

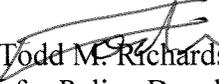


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Katherine M. O'Regan, Assistant Secretary for Policy  
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FROM:  Todd M. Richardson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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**SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Notice of Funding Availability for the Research and Evaluation, Demonstrations, and Data Analysis and Utilization Program (FR-5800-N-26)**

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.

This NOFA announces the availability of FY 2013 and FY 2014 funds and provides program information and application instructions for the Research and Evaluation, Demonstrations, and Data Analysis and Utilization Program (HUDRD). HUDRD provides grants through cooperative agreements to State, County and City or township governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations; Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; Nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; For profit organizations; and Small businesses to conduct research and evaluations, demonstrations, and data analysis to address the objectives articulated in HUD's Strategic Plan.

The HUDRD program is authorized under Section 501 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. §1701z-1) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113-76, approved January 17, 2014.)

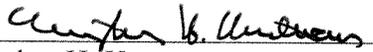
All activities assisted under this NOFA are categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 24 CFR 50.19(b)(1), (2), (3), or (5) because they lack the potential for any significant effect on the environment.

Accordingly, the Office of Policy Development finds the issuance of this NOFA will not create any significant environmental impacts and will not result in significant impacts on the physical/human environment. Therefore, a Finding of No Significant Impact is hereby made.

Concurrences:

  
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