

willingness to accept the employment supports designed under the customized employment portion of this award. While their participation in the customized employment portion of this award is not a mandatory outcome for all, it should be an established intention for all who receive permanent housing supports under these funds. Proposals will be judged on plans to establish this interest and participation, including expected employment results.

Each permanent supportive housing project must be classified under one of the program components described below. Eligible activities under this SGA for the HUD permanent housing grants are limited to rental assistance, acquisition, minor rehabilitation (e.g. reconfiguring a doorway for handicap accessibility), leasing, operating costs, and administrative costs. Minor rehabilitation costs may not exceed \$3,000 per unit. The employment-related resources being made available by DOL and resources from other sources can be used to provide supportive services. Applicants may also request up to 5% of each Supportive Housing Program project award for administrative costs, such as accounting for the use of the grant funds, preparing HUD reports, obtaining audits, and other costs associated with administering the grant. New construction and major rehabilitation are not eligible for funding. (See the HUD Eligible Applicants Chart for further details on eligible activities.)

HUD applicants must match housing funds provided for acquisition and minor rehabilitation with an equal amount of funds from other sources. For operating costs, housing funds can pay for no more than 75% of the total operating budget and applicants must provide the remaining 25% of the operating costs. For S+C, applicants must match rental assistance provided through this initiative on a dollar for dollar basis with supportive services.

Applicants for HUD assistance can choose to request funds for either the Supportive Housing Program or the Shelter Plus Care Program. The Supportive Housing Program has two eligible components from which to choose for this competition: Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities and Safe Havens. These two Supportive Housing Program components, Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities and Safe Havens, as well as the Shelter Plus Care Program are described below:

Supportive Housing Program

1. Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities. Permanent Housing

projects provide long-term housing and supportive services (provided with other non-SHP funds) that are designed to enable chronically 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 approach focuses on identification and engagement through assertive outreach to individuals, immediate placement in permanent housing, and availability of appropriate supportive services.

2. Safe Havens (that have the characteristics of a Permanent Housing Project, *i.e.*, have a lease agreement with the client). 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 good food, clothing, bathing facilities, telephones, storage space, and a mailing address. The specific criteria that must be exhibited by a Safe Haven are:

- A lease agreement with the client,
- No limit on length of stay,
- Provision of 24-hour residence,
- Provision of private or semiprivate accommodations,
- Overnight occupancy limited to 25 persons.

Shelter Plus Care Program

The Shelter Plus Care Program (either tenant-, sponsor-, or project-based without rehabilitation) gives applicants flexibility in devising appropriate housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities through rental assistance. Assisted units may be of any type, from group homes to apartments. Participants in S+C units receive supportive services and rental assistance provided through the S+C program must be matched in the aggregate on a dollar for dollar basis by the recipient with supportive services.

Part V. Eligible Applicants and Required Partnerships

DOL Eligible Applicants: For the DOL Cooperative Agreement awards, eligible applicants are Local Workforce Investment Boards (Local Boards), or, if appropriate, the WIA grant recipient or fiscal agent for the local area on behalf of the Local Board under the Workforce Investment Act. Eligible applicants must be able to document that their locality has at least 150 persons who are chronically homeless. In order to be determined eligible, the Local Board must enter into partnerships with organizations serving people who are chronically homeless, consistent with the proposed activities of this Cooperative Agreement. To be determined eligible, applicants may not utilize certificates authorized under Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act in their implementation of project activities and must utilize only individually determined customized employment strategies in securing employment for the target population.

HUD Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for the HUD grant within this initiative are described in the HUD Eligible Applicants and Activities Chart. See Part VII, Section III, Part A. Applicants must be a part of their local Continuum of Care and must certify to this relationship. Eligible applicants must be able to document that their locality has at least 150 persons who are chronically homeless. In order to be determined eligible, the HUD eligible applicant must enter into a partnership with their Local Workforce Investment Board, as described above, who is making an application for the DOL Cooperative Agreement being offered within this Solicitation.

DOL and HUD Required Partnerships: The purpose of the Ending Chronically Homelessness through Employment and Housing Cooperative Agreements is to demonstrate the employment potential of persons who are chronically homeless through techniques designed to accomplish community employment in non-stereotypical integrated settings, utilizing "customized employment" strategies. These efforts must include the involvement of many key partners, especially those providing housing services to persons who are chronically homeless as well as those providing or capable of providing customized employment services to persons with disabilities. Applicants must demonstrate that subcontractors will provide the necessary supportive services to address the needs of the chronically homeless including