

assistance is provided to the HA. Grantees will be expected to adhere to all assurances applicable to environmental concerns.

§ 964.308 Supportive services requirements.

HAs shall provide new or significantly expanded services essential to providing families in public housing with better access to educational and employment opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence. HAs applying for funds to provide supportive services must demonstrate that the services will be provided at a higher level than currently provided. Supportive services may include:

(a) Child care, of a type that provides sufficient hours of operation and serves appropriate ages as needed to facilitate parental access to education and job opportunities;

(b) Employment training and counseling (e.g., job training, preparation and counseling, job development and placement, and follow-up assistance after job placement);

(c) Computer skills training;

(d) Education (e.g., remedial education, literacy training, completion of secondary or post-secondary education, and assistance in the attainment of certificates of high school equivalency);

(e) Business entrepreneurial training and counseling;

(f) Transportation, as necessary to enable any participating family member to receive available services or to commute to his or her place of employment;

(g) Personal welfare (e.g., substance/alcohol abuse treatment and counseling, self-development counseling, etc.);

(h) Supportive Health Care Services (e.g., outreach and referral services); and

(i) Any other services and resources, including case management, that are determined to be appropriate in assisting eligible residents.

§ 964.310 Audit/compliance requirements.

HAs cannot have serious unaddressed, outstanding Inspector General audit findings or fair housing

and equal opportunity monitoring review findings or Field Office management review findings. In addition, the HA must be in compliance with civil rights laws and equal opportunity requirements. A HA will be considered to be in compliance if:

(a) As a result of formal administrative proceedings, there are no outstanding findings of noncompliance with civil rights laws unless the HA is operating in compliance with a HUD-approved compliance agreement designed to correct the area(s) of non-compliance;

(b) There is no adjudication of a civil rights violation in a civil action brought against it by a private individual, unless the HA demonstrates that it is operating in compliance with a court order, or implementing a HUD-approved resident selection and assignment plan or compliance agreement, designed to correct the area(s) of non-compliance;

(c) There is no deferral of Federal funding based upon civil rights violations;

(d) HUD has not deferred application processing by HUD under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Attorney General's Guidelines (28 CFR 50.3) and HUD's Title VI regulations (24 CFR 1.8) and procedures (HUD Handbook 8040.1) [HAs only] or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and HUD regulations (24 CFR 8.57) [HAs and IHAs];

(e) There is no pending civil rights suit brought against the HA by the Department of Justice; and

(f) There is no unresolved charge of discrimination against the HA issued by the Secretary under Section 810(g) of the Fair Housing Act, as implemented by 24 CFR 103.400.

§ 964.315 HAs role in activities under this part.

The HAs shall develop a process that assures that RC/RMC representatives and residents are fully briefed and have an opportunity to comment on the proposed content of the HA's application for funding. The HA shall give full and fair consideration to the comments and concerns of the residents. The process shall include:

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(a) Informing residents of the selected developments regarding the preparation of the application, and providing for residents to assist in the development of the application.

(b) Once a draft application has been prepared, the HA shall make a copy available for reading in the management office; provide copies of the draft to any resident organization representing the residents of the development(s) involved; and provide adequate opportunity for comment by the residents of the development and their representative organizations prior to making the application final.

(c) After HUD approval of a grant, notify the duly elected resident organization and if none exists, notify the residents of the development of the approval of the grant; provide notification of the availability of the HUD-approved implementation schedule in the management office for reading; and develop a system to facilitate a regular resident role in all aspects of program implementation.

§ 964.320 HUD Policy on training, employment, contracting and subcontracting of public housing residents.

In accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135, HAs, their contractors and subcontractors shall make best efforts, consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, to give low and very low-income persons the training and employment opportunities generated by Section 3 covered assistance (as this term is defined in 24 CFR 135.7) and to give Section 3 business concerns the contracting opportunities generated by Section 3 covered assistance. Training, employment and contracting opportunities connected with programs funded under the FIC and TOP are covered by Section 3.

§ 964.325 Notice of funding availability.

A Notice of Funding Availability will be published periodically in the FEDERAL REGISTER containing the amounts of funds available, funding criteria, where to obtain and submit applica-

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tions, the deadline for the submissions, and further explanation of the selection criteria.

§ 964.330 Grant set-aside assistance.

The Department may make available five percent (5%) of any amounts available in each fiscal year (subsequent to the first funding cycle) available to eligible HAs to supplement grants previously awarded under this program. These supplemental grants would be awarded if the HA demonstrates that the funds cannot otherwise be obtained and are needed to maintain adequate levels of services to residents.

§ 964.335 Grant agreement.

(a) *General.* HUD will enter into a grant agreement with the recipients of a Family Investment Centers grant which defines the legal framework for the relationship between HUD and a HA.

(b) *Term of grant agreement.* A grant will be for a term of three to five years depending upon the tasks undertaken, as defined under this subpart.

§ 964.340 Resident compensation.

Residents employed to provide services or renovation or conversion work funded under this program shall be paid at a rate not less than the highest of:

(a) The minimum wage that would be applicable to the employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA), if section 6(a)(1) of the FLSA applied to the resident and if the resident were not exempt under section 13 of the FLSA;

(b) The State or local minimum wage for the most nearly comparable covered employment; or

(c) The prevailing rate of pay for persons employed in similar public occupations by the same employer.

§ 964.345 Treatment of income.

Program participation shall begin on the first day the resident enters training or begins to receive services. Furthermore, the earnings of and benefits to any HA resident resulting from participation in the FIC program shall not be considered as income in computing the resident's total annual income that