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Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grant Program

**Technical Correction**

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**Program Office:** Community Planning and Development  
**Funding Opportunity Title:** Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants  
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**Funding Opportunity Number:** FR-580-N-15  
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**Due Date for Application:** September 19, 2014 **(Unchanged)**

On August 20, 2015 HUD posted its Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grant NOFA to Grant.gov. This Notice provides a technical correction to Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grant NOFA to clarify Section III Eligibility B. Cost Sharing and Matching.

**I. Funding Opportunity Description.**

**A. Program Description and Requirements.**

**Definitions.** For purposes of this grant opportunity, the following will apply:

**8. Community Development Corporation (CDC).**

**Previously stated:**

(a) A CDC is a nonprofit organization that undertakes eligible Section 4 Rural Capacity Building Program activities as defined in this NOFA.

**Corrected to read:**

(a) A CDC is a nonprofit organization that undertakes eligible **Rural** Capacity Building Program activities as defined in this NOFA. The CDC must...

**III. Eligibility Information.**

**B. Cost Sharing or Matching.**

**Previously stated:**

Federal sources are generally not allowed to be used as cost share or match unless otherwise permitted by a program’s authorizing statute.

This Program requires an applicant to leverage resources through cost sharing or matching as described below.

There is no match requirement under the Rural Capacity Building program. Applicants who submit evidence of leveraging dollars under Rating Factor 4 will receive points according to the scale under that factor.

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There is no match requirement under the Rural Capacity Building program. Applicants who submit evidence of leveraging dollars under Rating Factor 4 will receive points according to the scale under that factor. **The authorizing language for the Rural Capacity Building program in the appropriation does not allow Federal sources to be used as leveraging. Non-federal funds are permitted as sources of leveraging.**

**C. Other.**

**Previously stated:**

**1. Program Requirements**

**Eligible Activities and Priorities.** Funds may be used to provide the following services:

- a. Training, education, support, and advice to enhance the technical and administrative capabilities of CDCs and CHDOs, including the capacity to participate in consolidated planning, as well as, in fair housing planning and Continuum of Care homeless assistance efforts that help ensure community-wide participation in assessing area needs; consulting broadly within the community; cooperatively planning for the use of available resources in a comprehensive and holistic manner; and assisting in evaluating performance under these community efforts and in linking plans with neighboring communities in order to foster regional planning;
- b. Loans, grants, development assistance, predevelopment assistance, or other financial assistance to CDCs and CHDOs to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low-income families and persons, including the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of housing for low-income families and persons, and community and economic development activities that create jobs for low-income persons; and;

**Corrected to read:**

**1. Program Requirements**

**Eligible Activities and Priorities.** Funds may be used to provide the following services:

- a. Training, education, support, and advice to enhance the technical and administrative capabilities of **rural community-based housing development organizations, CDCs, CHDOs, local governments, and Indian tribes**, including the capacity to participate in consolidated planning, as well as, in fair housing planning and Continuum of Care homeless assistance efforts that help

ensure community-wide participation in assessing area needs; consulting broadly within the community; cooperatively planning for the use of available resources in a comprehensive and holistic manner; and assisting in evaluating performance under these community efforts and in linking plans with neighboring communities in order to foster regional planning;

- b. Loans, grants, development assistance, predevelopment assistance, or other financial assistance to rural community-based housing development organizations, CDCs, CHDOs, local governments, and Indian tribes to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low-income families and persons, including the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of housing for low-income families and persons, and community and economic development activities that create jobs for low-income persons; and;

## V. Application Review Information

### A. Review Criteria.

**Previously stated:**

#### A.1. Rating Factors.

**Rating Criteria.** The maximum number of points to be awarded for a rural capacity building application is 104, which includes Rating Factors 1 through 5, two NOFA policy priority points and two bonus points. Applicants that undertake activities that result in achievement of specific NOFA Priorities listed below are eligible to receive additional points in the rating of their application. These points will be considered only if the application meets or exceeds the Program's minimum fundable score based on the rating factors of this NOFA. The minimum score for an application to be considered for funding is 75. Two bonus points will be awarded for working with communities that have acquired Preferred Sustainable Status, as described in Section V.A.1.b of the General Section.

Points are assigned based on applicant responses to five factors. When addressing Factors 2 through 5, applicants should discuss the activities that will be carried out with Section 4 Rural Capacity Building funds during the term of the grant agreement. Submissions should provide relevant examples to support the proposal, where appropriate. Submissions should also be specific when describing the communities, populations, and organizations that they propose to serve and the specific outcomes expected as a result of the activities.

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## **VII. Agency Contact(s).**

HUD staff will be available to provide clarification on the content of this NOFA. Please note that HUD staff cannot assist applicants in preparing their applications.

Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the point of contact listed below.

Applicants may contact Tasleem Albaari at [Tasleem.Albaari@hud.gov](mailto:Tasleem.Albaari@hud.gov) or (336)851-8138. Persons with hearing and speech impairments may access the above numbers via TTY (text telephone) by calling the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 (this is a toll-free number). Information may also be obtained through the HUD website at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

Questions concerning the General Section should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Grants Management and Oversight Division at 202-708-0667 (this is not a toll-free number).

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