

(3) *McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance Programs TA*. Funds are available to provide TA to McKinney-Vento Act-funded homeless assistance projects. Funds may be used to provide TA to prospective applicants, applicants, grantees, and project sponsors of McKinney-Vento Act-funded housing and supportive services for homeless persons. The assistance may include, but is not limited to, written information such as papers, manuals, guides and brochures; person-to-person exchanges; on-site assessments; provision of technical expertise; and training and related costs.

HUD has set a national goal to end chronic homelessness within ten years and seeks to meet the needs of chronically homeless individuals as well as other homeless persons and families. A person experiencing chronic homelessness is defined as an unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more or has experienced four or more episodes of homelessness over the last three years.

TA activities are focused on but not limited to the following:

(a) Facilitating the exchange of information between community organizations to develop and implement a community-wide discharge plan for individuals exiting publicly-funded institutions (e.g., criminal justice system, foster care system, mental health system) so that these individuals do not become homeless;

(b) Improving the ability of eligible applicants to develop and operate permanent housing projects for chronically homeless persons;

(c) Developing materials on effective grant administration for grantees and sponsors;

(d) Improving the ability of eligible grantees and sponsors in reaching out to and enumerating chronically homeless persons; and

(e) Improving the ability of grantees and sponsors in coordinating services available through mainstream resources with current housing units available for homeless persons.

(4) *HOPWA TA*. Funds are available to provide grantees, project sponsors, and potential recipients of HOPWA program funds with the skills and knowledge needed to develop, operate, and support HOPWA-eligible projects and activities in concert with two national goals: sustainable and sound management of HOPWA programs; and the accurate use of HUD's information and management tools. The national goals are to enhance the organization's ability to use HUD funds in a manner

that upholds the public trust in the operation of the program, and to enhance the organization's ability to sustain their projects through financial downturns and beyond the term of the grant.

An applicant for HOPWA TA funds may propose activities on a national basis or a regional basis. To achieve the national goals, HOPWA TA must be used to address the following areas:

For goal one: Sustainable and sound management of HOPWA programs—

(a) Management and operations through such activities as training on management practices to ensure responsive, efficient, and cost effective facility and program operations; training on fiscal management to ensure accountability in the use of funds and in the development of long-term strategies to assure financial viability, including strategic planning, merger and acquisition consideration, and financial development programs;

(b) State, local, and community planning through such activities as training on the coordination of housing with health-care and other related supportive services for eligible persons; improving ability in developing collaborations with local, State and Federal agencies that administer HIV/AIDS-related programs, including programs funded under the Ryan White CARE Act; facilitating in creating or linking to existing needs assessments of the area's housing needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families; facilitating in creating or linking to comprehensive multiple-year HIV/AIDS housing plans that are undertaken in collaboration with local, State and Federal programs including the Ryan White CARE Act programs; and facilitating in creating or linking to existing plans that address specialized needs of clients, including assistance for clients with serious mental illness, chronic alcohol and other drug abuse issues, and homelessness; and

(c) Program evaluation through such activities as advising on data collection and program evaluation and dissemination of results; and developing and providing program handbooks, guidance materials, audio/visual products, training, and other activities to promote good management practices.

For goal two: Accurate use of HUD's information and management tools—

Providing TA to grantees, project sponsors, and other nonprofit organizations involved in HIV/AIDS plans in using the Department's information technology, financial reporting on program activities. Proposed activities may support the use of the Department's Consolidated

Planning Process and Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), the use of HOPWA Annual Progress Reports, the Grants Management System, and LOCCS/HUDCAPS and other information collection or financial management tools, including the government-wide e-grants system when it becomes operational. The use of these management tools ensure that the performance of HOPWA recipients is measured under the HOPWA national performance goals. The proposed activities may include conducting grantee and sponsor workshops, developing training materials, developing or adapting program output and outcome measures and sponsoring related conferences and training of grantees and project sponsors.

#### IV. CD-TA Program Requirements

Because CD-TA program awards are made as cooperative agreements, they entail significant HUD involvement. Thus, the TA activities proposed in an application may change after discussion with HUD. In addition to the requirements listed in the General Section of this SuperNOFA, applicants are subject to the following requirements:

(A) *Profit/Fee*. No increment above cost, no fee or profit, may be paid to any recipient or subrecipient of an award under this CD-TA Program section of the SuperNOFA.

(B) *TA Oversight*. All Field Office TA providers, including those awarded pooled Field Office HOME TA account funds, must operate under the direction of each HUD Field Office within whose jurisdiction they are providing TA. When directed by a Field Office, TA providers may be required to coordinate activities through a lead CD-TA provider or other organization designated by the Field Office. If an applicant is selected as a Field Office CD-TA provider and is then designated as the lead CD-TA provider, the applicant must follow HUD Field Office direction and coordinate the activities of other CD-TA providers selected under this CD-TA Program section of the SuperNOFA. All national TA providers must coordinate their plans with, and operate under the direction of the GTR and GTM in HUD Headquarters.

Joint activities by CD-TA providers may be required.

(C) *Demand-Response Delivery System*. All CD-TA applicants must operate within the structure of the demand-response system. Under the demand-response system, CD-TA providers are required to: