

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Public and Indian Housing**

[Docket No. N-95-3714; FR-3832-N-01]

**NOFA for Public and Indian Housing
Family Investment Centers**

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

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: This NOFA announces a total of up to \$60,000,000 in funding, including the FY 1995 appropriation of \$26,342,000 for Family Investment Centers for families living in public and Indian housing. Because some of the total FY 1995 funds are to be derived from sources other than the appropriation (transfers, recaptures of prior obligations, and carryover funds), the actual amount available may be less. This program provides grants to public housing agencies and Indian housing authorities (collectively "HAs") to provide families living in public and Indian housing with better access to education and job opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence. The supportive services funded under this grant shall be provided over a 3- to 5-year period. The final rule on this program was published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 1994 (59 FR 43622; see part 964, subpart D, and part 905, subpart O).

In the body of this document is information concerning the purpose of the NOFA, eligible activities, eligibility, available amounts, ranking factors, and application processing, including how to apply and how selections will be made.

DATES: Application kits will be available beginning February 15, 1995. The application deadline will be 3:00 p.m., local time, on June 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: An application kit may be obtained from the local HUD State/Area Office with delegated responsibilities over an applicant public/Indian housing agency (See Appendix for listing), or by calling the HUD Resident Initiatives Clearinghouse toll free number 1-800-955-2232. Telephone requests must include your name, mailing address, or post office address (including zip code), telephone number (including area code), and should refer to document FR-3832-N-01. This NOFA cannot be used as the application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia Y. Martin, Office of Community Relations and Involvement (OCRI),

Room 4106, or Charles V. Bell, Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), Room P8204, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone numbers: OCRI (202) 708-4214; and ONAP (202) 755-0032 (these are not toll-free numbers). Hearing- or speech-impaired persons may use the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service on 1-800-877-TDDY (1-800-877-8339) or 202-708-9300 (not a toll-free number) for information on the program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) and have been assigned OMB control number 2577-0189.

I. Purpose and Substantive Description

A. Authority

Section 22 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437t) provides for the establishment of Family Investment Centers (FIC). Implementing regulations for the program were published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 1994 (59 FR 43622), as subpart D of part 964 and subpart O of part 905.

B. Allocation Amounts

In the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995 (Pub. L. 103-327, approved September 28, 1994), Congress appropriated \$26,342,000 for Family Investment Centers. This amount is being combined with excess recaptured funds carried over from FY 1993 to make an additional amount of up to \$33,658,000 available for funding. These funds may be adjusted pending Secretarial and congressional actions.

Of the \$60 million total current funds, \$44,529,629 is being made available under this NOFA. The Department intends to use \$10 million for a Youth Development Initiative for the purposes of curbing crime among youth, and for youth leadership and development programs that will provide young individuals in public housing with better access to comprehensive education, employment opportunities, and supportive services to achieve self-sufficiency. (Indian Housing Authorities (IHAs) are not eligible for the Youth Development Initiative; however,

additional IHAs may be funded through the regular FIC allocation under this NOFA.) In FY 1994, the Department awarded \$5 million of FIC funds under this Initiative. A separate NOFA announcing these funds will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Department also intends to use up to \$3.5 million for the purpose of developing 4-H after-school programs for youth, ages 7 to 13, in public housing communities. The After-School Demonstration will involve joint investment by the public and private sectors to provide counseling, tutoring, mentoring, and other supportive services designed to reduce gang-related activities and enhance lifestyle choices. HUD expects that this funding will demonstrate the success of such public/private partnerships and commitments in public housing communities that address specific, long-term counseling needs. A separate notice announcing these funds and soliciting public comment will be published in the **Federal Register**.

To ensure that the Family Investment Centers Program is implemented on a broad, nationwide basis, each applicant may submit only one application under this NOFA. A public housing agency/Indian housing authority (collectively, "HAs") may apply to establish one or more Family Investment Centers for more than one public or Indian housing development; however the maximum grant amount per applicant under this NOFA is \$1 million.

C. Overview and Policy

The stated purpose of Section 22 is: [T]o provide families living in public housing with better access to educational and employment opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence by: (a) Developing facilities in or near public housing for training and support services; (b) mobilizing public and private resources to expand and improve the delivery of such services; (c) providing funding for such essential training and support services that cannot otherwise be funded; and (d) improving the capacity of management to assess the training and service needs of families, coordinate the provision of training and services that meet such needs, and ensure the long-term provision of such training and services.

Although Section 22 is phrased in terms of families living in public housing, the program is also available to Indian Housing Authorities (IHAs), because of section 527 of the National Affordable Housing Act (104 Stat. 4216; 42 U.S.C. 1437aa note) (NAHA). Section 527 extends the applicability of many NAHA provisions affecting Title I of the 1937 Act (including section 515, which