

but not limited to, medical, financial, or educational information.

(C) Study participants will be limited to HOPWA eligible persons who are homeless or at severe risk of homelessness. For the purpose of this study, "homeless" refers to eligible persons who are sleeping in emergency shelters or other facilities for homeless persons, or places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, or abandoned buildings. This term also includes eligible persons who ordinarily live in such places but are in a hospital, or other institution on a short-term basis (30 consecutive days or less). For the purpose of this study, "at severe risk of homelessness" refers to eligible persons who are frequently relocated or who move between temporary housing situations, so that housing is neither appropriate nor stable.

(D) The applicant must either provide appropriate supportive services in connection with the rental assistance or ensure that appropriate services are provided from other sources.

(E) All persons receiving rental assistance under Part C will be advised that such rental assistance is connected to participation in the CDC study, and will be required to consent to such participation prior to receiving rental assistance. Participation in the CDC study will be voluntary. Refusal to participate in the CDC study will not affect a person's eligibility to receive housing or supportive services, as they may become available, under the grantee's HOPWA formula grant. Eligible persons may also apply for other available housing outside that provided under Part C.

#### IV. HUD Award

HUD will award:

(A) Up to \$1,200,000 for tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services (with at least \$800,000 to be used for long-term rental assistance);

(B) Up to three (3) percent of your total award for grantee administrative cost; and

(C) Up to seven (7) percent of the amount each project sponsor receives for project sponsor administrative cost.

HUD will not award funds for project-based rental assistance, new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation or conversion, lease or repair of facilities, short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, resource identification, operating costs, local evaluations or technical assistance.

#### V. Application Selection Process

(A) Threshold Review.

The Department will conduct a threshold review of all applicants requesting funding under Part C. Applicants failing to meet the threshold review requirements will not be awarded project funding. Threshold review will consist of:

(1) *Eligibility*. You must be a HOPWA formula grantee.

(2) *Good Standing Review*. You must have no sanctions or unresolved monitoring findings during the active competitive period, from the date of this notice until the selection of grants, or other HUD knowledge of unresolved problems. Unresolved problems include that planned activities remain delayed in their implementation, a significant number of units are vacant, annual performance reports were not filed with HUD at the time of the due date for applications, or significant citizen complaints are unresolved or not responded to with justified reasons. Grants in default of the grant agreement or with unresolved management issues will not be awarded project funding.

(B) Application Selection Process and Procedures for the Rating of Applications.

HUD will rate all of the applications based on the factors listed below. The points awarded for the factors total 100. After rating, all applications will be placed in the rank order of their final score for selection.

#### Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Project Sponsors and Relevant Organizational Experience (30 Points)

You will be rated on the extent to which you and any project sponsor have the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed project over the three years of the project. HUD will award up to 30 points based on your and any project sponsor's ability to operate the proposed program. These activities include providing rental assistance for HOPWA eligible persons with appropriate management oversight, and that will provide adequate coordination with the planned study by the CDC over the three-year time period of this grant. Identify all relevant experience in undertaking projects similar to the HOPWA funded activities involved in this study.

*Rating Factor 2: Need/Extent of the Problem (20 Points)*

Up to 20 points will be awarded for this factor. Applicants must assure HUD that there are documented unmet housing needs of at least 500 HOPWA eligible individuals for rental assistance in this area. Applicants must demonstrate that with the rental assistance provided in this

demonstration project and other related resources, the area housing market can provide available units for at least 187 new HOPWA eligible persons to be enrolled in the study and that a waiting list or comparison group of at least an equal number of persons with unmet housing needs is likely to continue in the area during the study period.

To receive the maximum points, the applicant must demonstrate that substantial housing and related service needs of eligible persons targeted by the project you propose are not being met in your area of service and that reliable statistics and data sources (i.e. Census, health department statistics, research, scientific studies, along with Needs Analysis of Consolidated Plan and/or Continuum of Care documentation) show this unmet need.

#### Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (20 Points)

This factor addresses the method by which your plan for housing, client outreach and selection, project management and data collection is consistent with the identified elements of the study. HUD will award up to 20 points based on the extent to which your plan evidences a sound approach for conducting the HOPWA activities in a manner that is responsive to eligible persons, and that your plan for project coordination will ensure that the housing component of this study are implemented in a clear and sound manner when compared to other applications.

You will be rated based on how well you will conduct outreach to unmet homeless or unstably housed persons who have a severe risk of homelessness and are living with HIV/AIDS. You will be rated on the extent to which you have coordinated your activities and the activities of your sponsors with other organizations to provide rental assistance in connection with access to appropriate health care and other supportive services for likely participants in this study. The highest rated applications will define a clear collaborative effort that you and your sponsors have taken with related programs including coordination with eligible persons, advocates, HOPWA and/or Ryan White CARE Act planning bodies, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, homeless assistance programs, or other mainstream housing, health and human services efforts that assist persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

You will be rated on how well your management plan for this study clearly defines how you would manage the rental assistance and any related activities and the outreach and