

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft document entitled "Guidance for Industry: Notifying FDA of Fatalities Related to Blood Collection or Transfusion" dated June 2002. Under 21 CFR 606.170(b), fatalities related to blood collection or transfusion are required to be reported to CBER. The draft guidance document is intended to provide recommendations to a blood collection or transfusion facility on reporting fatalities related to blood or blood component collection or blood transfusion to CBER.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). This draft guidance document represents the agency's current thinking on this topic. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirement of the applicable statutes and regulations.

## II. Comments

This draft document is being distributed for comment purposes only and is not intended for implementation at this time. Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments regarding this draft guidance document. Submit written or electronic comments to ensure adequate consideration in preparation of the final document by September 3, 2002. Two copies of any written comments are to be submitted, except individuals may submit one copy. Comments should be identified with the docket number found in the brackets in the heading of this document. A copy of the document and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at either <http://www.fda.gov/cber/guidelines.htm> or <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/default.htm>.

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**Margaret M. Dotzel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## Administration for Children and Families

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Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Announcement for Services to Refugees<sup>1</sup>

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Request for applications for projects to support services for recently arrived refugees and ethnic community organizations. This notice announces two of the four Categories of the ORR Standing Announcement for Services to Recently Arrived Refugees published in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 2001 (66 FR 23705).

**SUMMARY:** This ORR Announcement invites submission of grant applications for funding, on a competitive basis, in two categories of the ORR Standing Announcement for Services to Recently Arrived Refugees: Category 2—Unanticipated Arrivals, to provide services to unanticipated arrivals, i.e., refugees who have been resettled in unexpected numbers in communities where linguistically or culturally appropriate services for these refugees do not exist and Category 4—Ethnic Community Self-Help to connect refugees and their communities with community resources.

**DATE:** The closing date for applications is July 5, 2002.

**Announcement Availability:** The program announcement and the application materials are available from Sue Benjamin and Marta Brenden, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447 and from the ORR Web site at [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/orr](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/orr).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Category 2—Sue Benjamin at (202) 401-

<sup>1</sup>Eligibility for refugee social services is limited to persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43 (as amended by 65 F.R. 1540, March 22, 2000) including: (1) Cuban and Haitian entrants under section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-422); (2) certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the U.S. as immigrants under section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, as included in the FY 1988 Continuing Resolution (Pub. L. 100-202); and (3) certain Amerasians from Vietnam, including U.S. citizens, under Title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1989 (Pub. L. 100-461), 1990 (Pub. L. 101-167), and 1991 (Pub. L. 101-513). For convenience, the term "refugee" is used in this notice to encompass all such eligible persons.

4851 or [SBenjamin@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:SBenjamin@acf.hhs.gov) and Category 4—Marta Brenden at (202) 205-3589 or [MBrenden@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:MBrenden@acf.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This program announcement consists of four parts:

*Part I:* Background, legislative authority, funding availability, CFDA Number, eligible applicants, project and budget periods, and for each of the four categories—program purpose and objectives, allowable activities, and review criteria.

*Part II:* The Review Process—intergovernmental review, initial ACF screening, competitive review and evaluation criteria.

*Part III:* The Application—application forms, application submission and deadlines, certifications, assurances and disclosures required for non-construction programs, general instructions for preparing a full project description, and length of applications.

*Part IV:* Post-award—applicable regulations, treatment of program income, and reporting requirements.

*Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13):* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 16 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. The following information collections are included in the program announcement: OMB Approval No. 0970-0139, ACF UNIFORM PROJECT DESCRIPTION (UPD) attached as Appendix A, which expires 12/30/03 and OMB Approval No. 0970-0036, ORR Quarterly Performance Report (QPR) and Schedule C which expire 7/31/02. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

## Part I: Background

The ORR Director, as stated in the Standing Announcement for Services to Recently Arrived Refugees notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 2001 (66 FR 23705), may invite applications outside of the proposed closing dates, if necessary, to respond to the needs of an imminently arriving refugee population. For this reason, the ORR Director intends to support under this announcement unanticipated arrivals of refugees in U.S. communities. The ORR Director also intends to support refugee ethnic community and faith-based organizations with this announcement.

### Legislative Authority

This program is authorized by section 412(c)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)(8 U.S.C. 1522(b)(5)), as amended, which authorizes the Director "to make grants to, and enter into contracts with, public or private nonprofit agencies for projects specifically designed-(i) to assist refugees in obtaining the skills which are necessary for economic self-sufficiency, including projects for job training, employment services, day care, professional refresher training, and other recertification services; (ii) to provide training in English where necessary (regardless of whether the refugees are employed or receiving cash or other assistance); and (iii) to provide where specific needs have been shown and recognized by the Director, health (including mental health) services, social services, educational and other services."

### Funding Availability

ORR expects to award a total of \$500,000 in discretionary social service funds through approximately three to five projects under Category 2—Unanticipated Arrivals ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for a total of \$500,000; and 6 to 12 projects under Category 4—Ethnic Community Self-Help ranging from \$50,000 to \$300,000 for a total of \$3,000,000.

The Director of ORR reserves the right to award less, or more than the funds described in this announcement. In the absence of worthy applications, the Director may decide not to make an award if deemed in the best interest of the government. Funding availability for future years is at the Director's discretion.

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### Eligible Applicants

For Categories 2 and 4, public and private nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Faith-based organizations are also eligible to apply under Categories 2 and 4. ORR expects that applicants in these Categories will coordinate in partnerships with other local organizations in considering projects and proposing services. Any private nonprofit organization submitting an application must submit proof of its nonprofit status at the time of submission. A nonprofit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of the applicant's listing in the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) most recent list of tax-exempt organizations or by providing a copy of the currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate.

An applicant may submit more than one application under this announcement, but must apply separately for each category.

### Project and Budget Periods

ORR invites applications under Category 2 for a single 17-month budget period. Applicants should view these resources as a temporary solution to an immediate need created by unanticipated arrivals.

ORR invites applications under Category 4 for project periods of up to three years. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for one-year budget periods. Applications for continuation grants, to extend activities beyond the one-year budget period, will be entertained on a noncompetitive basis, subject to availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantee, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the Government.

### Category 2—Unanticipated Arrivals

#### Purpose and Objectives

The purpose ORR seeks to achieve through Category 2, Unanticipated Arrivals, is to provide additional resources to communities where the arrival of refugees is not anticipated and the refugee services are insufficient. Under these circumstances, resources are needed to provide additional service capacity to accommodate the additional refugees. Through Category 2—Unanticipated Arrivals—ORR intends to offer to communities the resources to respond to the unanticipated arrivals with adequate and culturally and linguistically appropriate social services.

Under Category 2, ORR invites applications that propose seventeen-month projects for a minimum of 100 refugees annually. Examples of situations for which applicants may request funds for grants under Category 2 are as follows: (1) The existing service system does not have culturally and linguistically compatible staff; (2) refugee services do not presently exist; or (3) the service capacity is not sufficient to accommodate significant increases in arrivals.

This grant program is intended to provide for services that respond to the needs of new refugee populations shortly after arrival into the community. Grantees should view these resources, therefore, as a *temporary* solution to insufficient services necessitating program adjustment because of the unanticipated arrival of a refugee population in a specific community. Therefore, planning for the application

and implementation of the program must be done in concert with the State Refugee Coordinator to assure an orderly transition and complement of services. ORR's expectation is that, by the end of the grant project period, the State government will have incorporated services for these new populations into its refugee services network funded by ORR formula social service dollars. The transition of the services should be described in the last two quarterly performance reports.

### Allowable Activities

Allowable activities in the unanticipated arrivals program are social services for refugees that are appropriate and accessible in language and culture. Services provided by all grantees, whether private or public, must comply with the regulations at 45 CFR 400.147, 400.150 (a), and 400.154–156 regarding priorities for services, eligibility for services, scope of services, and service requirements.

Applications under this section should indicate how the grantee will ensure that services are appropriate and accessible in language and culture.

### Review Criteria

1. *Objectives and Need*—The application establishes that the unanticipated number of at least 100 refugees or more is significant relative to the resident population. The applicant documents the most recent 12-month period of refugee arrivals, both anticipated and unanticipated. The application includes a description of the need for services and how funding through the Unanticipated Arrivals program would meet those needs. The application, supported by a letter from the relevant voluntary agency headquarters, documents the planned projections of refugees for the next 12 months. (25 points)

2. *Approach*—The strategy and plan are likely to achieve the proposed results; the proposed activities and timeframes are reasonable and feasible. The plan describes in detail how the proposed activities will be accomplished as well as the potential for the project to increase the available services for unanticipated arriving refugees. Assurance is provided that proposed services will be delivered in a manner that is linguistically and culturally appropriate to the target population. Where coalition partners are proposed, the applicant has described each partner agency's respective role and financial responsibilities, and how the coalition will enhance the accomplishment of the project goals. The applicant has described the

planning consultation efforts undertaken. The State Refugee Coordinator indicated an interest in continuing these services to the Unanticipated Arrivals through their State formula social service funds. (20 points)

3. *Results or Benefits Expected*—The application clearly describes the project goals; appropriateness of the performance measures to the project activities; appropriateness of the performance outcomes and the results and benefits to be achieved. The application describes how the impact of the funds will be measured on key indicators associated with the purpose of the project. Proposed outcomes are measurable and achievable within the grant project period, and the proposed monitoring and information collection is adequately planned. (20 points)

4. *Organizational Profiles*—Individual organization staff, including volunteers, are well qualified. The administrative and management features of the project, including a plan for fiscal and programmatic management of each activity, is described in detail with proposed start-up times, ongoing timelines, major milestones or benchmarks, a component/project organization chart, and a staffing chart. The applicant has provided a copy of its most recent audit report. Evidence of commitment of any coalition partners in implementing the activities is demonstrated, e.g., by Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) among participants. (20 points)

5. *Budget and Budget Justification*—The budget and narrative justification are reasonable, clearly presented, and cost-effective in relation to the proposed activities and anticipated results. (15 points)

#### *Category 4—Ethnic Community Self-Help*

##### **Purpose and Objectives**

This program is to provide assistance to organized ethnic communities comprised of and representative of refugee populations. ORR's intended purpose is to build bridges among refugee communities and community resources. ORR is interested in applications from national, regional (multi-state), or local levels that address community building, cultural adjustment orientation, and mutually supportive functions such as information exchange, civic participation, and resource enhancement.

Respondents to this program category will be of two general types:

(1) Multi-site or national ethnic organizations which propose to develop or strengthen local ethnic groups and/or a national network of ethnic community entities for purposes of linking refugees to community resources; or,

(2) Emerging local ethnic communities which seek to function as bridges between refugees and mainstream local resources and organizations.

A community is self-sufficient when it has the capacity to generate and control its own resources, determine its own goals, set priorities, plan and mobilize community members, including the elderly, women and youth, to work together to achieve these goals, and to create collaborations with others from within and outside the community to further these goals.

ORR recognizes that one key to strengthening communities is the development of strong community based organizations (CBOs). A strong ethnic organization can tap into the community's desire for self-help, improve services, support leaders, attract various resources, explore housing and economic opportunities, collaborate with mainstream agencies and groups, and at the same time, remain accountable to the community.

Strong CBOs can also facilitate positive interaction between refugees and established residents in mainstream communities. The ability to organize and to voice their concerns collectively gives refugees a better sense of identity and hope for their own and their community's future. Refugee self-help groups can be important building blocks for effective resettlement and can function as bridges between the refugee community and local resources.

Many refugees who arrived in this country during the past century organized themselves around self-help in order to assist their own members, to foster long term community growth, to preserve their cultural heritage, and to assist community members in securing employment and other social services. Many refugees who have come to the United States in recent years have not yet organized; consequently, they may be experiencing barriers to accessing mainstream resources and full participation in the economic, social, and civic activities of the larger community. They are distinguished in part by a lack of information about the process of community organizing for self-help.

ORR has found that effective refugee self-help groups result in:

○ A shared, dynamic vision of the community's future which inspires

members to work together to secure that future;

○ A perception of refugees not as needy recipients but as active partners in their integration into their communities;

○ A link between individual self-sufficiency and community self-reliance;

○ Local communities which apply their own cultural, civic, and socio-economic values to long term strategies and programs;

○ A role for refugees as decision-makers on community needs, program responses, and service delivery systems;

○ Local resources (generated through service delivery or economic development) that stay within the community; and

○ Collaboration among refugee and mainstream service providers, policy makers, and public and private institutions.

In recognition of the special vulnerability of newly arrived populations, ORR intends to provide support to refugee ethnic communities who have achieved significant populations in the United States within the last ten years. Awards will be based on the applicant's justification and documentation, including such factors as community service needs and available resources.

ORR expects applicants to match federal funds and to consider how they might document proposed receipt of funds from other (non-ORR) sources toward cost sharing of the project.<sup>2</sup> The requirement will be not less than 10% of the requested funding for the first year award, 15% for the second year award, and 25% for the third year award.

##### **Allowable Activities**

Successful national organization applicants to this notice may propose activities that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Organizing for self-help, leadership development and civic participation;
- Inspiring self-determination;
- Linking technical assistance and resources to local ethnic communities;

<sup>2</sup> "Cost-sharing" is used here to refer to any situation in which the grantee shares in the costs of a project. The term "recipient contributions" refers to costs borne by the grantee, either through cash outlay or the provision of services. "In-kind contributions" means the value of goods and/or services donated by third parties. Grantees are not considered as providing in-kind contributions. The cost-sharing or in-kind contribution costs are subject to the rules governing allowability in 45 CFR 74.23 or 92.24, including allowability under the applicable cost principles and conformance with other terms and conditions of the award that govern the expenditure of Federal funds.

- Supporting public education and agency linkage through an Internet site;
- Facilitating information dissemination on ethnic-specific issues;

or

- Convening of national or regional meetings.

Successful local ethnic self-help applicants to this notice may propose any of the following activities:

- Public education activities designed to inform the refugee community about issues essential to functioning effectively in the new society;

- Orientation and assistance to parents in connecting with school systems and other local public or private institutions;

- Dissemination of information on access to community health and mental health services, including health care for the uninsured, health insurance, health maintenance organizations, the importance of preventive health, required immunizations, and available universal coverage;

- Pairing refugee individuals or families with community volunteers;

Information and training on the roles of men and women in the U.S. culture; such as:

- Information on healthy marriage education programs and partnerships with healthy marriage community and faith-based programs;

- Information on laws regarding child welfare, child abuse and neglect;

- Information on sexual harassment and coercion, and domestic violence;

- Bilingual staff assistance for women's shelters, and

- Techniques for self-protection;

- Activities designed to improve relations between refugees and the law enforcement communities;

- Community training for such activities as civic organizing, resource strategies, and non-profit management.

- Employment and training related services.

The above are examples of services. Applicants may propose other relevant services and may request funds to cover core or general operating expenses. In all instances, however, activities must be designed to supplement, rather than to supplant, the existing array of refugee services available in the community.

Applicants must give assurance that their governing bodies, boards of directors, or advisory bodies are knowledgeable and responsive to refugee concerns. This can be demonstrated through majority refugee representation on these bodies or through some other way. Women should be included on these representative bodies, as well.

Planning and coalition-building should be guided by the overarching

goal of improving the economic condition of refugee families and of giving them the information needed to achieve social and civic integration into their new country and their new communities.

#### Non-Allowable Activities

Funds will not be awarded to applicants for the purpose of engaging in activities of a distinctly political nature, activities designed exclusively to promote the preservation of a specific cultural heritage, or activities with an international objective (i.e., activities related to events in the refugees' country of origin).

Review Criteria—Listed According to UPD Order

1. *Objectives and Need for Assistance*—The applicant clearly describes the need for ethnic organizing in the community proposed and documents an understanding of the distinguishing characteristics of the relevant ethnic group. The principal and subordinate objectives are clearly stated; supporting documentation, such as letters of support from concerned interests are included. The applicant describes in detail how the ethnic community has been involved in the project planning, how project participants are identified, and provides evidence of their support for the plan of action. Planning studies incorporating demographic data and participant information are referenced or included as needed. (15 points)

2. *Approach*—The strategy and plan is likely to achieve the proposed results; the proposed activities and timeframes are reasonable and feasible. The reason for taking the proposed approach to community organizing is adequately described. Proposed activities are likely to lead to desired outcomes, and the project is likely to lead to increased ethnic community self-help. (25 points)

3. *Results or Benefits Expected*—The applicant describes outcomes which are likely to be reached through community organizing. Two or more key indicators associated with ethnic community self-help are provided as measures of the impact of the proposed project. Proposed outcomes are measurable and achievable within the grant project period, and the proposed monitoring, information collection, and documentation are adequately planned. (20 points)

4. *Organizational Profiles*—Individual organization staff, including volunteers, proposed partners and consultants, if any, are well qualified. The administrative and management features of the project, including a plan for fiscal

and programmatic management of each activity, is described in detail with proposed start-up times, ongoing timelines, major milestones or benchmarks, a component/project organization chart, and a staffing chart. The applicant has provided a copy of its most recent audit report or fiscal management plan. If appropriate, written agreements between grantees and sub-grantees or other cooperating entities, detailing work to be performed, remuneration, and other terms and conditions that structure or define the relationship to this project, are provided. (25 points)

5. *Budget and Budget Justification*—The budget and narrative justification are reasonable, clearly presented, and cost-effective in relation to the proposed activities and anticipated results. The cost-sharing plan is likely to be achieved and is appropriate to the overall funding request, and the level of activity—national or local. (15 points)

#### Part II: The Review Process

Intergovernmental Review—This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

\* All States and Territories except Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa and Palau have elected to participate in the Executive Order process and have established Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). Applicants from these twenty-eight jurisdictions need take no action regarding E.O. 12372. Applicants for projects to be administered by Federally-recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of E.O. 12372. Otherwise, applicants should contact their SPOCs as soon as possible to alert them of the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. It is imperative that the applicant submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date

of this submittal (or indicate "not applicable" if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards.

SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations.

Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which may trigger the "accommodate or explain" rule.

When comments are submitted directly to ACF, they should be addressed to: ORR Grants Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 4th floor, Washington, DC 20447.

A list of the Single Points of Contact for each participating State and Territory can be found on the web at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/index.html>.

**Initial ACF Screening**—Each application submitted under this program announcement will undergo a pre-review to determine that (1) the application was received by the closing date and submitted in accordance with the instructions in this announcement and (2) the applicant is eligible for funding.

**Competitive Review and Evaluation Criteria**—Applications which pass the initial ACF screening will be evaluated and rated by an independent review panel on the basis of evaluation criteria specified in Part I. The evaluation criteria were designed to assess the quality of a proposed project, and to determine the likelihood of its success. The evaluation criteria are closely related and are considered as a whole in judging the overall quality of an application. Points are awarded only to applications which are responsive to the evaluation criteria within the context of this program announcement.

Applications received for each Category will be scored and ranked only within the Category designated on the SF 424, e.g. in one of the two program areas.

### Part III: The Application

In order to be considered for a grant under this program announcement, an application must be submitted on the forms supplied and in the manner prescribed by ACF. Selected elements of the ACF Uniform Project Description (UPD) relevant to this program

announcement are attached as Appendix A.

**Application Forms**—Applicants for financial assistance under this announcement must file the Standard Form (SF) 424, Application for Federal Assistance; SF 424A, Budget Information/Non-construction Programs; SF 424B, Assurances/Non-Construction Programs. The forms may be reproduced for use in submitting applications. Application materials including forms and instructions are available from the Contact named in the preamble of this announcement and from the ORR website.

**Application Submission And Deadlines**—An application with an original signature and two clearly identified copies is required. Applicants must clearly indicate on the SF424 the Category under which the application is submitted.

The closing date for submission of applications is July 5, 2002.

Mailed applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late. Mailed applications shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are either received on or before the deadline date and received by ACF in time for the independent review to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, Attention: Daphne Weeden, Grants Officer, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20447.

Applicants must ensure that a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or a legibly dated, machine produced postmark of a commercial mail service is affixed to the envelope/package containing the application(s). To be acceptable as proof of timely mailing, a postmark from a commercial mail service must include the logo/emblem of the commercial mail service company and must reflect the date the package was received by the commercial mail service company from the applicant. Private Metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. (Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed.)

Applications hand-carried by applicants, applicant couriers, or by other representatives of the applicant shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are received on or before the deadline date, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EST, at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, 4th Floor, Aerospace

Building, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447 between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal holidays). The address must appear on the envelope/package containing the application with the note "Attention: Grants Officer." (Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed.)

ACF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Therefore, applications transmitted to ACF electronically will not be accepted regardless of date or time of submission and time of receipt.

**Late applications:** Applications which do not meet the criteria above are considered late applications. ACF shall notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered in the current competition.

**Extension of deadlines:** ACF may extend application deadlines when circumstances such as acts of God (floods, hurricanes, etc.) occur, or when there are widespread disruptions of mail service. Determinations to extend or waive deadline requirements rest with the Chief Grants Management Officer.

**For Further Information on Application Deadlines Contact:** Daphne Weeden, Grants Officer, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20447, Telephone: (202) 401-4577.

**Certifications, Assurances, And Disclosure Required For Non-Construction Programs**—Applicants requesting financial assistance for non-construction projects must file the Standard Form 424B, "Assurances: Non-Construction Programs." Applicants must sign and return the Standard Form 424B with their applications.

Applicants must provide a signed certification regarding lobbying with their applications, when applying for an award in excess of \$100,000. Applicants who have used non-Federal funds for lobbying activities in connection with receiving assistance under this announcement shall complete a disclosure form to report lobbying.

Applicants must make the appropriate certification of their compliance with the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988. By signing and submitting the application, the applicant is providing the certification and need not mail back the certification with the applications.

Applicants must make the appropriate certification that they are not presently debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible for an award. By signing and submitting the application, the applicant is providing the certification

need not mail back the certification with the applications.

### General Instructions for Preparing a Full Project Description

The project description provides a major means by which an application is evaluated and ranked to compete with other applications for available assistance. The project description should be concise and complete and should address the activity for which Federal funds are being requested. Supporting documents should be included where they can present information clearly and succinctly. Applicants are encouraged to provide information on their organizational structure, staff, related experience, and other information considered relevant. Awarding offices use this and other information to determine whether the applicant has the capability and resources necessary to carry out the proposed project. It is important, therefore, that this information be included in the application. However, in the narrative the applicant must distinguish between resources directly related to the proposed project from those that will not be used in support of the specific project for which funds are requested. Please refer to the UPD sections in the appendix.

**Length of Applications**—Each application narrative should not exceed 20 pages in a 12-pitch font. Attachments and appendices should not exceed 25 pages and should be used only to provide supporting documentation such as administration charts, position descriptions, resumes, and letters of intent or partnership agreements. A table of contents and an executive summary should be included but will not count in the page limitations. Each page should be numbered sequentially, including the attachments or appendices. This limitation of 20 pages per program area should be considered as a maximum, and not necessarily a goal. Application forms are not to be counted in the page limit.

Please do not include books or videotapes as they are not easily reproduced and are, therefore, inaccessible to the reviewers.

### Part IV: Post-Award

**Applicable Regulations**—Applicable DHHS regulations can be found in 45 CFR part 74 or 92.

**Treatment of Program Income**—Program income from activities funded under this program may be retained by the recipient and added to the funds committed to the project, and used to further program objectives.

**Reporting Requirements**—Grantees are required to file the Financial Status Report (SF-269) semi-annually and the Program Performance Reports submitted semi-annually, along with the Schedule C of the ORR Performance Report. Category Four grantees should note that Program Performance Reports are due quarterly.

Funds issued under these awards must be accounted for and reported under the distinct grant number ascribed. Although ORR does not expect the proposed projects to include evaluation activities, it does expect grantees to maintain adequate records to track and report on project outcomes and expenditures. The official receipt point for all reports and correspondence is the ORR Grants Officer, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20447, Telephone: (202) 401-4577. An original and one copy of each report shall be submitted within 30 days of the end of each reporting period directly to the Grants Officer.

A final Financial and Program Report shall be due 90 days after the project expiration date or termination of Federal budget support.

Dated: May 22, 2002.

**Nguyen Van Hanh,**

*Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement.*

### Appendix A—Uniform Project Description OMB No. 0970-0139

The project description is approved under OMB control number 0970-0139 which expires 12/31/03.

#### Part I: The Project Description Overview

##### *Purpose*

The project description provides a major means by which an application is evaluated and ranked to compete with other applications for available assistance. The project description should be concise and complete and should address the activity for which Federal funds are being requested. Supporting documents should be included where they can present information clearly and succinctly. In preparing your project description, all information requested through each specific evaluation criteria should be provided. Awarding offices use this and other information in making their funding recommendations. It is important, therefore, that this information be included in the application.

##### *General Instructions*

ACF is particularly interested in specific factual information and statements of measurable goals in quantitative terms. Project descriptions are evaluated on the basis of substance, not length. Extensive exhibits are not required. Cross referencing should be used rather than repetition.

Supporting information concerning activities that will not be directly funded by the grant or information that does not directly pertain to an integral part of the grant funded activity should be placed in an appendix.

Pages should be numbered and a table of contents should be included for easy reference.

### Part II: General Instructions for Preparing a Full Project Description

#### *Introduction*

Applicants required to submit a full project description shall prepare the project description statement in accordance with the following instructions and the specified evaluation criteria. The instructions give a broad overview of what your project description should include while the evaluation criteria expands and clarifies more program-specific information that is needed.

#### *Project Summary/Abstract*

Provide a summary of the project description (a page or less) with reference to the funding request.

#### *Objectives and Need for Assistance*

Clearly identify the physical, economic, social, financial, institutional, and/or other problem(s) requiring a solution. The need for assistance must be demonstrated and the principal and subordinate objectives of the project must be clearly stated; supporting documentation, such as letters of support and testimonials from concerned interests other than the applicant, may be included. Any relevant data based on planning studies should be included or referred to in the endnotes/footnotes. Incorporate demographic data and participant/beneficiary information, as needed. In developing the project description, the applicant may volunteer or be requested to provide information on the total range of projects currently being conducted and supported (or to be initiated), some of which may be outside the scope of the program announcement.

#### *Results or Benefits Expected*

Identify the results and benefits to be derived.

#### *Approach*

Outline a plan of action which describes the scope and detail of how the proposed work will be accomplished. Account for all functions or activities identified in the application. Cite factors which might accelerate or decelerate the work and state your reason for taking the proposed approach rather than others. Describe any unusual features of the project such as design or technological innovations, reductions in cost or time, or extraordinary social and community involvement.

Provide quantitative monthly or quarterly projections of the accomplishments to be achieved for each function or activity in such terms as the number of people to be served and the number of activities accomplished. When accomplishments cannot be quantified by activity or function, list them in chronological order to show the schedule of accomplishments and their target dates.

If any data is to be collected, maintained, and/or disseminated, clearance may be required from the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This clearance pertains to any "collection of information that is conducted or sponsored by ACF."

List organizations, cooperating entities, consultants, or other key individuals who will work on the project along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution.

#### *Staff and Position Data*

Provide a biographical sketch for each key person appointed and a job description for each vacant key position. A biographical sketch will also be required for new key staff as appointed.

#### *Organizational Profiles*

Provide information on the applicant organization(s) and cooperating partners such as organizational charts, financial statements, audit reports or statements from CPAs/Licensed Public Accountants, Employer Identification Numbers, names of bond carriers, contact persons and telephone numbers, child care licenses and other documentation of professional accreditation, information on compliance with Federal/State/local government standards, documentation of experience in the program area, and other pertinent information. Any non-profit organization submitting an application must submit proof of its non-profit status in its application at the time of submission.

The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of the applicant's listing in the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) most recent list of tax-exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, or by providing a copy of the currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate, or by providing a copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

#### *Third-Party Agreements*

Include written agreements between grantees and subgrantees or subcontractors or other cooperating entities. These agreements must detail scope of work to be performed, work schedules, remuneration, and other terms and conditions that structure or define the relationship.

#### *Letters of Support*

Provide statements from community, public and commercial leaders that support the project proposed for funding. All submissions should be included in the application *OR* by application deadline.

#### *Budget and Budget Justification*

Provide line item detail and detailed calculations for each budget object class identified on the Budget Information form. Detailed calculations must include estimation methods, quantities, unit costs, and other similar quantitative detail sufficient for the calculation to be duplicated. The detailed budget must also include a breakout by the funding sources identified in Block 15 of the SF-424.

Provide a narrative budget justification that describes how the categorical costs are derived. Discuss the necessity, reasonableness, and allocability of the proposed costs.

#### *General*

The following guidelines are for preparing the budget and budget justification. Both Federal and non-Federal resources shall be detailed and justified in the budget and narrative justification. For purposes of preparing the budget and budget justification, "Federal resources" refers only to the ACF grant for which you are applying. Non-Federal resources are all other Federal and non-Federal resources. It is suggested that budget amounts and computations be presented in a columnar format: first column, object class categories; second column, Federal budget; next column(s), non-Federal budget(s), and last column, total budget. The budget justification should be a narrative.

#### *Personnel*

*Description:* Costs of employee salaries and wages.

*Justification:* Identify the project director or principal investigator, if known. For each staff person, provide the title, time commitment to the project (in months), time commitment to the project (as a percentage or full-time equivalent), annual salary, grant salary, wage rates, etc. Do not include the costs of consultants or personnel costs of delegate agencies or of specific project(s) or businesses to be financed by the applicant.

#### *Fringe Benefits*

*Description:* Costs of employee fringe benefits unless treated as part of an approved indirect cost rate.

*Justification:* Provide a breakdown of the amounts and percentages that comprise fringe benefit costs such as health insurance, FICA, retirement insurance, taxes, etc.

#### *Travel*

*Description:* Costs of project-related travel by employees of the applicant organization (does not include costs of consultant travel).

*Justification:* For each trip, show the total number of traveler(s), travel destination, duration of trip, per diem, mileage allowances, if privately owned vehicles will be used, and other transportation costs and subsistence allowances. Travel costs for key staff to attend ACF-sponsored workshops should be detailed in the budget.

#### *Equipment*

*Description:* "Equipment" means an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of (a) the capitalization level established by the organization for the financial statement purposes, or (b) \$5,000. (**Note:** Acquisition cost means the net invoice unit price of an item of equipment, including the cost of any modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for the purpose for which it is acquired. Ancillary charges, such as taxes, duty, protective in-transit insurance, freight, and installation shall be included in or excluded from acquisition cost in

accordance with the organization's regular written accounting practices.) *Justification:* For each type of equipment requested, provide a description of the equipment, the cost per unit, the number of units, the total cost, and a plan for use on the project, as well as use or disposal of the equipment after the project ends. An applicant organization that uses its own definition for equipment should provide a copy of its policy or section of its policy which includes the equipment definition.

#### *Supplies*

*Description:* Costs of all tangible personal property other than that included under the Equipment category.

*Justification:* Specify general categories of supplies and their costs. Show computations and provide other information which supports the amount requested.

#### *Contractual*

*Description:* Costs of all contracts for services and goods except for those which belong under other categories such as equipment, supplies, construction, etc. Third-party evaluation contracts (if applicable) and contracts with secondary recipient organizations, including delegate agencies and specific project(s) or businesses to be financed by the applicant, should be included under this category.

*Justification:* All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition. Recipients and subrecipients, other than States that are required to use Part 92 procedures, must justify any anticipated procurement action that is expected to be awarded without competition and exceed the simplified acquisition threshold fixed at 41 USC 403(11) currently set at \$100,000. Recipients might be required to make available to ACF pre-award review and procurement documents, such as request for proposals or invitations for bids, independent cost estimates, etc.

**Note:** Whenever the applicant intends to delegate part of the project to another agency, the applicant must provide a detailed budget and budget narrative for each delegate agency, by agency title, along with the required supporting information referred to in these instructions.

#### *Other*

Enter the total of all other costs. Such costs, where applicable and appropriate, may include but are not limited to insurance, food, medical and dental costs (noncontractual), professional services costs, space and equipment rentals, printing and publication, computer use, training costs, such as tuition and stipends, staff development costs, and administrative costs.

*Justification:* Provide computations, a narrative description and a justification for each cost under this category.

#### *Indirect Charges*

*Description:* Total amount of indirect costs. This category should be used only when the applicant currently has an indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or another cognizant Federal agency.

*Justification:* An applicant that will charge indirect costs to the grant must enclose a copy of the current rate agreement. If the applicant organization is in the process of initially developing or renegotiating a rate, it should immediately upon notification that an award will be made, develop a tentative indirect cost rate proposal based on its most recently completed fiscal year in accordance with the principles set forth in the cognizant agency's guidelines for establishing indirect cost rates, and submit it to the cognizant agency. Applicants awaiting approval of their indirect cost proposals may also request indirect costs. It should be noted that when an indirect cost rate is requested, those costs included in the indirect cost pool should not also be charged as direct costs to the grant. Also, if the applicant is requesting a rate which is less than what is allowed under the program, the authorized representative of the applicant organization must submit a signed acknowledgement that the applicant is accepting a lower rate than allowed.

#### *Program Income*

*Description:* The estimated amount of income, if any, expected to be generated from this project.

*Justification:* Describe the nature, source and anticipated use of program income in the budget or refer to the pages in the application which contain this information.

#### *Nonfederal Resources*

*Description:* Amounts of non-Federal resources that will be used to support the project as identified in Block 15 of the SF-424.

*Justification:* The firm commitment of these resources must be documented and submitted with the application in order to be given credit in the review process. A detailed budget must be prepared for each funding source.

*Total Direct Charges, Total Indirect Charges, Total Project Costs.*

[Self-explanatory]

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4739-N-16]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Emergency Comment Request; HUD's Loss Mitigation Default Counseling Program Demonstration

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** June 11, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number (pending) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Wayne.Eddins@HUD.gov*; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, an information collection package with respect to the documentation method to verify the voucher for reimbursement which will be used in HUD's Loss Mitigation Default Counseling Demonstration Program. Each of the Housing Counseling Agencies (HCAs) that are participating in the Demonstration will be eligible to be reimbursed each time a completed Loss Mitigation package is referred to one of the four lenders participating in the Demonstration. Each referral must be documented by the HCAs through a voucher form. HUD will reimburse the lender for each paid counseling claim. A single response to the information collection requirement would be required per default counseling referral.

HUD's Loss Mitigation Default Counseling Demonstration offers one way to address the HCAs' chronic

shortage of default counselors, the Department's need to test the effectiveness of early default intervention, provide counseling on predatory lending avoidance, and increase workouts in high default areas. The necessity for immediate use of new information collection requirements, which includes the use of a voucher form, is a critical factor to helping stabilize defaulted homeowners and reducing claim losses to FHA. HUD is requesting that OMB approve this information collection by June 10, 2002.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title Of Proposal:* HUD's Loss Mitigation Default Counseling Demonstration.

*OMB Control Number:* 2502-NEW.

*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members Of Affected Public:* Four lenders participating in the Demonstration, the HUD approved Housing Counseling Agencies participating in this Demonstration.