “low-poverty census tracts” after “housing search assistance”. For further clarification, section V.A.1.d.2 is edited as follows:

(a) On page 16, in section V.A.1.d.2, the fourth sentence is modified as follows: “PHAs must also report on at least one of the following outputs: neighborhood tours in low-poverty census tracts, unit viewings in low-poverty census tracts, landlord introductions in low-poverty census tracts, or financial assistance to participants for moving costs (such as security and utility deposits) in low-poverty census tracts.” All other logic model specifications remain unchanged.

(b) On page 16, in section V.A.1.d.2, the fifth and sixth sentence are modified as follows: “PHAs may report on more than one of the outputs in the preceding sentence as well as any other outputs that are included in the Logic Model or that the PHA engages in related to the provision of housing search assistance in low-poverty census tracts. PHAs must also report on the outcome of percentage of FUP households moving to low-poverty census tracts and may report on other outcomes included in the Logic Model as well as any other outcomes related to housing search assistance in low-poverty census tracts.”

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