

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON, D. C. 20410

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEIGHBORHOODS, VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Friend:

The information in this letter was prepared by my Office of Neighborhood Development, to alert you to a technical assistance program undertaken jointly by that Office and HUD's Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) Office.

The purpose of this technical assistance program is to provide extensive, on-site assistance to 8 to 10 neighborhood-based development organizations to put together fundable, competitive UDAG projects, which could lead to a commitment from HUD for UDAG grant funding for their respective cities within the next twelve months.

In order to qualify for extensive on-site technical assistance under this UDAG program the following four criteria must be met:

- The group must have a specific project in mind and some preliminary feasibility analysis completed for the project.
- 2. The group must have identified a specific site for the project and have control of that site or a willing seller. If eminent domain will be used for acquisition, clear title should be obtained within 90 days.
- 3. The group must have the city's support in the form of a written commitment from the Chief Executive Officer, which indicates that the city will support the project and will prepare and submit the application to the UDAG office.
- 4. The group must have expressions of interest from private lending institutions which demonstrate that they are aware of the project, have confidence in the general feasibility of the concept and the development entity and are prepared to accept an application for financing if certain conditions are met.



If you have a project that meets these criteria, please send a brief description of the project and how it relates to the above four criteria to:

Mr. Terry Simonette
Office of Neighborhood Development
NVACP, HUD, Room 3238,
Washington, D.C. 20410

There may be additional opportunities provided for technical assistance to groups who do not meet all of the above criteria, but who have a specific project in mind. If your organization or organizations with whom you work fall into the above categories, please write to the Office of Neighborhood Development for further information.

Sincerely,

Geno C. Baroni Assistant Secretary

## **FIVE WORKSHOPS:**

## Neighborhood-based Technology

Chicago, Illinois Conrad Hilton Hotel Oct. 31,

Nov. 1, 2

New York, New York
Federal Office Building
26 Federal Plaza
Nov. 28, 29, 30 197 Federal Office Building Nov. 28, 29, 30 1979

Oakland, California Site to be announced Dec. 12, 13, 14 1979

San Antonio, Texas Site to be announced Jan. 16, 17, 18 1980

Charleston, South Carolina

Francis Marion Hotel Feb. 6, 7, 8 1980

The Civic Action Institute is offering practical training to staff and board members of neighborhood organizations on:

- Solar Heating
- Greenhouse and Outdoor Gardens
- Food Distribution
- Waste Recycling
- Self-Help Housing Rehabilitation
- Weatherization
- Housing Cooperatives
- Community Land Ownership
- Community Crime Prevention
- Caring Neighbors: Serving Children, the Aging.

Instructors at the three day workshops will be persons from neighborhood organizations who are now carrying out these technologies. The program is being conducted under a contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For further information, contact The Civic Action Institute 1010 16th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 293-1461

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