

(B) HUD will determine the total amount to be awarded to each provider based upon the size and needs of the provider's operating service area, the funds available for that area, the number of other awardees selected in that area, and the scope of the technical assistance to be provided. HUD may require selected applicants, as a condition of funding, to provide coverage on a geographically broader basis than applied for in order to supplement or strengthen the intermediary network in terms of the location (service area) and types and scope of technical assistance proposed.

(C) To the extent permitted by funding constraints, HUD intends to provide coverage for as full a range as possible of eligible activities. To achieve this objective, HUD will fund the highest ranking providers that bring the required expertise in one or more specialized activity areas, and may fund portions of providers' proposed programs in which they have the greatest skill and capability for given geographic areas. HUD will apply rating factors, identified in Section V of this NOFA, to select a range of providers and activities that would best serve program objectives for the programs funded under this NOFA.

### **III. Program Description; Program Award Period; Eligible Applicants; Eligible Activities**

#### **(A) Program Description**

Up to \$2 million in funds are available for technical assistance providers to help organizations that operate or wish to provide McKinney-Vento programs to better serve their clients' permanent and/or special housing and supportive service needs. Here the term "special" refers to one or more of three designated populations: homeless veterans, homeless persons in Colonias, or homeless persons being assisted by faith-based and other community grassroots organizations. Faith-based and other community grassroots organizations are defined as those organizations that are headquartered in the local community to which they provide services; and have social service budgets of \$300,000 or less (not including other portions of the budget such as salaries and expenses), or have six or fewer full-time equivalent employees. Local affiliates of national organizations are not considered "grassroots." Local affiliates of national organizations are encouraged, however, to partner with grassroots organizations but must demonstrate that they are currently working with a grassroots organization,

e.g., having a congregation or civic organization, or other charitable organization provide volunteers.

Thus far, the three types of technical assistance that have been delineated include TA to providers who serve homeless veterans, TA to providers who serve homeless persons in Colonias, and TA to providers who serve homeless persons through faith-based and other community grassroots organizations. The fourth kind of technical assistance will be for providers of permanent housing serving any or all categories of homeless people. Eligible applicants are able to apply for funding to address the technical assistance needs of as few as one, and as many as all four, of these TA areas. This section of the NOFA reflects the statutory requirements of the PHASES-TA program.

#### **(B) Program Award Period**

(1) Cooperative agreements will be for a period of up to 18 months. HUD, however, reserves the right to:

(a) Terminate awards in accordance with provisions contained in OMB Circular A-102 and A-110, and 24 CFR parts 84-85, anytime after 12 months;

(b) Withdraw funds from a specific provider, if HUD determines that the need for assistance is not commensurate with the award for assistance; or

(c) Extend the performance period for up to a total of 12 additional months of individual awardees that have performed satisfactorily or for which there is a demonstrated continuing need for assistance. As a condition of receiving an award, a successful applicant must agree to serve for an extended period.

(2) In cases where an applicant selected for funding is currently providing technical assistance under an existing HUD grant/cooperative agreement, HUD reserves the right to adjust the start date of funding available under this NOFA to coincide with the conclusion of the previous award, or to incorporate the remaining activities from the previous award into the new agreement, adjusting the funding levels as necessary.

#### **(C) Eligible Applicants**

HUD is specifically looking for applicants who satisfy any one, or a combination of, the conditions from the following list:

(1) Applicant is a provider of permanent housing and/or supportive services to homeless individuals and/or families;

(2) Applicant has experience with the McKinney-Vento funding process;

(3) Applicant is a provider that services primarily homeless veterans

and their families or focuses on homeless veterans as part of the homeless population it serves;

(4) Applicant is a provider that serves homeless persons in Colonias and their families;

(5) Applicant is a faith-based or community organization that serves homeless individuals and/or families;

(6) Applicant is a public and/or private nonprofit or for-profit group, including educational institutions and area-wide planning organizations, qualified to provide technical assistance on McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance activities.

An organization may not provide assistance to itself. All applicant organizations must have demonstrated ability to provide TA in a geographic area larger than a single city or county and must propose to serve an area larger than a single city or county. A consortium of organizations may apply for one or more TA programs, but HUD will require that one organization be designated as the legal applicant, where legally feasible. Where one organization cannot be so designated for all proposed activities, HUD may execute more than one cooperative agreement with the members of a consortium. However, in general HUD will not award more than one cooperative agreement per application unless necessary due to legal requirements.

#### **(D) Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities under this NOFA are described below. All proposed activities must be generally eligible as described in (1), and address one of the following from (2), (3), (4), or (5), below:

(1) Funds are available to provide technical assistance to grantees and project sponsors for McKinney-Vento Act funded homeless assistance projects. Funds also may be used to provide technical assistance to potential applicants and potential project sponsors of McKinney-Vento Act homeless assistance grants. The assistance may include, but is not limited to, written information such as reports, manuals, guides and brochures; person-to-person exchanges; on-site or remote technical assistance visits and provision of technical expertise; and training and related costs. Eligible activities as appropriate for each of the four separate categories of technical assistance are listed below:

(2) *Permanent housing.* Provide assistance to (i) identify expert resources and facilitate the exchange of information needed to help participating organizations/jurisdictions build the capacity to develop and/or implement permanent housing in