

4. Public Housing Authority Directors Association (PHADA)

Federal Government

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

In addition to the list of committee members noted above, HUD has identified the following two organizations as possible alternate or additional members of the negotiated rulemaking committee:

1. Southeast Regional Section 8 Housing Association (SERSHA)
2. Richmond Better Housing Coalition, Richmond, VA

III. First Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the negotiated rulemaking committee will be held on April 27 and April 28, 1999. On both days, the meeting is expected to start at 9 am and run until approximately 5 pm. On both days, the meeting will take place at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel (Concorde Ballroom), 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 22701.

The agenda planned for the meeting includes: (1) orienting members to the negotiated rulemaking process; (2) establishing a basic set of understandings and ground rules (protocols) regarding the process that will be followed in seeking a consensus; and (3) discussion of the issues relating to the development of regulations implementing new section 8(dd).

The meeting will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this document. Summaries of committee meetings will be available for public inspection and copying at the address in the same section.

In accordance with the General Services Administration (GSA) regulations implementing the Federal Advisory Committee Act, HUD normally publishes a **Federal Register** meeting document at least 15 calendar days before the date of an advisory committee meeting (see 41 CFR 105-54.301(i)). The GSA regulations, however, also provide that an agency may give less than 15 days document if the reasons for doing so are included in the **Federal Register** meeting document. (See 41 CFR 105-54.301(j).) Given the strict statutory deadline for implementation of new section 8(dd), HUD believes it is

imperative that the negotiations for development of the regulations begin as soon as possible. Failure to publish the final rule on a timely basis will delay the provision of Section 8 tenant-based renewal funding to PHAs. Accordingly, rather than defer the start of the negotiations, HUD has decided to proceed with the committee meeting announced in the March 19, 1999 notice.

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Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Chapter IX

[Docket No. FR-4423-N-02]

Capital Fund Rule; Notice of Establishment of Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and Notice of First Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Establishment of Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee and notice of first meeting.

SUMMARY: HUD announces the establishment of a negotiated rulemaking advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The establishment of the committee is required by the Quality Housing and Work Opportunity Act of 1998, which requires issuance of regulations under the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990. The purpose of the Committee is to discuss and negotiate a proposed rule that would change the current method of determining the allocation of capital funds to public housing agencies (PHAs). The committee consists of representatives with a definable stake in the outcome of a proposed rule. This document announces the committee members and the dates, location, and agenda for the first committee meeting.

DATES: The first committee meeting will be held on April 28-29, 1999. On April 28, 1999, the meeting will start at approximately 10:00 am and run until completion; on April 29, 1999, the meeting will start at 9:00 am and run until approximately 5:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The first committee meeting will take place at the Tysons Corner Doubletree Hotel, 7801 Leesburg Pike,

Falls Church, VA 22043; telephone (703) 893-1340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Flood, Director, Office of Capital Improvements, Public and Indian Housing, Room 4134, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone (202) 708-1640 ext. 4185 (this telephone number is not toll-free). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

HUD currently uses a formula approach called the Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP) to distribute capital funds to large public housing agencies (PHAs) (i.e. PHAs with 250 units or more) and a competitive program called the Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP) for small PHAs (i.e., PHAs with less than 250 units). A regulatory description of the CGP and CIAP can be found at 24 CFR part 968. Generally, the amount of capital funding received by a PHA is based on the number of units, type of units, condition of its units, cost of construction in the area and prior funding. While the amount can vary, it is the only source of capital funding that most PHAs receive to make major capital investments in its public housing stock. For example, in 1998, HUD distributed over \$2.1 billion in capital funds for CGP and \$307 million for CIAP to PHAs for 830 PHAs and over 900 PHAs respectively.

On March 19, 1999 (64 FR 13533), HUD published a notice of intent to establish an advisory committee to discuss and negotiate a proposed rule that would change the current method of determining the allocation of capital funds to PHAs. The establishment of the committee is required by the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1996 (Pub.L. 105-276, approved October 21, 1998; 112 Stat. 2461) (the "1998 Act"). The 1998 Act makes extensive changes to HUD's public and assisted housing programs. These changes include the establishment of a Capital Fund for the purpose of making assistance available to PHAs for capital and management activities of public housing under Section 9(d) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended.

The 1998 Act requires that the assistance to be made available from the new Capital Fund be determined using a formula developed through negotiated rulemaking procedures. The basic

concept of negotiated rulemaking is to have the agency that is considering drafting a rule bring together representatives of affected interests for face-to-face negotiations that are open to the public. The give-and-take of the negotiation process is expected to foster constructive, creative and acceptable solutions to difficult problems. The effective date of the Capital Fund formula (the beginning date of the fiscal year for which PHAs will determine their capital eligibility using the new formula) is October 1, 1999.

Accordingly, HUD hopes to publish a final rule that will take effect by October 1, 1999 to implement the Capital Fund formula.

The March 19, 1999 notice: (1) advised the public of HUD's intent to establish the negotiated rulemaking committee; (2) solicited public comments on the proposed membership of the committee; and (3) explained how persons could be nominated for membership on the committee.

II. The Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee

This notice announces HUD's establishment of the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee on Capital Fund Allocation. As noted above, the March 19, 1999 notice tentatively identified a list of possible interests and parties to be represented on the negotiated rulemaking committee, and requested public comment on the proposed committee membership. The public comment period on the March 19, 1999 notice closed on April 19, 1999. HUD has carefully considered the 13 comments received on the proposed committee membership.

The list of committee members includes representatives of PHAs, PHA organizations, tenant groups, public interest groups, and HUD. Additionally, two members of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service will serve as facilitators. The list of members for the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee on Capital Fund Allocation is as follows:

National PHA Associations

1. Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA)
2. National Association of Housing Renewal Officials (NAHRO)
3. Public Housing Authority Directors Association (PHADA)
4. National Organization of African Americans in Housing (NOAAH)

Housing Authorities

1. Philadelphia Housing Authority, Philadelphia, PA

2. Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago, IL
3. Dallas Housing Authority, Dallas, TX
4. Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration, San Juan, PR
5. Seattle Housing Authority, Seattle, WA
6. New York City Housing Authority, New York, NY
7. Dayton Housing Authority, Dayton, OH
8. Jersey City Housing Authority, Jersey City, NJ
9. San Diego Housing Authority, San Diego, CA
10. Macon Housing Authority, Macon, GA
11. Sanford Housing Authority, Sanford, ME
12. Housing Authority of the City of San Benito, San Benito, TX
13. City of La Junta Housing Authority, La Junta, CO
14. Housing Authority of the Town of Laurinburg, Laurinburg, NC
15. Madison Housing Authority, Madison, NJ

Tenant and Community Organizations

1. Guinotte Manor Tenant Association, Kansas City, MO
2. Center for Community Change, Washington, DC
3. Hillside Family Resource Center, Milwaukee, WI
4. Mount Pleasant Estates Tenant Association, Newark, NJ

Other Groups

1. National Housing Conference
2. U.S. Conference of Mayors
3. Fannie Mae
4. National Low-Income Housing Coalition

Federal Government

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

HUD will also invite a group of technical advisors to assist, where appropriate, in Committee deliberations. This group consists of non-profit and for-profit developers and other individuals who have had experience in mixed-finance development, the HOPE VI program, or other relevant experience.

III. First Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee on Capital Fund Allocation will be held on April 28 and April 29, 1999. On April 28, 1999, the meeting will start at 10 am and run until completion; on April 29, 1999, the meeting will start at 9 am and run until approximately 5 pm. On both days, the meeting will take place at the Tysons Corner Doubletree Hotel, 7801

Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043; telephone (703) 893-1340.

The agenda planned for the meeting includes: (1) Orienting members to the negotiated rulemaking process; (2) establishing a basic set of understandings and ground rules (protocols) regarding the process that will be followed in seeking a consensus; and (3) discussion of the issues relating to the development of a Capital Fund formula.

The meeting will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this document. Summaries of committee meetings will be available for public inspection and copying at the address in the same section.

In accordance with the General Services Administration (GSA) regulations implementing the Federal Advisory Committee Act, HUD normally publishes a **Federal Register** meeting document at least 15 calendar days before the date of an advisory committee meeting (see 41 CFR 105-54.301(i)). The GSA regulations, however, also provide that an agency may give less than 15 days document if the reasons for doing so are included in the **Federal Register** meeting document. (See 41 CFR 105-54.301(j).) Given the strict statutory deadline for implementation of the Capital Fund formula, HUD believes it is imperative that the negotiations for development of the formula begin as soon as possible. Failure to publish the Capital Fund final rule on a timely basis will delay the provision of capital funds to PHAs. Accordingly, rather than defer the start of the negotiations, HUD has decided to proceed with the committee meeting announced in the March 19, 1999 notice.

IV. Future Committee Meetings

Decisions with respect to future meetings will be made at the first meeting and from time to time thereafter. Additional committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for May 11-12 and May 25-26, 1999, at a location within the Washington, DC area to be determined. Notices of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Chapter I

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Improvements to Marine Safety in Puget Sound-Area Waters

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting and availability of Statement of Work.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces a meeting to describe the methodology for a cost-benefit analysis of potential rules that would improve marine safety in Puget Sound-Area waters. The meeting is being held in conjunction with a meeting regarding the Port Access Routes Study; Strait of Juan de Fuca and Adjacent Waters (15 April 1999; 64 FR 18651).

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 12, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting may conclude early if all questions are addressed before the scheduled end of the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Western Regional Center's auditorium in Building 9, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

For a copy of the statement of work for the cost-benefit analysis, contact Commander Timothy M. Close under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

If you would like to submit your questions on the statement of work before the meeting, they may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic means to Commander Timothy M. Close at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning the meeting or to obtain a copy of the statement of work, contact Commander Timothy M. Close, Human Element and Ship Design Division (G-MSE-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone 202-267-2997, fax 202-267-4816, email fldr-he@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation

The Coast Guard encourages you to participate by attending the meeting.

Background and Purpose

On November 24, 1998, the Coast Guard published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) (63 FR 6437) seeking public comment on potential rules that would improve marine safety in Puget Sound-Area waters including Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, passages around and through the San Jan Islands, and the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. The ANPRM also announced the Coast Guard's intention to begin a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis to study the feasibility of implementing new safety measures, including extended tug escort requirements for certain vessels and a dedicated pre-positioned rescue vessel. In the ANPRM, the Coast Guard requested that comments addressing cost-benefit-analysis issues be submitted to the docket by December 24, 1998. The comments received helped us develop the statement of work. The statement outlines the scope, timeline, and methodology for the cost-benefit analysis. It is this statement that will be described at the meeting. Preparation of the cost-benefit analysis, itself, is still underway.

If regulatory changes are eventually proposed, the public will have an additional opportunity to comment on the cost-benefit analysis for the selected regulatory proposals.

Meeting

The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to describe the statement of work and, as time allows, respond to questions on the statement. Questions during the meeting should related to the statement of work. This meeting is being held at the same location and on the same day as a meeting regarding the Port Access Routes Study; Strait of Juan de Fuca and Adjacent Waters (64 FR 18651).

Information of Service for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Commander Timothy M. Close under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

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Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Special Olympics 1999 Summer Sailing Regatta, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's City, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish temporary special local regulations for the Special Olympics 1999 Summer Sailing Regatta, a marine event to be held on the waters of the St. Mary's River, St. Mary's City, Maryland. These special local regulations, which will be in effect 6 a.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) to 5 p.m. EDT, daily from June 27 to July 2, 1999, are necessary to provide for the safety of life and property on U.S. navigable waters during the event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators, participants, and other vessels transiting the event area.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before May 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, or hand-deliver to Room 119 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398-6204. Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004 maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments, and documents as indicated in this preamble, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S.L. Phillips, Project Manager, Operations Division, Auxiliary Section, at (757) 398-6204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD 05-99-020) and the specific