

NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$400,000 made available under the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Public Law 112–10, enacted April 15, 2011.

The purpose of the Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program is to enable doctoral candidates enrolled at institutions of higher education accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to complete and improve the quality of their dissertations on policy-relevant housing and urban development issues.

The notice providing information regarding the application process, funding criteria and eligibility requirements, application and instructions can be found using the Department of Housing and Urban Development agency link on the *Grants.gov*/Find Web site at <http://www.grants.gov/search/agency.do>. A link to the funding opportunity is also available on the HUD Web site at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail. The link from the funds available page will take you to the agency link on *Grants.gov*. The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 14.516. Applications must be submitted electronically through *Grants.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the agency contact identified in the program NOFA. Program staff will not be available to provide guidance on how to prepare the application. Questions regarding the 2011 General Section should be directed to the Office of Grants Management and Oversight at (202) 708–0667 or the NOFA Information Center at 800–HUD–8929 (toll free). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

Dated: June 9, 2011.

Barbara S. Dorf,

Director, Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight, Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5500–N–17]

Notice of Web Availability: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative—Planning Grants

AGENCY: Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD announces the availability on its Web site and *Grants.gov* applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria, and other requirements for HUD's FY2011 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Program—Planning Grants NOFA. Specifically, this NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$3.6 million made available under the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Public Law 112–10, enacted April 15, 2011.

The purpose of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative-Planning Grant Program is to support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which, when implemented, may be expected to achieve the following three core goals:

1. *Housing:* Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long-term;
2. *People:* Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development(s) and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents' health, safety, employment, mobility, and education; and
3. *Neighborhood:* Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs.

To achieve these core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. This Transformation Plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units, while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding

neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

The notice providing information regarding the application process, funding criteria and eligibility requirements, application and instructions can be found using the Department of Housing and Urban Development agency link on the *Grants.gov*/Find Web site at <http://www.grants.gov/search/agency.do>. A link to the funding opportunity is also available on the HUD Web site at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail.

The link from the funds available page will take you to the agency link on *Grants.gov*.

The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 14.889. Applications must be submitted electronically through *Grants.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the agency contact identified in the program NOFA. Program staff will not be available to provide guidance on how to prepare the application. Questions regarding the 2011 General Section should be directed to the Office of Grants Management and Oversight at (202) 708–0667 or the NOFA Information Center at 800–HUD–8929 (toll free).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5415–FA–22]

Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2010; Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiments Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of funding awards for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiments Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which was posted to Grants.gov on January 20, 2011. This announcement contains the names and addresses of the award winners and the amount of the awards to be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Morse, Office Policy Development and Research, Division of Program Monitoring and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8130, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington DC 20410, telephone number 202-402-5738. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number by call the toll free Federal Relay Services at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the FY 2010 Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiments Grant Program NOFA is to provide funding to support scientific research that makes use of natural experiments to evaluate the impacts of local, state, and federal policies. The FY 2010 NOFA made available approximately \$600,000 under the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117, approved December 16, 2009). The maximum grant performance period under the NOFA is 24 months; applicants could request \$100,000 to \$250,000 per award, depending of the scope of the proposed research. Awards under this NOFA will be made in the form of a Cooperative Agreement. A Cooperative Agreement means that HUD will have substantial involvement during the performance of the research project.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.524.

On January 20, 2011, HUD posted the FY 2010 Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiments Grant Program NOFA to Grants.gov. The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. In accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the names, addresses, and amounts of the awards made under this competition in Appendix A to this notice.

Dated: June 9, 2011.

Raphael W. Bostic,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

Appendix A

List of Awardees for Grant Assistance Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Transformation Initiative Research Program Funding Competition: Natural Experiment, by Institution, Address, Grant Amount and Name of Contact

1. Case Western Reserve University, Mr. Derek M. Humphrey, Assistant Director, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106-7015. Grant: \$250,000.00.

2. City of New York Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Ms. Elyzabeth Gaumer, Director, Housing Policy Research and Program Evaluation, 100 Gold Street, New York, New York 10038-1605. Grant: \$250,000.00.

3. New York City Department of Homeless Services, Ms. Joanna Weissman, Executive Director of Planning and Research, 33 Beaver Street, 20th floor, New York, New York, 10004-2737. Grant: \$100,000.00.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Act requires that we invite public comment on these permit applications.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before July 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave., SW.,

Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Jacobsen, Chief, Endangered Species Division, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103; (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Permit TE-046517

Applicant: United States Geological Survey, New Mexico Cooperative Unit, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a new permit to hold and rear captive Rio Grande silvery minnows (*Hybognathus amarus*) and bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*) at the rearing facility at New Mexico State University.

Permit TE-42737A

Applicant: Sevenecoten, LLC, Dripping Springs, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) within Texas.

Permit TE-150490

Applicant: Sea Life Arizona, Tempe, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to hold and display for educational purposes the following native fish: woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*), bonytail (*Gila elegans*), Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis*), humpback chub (*Gila cypha*), razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), Yaqui chub (*Gila purpea*), Yaqui sucker (*Catostomus bernardini*), and Yaqui topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis sonoriensis*) within the Aquarium.