

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*This Notice also lists the following information:*

*Title of Proposal:* Training Evaluation Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577—  
Pending.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* On September 19, 2005 (70 FR 54983), HUD published a final rule amending the regulations of the Public Housing Operating Fund Program at 24 CFR part 990, which was developed through negotiated rulemaking. Part 990 provides a new formula for distributing operating subsidy to public housing agencies (PHAs) and establishes requirements for PHAs to convert to asset management.

Subpart H of the part 990 regulations (§§ 990.255 to 990.290) establishes the requirements regarding asset management. Under § 990.260(a), PHAs that own and operate 250 or more dwelling rental units must operate using an asset management model consistent with the subpart H regulations. However, for calendar year 2008, that regulation is superseded by § 225 of Title II of Division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161 (approved December 26, 2007). Under that law, PHAs that own or operate 400 or fewer units may elect to transition to asset management, but they are not required to do so.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, also provided “ \* \* \* \$5,940,000 for competitive grants and contracts to third parties for the provision of technical assistance to public housing agencies

related to the transition and implementation of asset-based management in public housing.” The contract now in effect will provide for web-based training, on-site seminars and on-site technical assistance to assist PHAs in implementing asset management. The Training Evaluation Form will be used by the Office of Public and Indian Housing to determine how the training and technical assistance can be improved to meet PHA needs.

*Agency form number, if applicable:* Pending.

*Members of affected public:* Public housing agencies.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents:* The estimated number of respondents is 29,288 annually with one response per respondent. The average number for each response is .033 hours, for a total reporting burden of 966 hours.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* New collection.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: December 1, 2008.

**Bessy Kong,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5186-N-50]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* December 12, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 4, 2008.

**Mark R. Johnston,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5218-N-02]

### Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program: Extension of Application Due Date

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), Extension of Application Due Date.

**SUMMARY:** On October 10, 2008, HUD published the NOFA for the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program. Through this NOFA, HUD is making available approximately \$20 million for pre-development grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives in connection with the development of housing under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. The October 10, 2008 publication established December 16, 2008 as the deadline date for the submission of applications. Today's **Federal Register** publication extends the deadline date for the submission of applications to February 18, 2009. HUD is also extending the deadline for applicants to submit requests for waivers from the electronic application submission requirements to February 11, 2009.

**DATES:** The application deadline date for the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program is February 18, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Individuals may direct questions regarding the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant

Program to the individuals listed in Section VII of the October 10, 2008, Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program NOFA. For technical assistance in downloading and submitting an application package through [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp), contact the Grants.gov Help Desk at 1-800-518-GRANTS, or by sending an e-mail to [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 10, 2008 (73 FR 60312), HUD published its NOFA for the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program, and established December 16, 2008 as the deadline date for the submission of applications. Through the NOFA, HUD is making available approximately \$20 million for pre-development grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives in connection with the development of housing under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. HUD stated in the October 10, 2008, NOFA that funding awards under the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant program would be restricted to applicants selected for Fund Reservation Awards under the FY2008 Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program.

Today's **Federal Register** publication extends the deadline date for the submission of applications for the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant program to February 18, 2009. Similarly, HUD extending the deadline for applicants to submit requests for waivers from the electronic application submission requirements to February 11, 2009. HUD is extending the application submission deadline date to permit it to complete selections under FY2008 Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. This extension will ensure that ineligible Section 202 applicants need not go through the expense of preparing and submitting an application for funding under the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant program if they are not eligible to receive this funding.

#### **Deadline for Applications**

The application deadline date for the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program is February 18, 2009. All applications must be received and validated by *Grants.gov* no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the application deadline date. Refer to the General Section of the SuperNOFA published on March 19, 2008 (72 FR 14882), the FY2008 SuperNOFA published on May 12, 2008 (72 FR

27032), the Notice of HUD's FY2008 SuperNOFA for HUD's Discretionary Programs; Correction for Section 202 and Section 811 Programs published on June 9, 2008 (72 FR 32592), and Section IV of the Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program NOFA published on October 10, 2008 (72 FR 60312), for further information about application, submission, and timely receipt requirements.

Dated: December 5, 2008.

**Brian D. Montgomery,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.*  
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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5251-N-01]

### **Reconsideration of Waivers Granted to and Alternative Requirements for the State of Mississippi's CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant Under the Department of Defense Emergency Supplemental Appropriations To Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of reconsidered waivers, alternative requirements, and statutory program requirements.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes HUD's reconsideration of some of the additional waivers and alternative requirements applicable to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster recovery grant provided to the State of Mississippi for the purpose of assisting in the recovery in the most impacted and distressed areas related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. HUD previously published an allocation and application notice on February 13, 2006, applicable to this grant and four others under the same appropriation, and reconsidered the waivers in that notice on August 8, 2008. The original June 14, 2006, notice has now been reconsidered and all waivers are being retained, with the exception of some of the overall benefit waivers.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* December 17, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jessie Handforth Kome, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410-7000, telephone number 202-

708-3587. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Facsimile inquiries may be sent to Ms. Kome at 202-401-2044. (Except for the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll free.)

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Authority To Grant Waivers**

The Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations To Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-148, approved December 30, 2005) (the 2006 Act) appropriated \$11.5 billion in CDBG funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure directly related to the consequences of the covered disasters. The State of Mississippi received an allocation of \$5,058,185,000 from this appropriation. The 2006 Act authorized the Secretary to waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or use by the recipient of these funds and guarantees, except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a request by the State and a finding by the Secretary that such a waiver would not be inconsistent with the overall purpose of the statute. The law further provided that the Secretary may waive the requirement that activities benefit persons of low and moderate income, except that at least 50 percent of the funds granted must benefit primarily persons of low and moderate income, unless the Secretary otherwise makes a finding of compelling need. Additionally, regulatory waiver authority is provided by 24 CFR 5.110. The following waivers and alternative requirements came in response to written requests from the State of Mississippi and are being retained, with the exception of some of the overall benefit waivers, after reconsideration.

The Secretary has found that the following waivers and alternative requirements, as described below, are not inconsistent with the overall purpose of 42 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (the 1974 Act); or of 42 U.S.C. 12704 *et seq.*, the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended.

Under the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3535(q)), regulatory waivers must