

**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. N-95-3862; FR-3846-N-03]

**Funding Availability for Fiscal Year 1995 for Innovative Project Funding Under the Innovative Homeless Initiatives Demonstration Program; Notice of Waiver**AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.  
ACTION: Notice of waiver.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a waiver, granted by the Secretary, of the minimum 30-day application period required under section 102(a) of the HUD Reform Act for the Innovative Homeless Initiatives Demonstration, which was announced in the **Federal Register** notice, published on January 25, 1995 (60 FR 4996). A notice extending the deadline for applications was published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 1995 (60 FR 5434).

DATES: February 24, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Pollack, Director, Program Development Division, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410. Telephone (202) 708-1234 (voice) or (202) 708-9300 or 1-800-877-8339 (only the 800 number is a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 102(a) of the HUD Reform Act (42 U.S.C. 3545(a)) sets out the requirements for notice to the public regarding assistance available from HUD. Section 102(a)(3) requires **Federal Register** publication of selection criteria not less than 30 days before the deadline for applications or requests for assistance. On January 25, 1995, the Department announced the availability of \$25 million in funds under the Innovative Homeless Initiatives Demonstration Program, which was authorized by the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (Pub.L. 103-120, approved October 27, 1993). The January 25, 1995 notice (NOFA) announced that all applications received at HUD Headquarters, Office of Community Planning and Development, at the address shown in the **Addresses** section of the January 25, 1995 NOFA by 6 p.m. local time on February 6, 1995, would be considered for funding. In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 1995 (60 FR 5434), the application deadline date was extended until 6:00 p.m. local time on February 13, 1995, with the same requirements as listed above. The time period was less than the 30-day

minimum application requirement under section 102(a)(3).

Section 102(a)(5) of the Reform Act permits the Secretary to waive the minimum 30-day application period "if the Secretary determines that the waiver is required for appropriate response to an emergency." The Secretary is also required to publish, in the **Federal Register**, his reasons for granting such a waiver.

The Department established a short application period for this NOFA in an effort to make funding quickly available to applicants who are in need of funding to assist homeless persons, especially during this time when harsh weather conditions necessitate greater and more immediate assistance to homeless persons. The Secretary determined that the continuing tragedy of homelessness, the desperate need for innovative solutions, the availability of funding under the Innovative Homeless Initiatives Demonstration, the unprecedented demand for assistance from HUD to fight homelessness, and the harsh weather conditions, when considered in combination, demonstrate that an emergency existed that justified the granting of a waiver of the 30-day application period required under section 102 of the HUD Reform Act.

Dated: February 21, 1995.

Henry G. Cisneros,  
Secretary.[FR Doc. 95-4628 Filed 2-23-95; 8:45 am]  
BILLING CODE 4210-32-P**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of the Secretary****Meeting of "Exxon Valdez" Oil Spill Public Advisory Group**AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.  
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Group to be held on Thursday and Friday, March 23-24, 1995, at 8:30 a.m. in the first floor conference room, 645 "G" Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Public Advisory Group was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered

into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991 and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The agenda will include the orientation of new Public Advisory Group members, the review of habitat protection efforts, the review of restoration activities, and discussion of long-range restoration science planning.

Dated: February 17, 1995.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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**Fish and Wildlife Service****Finding of No Significant Impact for an Incidental Take Permit for the Proposed Barton Creek Property Development, Southwest of Austin, Travis County, TX**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared an Environmental Assessment for issuance of a Section 10(a)(1)(B) permit for the incidental take of the Federally endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) during the construction and operation of a residential/commercial development in southwest Travis County, Texas.

**Proposed Action**

The proposed action is the issuance of a permit under Section 10(a)(1)(2) of the Endangered Species Act to authorize the incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler.

The Applicant plans to construct single-family, multi-family, and villa residences and commercial development on 4,684 acres southwest of Austin, Travis County, Texas. The proposed development will comply with all local, State, and Federal environmental regulations addressing environmental impacts associated with this type of development. Details of the mitigation are provided in the FM Properties Operating Company (Applicant) Barton Creek Property development Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan. Guarantees for implementation are provided in the Implementing Agreement and Habitat Maintenance Agreement. These conservation plan actions ensure that the criteria