



Office of Native American Programs

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TOPIC: Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Grant Program (PIHDEP) Formula Allocation

SUBJECT: Formula Allocation Options for the Drug Elimination Program in FY 1999

Purpose: This guidance provides background information on the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule for the PIHDEP to all Tribal Government Leaders and TDHEs and we would like to solicit your comments on the aforementioned document.

Background:

Section 586 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Pub.L. 105-276, 112 Stat. 2461, approved October 21, 1998) (QHWRA) makes certain amendments to the Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990. The amendments to the PIHDEP include authorizing the Secretary to make 1-year renewable grants and requires grantees to submit a new PIHDEP Semi-Annual Report which was developed through an interagency agreement between HUD and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). All grantees under the PIHDEP will be required to start using the new reporting system beginning on July 1, 1999. The Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR), published in the Federal Register on Thursday, February 18, 1999, (Vol. 64, No. 32) announces HUD's intention to develop, through proposed rulemaking, a formula allocation funding for the PIHDEP.

Overview: Based on the Proposed Rule, an eligible applicant would apply for a 1-year grant, subject to the availability of appropriated amounts, and it would be renewed annually for a period of not more than 4 additional years. The grantee would need to meet all of the requirements under the terms of the grant agreement, laws and other requirements the Secretary may prescribe in order to continue to receive funding over the five-year period. In addition, housing authorities with more urgent and serious crime problems will be appropriately assisted by the program.

The Department is considering many options for the PIHDEP formula module and the ONAP would like to hear which options may be most beneficial to your communities. We strongly encourage you to review the issues and options in the attached document and submit your comments on the Proposed Rule by Friday, March 16, 1999 to Tracy Outlaw, Housing Specialist, HUD-ONAP, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3390, Denver, CO 80202 or via facsimile at (303) 675-1660 or via the Internet at Tracy_C_Outlaw@hud.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the Drug Elimination Program, please call your local Area Office of Native American Programs.

For your information, you may obtain access to the Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program Formula Allocation; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Section 586, Amendments to Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990 through the Internet at <http://www.codetalk.fed.gov>.