

AIDS Bureau (HAB) announces that applications will be accepted for fiscal year (FY) 2000 grants for a discretionary grant to support a National AIDS Education and Training Centers Evaluation Center. The Center will be responsible for assisting HRSA in its capacity to document, evaluate and communicate the outcomes of education, training, and consultation activities provided by the regional AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) and by the National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center under section 2692 (a) of the Public Health Service Act as amended by Public Law 104-146, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act Amendments of 1996.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: It is anticipated that a single award will be made for the National AIDS Education and Training Centers Evaluation Center and is expected to range from \$400,000 to \$500,000 for the initial budget period. Funding will be made available for 12 months, with a project period of up to three years. Continuation awards within the approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Eligible applicants are public and nonprofit entities and schools and academic health science centers.

DATES: Applications for this grant must be received in the HRSA Grants Application Center by the close of business October 12, 1999 to be considered for competition.

Applications will meet the deadline if they are either (1) received on or before the deadline date or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date, and received in time for submission to the objective review panel. A legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service will be accepted as proof if timely mailing. Applications received after the deadline will be returned to the applicant.

ADDRESSES: All applications should be mailed or delivered to: Grants Management Officer, HRSA Grants Application Center, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-91, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Grant applications sent to any address other than that above are subject to being returned. **Federal Register** notices and application guidance for the HIV/AIDS Bureau program are available on the World Wide Web via the Internet. The web site for the HIV/AIDS Bureau is: <http://www.hrsa.gov/hab/>. Federal grant application forms are available at the following Internet address: <http://forms.psc.gov/phsforms.htm>. For those

applicants who are unable to access application materials electronically, a hard copy of the official grant application kit (PHS Form 6025-1) must be obtained from the HRSA Grants Application Center (GAC). The Center may be contacted by telephone at 1-888-333-4772 until September 12, 1999, or 1-877-HRSA(4772)-123 after September 12, 1999. The e-mail address for the HRSA GAC after September 12, 1999, is hrsagac@hrsa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Juanita Koziol, Deputy Chief, HIV Education Branch, Division of Training and Technical Assistance, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9A-39, Rockville, Maryland 20857; telephone number (301) 443-6364; FAX number (301) 443-9887.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4398-N-04]

1998 HUD Disaster Recovery Initiative Amendment

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends a notice published October 22, 1998, governing the allocation and use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds appropriated in the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act (Pub. L. 105-174) and made available through the HUD Disaster Recovery Initiative. It modifies the Department's policy position on the use of annual CDBG appropriations to meet non-Federal public matching funds requirements of that 1998 supplemental appropriations statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan C. Opper, Senior Program Officer, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7286, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-3587. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. FAX inquiries may be sent to Mr. Opper at (202) 401-2044.

(Except for the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act (Pub. L. 105-174, 112 Stat. 58, approved May 1, 1998), required the publication of a notice governing the allocation and use of 1998 HUD Disaster Recovery Initiative grant funds. On October 22, 1998, at 63 FR 56764, HUD published a notice to address this requirement. The match requirement in the notice of October 22, 1998 is amended by this notice. Further legal review has clarified that annual appropriations of CDBG funds may be used to meet the "25 percent in non-Federal public matching funds" requirement in the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act (Public Law 105-174) (at 112 Stat. 76). Though the Department has the authority to specify alternative requirements, it has decided to adopt this legal position.

Accordingly, FR Doc. 98-28436, the 1998 HUD Disaster Recovery Initiative Notice, published in the **Federal Register** October 22, 1998, 63 FR 56764, is amended by revising paragraph I.F.9.a., on page 56766, in column 2, to read as follows:

a. Contributions made with or derived from Federal resources or funds, regardless of when the Federal resources or funds were received or expended. Use of CDBG funds (defined at § 570.3) under section 105(a)(9) of the Act for payment of the non-Federal share required in connection with a Federal grant-in-aid program is permissible;

Authority

1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act (Pub. L. 105-174, 112 Stat. 58, approved May 1, 1998).

Dated: August 27, 1999.

Cardell Cooper,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4432-N-35]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and

surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford Taffet, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1998, court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes as Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

Fred Karnas, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Arnaudo Brothers, Wathen-Castanos, Kaufman and Broad Development Sites in Merced County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: The partnership of Arnaudo Brothers and the public corporations of Wathen-Castanos and Kaufman and Broad (collectively, the Applicants) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Service proposes to issue a 5-year permit to the Applicants that would authorize take of the San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*) (kit fox) incidental to otherwise lawful activities. Such take would occur during the development of 170 acres of

nonnative grassland and dry-farmed fields for residential and other uses. This project would permanently eliminate 170 acres of suitable habitat for the kit fox.

We request comments from the public on the permit application, and an Environmental Assessment, which are available for review. The permit application includes the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) and an accompanying Implementing Agreement. The Plan describes the proposed project and the measures that the Applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate take of the kit fox.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Wayne White, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825. Comments may be sent by facsimile to (916) 414-6710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann Chrisney, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or call (916) 414-6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of these documents for review by contacting the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened, respectively. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act to include kill, harm, or harass. The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize incidental take; i.e., take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively.

The Applicants have proposed four project sites for development within the Santa Nella Community Specific Plan

Area. All of the project sites are located between Interstate 5 and the San Luis Reservoir in western Merced County, California. Typical land uses in the area surrounding the project sites are dryland farming, grazing and some residential development. The California Aqueduct and Delta-Mendota Canals are adjacent to the project sites. The San Luis Reservoir and O'Neill Forebay are west of the project sites. The Applicants propose the following land uses at the project sites: residential development, some commercial development, and open space community parks. The proposed number of home sites per acre range from 3.2 to 5.5.

Biologists surveyed the project sites for special-status plants and wildlife in 1998. Based on these surveys and previous knowledge of the area, the Service concluded that the project may result in the take of one federally listed species, the endangered San Joaquin kit fox.

The Applicants propose to implement the following measures to minimize and mitigate take of the San Joaquin kit fox: (1) conduct surveys and implement avoidance measures before and during construction activities; and (2) mitigate the loss of habitat at a 3:1 ratio (mitigation:impact) by purchasing a conservation easement for, or fee title to, 510 acres of off-site suitable kit fox habitat in the Santa Nella region. The Applicants will finance the off-site mitigation by establishing a Kit Fox Mitigation Account to be held by an appropriate entity.

The Environmental Assessment considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives in addition to the Proposed Project Alternative. The Proposed Project Alternative consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the Plan and its implementing Agreement, which includes measures to minimize and mitigate impacts of the project on the San Joaquin kit fox. Under the No Action Alternative, the Service would issue a permit and the project area would continue to be dry-land farmed, remain as nonnative grassland or be converted to irrigated row crops with the possibility of future adjacent development. This alternative would result in less habitat value for the kit fox than the off-site mitigation proposed under the Proposed Project Alternative. We also considered a Reduced Density Alternative. Compared to the Proposed Project, this alternative did not provide any significantly improved on-site habitat for kit fox.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species