

which women are represented among senior personnel at SAMHSA.

A summary of the meeting and/or a roster of committee members may be obtained from: Jennifer B. Fiedelholz, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee for Women's Services, Office for Women's Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 13-99, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-5184.

Substantive information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

*Committee Name:* Advisory Committee for Women's Services.

*Meeting Dates:* March 16, 1995.

*Place:* The Maryland Room, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857

*Open:* 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Contact:* Jennifer B. Fiedelholz, Room 13-99, Parklawn Building, Telephone (301) 443-5184.

Dated February 10, 1995.

**Jeri Lipov,**

*Committee Management Officer Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing**

[Docket No. N-95-3778; FR-3682-N-02]

**Announcement of Funding Awards for Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Risk Assessments—Fiscal Year 1994**

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of funding awards for Fiscal Year 1994 under the Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessments. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the award winners and the amount of the awards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Marchman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Distressed and Troubled Housing Recovery, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., room 4138, Washington, DC. 20410, telephone (202)

401-8812. A telecommunications device (TDD) for persons with hearing and speech impediments is available at (202) 708-0850. (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992 (Pub. L. 102-139, approved October 28, 1991; at 105 Stat. 744) (1992 Appropriations Act) set aside of budget authority available for modernization of existing public housing developments, for the risk assessment of lead-based paint. However, amounts actually available from the appropriated amount were reduced because conversions from Section 8 (U.S. Housing Act of 1937)—funded section 202 (Housing Act of 1959) direct loan projects to rental assistance—funded section 202 grant projects did not occur at the rate anticipated by Congress in the Appropriations Act.

In a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published in the **Federal Register** on June 20, 1994 (59 FR 31906), the Department announced the availability of \$11,940,611. The purpose of the competition was to assist Public Housing Agencies and Indian Housing Authorities in risk assessment protocol to be used in conducting LBP risk assessment and in developing recommendations regarding in-place management.

In accordance with section 102 (a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (Pub. L. 101-235, approved December 15, 1989), the Department is publishing the names and addresses of the housing authorities which received funding under this NOFA, and the amount of funds awarded to each. This information is provided in Appendix A to this document.

Dated: February 9, 1995.

**Michael B. Janis,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

**Appendix A—Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessment Recipients**

Funding recipient (Name and address)	Amount approved
New Bedford Housing Authority, 134 S. Second Street, New Bedford, MA 02741. ....	24,597
Newark Housing Authority, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103. ....	10,395

Funding recipient (Name and address)	Amount approved
New York City Housing Authority, 250 Broadway, New York, NY 10007. ....	1,361,745
Baltimore City Housing Authority, 417 East Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. ....	1,530,979
Virgin Island Public Housing Authority, P. O. Box 7668, St. Thomas, VI 00801. ....	78,657
Spartanburg Public Housing Authority, P.O. Box 4534, Spartanburg, SC 29305. ....	20,000
Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte, P.O. Box 36795, Charlotte, NC 28237. ....	50,258
Housing Authority of the City of Durham, P.O. Box 1726, Durham, NC 27702. ....	49,500
Housing Authority of the City of Raleigh, P.O. Box 28007, Raleigh, NC 27611. ....	49,500
Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority, P.O. Box 218, Graceville, FL 32440. ....	53,100
Housing Authority of Bowling Green, P.O. Box 116, Bowling Green, KY 42102. ....	9,124
Brownsville Housing Authority, P.O. Box 194, Brownsville, TN 38012. ....	4,950
Lewisburg Housing Authority, P.O. Box 1846, Lewisburg, TN 37091. ....	4,950
Paris Housing Authority, P.O. Box 159, Paris, TN 38242. ....	5,940
Portland Housing Authority, P.O. Box 37, Portland, TN 37148. ..	2,475
Winchester Housing Authority, P.O. Box 502, Winchester, TN 37398. ....	2,475
Chicago Housing Authority, 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, IL 60602. ....	567,765
Pontiac Housing Commission, 132 Franklin Boulevard, Pontiac, MI 48341. ....	53,500
Lovington Housing Authority City of Lovington, P.O. Box 785, Lovington, NM 88260. ....	2,166
Housing Authority of the City of Bayard, P.O. Box 768, Bayard, NM 88023. ....	2,166

Funding recipient (Name and address)	Amount approved
Housing Authority of the Village of Central, P.O. Box 275, Central, NM 88026. ....	2,166
Total .....	\$3,888,076

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### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner

[Docket No. N-95-3785; FR-3724-N-02]

#### Interest Rate for the Section 235(r) Mortgage Insurance Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of change in interest rate.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a change in the maximum interest rate for mortgages to be insured under section 235(r) of the National Housing Act. The section 235(r) maximum interest rate is to be determined by the Secretary of HUD and published in the **Federal Register**. Mortgage market conditions now dictate that the Secretary increase the section 235(r) maximum rate from 8.50 percent to 9.00 percent. There is no change being made in the maximum margin of additional percentage points that may be added to the maximum rate if the established conditions are met. Therefore, the maximum for the premium section 235(r) interest rate will be 10.50 percent (9.00 percent for the rate of interest and 1.50 percent for the margin of additional percentage points).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 16, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John N. Dickie, Director, Program Evaluation Division, room B-133, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 755-7470, Ext. 117; (TDD) (202) 708-4594. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 235(r) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z) authorizes the Secretary to insure mortgages that refinance existing mortgages insured under section 235. The purpose of the program is to reduce the interest rate insured and assisted under section 235 in order that the assistance payments the Department pays on behalf of mortgagors may be reduced. The regulations implementing the program are contained in subpart H of 24 CFR part 235—refinancing of mortgages under section 235(r).

The interest rate for these loans is set by the Secretary and published in the **Federal Register** as authorized by 24 CFR 235.1202(b)(3). The previous section 235(r) interest rate of 8.50 percent was published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 1994 (59 FR 31267). The Department has determined that market conditions dictate a change in the section 235(r) interest rate. The change will take effect on the date of publication of this notice.

The most recent HUD survey of Mortgage Market conditions (i.e., Secondary Market Prices and Yields), an OMB-designated Principal Federal Indicator, found that the dominant national FHA rate being quoted to potential homebuyers for "lock-in" commitments of 60 days or more was 9.00 percent on October 1, 1994, with an average of .78 points, and an effective interest rate of 9.11 percent.

Most FHA mortgages are funded in the GNMA mortgage-backed securities market. There is a 50 basis point spread between FHA contract interest rates and GNMA coupon rates (this covers the GNMA guarantee fee and servicing cost). On November 14, 1994, the GNMA 8.00 percent coupon securities (8.50 percent FHA loans) were priced at more than 5 points discount. This level of discount tends to impede FHA loans to finance home purchases. On the other hand, the GNMA 8.50 percent security (9.00 percent FHA loans) was trading in the two-month forward market at around two points discount, while the 9.00 percent GNMA coupons (9.50 percent FHA mortgages) continued to trade at over par (i.e., premium). Under the FHA negotiated rate/points provisions a two point discount for 9.00 percent FHA mortgages would not be burdensome.

Adjusting the section 235(r) rate to 9.00 percent will bring this rate back into line with the rest of the FHA current production loans. Therefore, the maximum rate for section 235(r) mortgages is 9.00 percent beginning with the publication date of this notice. The maximum margin of additional percentage points that may be added to the maximum rate under 24 CFR 235.1202(b)(3)(i)(B) will remain at 1.50 percent.

The subject matter of this notice is categorically excluded from HUD's environmental clearance procedures, in accordance with 24 CFR 50.20(l). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

Dated: December 9, 1994.

**Nicolas P. Retsinas,**

*Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[PRT-798920]

#### Receipt of Application(s) for Permit

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*)

*Applicant:* S. Lee Stone, Austin Parks & Recreation Department, Austin, Texas.

The applicant requests a permit to include take activities for the black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*) for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of propagation and survival of the species as prescribed by Service recovery documents.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, and must be received by the Assistant Regional Director within 30 days for the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the above office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. (See **ADDRESSES** above.)

**Susan MacMullin,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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[PRT-798823]

#### Receipt of Application(s) for Permit

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C., *Et. Seq.*)

*Applicant:* Dr. Robert Hershler, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.