

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: Management Reviews of Multifamily Housing Programs.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0178.

Form Numbers: HUD 9834.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use

HUD staff and Contract Administrators complete the form

HUD-9834 during on-site reviews. The information gathered from the form is used to evaluate the quality of management, determine causes of problems, and devise corrective actions to safeguard the Department's financial interest and ensure that tenants are provided with decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

Frequency Of Submission: On Occasion.

| | Number of respondents | Annual responses | × | Hours per response | = | Burden hours |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|--------------------|---|--------------|
| Reporting Burden | 25,649 | 1 | | 6.956 | | 178,423 |

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 178,423.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 20, 2011.

Colette Pollard,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5415-FA-41]

Announcement of Funding Awards; Limited English Proficiency Initiative Program (LEPI), Fiscal Year 2010/2011

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department for funding under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Limited

English Proficiency Initiative (LEPI) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/2011. This announcement contains the names and addresses of those award recipients selected for funding based on the rating and ranking of all applications and the amount of the awards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Walsh, Director, Office of Policy, Legislative Initiatives, and Outreach, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5246, Washington, DC 20410. Telephone number (202) 402-7017 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 13166 signed in August 2000 requires all federal agencies to improve access to federally conducted and federally assisted programs and activities for persons who, as a result of national origin, are limited in the English proficiency (LEP). Each agency is to examine the services they provide, identify any need for services to those with limited English proficiency (LEP), and develop and implement a system to provide those services so LEP persons can have meaningful access to them. This LEPI NOFA sponsors organizations to help ensure that LEP persons can have meaningful access the Department

of Housing and Urban Development's programs, services, and activities.

The Department published its Limited English Proficiency Initiative (LEPI) NOFA on July 11, 2011, amended July 18, 2011, announcing the availability of \$650,000 to go to up to seven organizations to make HUD programs more accessible to LEP persons. This Notice announces six grant awards of approximately \$100,000 each and one grant award of \$50,000 for organizations to assist locally targeted LEP individuals.

For the FY 2010/2011 NOFA, the Department reviewed, evaluated, and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the FY 2010/2011 LEPI NOFA. As a result, HUD has decided to fund the applications announced in Appendix A, and in accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is hereby publishing details concerning the recipients of funding awards in Appendix A of this document.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for currently funded Initiatives under the Limited English Proficiency Initiative Program is 14.421.

Dated: October 18, 2011.

John D. Trasviña,

Assistance Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

Appendix A

FY 2010/2011—LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY INITIATIVE NOFA

| Applicant name | Contact | Region | Award amt. |
|--|----------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Chhaya Community Development Center, 37-43 77th Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson Heights, NY 11372-6629. | Seema Agnani 718-478-3848 | 2 | \$100,000.00 |
| Equal Rights Center, 11 Dupont Circle NW, Washington, DC 20036 | Adriana Lopez 202-234-3062 | 3 | 100,000.00 |

FY 2010/2011—LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY INITIATIVE NOFA—Continued

| Applicant name | Contact | Region | Award amt. |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Suite 4, Slayton, MN 56172-1142. | Ali Joens 507-836-1605 | 5 | 100,000.00 |
| International Institute of St. Louis, 3654 S. Grand Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-3404. | Suzanne LeLaurin 314-773-9090 | 7 | 99,998.00 |
| Lutheran Children and Family Services, 5902 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19120-1824. | Rosemary Bauersmith 215-643-6335. | 3 | 99,101.00 |
| Kurdish Human Rights Center, 10560 Main Street, Suite 207, Fairfax, VA 22030-7176. | Pary Karadaghi 703-385-3806 | 3 | 100,000.00 |
| The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, 924 Bethel Street, Honolulu, HI 96813-4304. | Elise von Dohlen 808-527-8056 | 9 | 50,000.00 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**[Docket No. FR-5569-N-01]****Notice of Certain Operating Cost Adjustment Factors for 2012**

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes operating cost adjustment factors (OCAFs) for project based assistance contracts for eligible multifamily housing projects having an anniversary date on or after February 11, 2012. OCAFs are annual factors used to adjust Section 8 rents renewed under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (MAHRA).

DATES: *Effective Dates:* February 11, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Houle, Housing Program Manager, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-402-2572 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. OCAFs**

Section 514(e)(2) of MAHRA requires HUD to establish guidelines for rent adjustments based on an OCAF. The statute requiring HUD to establish OCAFs for LIHPRHA projects and projects with contract renewals or adjustments under section 524(b)(1)(A) of MAHRA is similar in wording and intent. HUD has therefore developed a

single factor to be applied uniformly to all projects utilizing OCAFs as the method by which renewal rents are established or adjusted.

LIHPRHA projects are low-income housing projects insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). LIHPRHA projects are primarily low-income housing projects insured under section 221(d)(3) below-market interest rate (BMIR) and section 236 of the National Housing Act, respectively. Both categories of projects have low-income use restrictions that have been extended beyond the 20-year period specified in the original documents, and both categories of projects also receive assistance under section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 to support the continued low-income use.

MAHRA gives HUD broad discretion in setting OCAFs—referring, for example, in sections 524(a)(4)(C)(i), 524(b)(1)(A), 524(b)(3)(A) and 524(c)(1) simply to “an operating cost adjustment factor established by the Secretary.” The sole limitation to this grant of authority is a specific requirement in each of the foregoing provisions that application of an OCAF “shall not result in a negative adjustment.” Contract rents are adjusted by applying the OCAF to that portion of the rent attributable to operating expenses exclusive of debt service.

The OCAFs provided in this notice and applicable to eligible projects having a project based assistance contracts anniversary date of on or after February 11, 2012, are calculated using the same method as those published in HUD’s 2011 OCAF notice published on November 8, 2010 (75 FR 68616). Specifically, OCAFs are calculated as the sum of weighted average cost changes for wages, employee benefits, property taxes, insurance, supplies and equipment, fuel oil, electricity, natural gas, and water/sewer/trash using publicly available indices. The weights used in the OCAF calculations for each of the nine cost component groupings are set using current percentages attributable to each of the nine expense

categories. These weights are calculated in the same manner as in HUD’s November 8, 2010, notice. Average expense proportions were calculated using three years of audited Annual Financial Statements from projects covered by OCAFs. The expenditure percentages for these nine categories have been found to be very stable over time, but using three years of data increases their stability. The nine cost component weights were calculated at the state level, which is the lowest level of geographical aggregation with enough projects to permit statistical analysis. These data were not available for the Western Pacific Islands, so data for Hawaii were used as the best available indicator of OCAFs for these areas.

The best current price data sources for the nine cost categories were used in calculating annual change factors. State-level data for fuel oil, electricity, and natural gas from Department of Energy surveys are relatively current and continue to be used. Data on changes in employee benefits, insurance, property taxes, and water/sewer/trash costs are only available at the national level. The data sources for the nine cost indicators selected used were as follows:

- *Labor Costs:* First quarter, 2011 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) ECI, Private Industry Wages and Salaries, All Workers (Series ID CIU2020000000000I) at the national level and Private Industry Benefits, All Workers (Series ID CIU2030000000000I) at the national level.

- *Property Taxes:* 2009–2010 Census Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue—Table 1 <http://www2.census.gov/govs/qtax/2011/q1t1.pdf>. Annual property taxes are computed as the total of four quarters of tax receipts. Total annual taxes are then divided by number of households to arrive at average annual tax per household. For 2009, the number of households is taken from the estimates program at the Bureau of the Census. <http://www.census.gov/popest/housing/HU-EST2009.html>. At the time