

application's Comprehensive Approach using the six rating criteria described in Section 1—Comprehensive Approach. The Comprehensive Approach is scored up to an additional 100 points, broken down among these six rating criteria. Only those applications with a Comprehensive Approach that is acceptable to all federal partners involved will be funded.

Ranking: The score for all ranking factors will be summed to obtain a total score for each project submitted under the collaborative NOFA. The projects will then be ranked from highest to lowest nationally according to the total combined score.

Selection and Adjustments to Funding: (a) *Selection*—Projects will be awarded based on national ranking as described above and according to the provisions for geographical diversity described below. The awarding of funds may be conditional upon receipt of further information, as requested by the federal agencies involved.

When insufficient funds remain to fund all projects requesting funding that receive the same total score, ties will be broken among such projects by comparing scores received by the projects for each of the following scoring factors, in the order shown: Soundness of Approach, Capacity, and Coordination.

(b) *Adjustments to Funding*—In order to ensure maximum geographic diversity in the awards, no individual project applicant and no one unit of general local government will be awarded more than 10 percent of the total amount of available resources under this collaborative NOFA. The federal departments reserve the right to make selections out of rank order to provide for geographic distribution of funds.

Additional selection considerations: In order to be eligible for funding under this notice, applicants must commit that funds will be used exclusively to serve those individuals who are chronically homeless as that term is defined in this notice except that no more than 10 percent of these funds will be awarded to projects committed to serving disabled homeless families as that term is defined in the notice.

14. General Reporting/Evaluation Requirements

Grantees must submit annual progress reports and a final report to the ICH and to the grant-administering agencies. ICH and the federal partners will use this information to determine progress of the grantees toward meeting their goals. Consistent with the main objective of this initiative, grantee performance will

be measured by the number of persons experiencing chronic homelessness and homeless families with a disabled adult member moved off the streets and out of shelters and placed into permanent housing. It is expected that local evaluations will include measuring progress toward accomplishing the tasks described in the grant application and providing for collection of quantitative and qualitative data that permits measurement of progress toward achieving the outputs and outcomes envisioned by the goals and objectives contained in the application. Grantees must collect outcome information on clients served to be compared against benchmarks throughout the term of the grant.

The annual progress and final reports shall include, but are not limited to, narrative and empirical information on the following: (1) Type and number of housing units provided; (2) characteristics of the clients and residents served; (3) a description of the services and treatments provided, including funding sources other than from this grant; (4) description of the collaborations and partnerships established over the course of the grant; (5) the extent to which services are financed by mainstream programs and how financing patterns change during the duration of the grant program; (6) any revisions or refinements to the benchmark estimate of persons experiencing chronic homelessness in the target community; and (7) other such information as prescribed by the federal partners.

As a condition of award, grantees funded under this initiative agree to fully cooperate with any organization funded by one or more of the sponsoring federal agencies to conduct an independent evaluation of the full initiative.

15. Post-Award Requirements

The federal partners will each provide post-award support, as appropriate, to grantees through technical assistance on clinical, programmatic, and evaluation issues. The Agency-Specific portions of this NOFA may specify further post-award requirements. Please refer to these sections for this information.

16. General Outline of Application

While the funding for this initiative will come from HUD, HHS, and VA, one overall application will be required, including Agency-Specific sections, each of which may specify program-specific SF-424s, sets of assurances and certifications, and additional forms. A cover letter and memorandum of agreement between all participating

entities are required, as described in the application kit. The overview of each Section is as follows:

1. *Comprehensive Approach:* The applicant will be required to submit a description of its approach that is comprehensive in nature and includes: (1) A description of the problem; (2) the target population; (3) a description of the method by which potential clients will be identified and referred to the program; (4) the gaps in housing and supportive services; (5) provision for client-level comprehensive service planning; (6) the coordination of the housing with needed supportive services to assure access to these resources by the target population; (7) a planning process that addresses leveraging of resources and sustainability of services and treatment beyond the availability of these federal funds; (8) capacity of the providers to deliver housing, treatment, and services; (9) an implementation plan with a firm schedule of major action steps; (10) the budget and fiscal controls; and (11) how progress toward reducing chronic homelessness will be monitored and measured.

2. *HUD Section-Permanent Housing:* The applicant will be required to submit a description of how HUD funds will be used to develop permanent housing, a budget, and a budget narrative. A description of housing activities for which funds are requested from HUD should also be included in this section. Additionally, the applicant must complete several mandatory applicant certifications, which are provided. If not requesting HUD funding, the applicant is required to explain how the permanent housing units needed to house individuals served by the proposed project will be provided.

3. *HHS/SAMHSA Section-Substance Abuse Treatment, Mental Health, and Related Supportive Services:* The applicant will be required to submit an application (Public Health Service Application Form 5161-1) that describes how HHS/SAMHSA funds will be used to provide substance abuse treatment, mental health services and related supportive services, a budget, and a budget narrative for these components of the comprehensive approach. If not requesting SAMHSA funding, the applicant is required to explain how the substance abuse and mental health services will be provided.

4. *HHS/HRSA Section-Primary Health Care Services:* The applicant will be required to submit an application (Public Health Service Application Form 5161-1) that describes how HHS/HRSA funds will be used to provide primary health care services and