

department's inability to address financial needs without Federal assistance; and discuss other actions the department has taken to meet their staffing needs (e.g., state assistance programs, other grant programs, etc.).

- *Mentoring (additional consideration for Early Career Investigator Projects only):* An important part of Early Career Investigator projects is the integration of mentoring for the principal investigator by experienced researchers in areas appropriate to the research project, including exposure to the fire service community as well as support for ongoing development of knowledge and skills. Mentoring is regarded as critical to the research skills development of early career principal investigators. As part of the application Appendix, the applicant should have identified the mentor(s) who have agreed to support the applicant and the expected benefit of their interactions with the researcher. A biographical sketch and letter of support from the mentor(s) were encouraged and should have been included in the Appendix materials.

#### Other Selection Information

Awards will be made using the results of peer-reviewed applications as the primary basis for decisions, regardless of activity. However, there are some exceptions to strictly using the peer review results. The applicant's prior AFG, SAFER, and FP&S grant management performance will also be taken into consideration when making recommendations for award. All final funding determinations will be made by the FEMA Administrator, or the Administrator's designee.

Fire departments and other eligible applicants that have received funding under the FP&S Grant Program in previous years are eligible to apply for funding in the current year. However, FEMA may take into account an applicant's performance on prior grants when making funding decisions on current applications.

Once every application in the competitive range has been through the technical evaluation phase, the applications will be ranked according to the average score awarded by the panel.

The ranking will be summarized in a Technical Report prepared by the AFG Program Office. A Grants Management Specialist will contact the applicant to discuss and/or negotiate the content of the application and *SAM.gov* registration before making final award decisions.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 2229.

**Pete Gaynor,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

##### Faith-Based Security Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE).

**ACTION:** Notice of new Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is establishing the Faith-Based Security Advisory Council (FBSAC). The primary purpose of the FBSAC will be to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on matters relating to houses of worship, faith-based organization security and homeland security. The FBSAC will operate in an advisory capacity only. This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended. The FBSAC will terminate two years from the date of its establishment, unless extended by the Secretary.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Traci Silas at *FBSAC@hq.dhs.gov* or at (202) 603-1142.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.65(b), as requested by the Department, the General Services Administration Committee Management Secretariat has approved a period of less than 15 calendar days pursuant to the publication of this notice for the filing of the FBSAC Charter.

**Zarinah Traci Silas,**

*Senior Director and Alternate Designated Federal Official.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6222-N-01]

##### Appointments to the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing- Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice of the Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the

Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC) to fill vacancies on the HCFAC.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established the HCFAC on April 14, 2015. This notice invites nominations for appointments to fill vacancies on the HCFAC.

**DATES:** All Nominations must be received no later than July 29, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations must be in writing and submitted via email to *HCFAC.application@hud.gov*. Individuals who do not have internet access may submit nominations to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing Counseling, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 9224, Washington DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Virginia F. Holman, Housing Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Housing Counseling, Office of Outreach and Capacity Building, *Virginia.F.Holman@hud.gov*, telephone number 540-894-7790. (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 (toll-free number). Individuals with questions may also email *HCFAC.application@hud.gov* and in the subject line write "HCFAC application question."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background and Authority

The HCFAC is statutorily mandated to provide advice to the Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) (42 U.S.C. 3533(g)(4)). The HCFAC provides the OHC valuable advice regarding its mission to provide individuals and families with knowledge to obtain, sustain, and improve their housing through a strong national network of HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and HUD-certified counselors. The HCFAC, however, does not have any role in reviewing or awarding of OHC housing counseling grants and procurements. The HCFAC is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix) (FACA), FACA regulations, and Presidential Memorandum "Final Guidance on Appointments of Lobbyists to Federal Boards and Commissions," dated June 18, 2010, along with any relevant guidance published in the **Federal Register** or otherwise issued by