



DIVISION OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

BULLETIN: 03-3
SUBJECT: Race and Ethnicity Description
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ATTENTION: All CDBG Recipients

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise grantees of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements for implementing new data collection requirements concerning race and ethnicity.

Effective January 1, 2004, when collecting and reporting data, all grant administrators must offer individuals the option of selecting one or more of five (5) racial categories. Note that HUD now treats ethnicity as a category separate from race. These changes will have significant impact on grantee data collection and reporting procedures. When collecting this data, it is recommended that grant administrators ask respondents to identify their ethnicity before asking them to identify their race.

Two ethnic categories are defined by HUD:

- a) **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish origin," can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."
- b) **Not Hispanic or Latino.** A person not of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.