

persons receive the services they need, to the extent possible, HUD encourages you to develop housing programs which do not require participation in services as a part of your or your project sponsor's tenancy requirements. Further, to help ensure that selected projects address housing related purposes, no more than 35 percent of the proposed budget for program activities can be designated for supportive services costs.

(c) *Resource identification.* HUD will not select under this notice an application that is solely directed at providing resource identification activities, since national HOPWA technical assistance funds are being made available under the Community Development Technical Assistance (CDTA) part of this Program Section for this purpose. You may propose a resource identification or technical assistance component in your application, if the amount of funds designated for these activities are less than 20 percent of the proposed program activity costs.

(d) *Other Activities.* As authorized by statute, you may propose other activities in your application, if approved by HUD. HUD will not approve proposals that depend on future decisions on how funds are to be used, for example, a proposal to establish a local request-for-proposal process to select activities or project sponsors.

(e) *Project Outcome Funding.* You must request funding to conduct data collection on project outcomes. The budget provides that up to \$50,000 may be added to collect information and report to HUD on the outcomes of your service delivery model. You must propose data collection activities in your application. Project outcome activities include:

(i) Defining monitoring questions that will be addressed and examined during the project period;

(ii) Specifying outcome measures;

(iii) Developing instruments to assess project outcomes and systems outcomes;

(iv) Training project staff in the collection of data, including the preparation of the standard HOPWA Annual Progress Report to HUD;

(v) Monitoring data collection activities to assure that submissions are complete and accurate, including data coding and entry;

(vi) Summarizing data collected; and

(vii) Participating in HUD-sponsored collaborations and HUD-designated training events in order to prepare and disseminate the findings of reports on project accomplishments and lessons learned.

Applicants may include an expert third-party to conduct project outcome activities, but grantees are encouraged to train staff internally. Such training will increase the internal capacity of your organization and your partner organizations by learning how to make use of project outcome data in operating and adjusting assistance provided to eligible persons.

(3) *Maximum Grant Amounts.* The maximum amount that you may receive is \$1,200,000 for program activities (e.g., activities that directly benefit eligible persons), irrespective of the number of applications that you submit. You may also add-on up to 3 percent of this program activities amount for grantee administrative costs and, if your program involves project sponsors, add-on up to 7 percent of the amount they receive for their administrative costs. In addition, you must add up to \$50,000 for project outcome activities.

III. Policy Priorities

(A) *Departmental Policy Priorities.* As outlined in Section II of the General Section of the SuperNOFA, HUD has identified policy priorities that applicants are encouraged to address through the proposed plans. HUD has identified two Departmental policy priorities as being applicable to the HOPWA program. Applications for HOPWA funding will receive a rating point for each applicable Departmental policy priority initiative addressed through the proposed program activities and performance goals and objectives. Applicants must demonstrate how these priorities will be addressed through the Soundness of Approach Section of the application as outlined under Rating Factor 3. One Rating Point will be awarded to each of the following addressed priorities:

(1) In accordance with Section II (C) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA, for applicants seeking HOPWA funds for capital development activities, including rehabilitation or new construction, you are encouraged to:

(a) Institute visitability standards in these activities undertaken with HOPWA funds. Visitability standards allow a person with mobility impairments access into the home, but do not require that all features be made accessible.

(b) Incorporate universal design in the construction or rehabilitation of housing undertaken with HOPWA funds. Universal design provides housing that is usable by all without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

(2) For applications in which the grantee, project sponsor(s), or other

collaborating organizations meets the definition of a faith-based, other community-based, or grassroots organization as defined in Section II (D) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(B) *Program Policies—Target Populations.* The Department has been advised by persons living with HIV/AIDS, HIV/AIDS housing providers, and national organizations, of the continuing disparity in accessing housing, health-care, and HIV/AIDS treatment among underserved populations, as well as health-related disparities that result from limited access to health-care, treatment and other support for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Applications seeking to provide housing assistance and related supportive services to one or more of the following underserved populations will receive one point for each priority addressed in the application. To receive this consideration, you must demonstrate the need of the special population in your area under the Need/Extent of the Problem section of your application as outlined under Rating Factor 2, as well as, demonstrate your response to this need under the Soundness of Approach section of your application as outlined under Rating Factor 3.

HUD reserves the right to select the highest rated application (but not one that is rated at less than 75 points) that demonstrates that the planned HOPWA activities and activities supported by leveraged funds, will serve one of the following special populations of HOPWA eligible persons. If funds are insufficient to select one of each of these two special demonstration grants, HUD's selection priority will be in the order listed:

(1) *Persons with HIV/AIDS and their families who are living in the Colonias.* Primarily the southwest border area of the United States, the Colonias are home to persons living in extreme poverty and poor housing conditions. With the limited access to HIV/AIDS housing, services, healthcare, and treatment, persons living with HIV in the Colonias do not receive the necessary care and treatment. HUD is encouraging applications that strive to meet the needs of eligible persons living in the Colonias. Applicants seeking funding to serve persons with HIV/AIDS within the Colonias must propose a service area which meets the definition of Colonias found in the General Section II (E) of the SuperNOFA.

(2) *Persons with HIV/AIDS experiencing chronic homelessness.* A chronically homeless person is defined as: "an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition