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Owners with TRN-Eligible Section 8 Properties:

On October 14, 2011, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Tenant Resource Network (TRN) Program. The TRN program aims to engage tenants in efforts to preserve eligible properties as affordable housing, to provide tenants with information on their rights and responsibilities, and to support tenants in conducting activities protected under 24 CFR Part 245, the HUD regulations regarding tenant participation in multifamily housing.

Approximately \$10 million was made available under the authority of Section 514 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (MAHRA) for tenant outreach to promote the preservation of properties defined by HUD as TRN-eligible. On June 14, 2012, HUD announced TRN awards to 15 nonprofit organizations (grantee names and awards are attached).

Properties become eligible for TRN activities based on their risk of losing affordability protections or project-based rental assistance. To be eligible for TRN activity, properties must have expiring Section 8 HAP contracts and be experiencing one or more triggering events. Those triggering events are:

- an FHA-insured or Direct mortgage maturity date, or a state financed mortgage maturity date that falls within the 24-month period following July 1, 2012;
- receipt by HUD of an owner election to Opt-out, as evidenced by receipt of an Owner Election Form selecting "Option 6: Opt Out," on or after date of publication of the NOFA;
- receipt by HUD of an owner 12-month notification of Opt Out on or after the date of publication of the NOFA;
- a notice of prepayment filed by the owner on or after date of publication of the NOFA; and/or
- receipt of two consecutive Below 60 REAC scores (where the Section 8 project-based rental assistance contract is not yet under abatement), with the most recent score issued on or after the date of publication of the NOFA.

We are writing to inform you that your property became TRN-eligible during the award term, and was approved by HUD and added to a TRN grantee Work Plan due to a Section 8 contract at the property expiring within the 24-month period following the NOFA publication, along with evidence of a triggering event.

In addition to the property you own that is currently TRN-eligible, you may own other properties that may be added by a TRN grantee over the grant term ending July 2014, if a triggering event occurs and if HUD approves the property for TRN activity. HUD will contact you to inform you that a TRN grantee is proposing to add your property to its TRN inventory, and will inform you if and when approval for the addition is granted.

A TRN grantee will be working with tenants at your TRN-eligible property in the near future. All grantees are expected to engage only in the eligible activities listed in the NOFA and to meet any conflict of interest requirements throughout the two-year grant period. If you have any questions about program activities that may take place at your property, please contact Claire Brolin, TRN Program Manager, at 202-708-3000.

Additional information regarding the NOFA and TRN eligible activities in multifamily projects may be found at <http://archives.hud.gov/funding/2011/grptrn.cfm>.

Thank you for your support of the Department's efforts to preserve affordable housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine M. Brennan". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Catherine M. Brennan  
Director, Office of Housing Assistance and  
Grant Administration

Enclosure

FY 2011 TRN Grantees

State	Grantee	Grant Amount
California	LA Center for Affordable Tenant Housing	\$720,000
Connecticut	Connecticut Public Housing Resident Network	\$100,000
Georgia	Atlanta Legal Aid	\$360,000
Illinois	Metropolitan Tenants Organization	\$600,000
Maryland	Housing Counseling Services	\$300,000
Massachusetts	Boston Affordable Housing Coalition	\$300,000
Michigan	United Community Housing	\$480,000
Minnesota	Home Line	\$300,000
New York	NY Tenants and Neighbors	\$200,000
Ohio	Coalition on Homeless and Housing in Ohio	\$300,000
Pennsylvania	Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania	\$200,000
Rhode Island	Statewide/ Housing Action Coalition	\$200,000
Texas	Texas Tenants' Union	\$350,238
Virginia	North Carolina Housing Coalition	\$300,000
Washington	Tenants Union of Washington State	\$200,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,910,238</b>