

placement of eligible persons for this study using some type of open enrollment method (e.g., lottery or random method). You will also be rated on how well you will manage your housing assistance program in coordination with the research efforts by the CDC to help achieve the objectives of this study. You will be rated on how your management oversight of project sponsors is conducted and how well your plan ensures that the requirements established by HUD and the CDC are followed.

Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 Points).

Up to 10 points will be awarded for this factor. You will be rated on the extent to which other resources will be committed for use in conjunction with these HOPWA funded demonstration activities, including cash resources and in-kind contributions, such as the value of services or materials provided by volunteers or by other individuals or organizations.

Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (20 Points).

Under this factor, HUD will award 20 points based on how well your application demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that your goals and your performance will be assessed in a clear and effective manner. HUD will analyze your plan to implement and manage the HUD/CDC demonstration project goals. These goals include: Facilitating and supporting the collection of outcome evaluation data; facilitating periodic client health assessments done by CDC research staff; participation in a multi-site collaboration; and facilitation of the potential eligible persons awareness of the study and their option to participate. Identify benchmarks and interim activities or performance indicators of your program that will facilitate you and your sponsors in obtaining these goals for the demonstration project. HUD will award the highest points to applications that demonstrate an evaluation plan that will objectively measure actual achievements against anticipated achievements and a model that provides for the dissemination of information from the lessons learned from your effort on this project.

VI. Selection

HUD reserves the right to select the highest rated applicants in ranking order. HUD may consult the CDC to determine the rating of applications. In the event of a tie between applications in a category of assistance, HUD reserves the right to break the tie based on the criteria found in Section V(C) of

Part D of this NOFA. In the event that a selected applicant is unable to provide the required number of eligible households to participate in the CDC study within one year from the date of grant agreement execution, HUD reserves the right to deobligate any remaining grant funds.

VII. Application

To apply for funding you must submit the following:

(A) *Application for Federal Assistance (Form HUD-424)*. You should complete Items 1 through 23 with the following additions:

(1) Item 12—The applicable letters are “A” for state; “B, C, or D” for a unit of local government;

(2) Item 14—Enter U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or HUD if not preprinted;

(3) Item 15—Enter 14-241 and the title “Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program” or “HOPWA” for the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance;

(4) Item 20—You must complete the budget Funding Matrix on page 2.

(5) Item 21—Check “No”.

(B) *Narrative of Rating Factors*. Your response to the five (5) rating factors must be doubled-spaced, typed pages no more than approximately twenty-five pages in length.

(C) *Executive Summary and Synopsis*. On no more than three (3) double-spaced pages, please provide an Executive Summary of your organization and provide the name of the grantee and any project sponsors, along with contact names, phone numbers, and e-mail address.

Part D: New and Continuing Projects

I. Program Purpose

Funds under this part are to be used to support the Department's national goal of increasing the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing in American communities. The statutory purpose of the HOPWA program is meeting the housing needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Projects selected for HOPWA awards will be funded to provide housing and related supportive services for eligible persons under two categories of assistance:

(A) Grants for Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) that, due to their innovative nature or their potential for replication, are likely to serve as effective models in addressing the housing and related supportive service needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families; and

(B) Grants for projects that are part of Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies (Long-Term) which provide housing and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in areas that are not eligible for HOPWA FY 2003 formula allocations found in Appendix C of this Program Section of this SuperNOFA.

II. Eligible Applicants and Activities

(A) Eligible Applicants and Project Sponsors

(1) States, units of general local government, and nonprofit organizations may apply for SPNS grants;

(2) States and units of general local government may apply for grants for projects under the Long-Term category of grants, if proposed activities will serve areas that were not eligible to receive HOPWA formula allocations in Fiscal Year 2003. Nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply directly for the Long-Term grants, but may serve as a project sponsor for an eligible state or local government grantee.

(3) You must identify your project sponsors in your application. Project sponsors cannot be identified at a later date through such processes as an RFP or other selection process.

(B) Eligible Activities

(1) *HOPWA Activities*. Eligible activities with their standards and limitations may be found in the HOPWA regulations at 24 CFR part 574. A copy of the regulations may be downloaded from the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>. You are encouraged to review the HOPWA regulations before seeking funding.

(2) Additional Guidance on Use of Program Funds.

(a) *Housing Assistance*. To receive the maximum points under the rating criteria, your project must clearly address the housing needs of eligible persons. If you are proposing emergency or transitional housing assistance, your plan should include linkages to or the provision of permanent supportive housing.

(b) *Supportive Services*. Many of the eligible persons who will be served by HOPWA may need services in addition to housing. It is important that you design programs which enhance access to those needed services, including access to health-care, AIDS drug assistance, and other services funded through the Ryan White CARE Act or other federal, state, local or private funds. While HUD recognizes that there are many ways to ensure that eligible