

Community	Community Map Repository Address
<b>Brown County, Texas, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.riskmap6.com/Community.aspx?cid=274&amp;sid=5">http://www.riskmap6.com/Community.aspx?cid=274&amp;sid=5</a>	
City of Bangs .....	City Hall, 109 South 1st Street, Bangs, TX 76823.
City of Blanket .....	City Hall, 719 Main Street, Blanket, TX 76432.
City of Brownwood .....	Engineering Office, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, TX 76804.
City of Early .....	City Hall, 960 Early Boulevard, Early, TX 76802.
Unincorporated Areas of Brown County .....	Brown County Building Inspector's Office, 200 South Broadway Street, Suite 332, Brownwood, TX 76801.
<b>Jackson County, Texas, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
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City of Edna .....	City Hall, 126 West Main Street, Edna, TX 77957.
City of Ganado .....	City Hall, 112 East Putnam, Ganado, TX 77962.
City of La Ward .....	Fire Station, 13041 State Highway 172, La Ward, TX 77970.
Unincorporated Areas of Jackson County .....	Jackson County Department of Permitting, Inspection and Floodplain Administration, 411 North Wells, Room 130, Edna, TX 77957.
<b>Matagorda, Texas, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://riskmap6.com/">http://riskmap6.com/</a>	
City of Bay City .....	City Hall, 1901 5th Street, Bay City, TX 77414.
City of Palacios .....	City Hall, 311 Henderson Avenue, Palacios, TX 77465.
Unincorporated Areas of Matagorda County .....	Matagorda County Courthouse, 1700 7th Street, Bay City, TX 77414.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

**Roy E. Wright,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5321-N-05]

**Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009: Announcement of Availability of Updated Foreclosure Information**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Development and Planning, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice; announcement of updated information.

**SUMMARY:** On May 4, 2009, HUD posted its Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 NSP2 NOFA. This document makes changes to the NSP2 NOFA to allow NSP2 grantees to use an updated foreclosure needs map and associated needs index score in selecting geographic target areas.

**DATES:** Effective Date: May 21, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stanley Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Office of Community Planning and Development,

Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202-708-3587. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. FAX inquiries may be sent to Mr. Gimont at 202-401-2044. (Except for the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On May 4, 2009, HUD posted its FY 2009 NSP2 NOFA on the Grants.Gov Web site<sup>1</sup> and on HUD's own Web site.<sup>2</sup> The NOFA announced the availability of up to \$1.93 billion for HUD's FY2009 NSP2 Program. The purpose of the program is to stabilize communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment through the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties. NSP2 is authorized by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (Public Law 110-289) (HERA), as amended by Title XII of Division A of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-005) (Recovery Act).

The NSP2 NOFA requires grantees to carry out NSP2 activities in a HUD-

approved target area. HUD developed a foreclosure needs map Web site to assist grantees in selecting target areas that meet the criteria for NSP2 funding. For NSP2, the foreclosure needs map provides foreclosure-related needs scores at the census tract level and grantees select one or more census tracts that have an average combined index score of 18 or greater as indicated by the map. The needs scores were generated with foreclosure data from 2005-2008. This data is now dated and in many cases it no longer reflects the foreclosure market in NSP2 target areas. Further, HUD updated mapping capabilities for its Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3), allowing NSP3 grantees to draw the outline of a targeted neighborhood rather than selecting best-fit census tracts. This method allows a better correlation between the data provided and the target geography.

**Updated Foreclosure Data for Use by NSP2 Grantees**

To take advantage of the refreshed data and improved maps, HUD has updated the foreclosure needs map with more recent data that combines foreclosures, pre-foreclosures, real-estate-owned, and vacant property transactions in the past 18 months. From the effective date of this notice published in today's edition of the **Federal Register**, all NSP2 grantees must begin using the updated foreclosure needs map Web site when amending their currently approved target areas. Grantees may continue

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=47326&mode=VIEW>.

<sup>2</sup> See [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC\\_14161.pdf](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_14161.pdf).

working in target areas approved by HUD prior to the effective date of this notice, but any amendments made to NSP2 for new target areas must qualify based on information from the new data.

#### Amendment to FY 2009 NSP2 NOFA

The FY2009 NSP2 NOFA posted on May 4, 2009, under Docket No. FR-5321-N-01, as modified by Docket No. FR-5321-C-02, issued June 11, 2009,<sup>3</sup> is amended by revising Paragraph II.B.8.b., pertaining to Geographic Need to replace paragraph b.2. in its entirety so that paragraph 8.b. reads as follows:

b. For applicants proposing to carry out NSP2 activities, the neighborhoods identified must meet one or the other of the following requirements (you may only select one method):

(1) The average foreclosure needs index score for the identified target geography must be 18 or greater, as indicated by the index; or

(2) For any target area change after May 21, 2013, the individual or average combined index score for all new target areas in the grantee's geography must be not less than the lesser of 17 or the twentieth percentile most needy score in an individual state. The scores for target areas approved prior to May 21, 2013 will not be included in the average combined index score for the new target areas and grantees may continue to use NSP2 funds in those prior approved target areas.

Dated: May 10, 2013.

**Mark Johnston,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5447-N-02]

### Notice of Formula Allocations and Program Requirements for Neighborhood Stabilization Programs 1 and 3 (NSP1 and NSP3) Formula Grants; Amendment

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of allocation method, waivers granted, alternative requirements applied, and statutory program requirements; amendment.

**SUMMARY:** On October 19, 2010, HUD published a notice regarding formulation allocations made under two NSP grant (formula grant) programs—

NSP1 and NSP3. This document makes changes to the notice to allow NSP1 and require NSP3 grantees to use an updated foreclosure needs map and associated needs index score in selecting geographic target areas.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 21, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stanley Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202-708-3587.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On October 19, 2010, at 75 FR 64322, HUD published in the **Federal Register** a notice pertaining to both NSP1 and NSP3 (referred to as the Unified Notice), which advised the public of the allocation formula and allocation amounts, the list of grantees, alternative requirements, and the waivers of regulations granted to grantees under Section 2301(b) of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-289, approved July 30, 2008) (HERA), as amended, and an additional allocation of funds provided under Section 1497 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-203, approved July 21, 2010) (Dodd-Frank Act) for the purpose of assisting in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes. Except where provided for otherwise, these amounts are distributed based on funding formulas for such amounts established by the Secretary in accordance with HERA.

HUD's notice pertaining to NSP1, published in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2008, at 73 FR 58330, gave NSP1 grantees the flexibility to carry out activities in area(s) of greatest need as defined by the grantee. The notice asked grantees to describe in the NSP1 substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan how the funds would be distributed to meet the requirements of Section 2301(c)(2) of HERA. At the time of publication of the NSP1 notice, HUD was not able to provide national data on home foreclosures to assist grantees in selecting NSP1 target areas. However, HUD encouraged NSP1 grantees to use

publicly available data, if such data covered their communities, and to use the nationwide data by neighborhood when HUD launched the needs mapping tool in June 2009.

HUD's Unified Notice requires NSP3 grantees to carry out activities in a HUD-approved target area. HUD developed a foreclosure needs map Web site to assist grantees in selecting target areas that meet the criteria for NSP3 funding. NSP1 grantees were encouraged to use the Web site as they adjusted their plans. The foreclosure needs map provides foreclosure-related needs scores based on grantee-selected target geography. A grantee uses the tool to draw the outline of a targeted neighborhood. When the grantee saves its selection, the tool produces a report that indicates whether the selected area meets the NSP3 criteria. The data that produces the needs scores is now dated and in many cases the data no longer reflects the effects of foreclosures on the housing markets in NSP1 or NSP3 target areas.

#### Updated Foreclosure Data for Use by NSP1 and NSP3 Grantees

HUD has updated this data and it is now available for use by NSP1 and NSP3 grantees. The data combines foreclosures, pre-foreclosures, real-estate-owned, and vacant property transactions from March 2011 through September 2012.

*For NSP1 Grantees:* The updated data is available to NSP1 grantees for use in determining and designating areas of greatest need.

*For NSP3 Grantees:* From the effective date of this notice published in today's edition of the **Federal Register**, all NSP3 grantees must begin using the updated foreclosure needs map Web site when amending their currently approved target areas. NSP3 grantees may continue to work in target areas approved by HUD prior to the effective date of this Notice, but any amendments made to select new NSP3 target areas from the effective date of this Notice must qualify based on information from the new maps and data.

#### Amendment to Unified Notice

Paragraph II. B.2.a.ii of HUD's Unified Notice, at 75 FR 64327, pertaining to contents of the NSP Action Plan, and, with respect to subparagraph ii, pertaining to the neighborhood or neighborhoods identified by the NSP3 grantee as being the areas of greatest need, is revised by adding the following undesignated paragraph:

Effective for any target area change after May 21, 2013, the individual or average combined index score for all

<sup>3</sup> [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC\\_14165.pdf](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_14165.pdf).