

under the EPC program (24 CFR part 185). To qualify for these incentives, the PHA must obtain third-party financing and ensure that the projected savings are sufficient to cover the costs of the improvements. These are large-scale projects that require effort beyond the normal course of operation. The Operating Fund regulations do not allow the combining of these two incentive types to increase savings and to include more energy conservation measures within an EPC.

Dated: May 27, 2011.

Sandra B. Henriquez,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5415-FA-30]

Announcement of Funding Awards for the Technical Assistance and Capacity Building under the Transformation Initiative Program Fiscal Year 2010

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

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Technical Assistance and Capacity Building under the Transformation Initiative program for fiscal year 2010. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Holly A. Kelly, Acting Director, Technical Assistance Division, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7218, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone (202) 402-6324 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may access this telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service during working hours at 800-877-8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, call Community Connections at 1-800-998-9999 or visit the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fiscal Year 2010 Technical Assistance and Capacity Building under the Transformation Initiative program funds were awarded under two funding categories:

OneCPD

The purpose of OneCPD is to provide state government, local government and nonprofit recipients of federal community development, affordable housing, economic development and special needs funding with the assessment tools and technical and capacity building assistance needed to fully understand their local market conditions, to increase their capacity to successfully carry out federal assistance programs while leveraging other public and private resources, and to achieve positive and measurable outcomes. Under OneCPD, technical assistance will involve the delivery of expert statutory, regulatory, and technical support that improves the program knowledge, skills and capacity of CPD's grantees and their partners. Capacity building efforts will be directed at advancing the efficiency and performance of grantees and their partners (e.g., for-profit and public or private non-profit organizations) in the

administration of federal affordable housing, community and economic development programs, the leveraging of other resources and the furthering of key Departmental objectives, including but not limited to, energy efficiency and green building.

Core Curricula

The purpose of the HUD Core Curricula for Skills-Based Training is to develop and deliver training courses and seminars to improve the core skills of HUD grantee staff commonly needed for the administration of many HUD programs. Funds will be awarded to develop "core curricula" in the several areas including (1) Development Finance, (2) Environmental Review and Compliance, (3) Asset Management and Preservation of HUD-Assisted Projects and (4) Construction and Rehabilitation Management.

The competition was announced in the NOFA published on January 4, 2011 (FR-5415-N-30) and closed on February 24, 2011. The NOFA allowed for approximately \$24 million for OneCPD and Core Curricula awards. Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in the Notice. For the Fiscal Year 2010 competition, 17 awards totaling \$23,303,000 were awarded to 13 different technical assistance providers nationwide.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the grantees and the amounts of the awards in Appendix A to this document.

Dated: May 31, 2011.

Clifford Taffet,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

APPENDIX A

Recipient	State	Amount
OneCPD		
Cloudburst Consulting Group Inc	MD	\$4,515,500
Corporation for Supportive Housing	NY	125,000
Dennison Associates, Inc	DC	200,000
Econometrica, Inc	MD	500,000
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc	MD	4,599,000
First Nations Development Institute	CO	100,000
Housing Assistance Council	DC	650,000
ICF Incorporated, L.L.C	VA	4,224,000
Minnesota Housing Partnership	MN	750,000
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders	TX	900,000
National Center on Family Homelessness, Inc	MA	700,000
Training & Development Associates, Inc	NC	5,094,500
University of Texas-Pan American	TX	350,000

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Recipient	State	Amount
Total Awarded for OneCPD		22,708,000
Core Curricula		
Cloudburst Consulting Group Inc	MD	93,573
ICF Incorporated, L.L.C	VA	148,750
ICF Incorporated, L.L.C	VA	148,750
Training & Development Associates, Inc	NC	203,927
Total Awarded for Core Curricula		595,000
Total Awarded for Technical Assistance and Capacity Building		23,303,000

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5525-N-01]

**Use of Small Area Fair Market Rents
for Project Base Vouchers in the Dallas
TX Metropolitan Area**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice clarifies the use of Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRs) for Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) located in the Dallas, TX, metropolitan area. This notice follows **Federal Register** notices published on August 4, 2010, and October 4, 2010, that proposed and established, respectively, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 SAFMRs for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program in the Dallas, TX, HUD Metropolitan Fair Market Rent Area (MHFA). The October 4, 2010, notice provides that all public housing agencies (PHAs) in the 8-county Dallas, TX, MHFA are required to use SAFMRs for the voucher program. Today's notice clarifies the use of the SAFMRs by PBV projects located in the 8-county Dallas, TX, MHFA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laure Rawson, Director, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Room 4210, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone number 202-402-2425 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at telephone number 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

On August 4, 2010 (75 FR 46958), HUD published for public comment its proposed FY 2011 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in accordance with Section 8(c)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA) (42 U.S.C. 1437f(c)(1)). In the HCV program, the FMR is the basis for determining the "payment standard amount" used to calculate the maximum monthly subsidy for an assisted family (*see* 24 CFR 982.503). In general, the FMR for an area is the amount that would be needed to pay the gross rent (shelter rent plus utilities) of privately owned, decent, and safe rental housing of a modest (nonluxury) nature with suitable amenities. In addition, all rents subsidized under the HCV program must meet reasonable rent standards.

The August 4, 2010, notice also proposed SAFMRs for the Dallas, TX MHFA. HUD described the methodology for determining SAFMRs in a May 18, 2010, (75 FR 27808) **Federal Register** notice. Specifically, HUD noted that the methodology for calculating FMRs based on current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) metropolitan area definitions allows HUD Section 8 Voucher Tenants access to different parts of a metropolitan area. However, because FMRs are generally set at the 40th percentile of the metropolitan rent distribution, certain neighborhoods may not have many units available in the FMR range. To provide voucher holders with the opportunity to move to areas of greater opportunity, HUD's May 18, 2010, notice proposed the use of a methodology to set FMRs at a more granular level, using areas defined by U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes in metropolitan areas. For nonmetropolitan areas, HUD would continue to use counties as the basis for publishing FMRs. HUD published its final notice establishing its SAFMR Demonstration on April 20, 2011 (76 FR 22122).

HUD's October 4, 2010 notice (75 FR 61253), established FY 2011 SAFMRs for the HCV program in the Dallas, TX, MHFA. Specifically, the October 4, 2010, notice provided that all PHAs operating in the 8-county, Dallas TX, MHFA are required to use the SAFMRs. Specific SAFMRs for the 8-county Dallas TX, MHFA were provided in Schedule B Addendum to the October 4, 2010, notice. All other programs that use FMRs were instructed to use area-wide FMRs as provided by Schedule B of the notice for Dallas, TX, MHFA.

**II. Use of SAFMRs for Project-Based
Vouchers in the Dallas Metropolitan
Area**

HUD's notice requiring the use of SAFMRs has created a concern for the financial viability of some properties with PBVs in the Dallas TX, MHFA. In the PBV program, the amount of rent to the owner may not exceed the lowest of an amount determined by the PHA not to exceed 110% of the FMR, the reasonable rent, or the rent requested by the owner. Some of the Zip Codes in the 8-county, Dallas TX MHFA, SAFMR have FMRs that decreased in value by as much as 35 percent. These decreases may put the some PBV properties at risk for financial failure because the original financing was based on the higher area wide FMR.

As a result, this notice clarifies that PBV units for which a notice of owner selection was issued in accordance with 24 CFR 983.51(d) prior to June 8, 2011, will not be subject to the SAFMRs. This includes PBVs that are currently under a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract. The area-wide FMRs will continue to apply to these PBV units, thus ensuring the viability of PBV projects that were in the development pipeline and had obtained financing based on area-wide FMRs. However, any PBVs for which a notice-of-owner selection is issued after June 8, 2011 will be subject to the SAFMRs.