

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4802-N-01]

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Permanent Housing and Special Efforts for Subpopulations Technical Assistance Program (PHASES-TA)

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: *Purpose of the Program:* The purpose of the technical assistance (TA) program detailed in this NOFA is: To provide technical assistance to grantees, project sponsors, and potential applicants for the McKinney-Vento Act funded Supportive Housing Program, Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy, and Shelter Plus Care projects to promote the development of permanent housing and supportive services as part of the Continuum of Care (CoC) approach, including innovative approaches to enable homeless persons to live as independently as possible. A Continuum of Care approach helps communities plan for and provide a balance of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing and service resources to address the needs of homeless persons so they can make the critical transition from the streets to permanent housing and independent living. In addition to prevention, the fundamental components of a CoC system are outreach and assessment to identify an individual's or family's needs and make connections to facilities and services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing arrangements. In addition, this TA program is intended to provide assistance to faith-based and other community grassroots organizations, veteran-specific organizations, and organizations serving Colonias areas to better enable them to develop and implement viable project proposals to assist homeless persons using McKinney-Vento funds.

HUD's Strategic Goals: Activities funded through this NOFA are meant, to the extent practicable, to support the Strategic Goals described below:

Strategic Goal 1. Effectively address the challenge of homelessness. Ending chronic homelessness within a decade is a primary goal of HUD's homeless assistance programs. HUD is also the primary agency responsible for providing housing and related resources to prevent homelessness and help homeless families and individuals move to permanent housing.

Strategic Goal 2. Strengthen and expand faith-based and other community partnerships that enhance communities. HUD has a long and rich history of cooperating with faith-based and other community-based organizations to address the needs of underserved communities, including the needs of those Americans for whom homelessness, the lack of affordable housing, and limited alternatives for special needs housing lead to despair and hopelessness. Building on this history, HUD plans to strengthen and expand its partnerships with faith-based and other community-based groups to take further advantage of their capacity to provide quality services to communities and families.

Available Funds. Up to \$2 million in FY 2002 funds is available for the PHASES-TA program. (Approximately \$1 million will be available in TA funds for development and implementation of permanent housing, with the remaining \$1 million to be used for technical assistance for faith-based and other community organizations, veteran-specific organizations, and organizations either currently serving or desiring to serve Colonias.)

Eligible Applicants. Specific eligibility requirements for the PHASES-TA program are found below in Section III (C).

Application Deadline. June 18, 2003.

Match: None.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

I. Application Due Date; Application Submission Procedures; Further Information and Technical Assistance

Application Due Date: Applicants must submit a completed application (original and one copy) by June 18, 2003, to the address shown below. Only one application per applicant is permitted.

Application Submission Procedures. HUD has standardized security procedures that affect the application submission process. Please read the following instructions carefully and completely. HUD will not accept hand delivered applications. Applications may be mailed using DHL, Falcon Carrier, FedEx, United Parcel Service (UPS), or the United States Postal Service (USPS). No other delivery services are permitted into HUD Headquarters without escort. Applicants must, therefore, use one of the five carriers listed above.

Mailed Applications. An application will be considered timely filed if it is postmarked on or before 5:15 pm EDT on June 18, 2003, and received by the designated HUD office on or within twenty-one (21) days of the application

due date. All applicants must obtain and save a Certificate of Mailing showing the date when the application was submitted to the United States Postal Service (USPS). The Certificate of Mailing will be the applicant's documentary evidence that the application was timely filed.

Applications Sent by Overnight/Express Mail Delivery. If the application is sent by overnight delivery or express mail, the application will be timely filed if it is received on or before June 18, 2003, or when the applicant submits documentary evidence that the application was placed in transit with the overnight delivery/express mail service by no later than June 18, 2003. Due to security measures, applicants must use one of four carrier services that are permitted into HUD Headquarters without escort. These services are DHL, Falcon Carrier, FedEx and UPS. Delivery by these services must be made during HUD Headquarters business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. If these companies do not service an applicant's area, the applicant should submit the application via the United States Postal Service.

Addresses for Submitting Applications. Applicants must submit completed applications to HUD Headquarters, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Processing and Control Branch, Room 7251, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410. A completed application consists of the original application and one copy. When submitting an application, applicants should refer to the Permanent Housing and Special Efforts for Subpopulations Technical Assistance (PHASES-TA) Program. Applicants should include name, mailing address (including zip code), telephone number (including area code), and fax number (including area code).

Further Information and Technical Assistance. For supplemental information or technical assistance, applicants may contact Jean Whaley at 202-708-3176, x2774 (this is not a toll-free number) in HUD Headquarters. Persons with hearing and speech challenges may access the above number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. Information on this NOFA may also be obtained through the HUD Web site on the Internet at <http://www.hud.gov>.

II. Amount Allocated

(A) The amount allocated for the PHASES-TA program is up to \$2,000,000.