

secondary level i.e. H.S., GED, ESL; job skills training; job readiness activities; job development and job placement; childcare; and other supportive services (45 CFR 250.44 and 255.0). The optional services offered by the States' JOBS programs must include two (2) of the following components of group and individual job search assistance: on-the-job-training experience; work supplementation; or community work experience (45 CFR 250.45). (See Attachment I for a list of the State IV-A agencies.)

Projects also must include an independent, methodologically sound evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities carried out with the grant funds in creating new jobs and/or business opportunities. (See Part I, C Definition of Terms, and Part IV, Criterion V.)

Applications should include a plan for disseminating the results of the project after expiration of the grant period. Applicants may budget up to \$2,000 for dissemination purposes.

Priority will be given to applications proposing to serve those areas containing the highest percentage of individuals receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. (See Part IV, Criterion II.)

#### **B. Community Development Corporations Set-Aside 2.0**

For Fiscal Year 1995, a set-aside fund of \$1 million will be included for Community Development Corporations. (For definition of Community Development Corporation, see Part I, C.)

Such projects must conform to the purposes, requirements, and prohibitions applicable to those submitted under Part II, General Projects 1.0.

Applications for these set-aside funds which are not funded due to the limited amount of funds available will also be considered competitively within the larger pool of eligible applicants.

### **Part III—Application Requirements**

#### **A. Background Information**

##### **1. Project and Budget Periods**

*The Social Security Act Amendment of 1994 which reauthorized the JOLI program also lengthened the project duration from a 3-year period to a 6-year period.* In our effort to implement this change, OCS will approve FY 1995 grants for a project period of six years and an initial budget period of 36 months, or three years. This initial 36-month budget period will be considered the Operational Phase of the project, during which the Work Plan described

in this announcement is to be carried out. The second 36 months, or three years, of the Project Period is to be considered a period of tracking workers in the newly created jobs, of providing them, as needed, with modest support and assistance, and of continuing Project Evaluation. Applications for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the 36-month budget period but within the six (6) year project period will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, in a modest amount commensurate with the reduced level of effort, and subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee, and determination that this would be in the best interest of the government.

##### **2. Availability of Funds and Grant Amounts**

The Office of Community Services expects to award approximately \$5,000,000 by September 30, 1995 for new grants under this program (*\$1 million of which will be awarded pursuant to the Joint OCS/EPA Announcement/NOFA described above*).

A maximum of \$500,000 for the first 36-month budget period will be awarded to selected organizations under this program in FY 1995. OCS will award no less than 5 and no more than 10 grants under this program.

*For Fiscal Year 1995 up to \$1 million in JOLI funds is being made available, along with up to \$500,000 of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Discretionary Economic Development grant funds, as part of a Joint Program Announcement/Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) issued by the Office of Community Services (OCS) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund up to three projects addressing Community-Based Lead Abatement Training and Career Development and Lead Poisoning Prevention Education. EPA will be providing up to \$1.5 million to public agencies, which together with the OCS funding to private non-profit agencies, will make possible the funding of three \$1 million projects with the public and non-profit grantee agencies in partnership, each Federal agency contributing \$500,000 to each of the three projects. These will be projects of job creation in community based lead abatement within the requirements of JOLI and CSBG Discretionary Programs; and the EPA funds will be available for worker and community training and education. Prospective applicants for these projects should obtain copies of the Joint OCS-EPA Announcement/NOFA which will contain all necessary information, instructions and forms.*

*Copies of the Joint Announcement will be published in the Federal Register and will be available for downloading from the OCS Electronic Bulletin Board by calling 1-800-627-8886. For assistance in accessing the Bulletin Board, a Guide to Accessing and Downloading is available from Ms. Minnie Landry at (202) 401-5309.*

##### **3. Mobilization of Resources**

OCS will give favorable consideration in the review process to applicants who mobilize cash and/or third-party in-kind contributions for direct use in the project. (See Part IV, Criterion VI.)

##### **4. Program Participants/Beneficiaries**

Projects proposed for funding under this announcement must result in direct benefits to low-income people as defined in the most recent Annual Revision of Poverty Income Guidelines published by DHHS and individuals eligible to receive AFDC under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

Attachment A to this announcement is an excerpt from the guidelines currently in effect. Annual revisions of these guidelines are normally published in the **Federal Register** in February or early March of each year. Grantees will be required to apply the most recent guidelines throughout the project period. These revised guidelines also may be obtained at public libraries, Congressional offices, or by writing the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. They also are accessible on the OCS Electronic Bulletin Board for reading and/or downloading. (See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** at beginning of this announcement.)

No other government agency or privately-defined poverty guidelines are applicable for the determination of low-income eligibility for this program.

##### **5. Cooperative Partnership Agreement With State IV-A Agency (JOBS Program)**

A signed written agreement, or letter of commitment to sign such an agreement within six months of a grant award, between the applicant and the local State IV-A agency must be submitted with the application in order to be reviewed and evaluated competitively. The agreement/letter must describe the cooperative relationship and include specific activities and/or actions that each of the entities proposes to carry out over the course of the grant period in support of the project. (Please review PART II, General Projects 1.0 for additional specific information related to this agreement.)