

projects funded under the McKinney-Vento Act in order to better serve homeless persons and families; (ii) develop and publish descriptive material, in the form of a best practices guide, and include best practice examples for use by organizations working to develop and implement a McKinney-Vento funded permanent housing project; (iii) develop regional workshops focused on developing and implementing permanent housing projects funded under the McKinney-Vento Act; (iv) conduct 25 on-site or remote technical assistance visits to organizations seeking to develop or implement a permanent housing project using McKinney-Vento funds; (v) develop a guidebook on how Safe Havens can be developed and implemented as Supportive Housing Program permanent housing for the handicapped homeless and Section 8 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) projects. Safe Havens are a form of permanent housing that serves hard-to-reach homeless persons with severe mental illness who are unwilling or unable to participate in supportive services.

(3) *Colonias*. Colonias are primarily rural communities that are located within 150 miles of the U.S.-Mexican border and lack adequate infrastructure and basic services. For providers who serve homeless persons in Colonias, provide assistance to (i) identify projects receiving HUD McKinney-Vento Act funds that can be cited as best practices and or expert resources for effectively coordinating between Colonias and community organizations; (ii) identify and analyze barriers that tend to exclude or discourage Colonias from participation in the Continuum of Care process or other efforts to assist homeless persons; (iii) develop one or more workshops focused on developing and implementing housing projects funded under the McKinney-Vento Act and serving homeless persons in Colonias; (iv) develop and publish descriptive material in the form of a best practices guide for use by organizations working to develop and implement a McKinney-Vento-funded housing and/or services project serving homeless persons in Colonias.

(4) *Faith-based and other community organizations*. Provide assistance to (i) identify active projects receiving HUD McKinney-Vento Act funds that can be cited as best practices and/or expert resources for effectively coordinating between Continuum of Care systems and faith-based and other community organizations; (ii) identify and analyze factors that may tend to discourage faith-based and other community organizations from participation in

HUD's homeless programs; (iii) develop 3–5 regional workshops, institutes, or other forums that will attract faith-based and other community organizations interested in developing projects to serve homeless individuals and families. Assistance will focus on the organization's capacity, which means that in addition to knowledge of, and experience with, homelessness in general, the organization carrying out the project, its employees and/or its partners must have the necessary knowledge, experience, and administrative systems in place to carry out the specific activities proposed (e.g., housing development, housing management, and service delivery) and the TA provided will be able to successfully assist or train organizations to compete for funding assistance under HUD's McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance Program; (iv) conduct 10 on-site or remote technical assistance visits to faith-based and other community organizations seeking to develop or implement McKinney-Vento projects;

(5) *Homeless veterans*. Using previously identified best practices and expert resources, provide assistance to (i) facilitate the exchange of information needed to help participating organizations/jurisdictions build capacity to develop veteran-specific McKinney-Vento projects, i.e., in which the primary target group is homeless veterans; (ii) develop and participate in 3–5 training workshops, institutes, forums, or national or regional conferences and present the pertinent information obtained; (iii) conduct ten on-site or remote technical assistance visits to organizations seeking to develop or implement a veteran-specific McKinney-Vento project using McKinney-Vento funds; (iv) analyze coordination between the Continuum of Care and the Department of Veterans Affairs Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups (CHALENG) planning systems as it relates to addressing housing to meet the needs of veterans who are chronically homeless. The analysis should lead to development of more efficient planning and/or delivery of housing to chronically homeless veterans.

IV. Program Requirements

(A) Statutory Requirements

To be eligible for funding under this NOFA, the applicant must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the McKinney-Vento program or programs for which funding is sought. If applicants need copies of the program regulations, they are

available through the HUD Web site, <http://www.hud.gov>.

(B) Threshold Requirements

(1) *Ineligible Applicants*. HUD will not consider an application from an ineligible applicant.

(2) *Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws*.

(a) All applicants and their sub-recipients must comply with all Fair Housing and Civil Rights laws, statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders as enumerated at 24 CFR 5.105(a).

(b) Applicants may not apply for assistance under this NOFA, if the applicants:

(i) Have been charged with a systemic violation of the Fair Housing Act alleging ongoing discrimination;

(ii) Are a defendant in a Fair Housing Act lawsuit filed by the Department of Justice alleging an on-going pattern or practice of discrimination; or

(iii) Have received a letter of non-compliance findings under Title VI, Section 504, or Section 109, and if the charge, lawsuit, or letter of findings has not been resolved to HUD's satisfaction before the application deadline stated in the NOFA. HUD's decision regarding whether a charge, lawsuit, or a letter of findings has been satisfactorily resolved will be based upon whether appropriate actions have been taken to address allegations of on-going discrimination in the policies or practices involved in the charge, lawsuit, or letter of findings.

(3) *Conducting Business in Accordance with HUD's Core Values and Ethical Standards*. Entities subject to 24 CFR parts 84 and 85 (most nonprofit organizations and state, local and tribal governments or government agencies or instrumentalities who receive federal awards of financial assistance) are required to develop and maintain a written code of conduct (see Sections 84.42 and 85.36(b)(3)). Consistent with regulations governing specific programs, an applicant's code of conduct must: prohibit real and apparent conflicts of interest that may arise among officers, employees, or agents; prohibit the solicitation and acceptance of gifts or gratuities by its officers, employees, and agents for their personal benefit in excess of minimal value; and outline administrative and disciplinary actions available to remedy violations of such standards. If awarded assistance under this NOFA, applicants will be required, prior to entering into a grant agreement with HUD, to submit a copy of their code of conduct and describe the methods they will use to ensure that all officers, employees, and agents of their organizations are aware of their code of conduct;