

### **How would you describe the NSP2 application review process?**

- Approximately 500 applications received
- All complete applications were reviewed by teams of 2, who presented score recommendations before 2 panelists that made final score decisions.
- CPD collaborated with staff in PIH and FTA to complete the review

### **What criteria were used to evaluate NSP2 applications?**

- Location—the extent of foreclosure needs in the applicant’s target area.
- Capacity—based on recent experience purchasing and rehabilitating a minimum of 75 homes.
- Program Design—proposed strategy for stabilizing the target geography.
- Compliance with Recovery Act—purchase and rehabilitate or demolish at least 100 homes and use at least 25% of funds awarded to serve very low income households.

### **What is a consortium under NSP2?**

A joint application submitted by more than one public or private nonprofit organizations carrying out the program in a collaborative fashion. This could include a state with local governments, local governments with private nonprofits, etc.

### **Why are \$2 billion being allocated to so few grantees under NSP2?**

- Competition—Recovery Act stipulated funds be awarded on a competitive basis, as a result HUD received complex proposals requesting more than \$12 billion, but only \$2 billion were available for awards.
- Transformation—Grantees were selected based on expertise in carrying out program activities that will not only stabilize the foreclosure crisis, but leverage other resources to support community revitalization.
- Geographic Scope—56 grants are being awarded, 33 are consortiums using a regional approach and four are national consortiums carrying out activities in target areas throughout the country.

### **What are the timelines for NSP2?**

NSP2—a 3-year program, where 50% of grant must be spent in first 2 years (February 2012) and the total must be spent by the end of the third year (February 2013).

**Has the NSP proven successful in preventing and eliminating neighborhood blight due to foreclosed homes?**

The natural progression of a program of this scope prevents us from realizing the full potential of NSP at this point in time.

**Will the \$2 billion of NSP2 funds provided through the Recovery Act be the last round of NSP funding or do you expect the program to continue?**

This is a question for Congress. HUD has no authority to authorize additional funding for NSP.

**My organization did not receive an award, how can I learn why my application was not funded?**

Beginning 30 days after the awards for assistance are publicly announced, HUD will provide to a requesting applicant a debriefing related to its application. A request for debriefing must be made in writing or by email by the authorized official whose signature appears on the SF-424 or by his or her successor, and be submitted to [NSPdebriefing@hud.gov](mailto:NSPdebriefing@hud.gov). Information provided during a debriefing will include, at a minimum:

- final score the applicant received for each rating factor,
- final evaluator comments for each rating factor, and
- final assessment indicating the basis on which assistance was provided or denied.

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