

75 percent of the total operating budget for supportive housing, applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total annual operating costs. The cash source may be the applicant, the Federal Government, State and local governments, or private resources. In-kind contributions are not eligible as match under SHP.

Applicants must match rental assistance provided through the Shelter Plus Care Program on a dollar for dollar basis with supportive services.

D. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

An applicant selected for funding as a result of the competition will be required to coordinate and integrate the homeless project with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which homeless populations may be eligible, including Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps, and services funding through the Mental Health Block Grant and Substance Abuse Block Grant, Workforce Investment Act, Welfare-to-Work grant program, SSI, SSDI, and Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program. In addition, as a condition for award, any governmental entity serving as an applicant must agree to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. This condition for award is intended to emphasize that States and units of general local government are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and to forestall attempts to use scarce McKinney-Vento Act funds to assist such persons in lieu of State and local resources.

E. Special Provisions Applicable to This Notice

1. Only new SHP and S+C projects, including expansions of HUD-funded existing projects, will be funded.

2. Any project submitted under this NOFA must be coordinated with the Continuum of Care plan for its region and must submit a certification of consistency with the applicable Continuum of Care plan.

3. Only the following components of the SHP will be funded under this NOFA: Permanent Housing and Safe Havens.

4. Only tenant-, sponsor-, and project-based without rehabilitation components of S+C will be funded.

5. The term of all proposed SHP projects must be three (3) years. The term of all proposed S+C projects must be five (5) years.

6. New construction and substantial rehabilitation activities will not be eligible SHP activities under this notice. Minor rehabilitation activities, such as those required to remove lead-based paint or conform a unit to ADA standards, are eligible. All other activities eligible under the SHP program are eligible for purposes of this NOFA. See Appendix 1—HUD for eligible activities.

7. Applicants are encouraged to use approaches that can rapidly move chronically homeless persons into housing with necessary supportive services.

8. All SHP and S+C statutory and regulatory provisions, other than those specifically amended by this NOFA, apply to the use of those funds.

F. Other Program-Specific Requirements

Where an applicant for Supportive Housing Program funding is a State or unit of general local government that utilizes one or more nonprofit organizations to administer the homeless assistance project(s), administrative funds provided as part of the SHP grant must be passed on to the nonprofit organization(s) in proportion to the administrative burden borne by them for the SHP project(s). States or units of general local government that pass on at least 50 percent of the administrative funds made available under the grant will be considered as having met this requirement. (**Note:** This requirement does not apply to the S+C Program, since paying the costs associated with the administration of these grants is ineligible by regulation. For the S+C program, administrative costs associated with the administration of rental assistance are eligible, but are capped at eight (8) percent of the total grant award).

G. Timeliness Standards

As an applicant, you are expected to initiate your approved projects promptly in accordance with the instructions of this announcement. In addition, if you fail to satisfy the following timeliness standards being established specifically for funding awarded under this collaborative NOFA, the awarded funding may be withdrawn in whole or in part:

1. Supportive Housing Program

- Your award may be deselected if you do not demonstrate site control within three (3) months of the date of your grant award letter.

- Your award may be deselected if the following additional timeliness standards are not met:

- You must complete any minor rehabilitation activities permitted under the terms of your SHP award within nine (9) months of the date of the grant award letter.
- You must begin all activities that may proceed independent of minor rehabilitation activities within six (6) months of the date of the grant award letter.

2. Shelter Plus Care Program Components

Your award may be deselected if you do not meet the following timeliness standard: For Tenant-based Rental Assistance, for Sponsor-based Rental Assistance, and for Project-based without Rehabilitation Rental Assistance, you must begin providing the rental assistance to at least a majority of the awarded units within six (6) months of the date of the grant award letter.

IV. Selection

A. Review, Rating, and Conditional Selection

The same review, rating, and conditional selection process will be used for all proposed SHP/PH, SHP/Safe Havens and S+C projects. The factors described in the General Section of this NOFA together with all agency-specific factors will be used to assign points. To review and rate applications, expert panels may be used. In order to obtain certain expertise and outside points of view, including views from other Federal agencies, these panels may include persons not currently employed by HUD, HHS or VA. Only those projects passing threshold criteria will be rated. Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) below describe the threshold reviews that will be conducted. Paragraph (4) describes the HUD-specific rating factors that will be applied to those projects requesting housing funds.

1. Applicant eligibility

The identity of each applicant submitting an application in response to this component of the collaborative NOFA will be reviewed to ensure that each such entity meets the eligibility requirements of the program for which it is seeking assistance. If it is determined that these standards are not met, the project will be rejected.