

who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least 4 episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years." Persons who are infected with HIV are more likely to be able to follow complex treatment regimens if they have a reliable address where they can be reached by care providers, a safe place to keep medications, refrigeration for drugs that require it, and other necessities that many of us take for granted. HUD is encouraging applications that strive to create additional permanent housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS that are experiencing chronic homelessness. Applicants should work with their local Continuum of Care Plans to create this permanent housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

IV. Program Requirements

(A) *Performance Measures and Project Goals and Objectives.* You must use HUD's required performance measures, as detailed below, that will show your accomplishments in using HOPWA funds to expand the housing options that benefit eligible persons. You must also establish individual goals and objectives for your proposal. They should be specific, achievable and measured within set time periods. Your individual goals and objectives should result in possible findings on the successes and lessons learned in undertaking your activities that would be shared with other communities. In designing your proposal, please use the following:

(1) *Required HOPWA national performance goal.* Your proposed activities must increase the amount of housing assistance available to eligible persons to enable them to achieve housing stability and access to health-care and related supportive services. Your activities should also address the challenge of homelessness for person living with HIV/AIDS and their families by helping them move into permanent housing and strengthen community linkages for HOPWA eligible persons and their families to keep them from slipping back into homelessness (one extra priority point will be awarded—see above—Section III (B)).

(2) *Measurements of Performance.* After each year of operation, you must report on the number of housing units that were provided with HOPWA and other funding, and the number of additional persons served with related supportive services. HUD will measure your progress and achievements in evaluating your performance on your HOPWA grant.

(B) *Descriptive Budget.* You must provide a description of each of your

requested budget items and how the funds will be used, including each amount of requested funding for you and your project sponsors, and a description of how each line item will relate to eligible HOPWA activities as defined in Part D, Section II (B) of this Program Section. You are expected to match requested funds to specific goals and objectives in your project. See Appendix D.

V. Application Selection Process

(A) *HOPWA Application Threshold Reviews.* HUD will review your HOPWA application to ensure that:

(1) Your application meets the threshold requirements found in Section V (B) of the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(2) Your application contains all required certifications as outlined in Part A, Section VI (A) of this Program Section: *Forms, Certifications, and Assurances.*

(B) *Procedures for the Rating of Applications.* HUD will rate all HOPWA applications based on the factors listed below.

The points awarded for the factors total 100. In addition, bonus points for projects in RC/EZ/EC areas may be available under Section VI (C) of the General Section of this SuperNOFA. After rating, all applications will be placed in the rank order of their final score for selection within the appropriate category of assistance.

Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Project Sponsors and Relevant Organizational Experience (20 Points)

Address the following factor on not more than five (5) double-spaced, typed pages. For each project sponsor, you may add two additional pages. This factor addresses the extent to which you and any project sponsor have the organizational resources necessary to successfully implement your proposed activities in a timely manner. If you will be using project sponsor(s) in your project, you must identify each project sponsor in your application. HUD will award up to 20 points based on your and any project sponsor's ability to develop and operate your proposed program in relation to which entity is carrying out an activity.

(a) With regard to both you and any project sponsor(s), HUD will consider:

(i) Past experience and knowledge in serving persons with HIV/AIDS and their families;

(ii) Past experience and knowledge in programs similar to those proposed in your application;

(iii) Experience and knowledge in monitoring and evaluating program performance and disseminating information on project outcomes; and

(iv) Past experience as measured by expenditures and measurable progress in achieving the purpose for which funds were provided.

(b) In reviewing the elements of paragraph (1), HUD will consider:

(i) The knowledge and experience of the proposed project director and staff, including the day-to-day program manager, consultants, and contractors in planning and managing the kind of activities for which you are requesting funds. You and any project sponsor will be judged in terms of recent, relevant, and successful experience of staff in undertaking eligible program activities;

(ii) Your and/or the project sponsor's experience in managing complex interdisciplinary programs, especially those involving housing and community development programs directly relevant to the work activities proposed and carrying out grant management responsibilities.

(iii) If you and/or the project sponsor received funding in previous years in the program area for which you are currently seeking funding, you and your project sponsor's past experience will be evaluated in terms of the ability to attain demonstrated measurable progress in the implementation of your grant awards. Measurable progress is defined as:

(1) Meeting applicable performance benchmarks in program development and operation;

(2) Meeting project goals and objectives, such as, that the number of persons assisted was comparable to the number that was planned at the time of application;

(3) Submitting timely performance reports; and

(4) Expending prior funding as outlined in the prior proposal with no outstanding audit or monitoring issues.

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

Address this factor on not more than five (5) double-spaced, typed pages. Up to 20 points will be awarded for this factor.

(a) *AIDS Cases. (5 Points)* Up to five points will be determined by the relative numbers of AIDS cases and per capita AIDS incidence within your service area, in metropolitan areas of over 500,000 population and in areas of a state outside of these metropolitan areas, in the state for proposals involving state-wide activities, and in the nation for proposals involving nation-wide activities. Your application