

identified community/organization has a high potential to participate in McKinney-Vento programs if it receives the level of TA proposed.)

(4) (5 points) Proposes a feasible, creative plan to transfer models and lessons learned in its PHASES-TA program activities to other community programs; (In rating this factor, HUD will evaluate whether the applicant has proposed a clear and feasible plan for obtaining and disseminating information on lessons learned in each of its TA activities to other TA clients, using state of the art or new promising technology as appropriate.)

Rating Factor 4: Quality/Responsiveness and Sustainability (15 Points)

HUD will review applications to determine if they meet the following quality standards:

(1) (10 points) The proposed TA must be appropriate and responsive to the needs of the project sponsors, McKinney-Vento grantees, and potential applicants to be served, as well as the localities involved. The PHASES-TA applicant should emphasize how they will advise and train project applicants and project sponsors in undertaking program planning, community consultations, housing development and operations, coordination with related health-care and other supportive services, and evaluation and reporting on program performance. All of these elements are especially important when addressing the needs of providers desiring to provide permanent housing for severely mentally ill persons, homeless veterans, homeless persons in Colonias, and chronically homeless and hard-to reach individuals and families; (In rating this factor, HUD will evaluate the specificity in which each element of this factor is addressed that demonstrates both an understanding of the issues and solid experience and methods in fulfilling each of the elements.) HUD may find the technical assistance to be inappropriate if:

(a) The technical assistance to be provided does not show how participants will be helped to expand their capacity to develop permanent housing, if proposing activities in this category of technical assistance; or, for those proposing to serve the other three categories, if the proposal does not show how participants will be helped to expand their capacity to develop McKinney-Vento projects serving the special subpopulations they propose to serve.

(b) Development of housing and housing accessibility for persons with disabilities will not be provided as required by applicable laws including

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Fair Housing Act and their implementing regulations.

(c) The technical assistance provided or activities proposed will not result in service delivery in the most integrated setting appropriate for qualified persons with disabilities, consistent with the objectives of the President's New Freedom Initiative and *Olmstead v. L.C.*

(d) The technical assistance to be provided does not address community-wide planning to avoid duplication of service activity or service provision.

(e) The technical assistance to be provided does not demonstrate responsive, efficient and cost-effective planning in its proposed activities.

(2) (5 Points). The proposed TA must promote sustainability. Sustainability refers to the potential for TA recipient organizations to become self-sustaining financially, and the potential of a specific project or activity to be sustained into the future absent any McKinney-Vento funding; (In rating this factor, HUD will evaluate the specificity in which sustainability is addressed and any experience the applicant can document in achieving this goal.)

Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (10 Points)

This factor emphasizes HUD's commitment to ensure that grantees keep promises made in their applications and to assess their performance to ensure performance goals are met. Program evaluation requires that the applicant identify program outcomes, interim products or benchmarks, and performance indicators that will allow measure of performance. Performance indicators should be quantifiable and measure actual against planned achievements. Applicants are also asked to describe their successful past performance, including timely and cost-effective delivery of services, in other relevant community development and/or technical assistance programs.

In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the application:

(1) (5 points) Proposes an effective, outcome-oriented evaluation plan for measuring performance. The evaluation plan should identify outcomes to be measured, how they will be measured, and the steps in place to make adjustments to work plans if performance targets are not met within established timeframes. The evaluation plan should also identify shortcomings and recommend areas for improvement when providing technical assistance services. The applicant is also asked to

describe previous experience developing such plans; (In rating this factor, HUD will evaluate the specificity in which the evaluation plan is developed and the applicant's previous experience in developing such plans.)

(2) (5 points) Demonstrates successful past performance in administering HUD McKinney-Vento TA grants. Applicants new to HUD's Community Development Technical Assistance (CD-TA) Programs should certify to that fact. In order to reach new technical assistance providers in the McKinney-Vento Act homeless assistance program area, up to 25% of the funds will be reserved for applicants who have not previously been funded under a community and planning development technical assistance competition. If qualified new applicants are not found in each field office and/or at the national level, the remaining funds will be made available for previously funded providers. (**Note:** There will be no point deduction on this subfactor for new applicants who comply with the above requirement.) Applicants new to the HUD Supportive Housing-TA or Homeless-TA Programs should certify to that fact, but should demonstrate successful past performance in providing technical assistance in other community development programs. (In rating this factor, HUD will use currently available information in HUD files, including financial and drawdown information, for all current Community Development TA providers.)

VI. Application Submission Requirements

The application must, at a minimum, contain the following items:

(A) Transmittal Letter which identifies the NOFA, the dollar amount requested, and the applicant or applicants submitting the application.

(B) Narrative statement addressing the Factors for Award described in section V of this NOFA. An applicant should number the narrative response in accordance with each factor for award. This narrative statement will be the basis for evaluating the application. It should include a plan of suggested TA activities as described in factors 2, 3, and elsewhere. These suggested TA activities may form a starting point for negotiating the TADP described in section IV(C)(2) of this NOFA.

(C) Budget Summary identifying costs for implementing the plan of suggested TA activities by cost category, in accordance with the following:

(1) Direct Labor by position or individual, indicating the estimated hours per position, the rate per hour,