

Section 2: HUD Section—30 Points**I. Purpose**

The purpose of the housing component of this collaborative NOFA is to provide permanent housing for chronically homeless persons and disabled homeless families when proposed as part of homeless assistance projects in which housing is directly linked to needed supportive services funded through other components of this NOFA or through other sources.

Eligible Applicants

The chart in Appendix 1—HUD of this announcement identifies the eligible applicants for the McKinney-Vento Act programs through which housing funds are available.

II. Amount Allocated

Approximately \$20 million in funding is available under the housing component of this collaborative NOFA. Funds for housing will be awarded for new projects under only one of the following two McKinney-Vento Act programs:

- A. Supportive Housing Program (Permanent Housing or Safe Havens Components only); or,
- B. Shelter Plus Care (Tenant-Based, Sponsor-Based, and Project-Based without Rehabilitation components only)

III. Program Descriptions**A. Supportive Housing Program (SHP)****1. Purpose and Eligible Activities**

The SHP program promotes the development of supportive housing and services that help homeless persons transition from homelessness to living as independently as possible. Each project submitted under SHP must be classified under one of the program components described below. Eligible activities under this NOFA are limited to: acquisition, minor rehabilitation (*e.g.* reconfiguring a doorway for handicap accessibility), leasing, operating costs, and limited administrative expenses. Not eligible for funding are new construction, major rehabilitation, or services costs. New construction is not included, as this activity often requires a substantial amount of time to develop the project and the emphasis of this initiative is to provide housing as soon as possible. Supportive services are not an eligible activity because HUD wants to devote the resources it provides through this initiative to the provision of housing; the resources being made available by HHS and VA for this initiative can be used to provide supportive services needs in the project.

2. SHP Components

The following SHP components are eligible for funding under this NOFA:

a. Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities. Permanent Housing projects provide long-term housing and supportive services (provided with other funds) that are designed to enable homeless persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible. Permanent housing can be provided at one site or in scattered sites. Further, Permanent Housing may be tenant-based, meaning that the tenant can choose the housing. This is consistent with the philosophy of supported housing. This approach focuses on identification and engagement through assertive outreach to individuals and families, immediate placement in permanent housing, and availability of appropriate supportive services. All Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities projects must comply with the program size limitations, as described in Section 424(c) of the McKinney Act.

b. Safe Havens. Safe Havens are projects targeted to hard-to-reach homeless persons who have severe mental illness and are on the streets. The goal of a Safe Haven is to serve as a small, highly supportive environment where an individual can feel at ease, out of danger, and subject to limited service demands. Tenants can move directly into housing with few explicit services required. It is hoped that after a period of stabilization in a Safe Haven, residents will be more willing to participate in services and referrals and will eventually be ready to move to more traditional forms of housing. Safe Havens may serve as an entry point to the service system and provide access to basic services such as food, clothing, bathing facilities, telephones, storage space, and a mailing address. Safe Havens are not appropriate housing for homeless families with disabilities.

The specific criteria that must be exhibited by a Safe Haven are:

- No limit on length of stay.
- Provision of 24-hour residence.
- Provision of private or semiprivate accommodations.
- Overnight occupancy limited to 25 persons.
- May also provide supportive services to eligible persons who are not residents on a drop-in basis.

B. Shelter Plus Care**1. Shelter Plus Care (S+C)—Purpose and Eligible Activities**

Shelter Plus Care serves only homeless persons who have disabilities and may be administered on a tenant-,

sponsor-, or project-based level. S+C components were designed to give applicants flexibility in devising appropriate housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities. Rental assistance provided through the S+C program must be matched in the aggregate by the recipient on a dollar for dollar basis with supportive services. Federal funds received from the other participating agencies under this NOFA are eligible to be counted as matching funds. Rental assistance is the only eligible activity for this program.

2. S+C Program Components

The following S+C program components are eligible for funding under this NOFA:

a. Tenant-Based S+C—Tenant-Based S+C assisted units may be of any type, and clients may retain the rental assistance even if they move, as long as they stay within a S+C unit. Assisted projects may provide supportive services to clients, either by the applicant or a third party, in a variety of ways, from structured to very low-demand.

b. Sponsor-Based S+C—Sponsor-Based S+C provides rental assistance through contract(s) between the grant recipient and a nonprofit organization(s), called a sponsor. The nonprofit organization may be a private nonprofit organization or a community mental health center established as a public nonprofit organization. The assisted units must be owned or leased by the sponsor. After a grant is awarded should the sponsor lose its capacity to own or lease the assisted units, the grantee must identify an alternate sponsor in order to continue to serve the original number of persons proposed to be served.

c. Project-Based without Rehabilitation S+C—Project-Based without Rehabilitation S+C provides rental assistance through a contract with a building owner(s). An applicant must enter into a contract with the building owner(s) for the full five-year period of assistance. The building owner must agree to accept eligible S+C participants to live in an assisted unit for this time period.

C. Match

Applicants must match Supportive Housing Program funds provided for acquisition and minor rehabilitation (new construction, major rehabilitation, and supportive services are not eligible activities under this collaborative NOFA) with an equal amount of funds from other sources; for operating costs, since by law SHP can pay no more than