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TO: COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: FUNDING GRANT ALERT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released funds for Funding Year 1997 for the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP). **The final filing date for application is August 8, 1997, at 3:00 P.M. local time.**

These funds are awarded to reduce or eliminate drug-related crimes "in or around" public and Indian housing developments. In the past eight years, HUD has awarded 3,473 PHDEP grants, totaling more than \$1.2 million to public and Indian housing authorities nationwide. Funding under this program is available **only** to Public Housing Agencies and Indian Housing Authorities for a period not to exceed two years.

The primary purpose of the PHDEP is to:

- Establish collaborative relationships with local agencies to increase employment and training opportunities for low-income residents, and thereby reduce/eliminate drug-related crime.
- Increase the use of housing community facilities for resident training, substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, structured aftercare, referrals and other human resources programs, over and above what might be ordinarily provided to housing agency residents.
- Develop comprehensive, community-based plans to coordinate anti-crime related activities across local, state, Federal, and Tribal levels to maximize their effectiveness, inclusive of funding contracts for community policing services.

County Administrators are encouraged to collaborate with their local housing authorities in order to share Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) research data, treatment referrals, and prevention techniques that may assist them in developing effective strategies for community residents with substance use and abuse problems. The provision of reimbursable AOD services on behalf of the county could increase treatment capacities and provide more focused, innovative interventions with high risk public housing residents. Contracts could evolve that would provide the counties with additional AOD discretionary funding and maximize opportunities to utilize housing authority resources for drug treatment sites.

Program Administrators

Due to this program's swiftly approaching deadline for the receipt of applications, it may prove helpful for County AOD Administrators to write letters of support to accompany their local housing authorities applications, if they desire, and formally negotiate collaborative, contractual relationships later once sufficient time becomes available.

To receive a copy of the application kit and/or if you have any questions please contact the Drug Information and Strategy Clearinghouse (DISC) at 1-800-578-3472.

Sincerely,

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