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Cross Reference: FY2019/2020 ICDBG NOFA and 24 CFR 1003

Subject: FY 2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Area Allocations and Funding Information

- 1. Purpose. This notice announces Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Area Allocations and other funding related information under the FY 2019/2020 ICDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). This notice also clarifies the applicability of various waivers and alternative requirements for activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus to the ICDBG grant funds. Please note that applications will not be accepted under this notice. This notice is for informational purposes only.
- **2. Background.** The <u>FY 2019/2020 ICDBG NOFA</u> was published on November 19, 2019, as a two-year NOFA. HUD moved to a two-year NOFA for this cycle to reduce administrative burden on both HUD and ICDBG applicants, and to encourage longer term planning and larger projects. HUD accepted applications under the NOFA for both years' funding (FY 2019 and FY 2020).

Because the FY 2020 Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-94) had not yet been enacted at the time the NOFA was published, HUD only published FY 2019 allocations to Area ONAPs in the NOFA. The NOFA stated that upon enactment of additional appropriations for FY 2020, HUD will publish additional allocations of FY 2020 funds to each Area ONAP in accordance with the ICDBG regulations at 24 CFR 1003.101 in a PIH Notice.

Additionally, since the NOFA was published, Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") (Public Law 116-136, enacted March 27, 2020). The CARES Act lifted the 15 percent spending cap on public service activities and provided HUD with authority to issue waivers and alternative requirements with respect to ICDBG amounts made available under the CARES Act and FY 2020 ICDBG funds made available under Public Law 116-94, when those funds are used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Pursuant to provisions included in the Community Development Fund account in the CARES Act, similar authority was provided for funds appropriated under that heading in FY 2019 under Public Law 116-6. HUD exercised this new waiver authority in Notice

PIH 2020-05, waiving and establishing alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements for the ICDBG program.

- 3. Waiver and Alternative Requirements for ICDBG Grants. ICDBG applicants that are awarded an ICDBG grant under the FY 2019/20 NOFA may benefit from these new flexibilities provided those funds are spent on activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Applicants seeking to amend their ICDBG grants to carry out activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus must still submit an amendment request to HUD for review and approval in accordance with 24 CFR 1003.305.
- **4. Availability.** Additional funding of up to \$70,000,000 of FY 2020 funding is being announced through this PIH Notice to be used to fund additional Single Purpose grant awards, as identified in Section II.A. of the NOFA. In accordance with Section II.A. of the NOFA, additional funds may also be added to award under the NOFA, because due to HUD's efforts to recapture unused funds, use carryover funds, or because of the availability of additional appropriated funds. All awards are subject to statutory and regulatory requirements, and the applicable funding requirements contained in the NOFA. In accordance with the FY 2019/2020 ICDBG NOFA, grants will be awarded in rank order, with FY 2019 grants being awarded first, and then FY 2020 funds.
- 5. Area Allocations. The chart below provides the FY 2019, FY 2020, and Total Allocations by Area ONAP Office.

Area ONAP Office	FY 2019 Allocations	FY 2020 Allocations	Total Allocations
Alaska	\$7,885,067	\$8,855,264	\$16,740,331
Eastern Woodlands	\$5,026,760	\$5,415,221	\$10,441,981
Northern Plains	\$9,256,850	\$10,398,715	\$19,655,565
Northwest	\$3,379,618	\$3,714,937	\$7,094,555
Southern Plains	\$14,865,238	\$16,819,035	\$31,684,273
Southwest	\$21,068,858	\$23,896,828	\$44,965,686
TOTAL	\$61,482,391	\$69,100,000	\$130,582,391

6. Period of Performance. The period of performance and planned drawdowns for any grant awarded under the NOFA must be identified in the Implementation Schedules, Form HUD-4125, and approved by HUD. Section II.D. of the NOFA identifies that Implementation Schedule dates cannot exceed April 20, 2026. Please note that this timeframe also applies to applicants who will be funded with FY 2020 funds. Additionally, please note that extensions to the period of performance will not be granted beyond April 20, 2026, for both FY 2019 and FY 2020 funds. As stated in the NOFA, costs must be incurred during the period of performance identified in the grant award agreement or addendum. HUD can require the applicant to spend funds in accordance with the Implementation Schedule submitted with the applicant's application. If funded, and the applicant does not make progress toward meeting its Implementation Schedule, HUD reserves the right to recapture funds. Additionally,

estimated project start and end dates for grantees awarded with FY 2020 funds should be consistent with the dates identified in Section II.D. of the NOFA. The length of the project period is generally based on the Implementation Schedule submitted by the applicant and approved by HUD.

7. Additional Information. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your <u>local Area ONAP</u>.

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