NAHMA HUD Update: Supportive Service Demonstration for Elderly Households in HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing NOFA

Dear NAHMA Member,

NAHMA recently received the following update from the Office of Multifamily Housing concerning the Section 202 Supportive Service Demonstration for Elderly Households in HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing. On January 20, HUD released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) with additional details for the <u>Supportive Services Demonstration for Elderly Households in HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing</u> <u>demonstration project</u>. The NOFA offers a total of \$15 million (for up to 80 grants for a three-year demonstration) to eligible owners of HUD-assisted senior housing developments to cover the cost of a full-time enhanced service coordinator and a part-time wellness nurse, and some start-up costs as well.

There is no requirement for cost sharing or cost matching. The goals of the demonstration are to produce evidence about the impact of a supportive services model in existing assisted senior housing developments in the areas of aging-in-place, transition home from hospital stays and/or time in a nursing home, housing stability, improved health outcome, etc.

The following update from the Office of Multifamily Housing describes the progress of the demonstration:

"The Department is pleased to announce that we received a total of 756 applications in response to the NOFA for the Section 202 Supportive Service Demonstration for Elderly Households in HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing. This response is unprecedented and encouraging.

Due to the overwhelming response to this NOFA, the application screening stage was lengthened. Despite this, we are making significant progress. During the application screening stage, HUD staff are reviewing all applications to determine duplication, eligibility and/or completeness. Once application screenings are complete, you will be notified in writing should additional information be required or if your application has been found to be technically deficient. If additional information is requested or if you wish to appeal a decision, follow the guidance in the written correspondence, paying particular attention to how the requested information is to be submitted.

In accordance with the HUD Reform Act (24 C.F.R. Part 4, Subpart B), the Department is limited as to the information that may be shared prior to the official award announcement. Exchanges with applicants must be limited to the deficiency reviews. Further, no unsolicited information will be accepted. At this stage of the review, we are unable to provide an expected award announcement date, but will do so as this process moves further along.

HUD has made significant progress in the selection of the contractor that will support the implementation of the Supportive Services Demonstration and an award of this contract is expected in a few weeks. HUD plans to solicit proposals for the evaluation of the Supportive Services Demonstration in the fall. I hope this information is helpful. Your interest in the Department's programs is appreciated and we look forward to assisting you in any way we can."

Please contact NAHMA staff if you have any questions about the demonstration.

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