

# **2004 Youthbuild NOFA**

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**Office of Community Planning and  
Development**

**U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development**

# Youthbuild Components

## ■ Basic Components:

- Educational & Job Training Services
- On-Site Construction Training
- Foster Leadership Skills

## ■ Optional Components:

- Entrepreneurial Training
- Driver's Education

# Eligible Applicants



**Private, Non-Profit  
Organizations (e.g. CDC's,  
Community Action Agencies)**



**Public Non-Profit  
Organizations**



**Government Agencies  
(including units of local  
government and local  
housing authorities)**

# Eligible Activities

- Acquisition, Rehabilitation or Construction of housing for training sites
- Relocation Payments
- Training and TA Needs
- Education, Job Training, Counseling, Employment Services, Leadership Development

# **Eligible Activities (cont'd)**

- **Outreach to potential applicants**
- **Wages, benefits and need-based stipends**

# Eligible Participants

- Very low-income high school dropouts between ages of 16 and 24
- Up to 25% may be above very low-income or be high school graduates, but have *special educational needs*



# Funding

- **\$59.4 million available in 3 categories**

# **Category 1 (\$10 million)**

- **New applicants only (not received a prior implementation grant)**
- **\$400,000 maximum**
- **30 months**

# **Category 2 (\$39.4 million)**

- **Any applicant can apply in this category**
- **\$700,000 maximum grant**
- **30 months**

# **Category 3 (\$9.941million)**

- **Must meet the definition of Rural and Underserved**
- **\$400,000 maximum grant**
- **30 months**

# **The 5 Rating Factors**

- #1: Capacity and Organizational Experience**
- #2: Need/Extent of the Problem**
- #3: Soundness of Approach**
- #4: Leveraging Resources**
- #5: Achieving Results & Program Evaluation**

# Rating Factor #1

- **Capacity and Organizational Experience (up to 20 pts, minimum 10 pts needed)**
  - **Team member composition and experience (5 points)**
  - **Organization structure (5 points)**
  - **Achievement of performance outcomes (10 points)**

# Rating Factor #2

- **Need/Extent of the Problem (up to 23 points)**
  - **Provide statistics for poverty (5 pts.), unemployment (5 pts.) & high school dropouts (10 pts.) for census track(s)/block groups**
  - **Concrete examples of social and/or economic decline (3 pts)**

# Rating Factor #3

- **Soundness of Approach (up to 35 pts)**
- **Coordination elements (5 pts)**
  - **Coordination of activities (2pts)**
  - **Self-sufficiency (1 pt)**
  - **Sustainability (2 pts)**

# **Rating Factor #3 (cont'd)**

- **Youthbuild Program workplan**
  - **Program components (15 pts)**
    - ✓ **Outreach strategy**
    - ✓ **Educational and job training services and activities**
    - ✓ **Leadership development**
    - ✓ **Support services**
    - ✓ **Follow-up assistance and support to graduates**
    - ✓ **On-site training**

# **Rating Factor #3 (cont'd)**

- **Strategy for job placement  
(2pts)**

# Rating Factor #3 (cont'd)

- **Housing Priority Points**  
(up to 10 points)
  - **Acquisition costs, architectural and engineering fees, construction and rehabilitation must be paid from non-Youthbuild grant funds**
  - **Firm commitments must be provided**
  - **If cash, need a corporate or personal financial statement**

# Rating Factor #3 (cont'd)

- **Policy Priorities (3 pts)**
  - **Ending chronic homelessness (1 pt)**
  - **Removal of regulatory barriers (2 pts)**
    - **Must submit questionnaire**

# Rating Factor #4

## ■ Leveraging Resources

(10 pts)

- Level of non-housing resources to augment grant funds will be evaluated
- Firm commitments must be provided
- applicant can leverage own funds
- Must complete Exhibit 4B



# Rating Factor #5

- **Achieving Results & Program Evaluation (up to 12 pts)**
- **Benchmarks of activities or products must be identified**
- **Performance indicators must be quantified**

# **Rating Factor #5 (cont'd)**

- **Measure actual achievements against anticipated achievements**
- **Address this factor in narrative as well as complete the Logic Model form**
- **Added cost per participant per OMB**

# **RC/EZ/EC BONUS POINTS**

- **(up to 2 pts)**
  - **Certification that Youthbuild activities are consistent with Strategic Plan**
  - **will serve EZ/EC residents**
  - **be located in the EZ/EC area**