

coordination of care with other providers involved in the collaboration. Applicants are limited to existing Health Center grantees (including Health Care for the Homeless grantees) currently funded under Section 330 of the Public Health Service PHS Act (PHS Act). Applicants are limited to existing Health Centers, since funding for this initiative is coming from the Health Center funding line and consequently the requirements of Section 330 of the PHS Act apply to the recipients of those funds. In addition, existing Health Center grantees receive certain privileges, including coverage under the Federal Tort Claims Act, ability to receive higher Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates, and reduced price pharmaceuticals. It would be inappropriate to provide these privileges to a new group of grantees who had not been approved through the extensive, comprehensive application process to achieve Section 330 Health Center status.

Applications should be submitted as a proposed supplemental grant and will be funded as such. Further instructions appear in this section. If not requesting HRSA funding, the applicant is required to explain how the primary health care services will be provided.

5. *VA Section—Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Primary Care Services Targeted to Veterans:* The applicant is required to submit a detailed description of how a collaborative relationship with VA will be created and sustained in an effort to provide services to chronically homeless veterans. The chronically homeless veterans to be served will be those veterans housed in or being provided services through this joint initiative and who meet the definition of homeless as put forth in this NOFA. Although funding will not be awarded directly to the recipient of the grant, funding is available for the VA facility that partners with the applicant. VA facilities can include medical centers or programs under the direction of medical

centers including VA outpatient clinics. If not requesting VA services, the applicant is required to explain how the needs of chronically homeless veterans will be addressed.

Statement of Support: The Council and the three agency Council members (HUD, HHS and VA) participating in this initiative look forward to receiving applications that set out a comprehensive and integrated community strategy to use funding sources to assist persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness and homeless families with a disabled adult member.

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