

Neighborhood Initiative Program
Program Notice 12



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To: NIP Lead Entities and Partners
From: NIP Staff
Subject: Program Notice #12: Performance Metrics

Providing performance metrics to Treasury is a mandatory requirement for the use of HHF for blight removal. During the application process, applicants were required to provide information on the metrics available to measure the impact of blight removal in the selected target areas. Initially, the plan to report on program performance was to have each Lead Entity produce a report containing relevant data such as property values, crime statistics, foreclosure rates, frequency of emergency response calls, etc. In recent months, other HHF blight removal states have produced performance metrics reports for Treasury. After evaluating those reports, NIP staff have made the determination that in order for SC to produce a performance metrics report similar in scope, nature, and caliber of the reports being produced by other HHF blight removal states, it will be necessary for NIP Staff to outsource this task to a third party. Due to time constraints on NIP staff and the staff of the LE/Partners, there is simply not enough time available for SC participants to produce performance metrics reports within the timeframes expected by Treasury and SIGTARP without the use of a third party analyst to undertake this task.

In lieu of requiring each Lead Entity to produce a performance metrics report, we have decided to use a third party analyst to produce one performance metrics report that will analyze the HHF blight removal activity being undertaken in the state as a whole. NIP Staff will be working with Lead Entities to collect the data necessary for the analyst to measure the effects of blight removal and produce the report. The primary data needed is property transfer information that is typically available to the public on the county tax assessor's webpages. It will be necessary for the Lead Entity to act as a liaison between NIP Staff and the appropriate county department(s) to obtain the data. The volume of data needed will most likely will require either an ftp site or electronic storage device to submit the data to NIP staff.

The production of this report is dependent upon a collaborative effort being put forth by all parties involved. Supplying this data is crucial for the successful production of the report by the third party. NIP staff will not be requesting this data via FOIA, as access to this data is a program requirement. Our goal is to have the data collected and provided to the analyst by the end of July and have a final report ready for Treasury by the end of the year. Data collection efforts will be focused on the areas with the

greatest concentration of demolition, dollars awarded, and pre-NIP demolition activity. We do not anticipate the need to request data from each Lead Entity. The primary person to contact with questions, comments or concerns regarding the data requests is Demian Carpenter. Please let us know if there is anything NIP staff can do or provide that may facilitate the data collection.