

Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

FR-6900-N-23

Applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on 11/24/2025.

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If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, register in the appropriate systems now and review the application package. If you are already registered, make sure your registration is active and up-to-date.

SAM.gov Registration

You must have an active and up-to-date account with <u>SAM.gov</u>, at the time of application and throughout the life of any award.

To register, go to <u>SAM.gov Entity Registration</u> and click Get Started. From the same page, you can also click on the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

It can take several weeks to register in <u>SAM.gov</u>, so please get started now if you are planning to apply. <u>SAM.gov</u> also provides each organization with a unique entity identifier (UEI). A valid UEI is required to apply for funding.

Grants.gov Registration

You must have an active <u>Grants.gov</u> registration. This requires a <u>Login.gov</u> registration as well. See step-by-step instructions at the <u>Grants.gov Quick Start Guide for Applicants</u>. You must apply for funding using <u>Grants.gov</u>, unless HUD has approved your <u>waiver request</u>.

See Section VI.B. Submission Methods.

Find the Application Package

Use the Grants Search at <u>Grants.gov</u> and search for opportunity number FR-6900-N-23. The application package has all the online forms you need to apply. You also need to access the Download Instructions link and review the content before you apply.

If you have other technical difficulties using <u>Grants.gov</u>, access the Support Center on <u>Grants.gov</u> for assistance.

To get updates on changes to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), click Subscribe from the View Grant Opportunity page for this NOFO on <u>Grants.gov</u>.

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HUD Listserv

If you are interested in email notices about upcoming funding opportunities, subscribe to <u>HUD's Funding</u> <u>Opportunities listserv</u>.

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A. Summary

Federal Agency Name:

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD Program Office:

Public and Indian Housing

Announcement Type:

Initial

Program Type:

Discretionary

Paperwork Reduction Act Information:

2501-0044, 2577-0191

Due Date for Intergovernmental Review:

See Section VI.C.1.

Key Facts

Opportunity Name:

Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

Opportunity Number:

FR-6900-N-23

Federal Assistance Listing:

14.862

Key Dates

Application Due Date: 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on:

11/24/2025

Anticipated Award Date:

03/24/2026

Estimated Performance Period Start Date:

03/25/2026

Estimated Performance Period End Date:

03/24/2031

1. NOFO Summary

This NOFO solicits applications for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program. Review the entire NOFO to understand the application requirements in full. HUD will not fund incomplete or ineligible applications.

The Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program provides competitive grant awards to eligible applicants for the development of housing, infrastructure, and economic development opportunities.

Single Purpose Grants are the subject of this NOFO. Single purpose grants are competitive and must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. Funding is available for a variety of activities described at <u>24 CFR 1003</u>, <u>subpart C</u>. Grantees must comply with program regulations in <u>24 CFR part 1003</u>.

Imminent Threat (IT) Grants are not awarded through this NOFO. These grants are available to alleviate or remove imminent threats to health or safety and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. Your Imminent Threat request must be submitted to the area Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) for your region in accordance with Notice PIH 2025-09, "Imminent Threat Grants," and the requirements in 24 CFR 1003 subpart E.

2. Funding Details

Type of Funding Instrument

G (Grant)

Available Funds

Funding of approximately **\$70,000,000** is available through this NOFO.

Additional funds may become available for award. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the selection process contained in this NOFO.

In the 2025 Appropriations Act, ONAP was appropriated a total of \$75,000,000 for the ICDBG program. In accordance with the Act, HUD will use \$70,000,000 for this competitive ICDBG-Single Purpose grants and set aside \$5,000,000 to be used for ICDBG-IT grants.

Fiscal Year 2025 Allocations to Area ONAPs

Single Purpose ICDBGs are disbursements based on <u>Area ONAPs allocations</u>, which are as follows:

Area ONAP Office	Total Area ONAP Allocations
Alaska	\$9,342,346
Eastern Woodlands	\$4,998,577
Northern Plains	\$10,479,845
Northwest	\$3,327,873
Southern Plains	\$18,003,709



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Southwest	\$23,847,650
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Number of Awards

HUD expects to make approximately 50 awards from the funds available under this NOFO.

Minimum Award Amount: \$500,000 Maximum Award Amount: \$2,000,000

Length of Performance Period:

60-month project period and budget period

Length of Periods Explanation:

The maximum project period is five years. Indicate your proposed timeline in the Implementation Schedule. Shorter periods are allowed if appropriate.

Costs must be incurred within the period stated in the grant agreement or addendum. HUD may require spending to follow your submitted schedule. If progress is not made, HUD may recapture funds.

You may request a time extension after award, per <u>ICDBG regulations</u>. Submit requests at least 45 days before the end date. Extensions cannot go beyond the grant's expiration date, which will be listed in Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS).

B. Agency Contact(s)

See Contact and Support section of this NOFO.

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II. ELIGIBILITY

You are invited to apply if your organization is an eligible entity type and meets the funding conditions included in the NOFO. HUD will review applications from eligible applicants using the criteria in Section V. of this NOFO.

A. Eligible Applicants

1. Eligible Entity Types:

07 (Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized))

11 (Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments))

Additional Information on Eligibility Individuals are ineligible applicants.

Eligible Tribes and tribal organizations are:

- Tribes: Eligible applicants are any Indian tribe, band, group, or nation, including Alaska Indians, Aleuts, and Eskimos, and any Alaska Native village of the United States which is considered an eligible recipient under Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450) or which had been an eligible recipient under the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 (31 U.S.C. 1221). Eligible recipients under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act will be determined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and eligible recipients under the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 are those that have been determined eligible by the Department of Treasury, Office of Revenue Sharing. For more information, see "Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible To Receive Services From the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs" (89 Fed. Reg. 238, December 11, 2024, https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-12-11/pdf/2024-29005.pdf).
- Tribal Organizations: Tribal organizations that are eligible under Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act may apply on behalf of any Indian tribe, band, group, nation, or Alaska Native village eligible under that act for funds under this NOFO when one or more of these entities have authorized the tribal organization to do so through concurring resolutions. Such resolutions must accompany the application for funding (1003.5(b)). See instructions in Section IV.C.b., of this NOFO. HUD will not review an application from a tribal organization if the tribe it represents also applies for the same round of funding.
- Applicants must be eligible by the application submission date.

2. Restrictions

a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility

You must comply with the current <u>General Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility for HUD's Competitive Programs</u>. HUD will review your eligibility before issuing an

award. As part of this review, HUD uses SAM.gov and Department of Treasury data.

b. Application Eligibility

Your application is considered for funding if it satisfies the application review requirements in Section V. of this NOFO.

c. Funding Restrictions

Consultant Cap: ICDBG funds may not be used to pay or reimburse a consultant in an employer-employee type of relationship if more than the daily rate listed in <u>Level IV of the Executive Schedule</u> (2025 rate: \$93.85/hr. \$750.77/day). <u>See 24 CFR 1003.501(b)(2).</u>

Eligible activities: Projects funded are limited to eligible activities consistent with <u>24 CFR</u> part 1003 subpart C.

Pre-award costs: Except for certain approved pre-award costs, all costs must be incurred within the period of performance, including leverage. The following are eligible pre-award costs:

- Proposal costs incurred to prepare an application for submission under this NOFO.
 Applicants must clearly identify this amount and activity in the Project Plan narrative.

 Proposal costs reimbursed with grant funds count towards program administration costs.
- The value of land acquisition used towards an applicant's leveraging contribution as discussed in <u>Rating Factor 4</u>.

Program administration costs: Applicants may not spend over 20 percent of the sum of the grant plus program income for activities described in <u>24 CFR 1003.206</u> (Program administration costs) and <u>24 CFR 1003.205</u> (Eligible planning, urban environmental design and policy-planning-management-capacity building activities). Program administration costs do not include the following:

- Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under <u>24 CFR</u> <u>1003.201 through 24 CFR 1003.204</u>, because those costs are eligible as part of the grant activities.
- Technical assistance costs associated with developing the capacity to undertake a specific funded activity. However, these costs must not exceed 10 percent of the total grant.

Public Services: Applicants may propose a public service component of up to 15 percent of the total grant. The public service component may be unrelated to the other project(s) in the application and is not scored. The application must include a description and budget for the proposed public service(s). If an application does not receive full funding, HUD will reduce the public service amount so that it is not more than 15 percent of the grant. The public service must be either a new service, or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service. See 24 CFR 1003.201(e) for more information and examples of public services.

Subawards: Eligible applicants may make subawards to other eligible entities under this NOFO. HUD will assess the entity listed on line 8.a. on the SF-424 throughout the competition.

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B. Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program does not require <u>cost sharing or matching</u> but provides points based on leverage, as described below.

See Rating Factor 4 for additional information regarding leveraging.

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A. Purpose

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low- and moderate-income. See the ICDBG regulation at 24 CFR 1003.2.

B. Goals and Objectives

ICDBG awards support the development needs of Indian communities. To achieve this, HUD has designed the program with the following objectives in mind:

- Maximize the number of funded tribes by setting moderate grant ceilings, allowing more communities to receive awards.
- Simplify the application and scoring process to make it more accessible and straightforward.
- Prioritize tribes with the greatest need, especially those serving a high percentage of LMI individuals.
- Give preference to applicants who have not previously received ICDBG funding.
- Encourage strong, well-planned proposals by aligning requirements and scoring criteria with the wide range of eligible project types under ICDBG regulations.

C. Authority

The authority for this program is Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) and program regulations in 24 CFR part 1003. Funding is provided by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4, approved March 15, 2025), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024).

D. Unallowable Costs

See <u>24 CFR 1003.501(b)</u>, <u>2 CFR 200, Subpart E</u>, and <u>24 CFR 1003.207</u> for ICDBG unallowed costs.

E. Indirect Costs

If you expect to charge <u>indirect costs</u> to the award, submit the Indirect Cost Rate Certification form (HUD-426) with your application.

Review Section IV.B. for more indirect costs instructions.

F. Program History

Review <u>Appendix II., Changes</u> for a list of significant NOFO changes to reduce applicant burden and implement HUD priorities.

G. Other Information

Click link to see a list of ICDBG SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS.

- 1. Program -Specific Requirements:
- a. **Indian Preference**: HUD has determined that the ICDBG program is subject to <u>Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307)</u>. The provisions and requirements for this section are found at <u>24 CFR 1003.510</u>.
- b. **Build America, Buy America Act (BABA)**: Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements apply to ICDBG awards obligated after September 30, 2024. See the Notice PIH: 2024-35: Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) Implementation Guidance for Tribal Recipients for Build American Preference compliance information. Please also check Codetalk regularly for updates.

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Applications must include three main elements: a) standard forms, assurances, and certifications; b) budget; and c) narratives and other attachments. The content, forms, and format for each element are included in this section.

You may use this section as a checklist to ensure you submit a complete application.

If you don't provide the required documents in the correct format, your application is incomplete.

Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

No maximum page limit for narratives.

A. Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

You must properly complete and submit with your application the standard forms, assurances, and certifications identified below. You can find all forms in the application package or review them and their instructions at Grants.gov Forms. You can also read more about standard forms on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

Forms/Assurances/ Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424 Form location: download instructions
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD 424-B)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424B Form location: download instructions (May fix errors)
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD 2880)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-2880 Form location: download instructions Additional instructions (May fix errors)
Implementation Schedule (HUD-4125) (UPDATED	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable

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Forms/Assurances/ Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
FORM)		File name: HUD-2880
		Form location: download instructions
		Forms <u>HUD-4123 and HUD-4125</u> are combined into one file.
		Submit one Implementation Schedule for each project

Implementation Schedule (HUD-4125): This form reflects the tasks, phases, and milestones for the project. Dates listed on the Implementation Schedule must match the dates proposed on the SF-424, Blocks 17a-b. For applications proposing multiple projects, you must submit a separate Implementation Schedule for each project (in such cases, the SF-424 should match the longest proposed period of performance).

Note: If you submit the IHBG Competitive Implementation Schedule (Form HUD-53247) or an outdated version of Form HUD-4125 instead of the current Form HUD-4125, your application will still be reviewed. However, you must submit the correct, current Form HUD-4125 as a pre-award. If you do not submit either the current Form HUD-4125 or Form HUD-53427, your application will not be reviewed.

Forms/Assurances/ Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Certification Regarding Lobbying	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Lobbying Certification Form location: download instructions (May fix errors)
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-LLL

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Assurances for Construction Programs (SF-424D)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424D Form location: download instructions (May fix errors)
Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation (HUD-50153)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-50153 Form location: download instructions
Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points (HUD 2996)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-2996 Form location: download instructions

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You must submit the following budget forms with your application, to support your project narrative.

Budget Form/Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Indirect Cost Information Certification (<u>HUD-426</u>)	If applicable, this document is required with the application and after award	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-426 Form location: download instructions Based on the requirements in Section III.E. (May fix errors)
Budget Detail	Required with the application	Submit a separate document (format of your choosing) or include with the Project Plan narrative. Budget must match SF-424

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Budget Form/Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
		and HUD-4123
ICDBG Cost Summary (HUD- 4123) (UPDATED FORM)		Forms <u>HUD-4123 and HUD-4125</u> are combined into one file.
		Submit one Cost Summary for each project
		Budget must match SF-424 and Budget Detail

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Note: If you submit the IHBG Competitive Cost Summary (Form HUD-53246) or the outdated version of form HUD-4123 instead of the current Form HUD-4123, your application will still be reviewed. However, you must submit the correct, current form HUD-4123 as a pre-award condition. If you do not submit either the current Form HUD-4123 or Form HUD-53426, your application will not be reviewed.

C. Narratives and Other Attachments

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If applicable, you must upload narrative and other attachments in <u>Grants.gov</u> using the Attachments Form. When using the Attachments Form, you can upload PDF, Word or Excel formats.

You must include the following documents with your application. Unless otherwise noted, you cannot fix errors related to these documents, as HUD uses the information to determine your competitive score.

Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Citizen Participation:	Required with the application	The applicant must submit a current (within 12 months prior to the application deadline date) tribal resolution stating the Citizen Participation requirements were followed in accordance with 24 CFR 1003.604 for the proposed project.
Firm Commitment Documentation	If applicable, this document is required with the application.	See Rating Factor 4
Project Plan (Response to Rating Factors)	Required with the application.	See details below this table.

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Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Tribal Resolution and other Documentation Authorizing Tribal Organization to submit application	If applicable, this document is required with the application.	See details below this table.
Housing Rehabilitation Projects Requirements	If applicable, a statement is required with the application.	See details below this table.
New Housing Construction Projects Requirements	If applicable, a statement and documentation is required with the application.	See details below this table.
Health Care Facilities	If applicable, a statement is required with the application.	See details below this table.
Correctional Facilities/Juvenile Detention Centers	If applicable, a statement is required with the application.	See details below this table.
Evidence of Partner Commitment	If applicable, a letter is required with the application.	See details below this table. (May fix errors)
Economic Development Projects Requirements	If applicable, the analysis is required with the application.	See <u>Section V.B.1.</u> Subfactors 2.2.b., and 3.4.b. (May fix errors)
Code of Conduct	If not included in HUD's eLibrary, this document is required with the application	Acceptable Content (May fix errors)

Notes on Required Narratives and Non-form Attachments:

a. Project Plan: The Project Plan, previously the Workplan narrative, is your response to the rating factors in <u>Section V.B. Merit Review</u>. It addresses all the components of each factor and subfactor and describes the proposed project.

You may propose more than one project, but HUD will only award a single grant per applicant. If you propose more than one project, you must submit a project plan for each project, because each proposed project is scored separately. Label each section of each project plan in accordance with the applicable factors and subfactors in the NOFO. (May fix errors.)

b. Documentation Authorizing Tribal Organization to Submit Application (if applicable): If you are a tribal organization as defined in <u>24 CFR 1003.5(b)</u> and are submitting an application on behalf of an Indian tribe, you must include:

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 A current (within 12 months prior to the application deadline date) resolution from the Indian tribe stating that you are submitting the application on their behalf. For Alaska Native villages, the resolution must be from <u>each</u> tribe or village.

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2. A letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or the Indian Health Service (IHS) stating the tribal organization is eligible under Title I of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act. You do not need to submit a letter if your organization has already provided such a letter in previous years, it was approved by HUD, and the status of your tribal organization has not changed.

Note that HUD will not review an application submitted by a tribal organization on behalf of a specific tribe if the tribe itself applies for the same funding round.

- **c.** Housing Rehabilitation Projects Requirements (if applicable): In accordance with <u>24 CFR part 1003.302(a)</u>, you must submit the required information below:
 - 1. Provide a written statement in the Project Plan Detail that the applicant has adopted rehabilitation standards and policies. The adopted rehabilitation standards and policies must be adopted before the application submission. Do not submit the policies.
 - 2. For any housing rehabilitation project involving homeownership, provide a written statement in the Project Plan Detail that ICDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate housing only when the homeowner's payments are current, or the homeowner is current in a repayment agreement. This requirement applies to both privately-owned housing units and those owned and operated by a tribe or TDHE. The Area ONAP Administrator may approve exceptions to this requirement if you provide adequate justification for the exception in your application on a case-by-case basis.

Note that HUD has set Housing Rehabilitation Cost Limits for ICDBG grants. HUD is adopting the approach set forth for Public Housing units in 24 CFR 905, which sets cost limits for general rehabilitation at 57.14 percent of total development cost (TDC). HUD used the average Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) TDC for each AONAP region to set these limits. HUD will not provide more than the set limits for each housing unit rehabilitated with ICDBG funds. The rehabilitation costs may exceed these limits, but your budget must show that you will not spend more than these amounts of ICDBG funds on each unit.

ICDBG Housing Rehabilitation Cost Limits

AONAP Region	Cost Limit
Alaska	\$437,394
Eastern Woodlands	\$278,748
Northern Plains	\$261,483
Northwest	\$307,786
Southern Plains	\$236,594

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AONAP Region	Cost Limit
Southwest	\$308,214

- **d. New Housing Construction Projects Requirements (if applicable)**: In accordance with 24 CFR 1003.302(b), you must submit the required information below:
 - 1. Documentation to demonstrate new housing construction will be implemented through a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO). If the organization has been previously determined by ONAP to be a CBDO, do not resubmit documentation of this in the application. Please contact your Area ONAP to determine if your CBDO has not been previously approved.
 - 2. You must state in the Project Plan that the project will be constructed in accordance with construction standards that were adopted by tribal resolution prior to the application deadline date. See definition in Appendix I.2. Standard Housing/Standard Conditions.
 - Provide documentation that shows:
 - i. No other housing is available in the immediate reservation area that is suitable for the household(s) to be assisted; and
 - ii. No other sources, including IHBG, can meet the needs of the household(s) to be assisted (applicants that receive minimum IHBG funding pursuant to the IHBG regulation at 24 CFR 1000.328 are exempt from this provision); and
 - iii. Rehabilitation of the unit occupied by the household(s) to be assisted is not economically feasible; or
 - iv. The household(s) to be assisted is currently living in overcrowded conditions (more than one household per house); or
 - v. The household(s) to be assisted has no current residence.

e. Health Care Facilities (if applicable):

If you're applying for a facility that will offer health care services paid for by the Indian Health Service (IHS), you need to say in your Project Plan that the facility will meet all IHS facility requirements. If your tribe uses its own health care standards instead of IHS's, you must confirm that those standards are at least equal to nationally accepted minimum standards.

f. Correctional Facilities/Juvenile Detention Centers (if applicable):

If you're applying for a correctional facility or juvenile detention center that will receive funding from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) or the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), you must state in your Project Plan that the facility meets all BIA/DOJ standards for operations, programs, and design.

g. Evidence of Partner Commitment (if applicable):

If your project includes partners, you must submit a letter from each partner. The letter must be on the partner's official letterhead and signed by their top executive. It should clearly show that the partner agrees to be involved and is able to support the project. This applies to partners providing funding, services, or helping run the project.

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D. Other Application Content

If you are to receive a grant, you may have to provide supporting documentation concerning the management, maintenance, operation, or financing of proposed projects before a grant agreement can be executed.

HUD may ask for additional information on the scope, magnitude, timing or method of implementing the project; or information to verify the commitment of other resources required to complete, operate, or maintain the proposed project.

If you do not respond within the prescribed time period (see <u>Section VI.C.2.c. Pre-award Conditions</u>), the Area ONAP will determine that the requirement has not been met and will withdraw the grant offer. Additionally, you will not be able to later claim HUD error as discussed in <u>Section V.E.</u>

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HUD reviews each application to make sure it meets the following threshold requirements. If you meet all threshold requirements, your application will advance to a merit review. If you fail to meet one or more threshold requirements, your application is not eligible for HUD funding.

1. Eligible Applicant

You must meet the applicant eligibility criteria in this NOFO. Applications from ineligible applicants are not rated or ranked and will not receive HUD funding.

See Section II.A. for additional information.

2. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

Applicants with outstanding, unresolved judgments against them for violations of civil rights laws must resolve those judgments before the application submission deadline or the applicant will be deemed ineligible.

- a. An applicant is ineligible for funding if the applicant has received notice of a judgment imposed against them for violations of:
 - the Fair Housing Act or a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing law for discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status; or
 - 2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Violence Against Women Act or substantially equivalent state or local laws.
- b. HUD will determine if actions to resolve the judgment taken before the application deadline date will resolve the matter. Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Current compliance with a voluntary compliance agreement signed by all the parties;
 - 2. Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;
 - Current compliance with a conciliation agreement signed by all the parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;
 - 4. Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree; or
 - 5. Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision.

3. Timely Submission of Applications

Late applications are not eligible for funding. See deadlines in Section VI of this NOFO.

4. Resolution of Enforcement Actions: HUD will use its records to determine if an applicant

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has open enforcement actions for program non-compliance for ONAP grants. An application from an applicant that has an open Notice of Intent to Impose Remedies (NOI) or an Imposition of Remedies (IOR) will be considered ineligible for funding under this NOFO, and the application will not be reviewed.

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5. Grant Ceiling: HUD has adopted population-based grant ceiling categories for ICDBG awards. Population data is based on 2025 final IHBG formula data. IHBG formula data is available on the HUD ONAP IHBG Formula webpage. For applicants applying on behalf of multiple tribes, HUD will combine the highest FY 2025 AIAN or tribal enrollment formula data numbers for each tribe included in the proposed project to determine the ceiling for the grant award. Please see the Grant Ceiling Resource Document.

Applications that request a funding amount that exceeds the applicable grant ceiling will be considered ineligible and will not be reviewed.

Applications may include more than one project, but the entire requested grant amount (as shown on line 18a of the SF-424) may not exceed the ceiling limits listed below for the population of your tribe(s). Tribal organizations applying for multiple tribes may combine ceiling amounts if the project benefits members of all the tribes. Similarly, multiple tribes may submit separate applications for the same project if it benefits members of each tribe involved.

Please see the table below:

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FY 2025 ICDBG Grant Ceilings	
Population	Ceiling
50,000+	\$2,000,000
10,501 - 50,000	\$1,500,000
10,500 and below	\$1,000,000

- **6. Outstanding ICDBG obligations:** Pursuant to <u>24 CFR 1003.301(a)</u>, if you have an outstanding ICDBG obligation to HUD that is in arrears or you have not agreed to a repayment schedule, you will be disqualified from the competition and not evaluated. No submission is required.
- **7. Untimely Closeouts:** You will be disqualified from the competition and not evaluated if, as of the application deadline, you have any ICDBG, ICDBG-IT, IHBG Competitive, ICDBG-Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), ICDBG-American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), IHBG-CARES, or IHBG-ARP grants that are open two or more years past the due date for closeout identified on the most recently submitted project implementation schedule approved by HUD. No submission is required.
- **8. Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Benefit:** Your application must demonstrate that at least 70 percent of the grant funds will be used for activities that benefit LMI persons in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 1003.208. See Section V subfactor 2.2 Project

Benefit, for non-housing projects. If you are applying for any type of housing-related activity (construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition) or housing assistance, you are required to state in your application that all units funded by ICDBG and leverage resources will be occupied by LMI households upon completion or when assistance (e.g., down payment assistance) is provided.

B. Merit Review

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HUD expects to evaluate and score your application using the following merit criteria and process. Merit reviewers evaluate and score all applications that pass the threshold review. Merit reviewers may include Federal and non-Federal persons. Reviewers receive a copy of your application to evaluate and score each application separately.

Merit Review Summary

Criterion	Total of points = 100 or 104
Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant	32 points max 15 minimum required
Rating Factor 2: NEED - Extent of the Problem	23 points
Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach	38 points
Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources	3 points
Rating Factor 5: Comprehensiveness and Coordination	4 points
Total (Rating Factors)	100 points
Promise Zones Opportunity Zones	2 points 2 points
Total (Preference Points)	4 points
Total Points Minimum of (70 points required) to meet threshold requirement, not including preference points.	104 points

You must receive a minimum score of 15 points for Rating Factor 1-Capacity of the Applicant and an overall score of 70 points (without the addition of Preference Points) to be eligible to receive a grant under this competition.

1. Rating Factors

Your application must include a response to the following criteria.

HUD will score your applications using the same criteria and the point structure indicated below.

Rating Factors Details

Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant	Max Points: 32
Subfactor 1.1. Applicant Capacity	Max Points: 8
Provide information that demonstrates your	(8 points) The applicant:

administrative capacity to implement the proposed project. Include the following information:

- 1. List the key roles that will have major responsibilities in oversight and implementation of the proposed project (e.g., Project Director, Construction Manager, Finance Manager, etc.).
- 2. Describe each role's responsibilities in implementing the proposed project.
- 3. Describe the relevant experience of the key staff person or contractor in each role (or indicate if the role will need to be filled).

For maximum points, you fully described and addressed each component listed above.

If HUD identifies a gap in your administrative capacity, it may adjust your rating score in accordance with the scoring criteria and Section V.C., Risk Review.

- Listed all the key roles that will have major responsibilities in implementing the project; and
- Described the responsibilities of all the key roles in implementing the project; and
- Demonstrated that all the staff/contractors in those key roles have relevant experience (or indicated if the role will need to be filled).

(6 points) The applicant:

- Did not list all the key roles that will have major responsibilities in implementing the project; or
- Did not describe the responsibilities of all the key roles.
- Demonstrated that all the staff/contractors that were described have relevant experience (or indicated if the role will need to be filled).

(4 points) The applicant:

- Did not list all the key roles that will have major responsibilities in implementing the project; and
- Did not describe all the responsibilities of those key roles.
- Demonstrated that all the staff/contractors that were described have relevant

experience (or indicated if the role will need to be filled).

(2 points) The applicant:

- Did not list all the key roles that will have major responsibilities in implementing the project; and
- Did not describe all the responsibilities of those key roles.
- Demonstrated that the majority of the staff/contractors that were described have relevant experience.

(0 points) The applicant did not provide sufficient information to receive points.

Subfactor 1.2. Audit Submissions

HUD will assess the timely submission and acceptance of Single Act Audits to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) for the two audits that were due preceding the application deadline.

HUD will use FAC records and HUD records to assign points. You do not have to provide any documentation for this subfactor unless:

- You were not required to prepare and submit an audit because you did not meet the annual federal funds expenditure threshold. If you didn't meet the threshold, you must note this in your application; or
- You received an extension to submit your audit.
 You must provide documentation of the approved extended due date.

See 2 CFR part 200, subpart F: Audit Requirements regarding Single Act Audits and financial statement submission requirements. Note that revisions to 2 CFR

Max Points: 4

Scoring based on the timely submission of the two audits that were due preceding the application deadline, per the Audit Submissions Report and FAC records as follows:

(4 points) The applicant's:

- Two most recent annual audits were submitted and accepted by the FAC in accordance with 2 CFR 200 subpart F (within 30 days after completion of the audit or 9 months after the fiscal year ends, whichever is earlier); or
- You were not required to complete an audit for the last two audit periods because it

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200.501 (effective October 1, 2024) reflect an audit threshold of \$1,000,000 in annual federal funds expenditures.

For **maximum points**, you must have submitted the audits for the last two audit periods on time or provided the information described above.

- did not meet the threshold under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F and you provided this information in your application; **or**
- You received an extension and provided documentation of the approved extended due date.

(0 points) The application did not contain information sufficient to award points under this Subfactor.

Subfactor 1.3. Findings

HUD will assess whether the applicant has any open findings during the rating period.

You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor. HUD will review its records or those of partner agencies to evaluate the following types of findings:

- HUD-ONAP-related Single Audit Federal Award Findings,
- Single Audit Financial Statement Findings (HUD-ONAP related or not) that are a Material Weakness, Significant Deficiency, or Repeat Finding,
- · HUD-ONAP Monitoring Findings, and
- Findings from Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and/or the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) that pertain to ONAP programs.

You will receive zero points for this subfactor if you did not submit one or both of your last two required audits; if you had HUD-ONAP-related Single Audit Federal Award Findings; or you had Single Audit Financial Statement Findings (HUD-ONAP-related or not), that are identified as a Material Weakness, Significant Deficiency, or Repeat Finding during the last two audit periods.

For **maximum points**, you must not have had any of the findings listed above, or you are not required to submit an annual audit.

Max Points: 4

Assessment periods for this subfactor are:

- The last two audits, for ONAP-related Single Audit Federal Award findings; and Single Audit Financial Statement findings (HUD-ONAP-related or not) that are a Material Weakness, Significant Deficiency, or Repeat Finding. Financial Statement findings are those related to financial management, accounting, or internal controls.
- The rating period, for ONAP monitoring and OIG/GAO findings. OIG/GAO findings must be ONAP-related to be relevant in this subfactor.

(4 points) The applicant did not have <u>any</u> of the findings listed above or you are not required to submit annual audits.

(2 points) The applicant had one or more ONAP monitoring, OIG, or GAO finding but it was either resolved or not due for resolution

during	the	rating	period.
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(0 points) One of the following applies:

- The applicant had one or more ONAP monitoring, HUD-OIG, or GAO finding that was due for resolution, but not resolved; and/or
- The applicant had one or more Single Audit finding as described above; or
- The applicant did not submit one or both of the last two audits.

Subfactor 1.4. Undisbursed ONAP Funding

HUD will evaluate your past performance and administrative capacity by assessing the amount of undisbursed ONAP grant funds remaining in LOCCS as of the application deadline date. You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor. HUD will use its records to assign points.

Undisbursed funds from ONAP grants awarded between January 1, 2021, and one year prior to the application deadline will be assessed. This includes undisbursed funds from the following grant programs:

- Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Formula
- IHBG CARES Act
- IHBG American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)
- IHBG Competitive (COMP)
- Tribal Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (TVASH)
- Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) – Single Purpose
- ICDBG Imminent Threat (IT)
- ICDBG CARES Act
- ICDBG American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)

Max Points: 8

Applications will be scored based on the percentage of undisbursed ONAP grant funds reported in the Undisbursed ONAP Funding Report.

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 1.4. as follows:

- (8 Points) 35 percent or less
- (6 Points) 36-50 percent or the applicant is not a current recipient of applicable grants
- (4 Points) 51-80 percent
- (0 Points) 81-100 percent or the applicant has remaining ICDBG-CARES or ICDBG-ARP funding.

Applicants with remaining ICDBG-CARES or ICDBG-ARP balances will score zero in this subfactor.

For **maximum points**, your balance of undisbursed ONAP grant funding is 35% or less and your ICDBG-CARES and ICDBG-ARP funds are fully expended.

Subfactor 1.5. Timely Reporting

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HUD will assess the timely submission of required program reporting for your ONAP grants that were open during the rating period. Required ONAP program reporting includes the following:

- Annual Performance Reports (APR)
- Annual Status and Evaluation Reports (ASER),
- Federal Financial Reports (SF-425).

You do not have to provide any documentation for this subfactor. HUD will use its records to assess points.

For **maximum points**, you must have submitted all required reporting timely.

Max Points: 4

Applications will be scored for IHBG formula, IHBG Competitive, ICDBG, ICDBG-IT, IHBG-CARES, ICDBG-CARES, IHBG-ARP, ICDBG-ARP and Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) grants as follows:

(4 points) The applicant submitted all reports (APR, ASER, and SF-425, as applicable) on time.

(2 points) The applicant submitted at least 50 percent of reports on time, or the applicant had no open ONAP grants to report on.

(0 points) The applicant submitted fewer than 50 percent of reports on time.

Subfactor 1.6. Close-outs

HUD will assess the timely closeout of all ICDBG single purpose and ICDBG-IT grants that were closed, due to be closed or should have been closed during the rating period.

You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor. HUD will utilize its records to verify.

For **maximum points**, you must have submitted the required closeout documents on time, or you had no applicable grants that were due to close.

Max Points: 4

Applications will be scored based on whether the applicant submitted closeout documents for ICDBG and ICDBG-IT grants (those that were closed, due to be closed or should have been closed during the rating period) within 90 days of:

- The date that the criteria for closeout have been met, as described in <u>24 CFR</u> <u>1003.508(a) and (b);</u>
- 2. The latest Project Implementation Schedule (HUD-4125) period of

	performance end date; and 3. The submission date of a Federal Financial Report (SF-425) shows that all grant funds and leveraged resources have been disbursed.
	(4 points) The applicant submitted the required closeout documents on time or did not have any applicable grants that were due to close during the rating period. (0 points) The applicant did not submit closeout documents on time.
Rating Factor 2: NEED - Extent of the Problem	Max Points: 23
Subfactor 2.1. Project Need	Max Points: 8
HUD will assess the need for the proposed project and how the project will address an essential community development need. You must provide information about why the intended beneficiaries need the project, local	Applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.1. as follows: (8 points) To receive full points:
housing issues (e.g., housing cost burden, overcrowding, housing shortages, etc.), economic development needs, or other information about why your proposed project will help the community grow and develop. For maximum points , you must clearly explain the need for the project, how the project addresses an essential community development need, and how or why the project will help the community grow and develop.	 You described the need for the project; and You demonstrated that the project will meet an essential community development need; and You described how or why the project will help the community grow and develop. (4 points) To receive points: You described the need for the project; and

need; or
 You described how or why the project will help the community grow and develop.
(0 points)
The application did not contain information sufficient to award

Subfactor 2.2. Project Benefit

HUD will assess the benefit to LMI people from the proposed project. The criteria for this subfactor vary according to the type of project you are proposing.

To determine the percentage of LMI people who will benefit from area-wide public facility and improvement projects or economic development projects, HUD will rely on census data the agency provides, or you can provide data as explained below. LMI benefit may be calculated based on households or persons, whichever is more advantageous to you.

Using HUD Data:

If you use HUD data, please indicate which tabulation of census data you are using from the tables at: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/icdbg/home.html. HUD will use the tabulation that is most beneficial to you in scoring this subfactor.

Using Your Own Data:

You may submit unpublished data that is not generally available and not older than the latest data available from the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are submitting demographic data other than the Census, you must state in your application that:

- Generally available published data are substantially inaccurate or incomplete;
- The data you are submitting has been collected systematically and is statistically reliable;
- Data are, to the greatest extent feasible, independently verifiable; and

Max Points: 10

HUD will assess the benefit to LMI people from the proposed project.

points under this Subfactor.

The scores for this subfactor will vary according to the type of project you are applying for as indicated below in the scoring rubric for subfactors 2.2.a. through 2.2.d.

 The data differentiates between reservation and BIA service area populations, when applicable.

If you are submitting your own data, you must include each of the following in your application:

- A sample copy of the survey form used to collect the data;
- An explanation of the methods used to collect the data;
- The number of persons that will benefit from the project;
- A list of incomes by household including household size; and
- The number of LMI persons that will benefit from the project.

Note: Your survey cannot be older than 2020. If you don't include all components listed above to support your own demographic data, HUD will use the information at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/icdbg/home.html to determine points to be assigned in this subfactor.

Even if you provide your own data, and it meets all the requirements outlined above, HUD will use its data if it results in a higher score.

Points will be assigned as described below in subfactors 2.2.a. through 2.2.c.

Subfactor 2.2.a. Public Facilities and Infrastructure Projects ---

For public facilities and infrastructure projects, HUD will assign points based on:

- HUD data or your data, as described above, or
- Your demonstration that the proposed project will exclusively serve a limited clientele as described in 24 CFR 1003.208(b)(1)(i) or (iii).

For **maximum points**, the data must demonstrate that at least 85 percent of the beneficiaries are LMI or you demonstrate that the proposed project will exclusively serve a limited clientele.

Max Points: 10

Provide the percentage of LMI persons to be served or demonstrate that the proposed project will exclusively serve a limited clientele.

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.2.a. as follows:

(10 points)

At least 85 percent of the beneficiaries are LMI **OR** the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed project will

exclusively serve a limited clientele as described in 24 CFR 1003.208(b)(1)(i) or (iii).

(5 points)

At least 75 percent but less than 85 percent of the beneficiaries are LMI.

(2 points)

At least 51 percent but less than 75 percent of the beneficiaries are LMI.

(0 points)

Less than 51 percent of the beneficiaries are LMI.

Subfactor 2.2.b. Economic Development and Microenterprise Projects ---

For economic development projects, HUD will evaluate the proposed project's beneficiaries, who can be people served by the project or people employed by the project. For microenterprise projects (a business with five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the business) the owner(s) of the microenterprises must be LMI.

You can demonstrate people served by the project based on:

- HUD data or your data, as described in 2.2; or
- Your demonstration that the proposed project will exclusively serve a limited clientele as described in 24 CFR 1003.208(b)(1)(i) or (iii).

You can demonstrate people employed by the project based on:

- The nature and number of jobs created or retained (2 points) for LMI people. Briefly describe job responsibilities, job titles, salaries, and the number 75 percent of the beneficiaries are of full-time equivalent positions. The persons employed by the project qualify as LMI if they are LMI at the time they are hired.
- If jobs will be retained, you must include

Max Points: 10

For economic development and microenterprise projects, applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.2.b. as follows:

(10 points)

At least 85 percent of the beneficiaries are LMI or applicant demonstrated that the proposed project will exclusively serve a limited clientele as described in 24 CFR 1003.208(b)(1)(i) or (iii).

(5 points)

At least 75 percent but less than 85 percent of the beneficiaries are LMI.

At least 51 percent but less than LMI.

(0 points)

Less than 51 percent of the

information demonstrating that jobs will be lost without the project. Jobs retained only for the period of the grant do not count; the jobs must be permanent. For maximum points, you must address the applicable components listed above and demonstrate that at least 85 percent of the beneficiaries are LMI OR that the proposed project(s) will exclusively serve a limited clientele.	beneficiaries are LMI.
Subfactor 2.2.c. New Housing Construction, Housing Rehabilitation, Housing Acquisition, Land Acquisition to Support New Housing, and Homeownership Assistance Projects	Max Points: 10
For the listed project types, HUD will assign points based on the Needs Table. The Needs Table uses 2025 IHBG Formula data. More information on the calculation can be found on the Needs Table, which is in the zip file with the Application Instructions when you download your application from grants.gov and is also posted to the	For the listed project types, HUD will assign points based on the Needs Table. Applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.2.c. as follows: (10 points) The dollar amount for
You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor. For maximum points , the Needs Table dollar amount for the applicable Indian tribe is in the range of \$0 - \$800 or the tribe receives the minimum amount of IHBG formula	the Indian tribe is \$0 - \$1,120 or the tribe receives the minimum amount of IHBG formula funding as described in 24 CFR part 1003.328.
	(8 points) The dollar amount for the applicant is \$1,121-\$1,400.
	(6 points) The dollar amount for the applicant is \$1,401-\$1,960.
	(4 points) The dollar amount for the applicant is \$1,961-\$2,800.
	(2 points) The dollar amount for the applicant is \$2,801-\$6,300.
	(0 points) The dollar amount for the applicant is \$6,301 or higher.
Subfactor 2.3. New/Unfunded Applicants (New Applicants Only) –	Max Points: 5
You will receive maximum points if you did not receive awards under any of the following ICDBG Single Purpose	Maximum points will be given if you did not receive awards under

Grant NOFOs: FY 2021, FY 2022, FY 2023, and FY 2024.

You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor, HUD will utilize its records to verify.

any of the following ICDBG Single Purpose Grant NOFOs: FY 2021, FY 2022, FY 2023, and FY 2024.

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.3. as follows:

(5 points)

You did not receive an ICDBG Single Purpose award in the FY2021, FY2022, FY2023 or FY2024 competitions.

(3 points)

You did not receive an ICDBG Single Purpose award in the FY2023 or FY2024 competitions.

(0 points)

You received an ICDBG Single Purpose award in the FY2023 or FY2024 competitions.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach Max Points: 38 Subfactor 3.1. Project Description and Max Points: 10

For this subfactor, you must provide a detailed description of the rationale behind the 3.1.as follows: project, including how the project design and plans are feasible and cost-effective. You must describe the project in detail by including Your proposed project is feasible and costthe following components:

- You described the project in detail including: size (for example: square feet, linear feet, and bedroom size, as applicable); type (for example: type of building, type of construction, and material used); and location (for example: a map, address and/or aerial photo). If available, provide architectural renderings and floor plans:
- You describe how the project is

Applications will be scored for Subfactor

(10 points)

effective in relation to the grant request. You described the project in detail and included all the applicable components outlined in this Subfactor.

(6 points)

Your proposed project is feasible and costeffective in relation to the grant request. You described the project but the description for one of the applicable components outlined in this Subfactor is missing or lacks detail.

(4 points)

Your proposed project is feasible and cost-

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feasible and cost-effective;

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> You explain your rationale for project design (e.g., how the project design will serve the intended purpose);

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- You describe how you will comply with the Indian preference requirements in 1003.510; and
- You included outputs and outcomes for your project.

If you propose multiple projects, you must summarize each project.

For **maximum points**, you demonstrate that the project is cost-effective and feasible and clearly address all components listed above.

effective in relation to the grant request. You described the project but the description for two or more of the applicable components outlined in this Subfactor is missing or lacks detail.

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(0 points)

Your proposed project is not feasible and cost-effective, or you did not provide sufficient information to receive points in this subfactor.

Subfactor 3.2. Budget

Provide the Cost Summary HUD-4123 and a Budget Detail describing the project costs. HUD will evaluate your budget based on the following:

A. The Cost Summary must clearly and thoroughly identify the following components:

- Project activity, its cost, and funding source
- Planning and Administration Costs
- If applicable, Indirect Costs.

B. The Budget Detail must clearly and thoroughly describe the following components:

- Breakdown of cost by line item for each proposed activity, including administration and planning costs.
 Planned budget clearly and thoroughly addressed components in categories A with one exception.
- Description of the relevant qualifications and experience of the individual(s) who prepared the budget.
- If your budget includes indirect costs, you must demonstrate how you are calculating these costs in accordance

Max Points: 10

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.2.as follows:

(10 points)

The budget is thoroughly prepared, and all costs are eligible, allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project. The planned budget clearly and thoroughly addressed all the components in categories A-E.

(8 points)

The budget is adequately prepared, and all costs are eligible under ICDBG, allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project. The planned budget clearly and thoroughly addressed components in categories A-E, with one exception.

(4 points)

The budget is adequately prepared. The planned budget clearly and thoroughly addressed components in categories A-E, with two exceptions.

with either your current federallyapproved negotiated rate or the de minimis rate in accordance with 2 CFR 200.414.

C. The Cost Summary and Budget Detail are thoroughly prepared and consistent with each other and the rest of the application.

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- D. Costs are eligible, allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project activities.
- E. Costs comply with the funding restrictions listed in <u>Section II. A.2.c.</u>, of this NOFO.

For **maximum points**, you must demonstrate that your budget is thoroughly prepared, and all costs are eligible under ICDBG, allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project.

(2 points)

The planned budget adequately addressed components in categories A-E, with three or more exceptions.

(0 points)

The applicant did not provide sufficient information to receive points in this subfactor.

Subfactor 3.3. Project Implementation Plan Max Points: 8

Provide a project implementation plan that includes an Implementation Schedule (HUD-4125) and a narrative Implementation Detail.

HUD will evaluate whether your project implementation plan is feasible and reasonable in relation to the proposed project based on the following components:

A. Implementation Schedule HUD-4125 that clearly and thoroughly identifies:

- Period of Performance Start and End Dates
- Expected Closeout Date (90 days from POP End Date)
- Tasks needed to complete the proposed project
- Completion dates for each task.
- B. Implementation Detail: clearly describe:
 - The phases of the project and how the applicant and/or contractors and subrecipients will ensure that the tasks and

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.3. as follows:

(8 Points)

The project implementation plan clearly and thoroughly addresses **all** the components in A-B.

(4 points)

The project implementation plan clearly and thoroughly addresses all the components in A-B with **two exceptions**.

(0 points)

The project implementation plan clearly and thoroughly addresses all the components in A-B with **three or more exceptions.**

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timelines identified in the
Implementation Schedule will be
completed on time and within budget:

Whether you have already completed milestones to facilitate the implementation of the proposed project or activities.

If you propose multiple projects, you must provide a Project Implementation Plan for each project.

For Infrastructure Projects: If you propose infrastructure for housing that will be completed after the period of performance, you must describe the planned housing development project and timeline.

For **maximum points**, your implementation plan must be well-developed, feasible and addresses the components described above.

Subfactor 3.4. Commitment to Sustain **Projects**

Your application must show that you will be able to sustain your proposed project once it is complete. You will be scored on the type of See scoring below. project you are applying for as indicated in subfactors 3.4.a. through 3.4.e.

Subfactor 3.4.a. Public Facilities and

Infrastructure and Public Facilities Projects.

Infrastructure Projects:

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1. If your infrastructure project will support future housing or community development project(s), you must submit evidence that the housing or community development project(s) will be completed within five years of the grant award. Evidence can include narrative information or attachments describing financing plans, funding commitments, implementation timelines, and budget details that indicate a viable plan to complete the

Max Points: 10

Max Points: 10

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.4.a. as follows:

(10 points)

- For **infrastructure projects** that support future housing or community development projects, you provided sufficient evidence that the housing or community development project(s) will be completed within five years of the grant award.
- For infrastructure projects, you

future project.

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2. Operation and maintenance (O&M) commitments are not required for infrastructure projects, but you must describe how and by whom the infrastructure will be operated and maintained.

Public Facilities projects:

- 1. You must include a funding commitment from the entity that will operate and maintain the project, indicating a time frame for maintaining and operating the project that is not less than five years following the grant closeout date.
- 2. You must include an O&M plan that includes a cost breakdown for annual expenses.

The following five components must be addressed in the O&M plan:

- Daily or other periodic maintenance activities;
- Repairs such as replacing broken windows;
- Capital improvements or replacement reserves for repairs such as replacing the roof;
- Fire and liability insurance; and
- Security.
- 3. You must provide letters of commitment demonstrating that funds for the services to be provided in the building have been committed.

For **maximum points**, you must address and include all components regarding this subfactor as indicated above.

- described how the infrastructure is being operated and maintained, and by whom.
- For public facilities, you included a funding commitment for operations and maintenance with a five-year time frame.
- For public facilities, you included an O&M plan and cost breakdown that addresses all five components (maintenance, repairs, capital/reserve account, insurance, and security).
- For public facilities, you included letter(s) of commitment demonstrating that funds for the services that will be provided in the building have been committed.

(6 points)

- For infrastructure projects that support future housing or community development projects, you provided some evidence that the housing or community development project(s) will be completed in the future.
- For infrastructure projects, you described how the infrastructure is being operated and maintained, and by whom.
- For public facilities, you included a funding commitment, but it was for less than five years.
- For public facilities, you included an O&M plan.
- For public facilities, you included letter(s) of commitment demonstrating that funds for the services that will be provided in the building have been committed.

(2 Points)

• For infrastructure projects, you

provided some information about how
the infrastructure is being operated and
maintained, but did not provide a viable
plan to complete the future project.

 For public facilities, you included a funding commitment for O&M, but it was for less than five years. Your evidence of funds for services was insufficient.

(0 points)

The application did not contain information sufficient to award points under this Subfactor.

Subfactor 3.4.b. Economic Development and Microenterprise Projects-

For this subfactor, you must demonstrate the following:

- The analysis you provide must meet the requirements in accordance with 24 CFR 1003.302(c) and must establish that the project is financially feasible and has at least a reasonable chance of success: and
- You describe the recent and relevant experience of the party that prepared the analysis.
- For microenterprise projects, you describe the microenterprise program including the types of assistance offered to microenterprise applicants, the types of entities eligible to apply for the assistance, and how you will analyze the financial feasibility of microenterprises. If offering credit programs for microenterprises, you must describe how you will determine the loan terms (i.e., interest rate, maximum loan amount and duration, and loan servicing provisions) that you will offer to individual microenterprise

Max Points: 10

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.4.b. as follows:

(10 points)

- You provided all of the evidence that the project's chance for financial success is excellent.
- You described the recent and relevant experience of the party that prepared the analysis.
- For microenterprise projects, you satisfactorily described the program and addressed all the components.

(6 points)

- You provided most of the evidence that the project's chance for financial success is reasonable.
- You described the recent and relevant experience of the party that prepared the analysis.
- For **microenterprise projects**, you described the program.

(2 points)

applicants. For maximum points , you addressed all the components listed above and provided evidence that the project's chance for financial success is excellent.	You provided some of the evidence that the project's chance for financial success is fair. (0 points) The application did not contain information sufficient to award points under this Subfactor.
Subfactor 3.4.c. New Housing Construction, Housing Rehabilitation, Housing Acquisition and Homeownership Assistance Projects	Max Points: 10
You must describe in detail how the project will be sustained by addressing maintenance and insurance responsibilities. To receive the maximum points, you must describe the ongoing maintenance and insurance responsibilities (if applicable) for the project in detail, including who is paying for it.	Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.4.c. as follows: (10 points) You described the ongoing maintenance and insurance responsibilities (if applicable) for the project in detail. You also stated who is paying for it. (6 points) You described the ongoing maintenance and insurance responsibilities (if applicable) for the project in general. You also stated who is paying for it. (2 points) You described the maintenance and insurance responsibilities (if applicable) for the project but not who is paying for it. (0 points) The application did not contain information sufficient to award points under this Subfactor.
Subfactor 3.4.d. Land Acquisition Projects	Max Points: 10
Your application must show the results of a preliminary investigation conducted by a qualified independent entity demonstrating that the proposed site has:	Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.4.d. as follows: (10 points) Your application includes all of the above

- related infrastructure;
- Potable drinking water accessible for a reasonable cost:
- Access to utilities;
- Vehicular access;
- Drainage;
- Nearby social and community services;
- No known environmental problems: and
- The land is zoned for the type of housing proposed.
- You must also establish that there is a reasonable ratio between the number of net usable acres to be acquired and the number of LMI persons to benefit from the project.
- You must submit documentation to indicate that all units will be constructed within two years after site purchase to receive full points. Evidence can include narrative information or attachments describing financing plans, funding commitments, implementation timelines, and budget details that indicate a viable plan to complete the future project.

Note: Award of a grant does not constitute approval of specific sites where activities that are subject to environmental review may be carried out.

To receive the **maximum points**, your application must include all of the above components and demonstrate that 100 percent of units will be constructed within two years after site purchase, as described above.

Suitable soil conditions for housing and components and demonstrates that 100 percent of units will be constructed within two years after site purchase, as described above.

(6 points)

Your application includes all of the above components and demonstrates that at least 50 percent but less than 100 percent of the units will be constructed within two years after site purchase, as described above.

(2 points)

Your application includes all of the above components and demonstrates that at least 25 percent but less than 50 percent of the units will be constructed within two years after site purchase, as described above.

(0 points) The application did not contain information sufficient to award points under this Subfactor.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources

Max Points:3 This factor will address the level of tribal resources and resources from other entities (leverage) that are used in conjunction with ICDBG funds to support the proposed project. HUD will evaluate the level of leverage based on the percentage of non-ICDBG resources provided relative to project costs.

If proposing leverage, you must provide the following information and documentation:

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- A Firm Commitment for each source of leveraging including cash or in-kind contributions; and
- Identification of the source and specific amounts in the Project Plan.

HUD recognizes that in some cases, you may not get a firm commitment of non-tribal funds by the application deadline. In such cases, you must include a statement from the contributing entity describing why the firm commitment cannot be made at the current time, that the tribe/organization and proposed project meets the eligibility criteria for receiving leveraged funds, and a date when the funding decision will be made. The date cannot be over six months from the anticipated date of grant approval by HUD.

For **maximum points**, your leveraged resources must be 10 percent or more, with firm commitment documentation for each source of leveraging in accordance with the above requirements.

To provide evidence of leveraged funds you must submit supporting documents with your application.

See Appendix III. for specific information (evidence/ documentation) needed, and leverage inclusions and exclusions.

Non-ICDBG Resources to Total Project Costs Applications will be scored for Rating Factor 4 as follows:	
10 percent or more, with firm commitment documentation supporting all sources of leveraging in accordance with the above requirements	
5 - 9 percent, with firm commitment documentation supporting all sources of leveraging in accordance with the above requirements	
1 - 4 percent, with firm commitment documentation supporting all sources of leveraging in accordance with the above requirements	
Less than 1 percent with firm commitment documentation supporting all sources of leveraging in accordance with the above requirements	
Rating Factor 5: Comprehensiveness and Coordination	

You must describe how your proposed activities are consistent with strategic plans or as follows: policy goals of your community, as follows:

- Describe how your project is consistent with the strategic plans or policy goals of your community; and
- Describe how your project furthers ongoing priorities and activities of the community.

For maximum points, you must address all the components listed above in detail.

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 5.1.

(4 points)

You addressed both components listed above in detail.

(2 point)

You addressed one of the required components.

(0 point)

The application did not contain information sufficient to award points under this Subfactor.

2. Policy Initiative Preference Points

This NOFO supports the following policy initiatives, for which a maximum of four (4) preference points may be awarded.

Preference points are added to your overall application score. You do not need to address the policy initiatives in this section to receive an award. If you choose to address a policy initiative in your application, you must adhere to the information with any award.

a. Promise Zones

You may receive up to two (2) points, if your proposed activities support the goals of a Promise Zone. To receive points, you must complete and submit form HUD-50153, Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation. An authorized office of the Promise Zone must certify the project meets the criteria included on the form.

b. Opportunity Zones

You may receive up to two (2) points, if your proposed activities are within an Opportunity Zone. To receive points, you must complete and submit form HUD-2996, Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points. If you expect to use less than 50% of the award in Opportunity Zones, you won't receive preference points. Exceptions may be made if your application justifies the lower percentage or demonstrates a significant impact within those zones.

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C. Risk Review

Before making an award, HUD will evaluate each applicant's likelihood of successfully implementing an award based on the following criteria.

- OMB-designated repositories of governmentwide data, as noted in 2 CFR 200.206(a)
- Other public sources such as newspapers, Inspector General or Government Accountability Office reports or findings, or other complaints that have been proven to have merit
- Financial stability
- Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in 2 CFR part 200
- History of performance. The applicant's record in managing Federal awards, if it is a
 prior recipient of Federal awards, including timeliness of compliance with applicable
 reporting requirements, failing to make significant progress in a timely manner, failing
 to meet planned activities in a timely manner, conformance to the terms and conditions
 of previous Federal awards, and, if applicable, the extent to which any previously
 awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards
- Reports and findings from audits performed under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F—Audit Requirements or the reports and findings of any other available audits
- The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities
- Capacity of the applicant, including staffing structures and capabilities
- History of timely completion of activities and receipt and expenditure of promised matching or leveraged funds
- Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence
- Ability to produce positive outcomes and results

HUD may use the results of the risk review to make funding decisions and to apply award conditions.

D. Selection Process

When making funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Eligibility requirements, including threshold review results.
- Merit review results.
- Risk review results.

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may:

Fund applications in whole or in part.

- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.
- Adjust funding for an application, to ensure funding or geographic dispersion, and alignment with program or administrative priorities.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met.
- Use additional funds made available after NOFO publication to either fully fund an application or fund additional applications.
- Correct HUD review and selection errors. If HUD commits an error that causes an
 applicant not to be selected, HUD may make an award to that applicant when and if
 funding is available.
- Release another NOFO, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications of merit.

1. Ranking:

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Applications that meet threshold requirements will proceed to the merit review and be ranked high to low based on score. All project types are scored and ranked against each other. HUD will make awards in the order of rank until funds are exhausted. HUD will determine individual grant amounts in a manner consistent with the considerations in 24 CFR 1003.100(b)(2). Specifically:

- HUD may approve a grant amount less than the amount requested.
- HUD may adjust funding for an application, to ensure funding diversity, geographic diversity, and alignment with program or administrative priorities.
- If HUD determines there are not enough funds available to fund a project as proposed by the applicant, it may decline to fund that project and may fund the next highest-ranking project or projects for which adequate funds are available. In such cases, HUD will select, in rank order, additional projects for funding.
- HUD may also select additional projects for funding, in rank order, if additional funds become available.

2. Tie Breakers:

In the event of a tie and insufficient funds to support all tied applications, HUD will apply the following tie-breakers in order:

- Preference to projects that can be fully funded.
- Fewer active ICDBG grants.
- Higher score on Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach.
- Higher combined score on Rating Factors 1 (Capacity) and 2 (Need).
- If a tie remains, selection will be made by lottery.

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E. Award Notices

If you are successful, HUD will email an award notice to the authorized official representative from the SF-424. HUD will also notify unsuccessful applicants.

The award notice communicates the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. HUD may impose specific conditions on an award as provided under 2 CFR 200.208.

You agree to the award terms and conditions by either drawing funds from HUD's payment system or signing the agreement with HUD. If you do not agree to the award terms and conditions, HUD may select another eligible applicant.

HUD Errors: Judgments made within the provisions of this NOFO, and the program regulations (24 CFR part 1003) are not subject to claim of error. There is no appeal. However, for arithmetic scoring errors, contact your Area ONAP within 30 days of being informed of your score. If HUD committed an arithmetic error that would result in funding when corrected, HUD may issue an award, subject to the availability of funds.

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You must apply electronically. See <u>Find the Application Package</u> to make sure you have everything you need to apply online. See <u>Application Waiver</u> if you qualify to submit a paper application.

Make sure you are current with <u>SAM.gov</u> and UEI requirements before applying for the award. See the <u>Before You Begin</u> section of this NOFO.

A. Deadlines

1. Application submission deadline:

The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on:

11/24/2025

HUD must receive your application by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline are late. Late applications are not eligible for HUD funding.

If HUD receives more than one application from you, HUD will review only the last submission.

HUD may extend an application due date based on emergency situations such as Presidentially-declared natural disasters. Improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

If <u>Grants.gov</u> rejects your application before the deadline, you have up to 24 hours after the application deadline to correct and resubmit your application. Any application submitted during the grace period but not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. There is no grace period for paper applications.

NOTE: Only one ICDBG application may be submitted for an eligible applicant under 24 CFR part 1003.

B. Submission Methods

1. Electronic Submission

You must register and submit your application through **Grants.gov**. See **Before You Begin**.

For instructions on how to submit in <u>Grants.gov</u>, see the <u>Quick Start Guide for Applicants</u>. Make sure that your application passes the <u>Grants.gov</u> validation checks or we may not get it.

<u>Grants.gov</u> will record the date and time of your application submission. HUD will use this information to determine timely applications.

Need Help? See the Contact and Support section of this NOFO.

2. Electronic Submission Application Waiver

You may request a waiver from the requirement to submit your application electronically. The

request must show good cause and detail why you are technologically unable to submit electronically. An example of good cause may include: a valid power or internet service disruption in the area of your business office. Lack of SAM.gov registration is not good cause.

Use the information in the <u>Contact and Support</u> section of this NOFO to submit a written request to HUD. You must **submit your waiver request at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline**.

C. Other Submissions

1. Intergovernmental Review

This NOFO is not subject to Executive Order <u>12372</u>. No action is needed.

2. Technical Application Errors

HUD may contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Technical errors that you may fix are not submitted to satisfy merit review criteria. And you may not fix technical errors related to threshold review except eligibility entity documentation. Examples of technical errors include: inconsistencies in funding requests; improper signature on a form; a missing or incomplete form; and nonprofit status documentation.

HUD will send notice to the authorized organization representative from the SF-424 to fix a technical error.

Your application is not eligible for funding, if you fail to fix the error to HUD's satisfaction and by the due date in HUD's notice. HUD will not review information submitted after the application due date in HUD's notice.

Review <u>Section IV., Application Contents and Format</u>, for technical errors that you fix if your application is timely submitted (also known as Correctable errors).

a. Fix Errors in Electronic Applications

To fix an error in response to a HUD notice, you must email the corrections to HUD at applicationsupport@hud.gov. The subject line of the email to applicationsupport@hud.gov must state "Technical Fix" and include the Grants.gov application tracking number (e.g., Subject: Technical Fix - GRANT123456). If you do not email applicationsupport@hud.gov or if you do not include the appropriate subject line, HUD may mark your application as ineligible.

HUD allows no less than 48 hours and no more than 14 calendar days from the date of the HUD notice to fix an error. If the due date to fix an error falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters office in Washington, DC is closed, then the due date is the next business day.

b. Fix Errors in Paper Applications

You must fix an error in your paper application, in accordance with HUD's notice. If your paper application includes an incorrect UEI, HUD will request you supply the correct UEI.

c. Pre-Award Conditions: If your application passes threshold and scores sufficiently for funding, but a correctable item is missing or incomplete or if HUD needs more information about your project, HUD may issue a pre-award letter requiring you to provide the

information. Additionally, if your application passes initial screening and threshold review, HUD may reach out to you to confirm the accuracy of its records prior to making awards. HUD will notify applicants by email. Applicants will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of receipt of the HUD notification to respond to these requirements. No extensions will be provided. If the deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the response must be received by HUD on the next business day.

D. False Statements

By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding that providing false or misleading information during any part of the application, award, or performance phase of an award may result in criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including but not limited to: fines, restitution, and/or imprisonment under 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, or 18 USC 287; treble damages and civil penalties under the False Claims Act, 31 USC 3729 et seq.; double damages and civil penalties under the Administrative False Claims Act, 31 USC Sections 3801-3812; civil recovery of award funds; suspension and/or debarment from all federal procurement and non-procurement transactions, FAR Part 9.4 or 2 CFR Part 180; and other remedies including termination of active HUD award.

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A. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements, and **General Terms and Conditions**

You must follow the applicable provisions in the Administrative, National & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance - 2025. You must comply with these applicable provisions:

- 4. Compliance with Immigration Requirements (8 U.S.C. 1601-1646; Executive Order 14218)
- 5. Accessible Technology requirements, (29 USC § 794d, 29 USC 794, 42 USC 12131-12165) and implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 1194 (Section 508 regulations),24 CFR § 8.6 (Section 504 effective communication regulations), 28 CFR part 35, subpart H (DOJ Web Access Rule), and 28 CFR part 35, subpart E (DOJ's Title II communications regulations)
- 7. Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities consistent with 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.; 24 CFR 5.109; and Executive Orders 14202, Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias and EO 14205, Establishment of the White House Faith Office.
- 8. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (42 USC § 4601 et seq.) (URA) requirements, 49 CFR part 24, and applicable program regulations
- 9. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation (12 USC 1701z-1; 12 USC 1702z-2; 24 CFR part 60; and FR-6278-N-01)
- 10. OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200)
- 11. Drug-Free Workplace requirements (2 CFR part 2429)
- 12. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files (e.g., 2 CFR 200.303(e))
- 13. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (2 CFR part 170) (FFATA), as amended
- 14. Eminent Domain
- 15. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements (29 USC § 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 8 and 100; 28 CFR part 35
- 16. Applicable Violence Against Women Act requirements in the Housing Chapter of VAWA (34 USC § 12491-12496) 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, and program-specific regulations.
- 17. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct, including 2 CFR 200.317, 2 CFR 200.318(c) and other applicable conflicts of interest requirements
- 18. Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act procurement purchase requirements
- 19. Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 USC § 7104(g)) and implementing regulations at 2 CFR part 175

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- 21. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (41 USC § 3901 note prec., 2 CFR 200.216)
- Unless prohibited by law and to the extent permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), your application and post-award content may be released to the public in response to FOIA requests, except to the extent that certain information may be withheld under a FOIA exemption (5 USC § 552(b); 24 CFR 15.107(b)). HUD may also share your information within HUD or with other Federal agencies if HUD determines that sharing is relevant to the respective program's objectives.
- 23. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections. 41 USC § 4712, which includes informing your employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, and personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. (See Federal Contractor or Grantee Protections | Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development (hudoig.gov))
- 24. Implementing Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs, as advised by the Department, unless otherwise restricted by law: Executive Order (EO) 14219 (Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative); 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders); guidance resulting from the White House Task Force established by 14202 (Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias) and the Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office assigned by 14205 (Establishment of the White House Faith Office); 14182 (Enforcing the Hyde Amendment); 14173 (Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity); 14168 (Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government); 14151 (Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing); and 14148 (Initial Rescissions of Harmful **Executive Orders and Actions**)
- 25. Compliance with Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as required by 24 CFR 1003.601.

B. Environmental Requirements

1. Environmental Review

You must follow these environmental review requirements, including regulations at:

24 CFR part 58

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Activities under this NOFO are subject to the environmental review provisions set out at 24 CFR 1003.605, which requires compliance with the environmental review procedures at 24 CFR part 58. The expenditure or commitment of ICDBG or other federal or non-federal funds on project activities (other than those listed in 24 CFR 58.22(f), 58.34 or 58.35(b)) prior to

HUD approval may result in the denial of assistance for the project or activities under consideration. Where a tribal organization has applied for a grant on behalf of an Indian tribe, the tribe is considered the grantee responsible for environmental review requirements.

It is essential for the project applicant, its environmental review partners (such as consultants) and the responsible entity tribe to have the capacity to manage the environmental review process. Applicants should verify that the proper training, experience and protocols are in place to ensure the environmental review requirements that are applicable to the type of project being proposed in the application are met. More information on the environmental review process and requirements is available on HUD's webpage at https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/.

2. NOFO Impact Determination Related to the Environment

This NOFO provides funding under, and does not alter the environmental requirements of, 24 CFR 1003. So, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(5)(i), this NOFO is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of1969 (42 USC § 4321). Activities under the NOFO are subject to environmental review requirements at 24 CFR 1003.605.

3. Lead-Based Paint Requirements

You must follow the lead-based paint rules below if you fund any work on pre-1978 housing. This includes buying, leasing, support services, operating, or work that disturbs painted surfaces.

- HUD's rules (Lead Disclosure Rule; and Lead Safe Housing Rule).
- EPA's rules (Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, and Lead Abatement, Inspection and Risk Assessment Rule).

You must discuss the <u>Lead Disclosure Rule</u> if you fund education or counseling on buying or renting housing that may have been built before 1978. You must also discuss the Lead Safe Housing Rule if the education or counseling focuses on buying or renting HUD-assisted pre-1978 housing.

C. Remedies for Noncompliance

HUD may terminate all or a part of your award as described under 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343 pursuant to the terms and conditions of your award, including, to the extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. HUD may also impose specific conditions on your award or take other remedies as described by 2 CFR 200.339 through 200.343, if you do not comply with your award terms and conditions.

Additionally, see ICDBG Program's termination provisions at <u>24 CFR 1003.502</u> and <u>24 CFR 1003.508</u>. See <u>Section V.E. Award Notices</u>, for information regarding appeals.

D. Reporting

HUD requires recipients to submit the performance, financial, and program reports as

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outlined below. You must comply with these reporting requirements to remain eligible for HUD funding. See <u>Section VII.C.</u> of this NOFO.

HUD is implementing new grants management and reporting tools, which will be rolled out for your use in the near term. As a grantee, you will be required to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for yourself and your sub-recipients) using these new tools when they are released. HUD will work with you to support your transition to this new reporting environment. Once implemented, timely reporting in this new environment will be mandatory. HUD reserves the right to exercise all available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include requiring 100% review or stopping future disbursements altogether if reporting is not timely submitted.

Report	Description	When
	 Awards equal to or greater than \$30,000 	
	 Data on executive compensation and first- tier subawards 	
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)	 See <u>Public Law 109-</u> 282 and <u>2 CFR part</u> 170 	See 2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170(a)(2)(ii)
	 HUD reports initial prime recipient data to <u>usaspending.gov</u> 	
	 Submit via <u>SAM.gov</u> 	
Reporting on Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	Total value of all current Federal awards exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award	See 2 CFR Appendix-XII to Part 200 I.(d)
	 See <u>Appendix XII to 2</u> <u>CFR 200</u> 	
	Submit via <u>SAM.gov</u>	
Federal Financial Report, SF- 425	Summary of key financial dataSee <u>2 CFR 200.328</u>	See <u>2 CFR 200.328</u> or award terms

Report	Description	When
	Summary of progress status	
	Work to be performed during the next reporting period	
	 Breakdown of funds (grant and leverage) spent on each major activity 	
	When the project is completed, an evaluation of its effectiveness in meeting community development needs.	
Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER)	Estimated number of (1) permanent and (2) temporary jobs that are created each year in whole or in part with ICDBG funds.	 Submit annually. Due 45 days after the end of the federal fiscal year and at the time of grant close-out to your
	 Include the number of recipient staff positions, subrecipient staff positions, and 	Area ONAP.
	o related construction jobs or jobs created through a contract between an employer and the ICDBG recipient.	
	Note: See Appendix I.2. for the definitions of Permanent and Temporary	

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	employees.	
	 You may provide additional information about the nature of these jobs. 	
	Please follow the requirements in Rating Factor 1, Subfactor 1.5, of this NOFO.	
Close-Out Report	Report consists of the final Federal Financial Report (SF- 425), the final ASER and the Close-Out Agreement.	Must submit this report within 90 days of the date determined that the criteria for grant activity closeouts have been met.

Please direct questions regarding specific reporting requirements to the point of contact listed in <u>Appendix IV., Area ONAP Offices and Contact Information</u>.

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Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals who have speech or communication disabilities may use a relay service. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the webpage for the <u>Federal Communications Commission</u>.

A. Agency Contact

1. Program and Application Requirements

Name: ONAP Grant Management Director

Phone: See Appendix IV., Area ONAP Contacts

Email: ONAP-ICDBG@hud.gov

Note: HUD's assistance is limited by the standards at <u>24 CFR 4.26</u>.

Phone numbers for **Area ONAP Offices**

2. Paper Application Waiver Request

Name: ONAP Director-Grants

Email: ONAP-ICDBG@hud.gov

Phone: See Appendix IV., Area ONAP Contacts

HUD Organization: PIH-ONAP

Street: 451 7th St. SW, Rm. 4108

City: Washington

DC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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HUD Reform Act. HUD is prohibited from disclosing <u>covered selection information</u> during the selection process. The selection process includes NOFO development and publication, and concludes with the announcement of selected recipients of financial assistance. HUD will not assist you with completing your application.

B. Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides 24/7 support. You can call 800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov. Hold on to your ticket number.

C. SAM.gov

If you need help, you can call 866-606-8220 or live chat with the Federal Service Desk.

D. Debriefing

After public announcement of awards, HUD will debrief you on your application upon your written request. Submit your written request to the <u>agency contact for program and application requirements</u> in this NOFO. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.

Debriefs are available for a period of 120 calendar days, beginning 30 calendar days after the public announcement of awards under this NOFO. The Authorized Official or Representative, or their successor, must submit a written request for debriefing via mail or email to the POC in Section VIII. Contact and Support of this NOFO. Information provided during a debriefing may include the applicant's final score for each rating factor, final evaluator comments for each rating factor, and the final assessment indicating the basis upon which funding was approved or denied.

E. Applicant Experience Survey

You are encouraged to provide feedback on your application experience by completing our <u>Applicant Experience Survey</u>. Your feedback is optional; you are not required to provide personal information. HUD may use your feedback to improve future NOFOs. Your feedback has no impact on funding decisions.

F. Other Online Resources

You are encouraged to review the <u>online resources</u> for context on some of the NOFO requirements.

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1. Standard Definitions

For standard definitions not listed below, refer to <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) - statutory obligation to affirmatively further the purposes and policies of the Fair Housing Act (see also <u>24 CFR 5.151</u>, as amended by 90 FR 11020).

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is the official within your organization with the legal authority to: give assurances, make commitments, submit your application to HUD, enter into agreements, and execute such documents on behalf of your organization. The AOR is not necessarily the Project Director. The AOR has <u>defined privileges</u> within Grants.gov.

E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) is defined at Grants.gov.

Eligibility requirements are mandatory requirements for an application to be considered for funding.

Grants.gov is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for federal financial assistance.

Opportunity Zone (OZs) are defined in <u>26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1</u>. In general, OZs are census tracts located in low-income communities where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment.

Primary Point of Contact (PPOC) is the person HUD may contact with questions about the application submitted. The PPOC is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

Promise Zones (PZs) are <u>designated high poverty areas in select urban, rural and tribal communities</u>. The communities prioritize: increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, leveraging private investment, reducing violent crime, enhancing public health and addressing other priorities identified by the community.

Small business is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than regular-sized business. The definition of "small"—in terms of being able to apply for government support and qualify for preferential tax policy—varies by country and industry. The U.S. Small Business Administration defines a small business according to a set of standards based on specific industries. See <u>13 CFR part 121</u>.

System for Award Management (SAM) has the same meaning as 2 CFR 25.100(b).

Threshold Requirements are eligibility requirements you must meet before HUD advances to a merit review of your application.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) has the same meaning as 2 CFR 25.100(a).

2. Program Definitions.

The following definitions apply to the ICDBG program. Other applicable program definitions can be found at 24 CFR 1003.4.

Adopt - To approve by vote of the governing body of the tribe or tribal organization.

Direct Costs - Any costs related directly to grant activities connected to specific project objectives (purpose of the specific project), as described in <u>2 CFR 200.413</u>.

Document - When the NOFO asks you to document something it means that you should provide information and/or data in your application to satisfy that particular NOFO requirement.

Eligible Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) - As defined in 24 CFR 1003.204(c).

Entity Other Than Tribe - This means that the organization is not part of the tribal government.

Firm Commitment - A letter of commitment from a partner by which an applicant or an applicant's partner agrees to perform an activity specified in the application and demonstrates the financial capacity and conditional agreement to deliver the resources necessary to carry out the activity, either in cash or through in-kind contributions if HUD awards ICDBG funds. If a tribe is committing resources to the project the amount of such commitment must be included in the tribal resolution. If a tribal organization is the applicant, it must submit evidence of such commitment in the equivalent of a tribal resolution.

Ineligible Activities - The general rule is that any activity that is not authorized under the provisions of 24 CFR 1003.201 through 1003.206 is ineligible to be assisted with ICDBG funds. A list of activities that have been explicitly identified as ineligible can be found at 24 CFR 1003.207 - Ineligible activities.

Key Staff - Key Staff are determined by the applicant. Key Staff means experienced professional and/or technical personnel who will have major responsibilities under the contract and/or provide unusual or unique expertise essential for successful completion of the work performed.

Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) beneficiary - As defined in 24 CFR 1003.4, LMI beneficiary means a family, household, or individual whose income does not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by HUD, with adjustments for smaller and larger households or families. However, HUD may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 80 percent of the median for the area based on HUD's findings that such variations are necessary because of unusually high or low household or family incomes. In reporting income levels to HUD, the applicant must include and identify the distributions of tribal or village income to families, households, or individuals.

Outcome - The impact you hope to achieve with your proposed project. Outcomes should be quantifiable measures or indicators that identify the change in the community, people's lives, economic status, or other positive effects.

Output - The quantity or amount produced by a person or thing, as in a given time. Example: Number of housing units, Square feet for public facility, and Linear feet of infrastructure.

Permanent employee, full-time or part-time, is one whose employment agreement with the

employer is not limited by duration and remains continuous until employment is terminated, voluntarily or otherwise, or unless the employment agreement is altered to include a limit on duration.

Planning and Administration expenses are ICDBG-eligible administrative expenses, as defined 24 CFR 1003.205 and 24 CFR 1003.206 for the proposed ICDBG Project. They include but are not limited to costs of overall project management including administration of the grant, coordination of grant monitoring and evaluation, and preparation of grant reports.

Rating Period - Unless otherwise specified, the term "Rating Period" is the one-year period immediately preceding the application deadline date.

Standard Housing/Standard Conditions - Housing that meets the quality standards (HQS) adopted by the tribe or tribal organization depending on the type of housing proposed. The HQS adopted by the applicant must be at least as stringent as the Section 8 HQS contained in 24 CFR 982.401 (Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance: Housing Choice Voucher program) unless the HUD approves less stringent standards based on a determination that local conditions make the use of Section 8 HQS infeasible. The adopted standards must provide for: (a) a safe house, in physically sound condition with all systems performing their intended design functions; (b) a livable home environment that is energy efficient and incorporates energy conservation measures; and (c) adequate space and privacy for all intended household members.

Tribal Resolution - The formal way in which the tribal government expresses its legislative will in accordance with its organic documents. In the absence of such organic documents, a written expression adopted pursuant to tribal practices will be acceptable (24 CFR 1003.4).

HUD's Office of Labor Relations uses the definitions of permanent and temporary employment as follows:

Temporary employee, full-time or part-time, is one whose employment agreement with the employer contains conditions under which the employment is limited by duration involving time or task (e.g., not to exceed six months from hire, or on a date determined by the employer, or upon completion of a specified task(s)).

Appendix II. FY 2025 Changes

Here are some notable changes since HUD's previous NOFO posting for the ICDBG program. Review the changes for clarity on application requirements and expectations.

Section I., Basic Information, Fiscal Updates:

- Reduced maximum award amount to \$2,000,000, due to the number of fundable grants in FY 2024, and the reallocation of grant ceilings based on each tribe's size.
- Lowered the expected number of awards to 50 based on previous year's award totals.

Section III., Program Description, Other Information:

 Public Services: Clarified that applications must include a description and budget for the proposed public service(s), and the public service must be either a new service, or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service. Subawards: Added new category to indicate that applicants may make subawards to other eligible entities under this NOFO.

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Section IV., Application Contents and Format:

New documentation requirements:

- Combined the Cost Summary HUD-4123 and Implementation Schedule HUD-4125 forms.
- Indirect Cost Rate Certification (HUD-426).

Section V.A.4., Resolution of Enforcement Action:

 New requirement: Applications from applicants with open enforcement actions for program non-compliance will be considered ineligible.

Section V.B., Merit Review:

Rating Factors and Subfactors: Some titles, descriptive language, and rating points were revised to enhance clarity and, where applicable, provide greater flexibility for applicants. As a result, certain subfactors were removed.

Rating Factor 1. Capacity of the Applicant/ Subfactors:

- 1.1. Applicant Capacity: Changed title to align with requirements and clarified descriptive language to increase the probability to score maximum points.
- 1.2. Audit Submissions and 1.3. Finding: Revised descriptive language to align with IHBG Competitive for subfactor consistency.
- 1.4. Undisbursed ONAP Funding: Renamed subfactor and revised descriptive language to capture the requirements for all undisbursed ICDBG, IHBG formula, IHBG Competitive, ICDBG-CARES, and ICDBG-ARP grant funds. Total points increased from 4 to 8. Removed prior subfactors 1.4. (Progress of Pandemic Relief and Imminent), and 1.5. (Progress of Competitive Grants).
- 1.5. Timely Reporting: Revised descriptive language to align with IHBG Competitive for subfactor consistency, and increased points from 2 to 4.
- **1.6. Close Outs:** Category moved from subfactor 1.7. to 1.6., and increased points from 3 to 4 due to revising subfactor categories throughout.

Rating Factor 2. NEED- Extent of the Problem/ Subfactors:

- **2.1. Project Need:** Changed title to align with requirements and clarified descriptive language to simplify applicant's demonstration of local housing need.
- 2.2.b. Economic Development and "Microenterprise Projects: Changed title and updated descriptive language to include requirements for both economic development and microenterprise projects, and to align LMI percentages.

Rating Factor 3. Soundness of approach/ Subfactors:

 3.1. Project Description and Rationale: Changed title to align with subfactor requirements, and clarified descriptive language to establish the scope, purpose, and

- feasibility of the project.
- 3.4.b. Economic Development and Microenterprise Projects: Changed title and updated descriptive language to include requirements for both economic development and microenterprise projects.
- 3.4.d. Land Acquisition Projects: Changed from previous subfactor 3.4.e. to 3.4.d. due to overall restructuring of rating factors and subfactors. Therefore, subfactor 3.4.e. was removed.

Rating Factor 4. Leveraging Resources:

 Simplified descriptive language requirements and moved additional information to Appendix III of the NOFO.

Rating Factor 5. Comprehensiveness and Coordination / Subfactors:

• Changed title and revised the descriptive language to align with program regulation requirements. Therefore, removed subfactors 5.1. Coordination and 5.2. Outputs and Outcomes, and reduced points from 6 to 4.

Preference Points

• Added Opportunity Zones preference option.

Section VII.D., Reporting

- Removed Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) reporting requirement.
- HUD's plan to implement a new grant management and reporting tool.

Appendix III. Leveraging Resources

1. Leveraged resources Inclusions:

To provide evidence of leveraged funds you must submit the following documents with your application:

Type of Leveraged Resource	Evidence/Documentation Needed
Tribal Resources	Tribal resolution (or equivalent) that identifies the dollar amount being committed.
Federal Resources (e.g., IHBG, IHBG Title VI, Department of Agriculture, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or other federal resources)	IHBG formula funds: provide a commitment letter from the IHBG recipient that identifies the program year and the dollar amount of IHBG funds being committed.
	Other Federal Program Funds: not all federal sources permit their funds to be used for leverage. The applicant

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	should submit a statement (e.g., letter, email, etc.) from the federal agency approving the amount of funds to be committed for leveraging.
	NOTE: If a federal agency has published clear guidance stating that its funds can be used in accordance with the ICDBG program, HUD reserves the right to accept that guidance as sufficient evidence that these federal funds can be used as leverage under this NOFO. HUD reserves the right at its discretion to request additional documentation from the applicant demonstrating that these resources are available for the project.
Tribal Organization Resources	Commitment letter identifying the dollar amount being committed.
Foundation or Other Private Party	Commitment letter identifying the dollar amount being committed.
Goods and Services (in-kind contributions, including administrative costs but only up to the 20% cap allowed for ICDBG administrative costs)	 Applicant must demonstrate that the donated items are necessary to the actual development of the project and include a method of valuation for the contribution.
Land (land that has previously been used as leverage towards other ONAP competitions may not be proposed as leveraging for this	Land valuation must be established using one of the following methods and documented in the application:
NOFO)	 A site-specific appraisal no more than two years old;
	 An appraisal of a nearby comparable site no more than two years old;
	 A reasonable extrapolation of land value based on current area realtor value guides, or
	 A reasonable extrapolation of land value based on recent sales of similar properties in the same area.

2. Leveraged resources exclusions:

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- Funds that have been expended on the project prior to the Period of Performance start date will not be counted as leverage. (Exception: the value of land acquisition and proposal costs);
- Indirect administrative costs as identified in 2 CFR part 200; and
- The value of an existing facility (if your application is to expand or rehab an existing facility).

Leveraged funds will be calculated by dividing total eligible leverage resources by the total project cost as identified on line 18g of the SF-424.

Example: Percentage of leverage = (equals) Total leverage resource amount/ (divided by) Total project cost (grant amount requested + total leverage resource amount).

3. Other considerations:

Only approved pre-award costs (land acquisition and proposal expenses) count as leverage. No other funds may be spent before the Period of Performance start date or before the Request for Release of Funds is approved. All leveraged resources must support the proposed project and be used during the proposed Period of Performance.

If you do not provide HUD with evidence of the firm commitment from the original leverage source or an alternative source within six months of the date of grant approval, or if the anticipated leverage is not provided; HUD will re-rate and re-rank the application with the updated leverage information. If the application does not meet a rating equal to or greater than the lowest rating received by a funded project during the most recent funding competition, HUD will rescind the grant and recapture grant funds. HUD reserves the right to terminate the grant for cause in accordance with 24 CFR 1003.702 or 1003.703, and to recapture the grant funds and may award such funds in accordance with 24 CFR 1003.102.

Applicants are reminded that all ICDBG requirements apply to the commitment or use of both ICDBG and non-ICDBG funds in a leveraged project. Federal sources are only allowed to be used as leveraging if permitted by a program's authorizing statute.

Additionally, environmental review requirements under 24 CFR part 58 apply to the commitment or use of both ICDBG and non-ICDBG funds in a leveraged project. See Section VI.B. of this NOFO for information related to this requirement.

Appendix IV. Area ONAP and Contact Information

Area ONAP	Contact/ Phone	Address
Alaska		3000 C Street, Suite 401 Anchorage, AK 99503
Eastern Woodlands	Mary.White@hud.gov	Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2404 Chicago, Illinois 606043507

I. Basic

Information

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Northwest	David.P.Boyd@hud.gov (206) 220-5270 or (202) 220- 6161	909 1st Avenue, Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98104-1000
Southern Plains	David.W.Southerland@hud.go v (405) 609-8520	301 N.W. 6th Street Suite 200 Oklahoma City, OK 73102
Southwest	Shane.T.Begay@hud.gov (602) 379-7213)	Phoenix Office 2800 N Central, Suite 700 Phoenix, AZ, 85004 Albuquerque Office 500
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