



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING  
AND DEVELOPMENT

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Ronald J. Kurtz, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, D

**THROUGH:** Claudette Fernandez, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, D

**FROM:** Caitlyn McKenney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Needs, DN

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) – Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025/CPD-2600-DC-0035

It is the finding of this office that the updated content of the attached Notice (Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity CPD-2600-DC-0035) does not constitute a substantive or significant change to the previously published Notices (FR-6700-N-35 and FR-6700-N-96), except that competitive awards are available for both the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and the Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) under this notice. This Notice does not constitute a major Federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

This Notice sets forth guidance governing the Youth Homelessness program, which is authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024), and the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4, approved March 15, 2025).

This brief Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact provides verification that the attached Environmental Assessment and FONSI for previous Funding Opportunity Number (FR-6700-N-35) remains applicable to this notice CPD-2600-DC-0035 insofar as this notice provides funding for the same scope of activities assisted under FR-6700-N-35.

This funding opportunity also includes funds for the Youth Homelessness System Improvement Awards, which were last competed under Notice FR-6700-N-96. In accordance with 24 CFR 50.19(b)(1), (2), (3), and (9), and 58.34(a)(1), (2), (3), and (9), activities carried out under the YHSI Notice were determined to be exempt or categorically excluded from

environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321) and not subject to environmental review under related laws and authorities, and therefore, the prior YHSI notice did not require an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact because the activities assisted have no significant environmental impact.

Accordingly, for the reasons explained above, this office makes a Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the environment for Notice CPD-2600-DC-0035, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 50, which implement Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.4332(2)(C)).

**Attachment:**

CPD-2600-DC-0035- Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity

Concurrences:

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Jemine A. Bryon, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
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**FROM:**   
Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance  
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**SUBJECT:** Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact  
under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) - Notice of  
Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Youth  
Homelessness Demonstration Program (FR-6800-N-35)

It is the finding of the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs that the updated content of the subject Notice (FR-6800-N-35) does not represent a substantive or significant change to the content of the previously published Notice (FR-6700-N-35). As such, the following determination remains: the subject Notice does not constitute a major federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement

The subject Notice sets out the guidance to govern the attached FY2023 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (FR-6800-N-35), which is authorized and funded by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) ("FY 2023 Appropriations Act).

This brief Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) provides verification that the attached Environmental Assessment and FONSI for FR-6700-N-35 remains applicable to this notice (FR-6800-N-35).

**Attachments**

- FY2023 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFO (FR-6800-N-35)
- FY2022 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFO (FR-6700-N-35)  
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March 21, 2023

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Jemine A. Bryon, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of  
Special Needs, DN

**FROM:**   
Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs  
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**SUBJECT:** Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact  
under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) - Notice  
of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Youth  
Homelessness Demonstration Program (FR-6700-N-35)

It is the finding of this office that the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) does not constitute a major Federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment, and therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The purpose of this NOFO is to select up to 25 communities to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness and to provide program information and application instructions for the YHDP Program. The funds announced in this NOFO were authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), approved March 15, 2022. Projects awarded under the YHDP may be eligible for renewal under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program when the initial grant term expires. The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389) (the Act), and the CoC Program regulations are found in 24 CFR Part 578 (the CoC Program interim rule).

The purpose of the YHDP is to learn how communities can successfully approach the goal of preventing and ending youth homelessness by building comprehensive systems of care for young people rather than implementing individual or unconnected projects that serve this population. Eligible activities include new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, rental assistance, leasing, supportive services, operating, HMIS, and planning.

Notwithstanding provisions at 24 CFR 578.31 and 24 CFR 578.99(a) of the CoC Program interim rule, and in accordance with Section 100261(3) of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405), activities under the YHDP NOFO are subject to environmental review by a responsible entity under 24 CFR Part 58. For activities under a grant to a Project Grant Recipient other than a responsible entity (a State, Tribe, or unit of general local government) that generally would be subject to review under Part 58, HUD may reject the use of a responsible entity to conduct the environmental review on the basis of performance, timing, or compatibility with objectives in accordance with 24 CFR 58.11 and perform the environmental review under the provisions of 24 CFR part 50.

Some activities funded under this NOFO are categorically excluded from review under NEPA and not subject to the related laws and authorities at 24 CFR 58.5 (CENST), including tenant-based rental assistance under 24 CFR 58.35(b)(1), clarified to include scattered-site projects where participants choose their own unit and are not restricted to units within a pre-determined specific project site or sites. Other CENST program activities include supportive services under 24 CFR 58.35(b)(2), and operating costs under 24 CFR 58.35(b)(3).

Under this NOFO and applicable law, the recipient, its project partners, and their contractors are prohibited from undertaking any actions that are choice-limiting or could have environmentally adverse effects, including: acquiring, rehabilitating, converting, leasing, repairing, disposing of, demolishing, or constructing property for a project under this NOFO, or committing or expending HUD or non-HUD funds for such eligible activities under this NOFO, until the responsible entity has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR Part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) have been approved, if applicable, or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the property. The Department will not release grant funds if the recipient or any other party commits grant funds before the recipient submits and HUD approves its RROF, if applicable. The environmental review may result in requirements for mitigation or selection of an alternative eligible property or other conditions.

This Office finds that issuance of this NOFO will not have a significant effect on the human environment because, prior to any recipient's commitment of funds for any activities that would have an environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives, an environmental review of these activities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related laws and authorities will be done. Thus, the environmental effects of activities assisted under this NOFO will be taken into account at the appropriate time and environmental impacts will be assessed in the local setting in which they will occur.

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