

*Status of proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 29, 2001.

**Lawrence L. Thompson,**  
General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4529-N-02]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of General Counsel, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* June 11, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8001, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Katz, Office of Assistant General Counsel for New England, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 60 Causeway Street, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02122, telephone (617) 996-8250 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have

practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Information request to owners of HUD-assisted multifamily housing in Boston, pursuant to section III.A of consent Decree in *N.A.A.C.P., Boston Chapter v. Cuomo*.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2510-0008.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Pursuant to section III.A of the Consent Decree in *NAACP, Boston Chapter v. Cuomo*, as modified, HUD is required to submit annual reports to the Court setting forth the current racial makeup, family composition, and vacancy rate of HUD-assisted multifamily rental housing located in the city of Boston. The information is required to prepare reports to determine if there has been any progress toward achieving the goal of the Decree.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

*Respondents:* 213.

*Frequency of response:* once a year.

*Hours of response:* one hour.

*Total burden hours at one hour per response:* 213.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* This is an reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: April 4, 2001.

**George L. Weidenfeller,**

Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Housing Finance and Operations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4579-FA-08]

### Housing Counseling Program Announcement of Noncompetitive Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2000

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of noncompetitive funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in response to unsolicited proposals for funding of organizations providing housing counseling services. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the agencies selected for funding and the award amount.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margaret Burns, Director, Program Support Division, Room 9166, Office of Single Family Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2121. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service on 1-800-877-8339 or (202) 708-9300. (With the exception of the "800" number, these are not toll free numbers.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Housing Counseling Program is authorized by Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x). HUD enters into agreement with qualified public or private nonprofit organizations to provide housing counseling services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families nationwide. The services include providing information, advice and assistance to renters, first-time homebuyers, homeowners, and senior citizens in areas such as pre-purchase counseling, financial management, property maintenance and other forms of housing assistance to improve the clients' housing conditions and meet the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership.

The purpose of the grant is to offer financial assistance to organizations that offer housing counseling services to meet priority housing needs, as identified by HUD. The availability of housing counseling program grants depends upon the appropriation of funds by the U.S. Congress for this purpose, the amount of those funds, and

the recapture of any unspent funds from previous years' competitions for awards.

The 2000 grantees announced in this Notice were selected for funding based on the submission of unsolicited proposals. The selected grantees submitted proposals to undertake housing counseling activities that met two priority needs identified by HUD and Congress: assisting victims of and preventing predatory lending and ensuring that counseling is available for clients interested in HUD's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) program. Applicants were selected for funding on the strength of their proposals and their ability to serve a significant number of clients in need of assistance.

HUD awarded \$1.85 million in non-competitive housing counseling grants to 13 service providers: 11 local housing counseling agencies, 1 national housing counseling intermediary, and 1 national foundation.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the names, addresses, and award amounts as provided in Appendix A. (The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.169)

Dated: April 3, 2001.

**Sean Cassidy,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

#### **Appendix A—Recipients of Noncompetitive Funding Awards for the Housing Counseling Program—FY 2000**

##### *HECM Counseling Award*

AARP, 601 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20049, Award Amount: \$550,000

##### *Predatory Lending Awards*

###### *Local Agencies*

Saint Ambrose Housing Aid Center, 321 E 25th Street, Baltimore, MD 21218-5303, Amount Awarded: \$120,000

Govans Economic Management Senate, Incorporated, 4324 York Road, Ste 203, Baltimore, MD 21212, Amount Awarded: \$80,000

Spanish Coalition for Housing, 4035 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60639, Amount Awarded: \$75,000

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Incorporated, 747 N May St, Chicago, IL 60622-5854, Amount Awarded: \$100,000

Community and Economic Development Association—CEDA, 208 S La Salle St., Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60604-1104, Amount Awarded: \$75,000

Chicago Urban League Development

Corporation, 4510 S Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60653-3898, Amount Awarded: \$50,000

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Los Angeles, 5191 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90022, Amount Awarded: \$100,000

Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services, 3111 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007, Amount Awarded: \$100,000

Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation, 3214 Fulton St, Brooklyn, NY 11208-1908, Amount Awarded: \$75,000

Jamaica Housing Improvement, Incorporated, 161-10 Jamaica Ave., Suite 601, Jamaica, NY 11432-6149, Amount Awarded: \$75,000

Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City, Incorporated, 121 W 27th Street Suite 404, New York, NY 10001, Amount Awarded: \$75,000

United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg, Inc., 32 Penn Street, Brooklyn, New York 1121, Amount Awarded: \$200,000

###### *National Intermediary*

Acorn Housing Corporation, 650 S. Clark, Chicago, IL 60605, Amount Awarded: \$300,000

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-4560-FA-16]**

#### **Housing Counseling Program; Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2000**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a SuperNOFA competition for funding of HUD-approved counseling agencies to provide counseling services. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the agencies selected for funding and the amount.

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The purpose of the grant is to assist HUD-approved housing counseling agencies in providing housing counseling services to HUD-related and other clients. HUD funding of approved housing counseling agencies is not guaranteed and when funds are awarded, a HUD grant does not cover all expenses incurred by an agency to deliver housing counseling services. Counseling agencies must actively seek additional funds from other sources such as city, county, state and federal agencies and from private entities to ensure that they have sufficient operating funds. The availability of housing counseling program grants depends upon whether the U.S. Congress appropriates funds for this purpose, the amount of those funds, and the outcome of the competitions for award.

The 2000 grantees announced in this Notice were selected for funding through a competition announced in a **Federal Register** Notice published on February 24, 2000 (65 FR 9519) for the housing counseling program. Applications submitted for each competition were scored and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in the Notice. HUD awarded \$13.1 million in housing counseling grants to 362 housing counseling agencies nationwide: 328 local agencies, 12 intermediaries, and 22 State housing finance agencies.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the names, addresses, and award amounts as provided in Appendix A.