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MEMORANDUM FOR: Carol J. Galante, Assistant Secretary for Housing-  
Federal Housing Commissioner, H

FROM: *h* Benjamin T. Metcalf, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily  
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SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact  
Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for FY 2013  
Notice of Funding Availability for Service Coordinators in  
Multifamily Housing Grants (FR-5700-N-15)

It is the finding of this Office that the subject Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) does not constitute a major federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the physical/human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The purpose of this NOFA is to announce the availability of FY 2013 funds and to provide program information and application instructions for the Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing grant program. This program allows multifamily housing owners to assist elderly individuals and nonelderly people with disabilities living in HUD-assisted housing and in the surrounding area to obtain needed supportive services from the community, to enable them to continue living as independently as possible in their homes. The NOFA provides instructions for eligible applicants to request funding and instructions for HUD staff to review applications and select awardees.

The Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing program is authorized by Section 808 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (Pub. L. 101-625, approved November 28, 1990), as amended by Sections 671, 674, 676, and 677 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992), and Section 851 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-569, approved December 27, 2000).

This program requires a housing owner to arrange for confidential office space for the Service Coordinator. If necessary, the owner can use administrative start-up funds to acquire, lease, renovate, or convert space for this purpose. If such activity is proposed in an owner's application for funds, HUD will perform an environmental assessment according to 24 CFR Part 50 prior to grant award.

This Office finds that issuance of this NOFA will not have a significant effect on the human environment because prior to HUD's award of any grant under the NOFA, HUD will perform an environmental review of proposed activities under the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 50 and will consider the potential environmental impacts of the proposal in determining whether or under what conditions to award funds. Recipients are prohibited from acquiring, rehabilitating, converting, demolishing, leasing, repairing, or constructing property, or committing or expending HUD or non-HUD funds for these types of program activities, until the environmental review has been completed. Therefore, the environmental effects of activities assisted under this NOFA will be taken into account at the appropriate time, and environmental impacts will be assessed in the local setting in which they will occur. As the NOFA itself will not create any significant environmental impacts and will not result in significant impacts on the physical/human environment, a Finding of No Significant Impact is hereby made.

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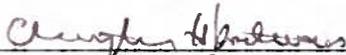
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