

Also, Paragraph A, **Introduction**, of the NOFA is hereby amended to extend the time for which applications will be due as shown below, with the modifications from the original NOFA double underscored.

A. Introduction.

We are pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$33 million in funding for the Local Housing Trust Fund (Matching Grant) Program (LHTFP). The LHTFP was created by AB 2638 of 2006 (Laird) which established Section 50843.5 of the Health and Safety Code. Funds made available under this NOFA are from the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C) Affordable Housing Innovation Fund (See Health and Safety Code Section 53545.9(c)). The program is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (hereinafter "HCD" or "Department") and will provide grant funds to eligible city, county, and nonprofit applicants for the purpose of supporting New and Existing Local Housing Trust Funds dedicated to the creation or preservation of affordable housing.

- 1. This NOFA will be governed by regulations that are in the final stages of adoption by HCD and approval by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The proposed regulation text and associated rule-making documents are available on HCD's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/ahif/lhtf.html>. The proposed regulations are still subject to changes during the remaining portions of the rule-making process. However, HCD anticipates that the final adopted regulations will be substantially the same as the proposed version dated September 9, 2008 posted on the HCD's website ("Modifications to Text of Regulation"). Accordingly, applications should be completed pursuant to the requirements as stated in the proposed regulations text. Should there be any change to the regulations which would affect the application process, or alter information to be submitted by the applicant or reviewed by HCD, all interested parties will be notified of the changes immediately. Please note that the LHTFP contract requirements will be subject to the regulations in effect at the time the contracts are executed.**

The Local Housing Trust Fund Program makes one-time grants for the development of affordable multifamily rental and ownership housing and emergency shelters. It is intended to support local entities that have identified and committed sources of funds not traditionally utilized in the development and provision of affordable housing. The grants must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the applicant at the time of application. Applicants must have committed long term on-going revenues to continue the operation of the Local Housing Trust Fund for a minimum of five years.

Applications to HCD will be accepted for two categories of Local Housing Trust Funds:

1. **Existing Local Housing Trust Funds** - The Department will award approximately \$16,275,000 of matching grant funds. Applications for Existing Local Housing Trust Funds are due in HCD's office by 5 P.M. P.S.T. on February 18, 2009.
2. **New Local Housing Trust Funds** - The Department will award approximately \$5,425,000 of matching grant funds under this NOFA. Beginning February 18, 2009, applications will be accepted on an over-the-counter basis for New Local Housing Trust Funds. Health and Safety Code Section 53545.9(c)(2) requires the Department to set aside funding for a period of thirty-six months from the date funds are first made available for New Local Housing Trust Funds that are in a county with a population of less than 425,000 persons. To fulfill this requirement, the Department will issue two other NOFAs over the next two years for New Local Housing Trust Funds making available approximately \$5,425,000 in funds under each NOFA. New Local Housing Trust Funds that are in a county with a population of less than 425,000 persons will be given priority for receiving funding during each of the NOFA rounds.

Please see the "Program Definitions" section for the distinctions between Existing and New Local Housing Trust Funds.

Applications *mailed via the U.S. Postal Service* must be mailed to:

Department of Housing & Community Development
Division of Financial Assistance
Attn: Ben Dudek
Local Housing Trust Fund Program
P.O. Box 952054
Sacramento, CA 94252-2054

Applications sent using private *carriers or delivered in person* must be received by the LHFTP no later than 5:00 P.M. p.s.t. on February 18, 2009, for Existing Local Housing Trust Funds and on or after February 18, 2009, for New Local Housing Trust Funds. If applications are personally delivered, the receptionist will date stamp the application and provide a receipt as proof of delivery. The delivery address is:

Department of Housing & Community Development
Division of Financial Assistance
Local Housing Trust Fund Program
1800 Third Street, Room 460
Sacramento, CA 95811

Awards are scheduled to be **announced** beginning in April 2009, for Existing Local Housing Trust Fund applicants.

Over-the-counter awards for New Local Housing Trust Funds will be announced when applications have been received and have met program requirements.

Do not hesitate to contact the Department if you should have any questions regarding the NOFA or this Amendment, the application, the application process, or necessary documents at any time during the application preparation period.

Questions should be directed to the LHFP staff at (916) 323-3178. Thank you for your interest in the Local Housing Trust Fund Program.

Sincerely,



Chris Westlake
Deputy Director