

and commitment from key organizations, employers, and agencies;

(d) The extent to which the design of the project will facilitate an increase in the number of faith-based and community organizations that register as eligible training providers or as providers of supplemental and supportive services with their local One-Stop Center;

(e) The extent to which the management plans for project implementation is likely to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget; and

(f) The extent to which the proposed project design features innovative strategies to implement customized employment and choice.

D. Documenting and Reporting (5 Points)

Applicants should outline their strategy for documenting and reporting the activities undertaken during the life of the Cooperative Agreement for ODEP's future use in working with other grantees and constituencies. In evaluating this section ODEP considers the following factors to be of particular importance and must be addressed:

(a) The extent to which the project will provide information to other programs about effective strategies suitable for replication or testing in other settings;

(b) The extent to which the methods of documentation and reporting include the objective use of performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data; and

(c) The adequacy of mechanisms for ensuring high-quality products and services from the proposed project.

Section III—HUD Grant Application Requirements (35 Points)

General: This Section contains information on the two programs for which you can apply. They are the Supportive Housing and the Shelter Plus Care programs. The purpose of the housing section of this SGA and application is to provide specific guidance on accessing financial resources for the provision of housing for chronically homeless persons when proposed as part of homeless assistance projects in which housing is directly linked to needed employment services funded through other components of this application or through other sources. Applicants may request funding for only ONE of the following three types of projects—Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities, Safe Havens, or Shelter Plus Care.

The Supportive Housing Program (SHP) [detailed in Section 4. Part I] 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 as one of the program components described below. For this application and SGA, only two components of SHP are eligible for funding and all SHP projects must be for a three (3) year grant term.

(1) Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities (PH) is long-term housing for this population. It is community-based housing and supportive services as described above, designed to enable homeless persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible in a permanent setting. Permanent housing can be provided in one structure or several structures at one site or in multiple structures at scattered sites. All PH for Persons with Disabilities projects must comply with the program size limitations, as described in Section 424(c) of the Stewart B. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended.

(2) Safe Haven (SH) projects must meet the following criteria: (1) Have no limit on length of stay; (2) serve hard-to-reach homeless persons who have severe mental illness, are on the streets, and have been unable or unwilling to participate in supportive services; (3) provide 24-hour residence for an unspecified duration; (4) provide private or semiprivate accommodations; and (5) have overnight occupancy limited to 25 persons.

For many persons with mental illness who have been living on the streets, the transition to self-sufficiency is best made in stages, starting with a small, highly supportive environment where an individual can feel at ease, out of danger, and subject to no immediate service demands. Safe Havens do not require participation in services and referrals as a condition of occupancy. Rather, 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. Also, Safe Havens must have a lease agreement with each client.

The Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Program [detailed in Section 4. Part II] components were created by statute and designed to give applicants flexibility in devising appropriate housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities. Assisted units may be of any type from group settings

to apartments. You may design a program that has participants first living in a group setting with intensive supportive services, then moving to another setting but retaining the rental assistance during the term of the grant, as long as they stay within a S+C unit. The components that may be applied for are: tenant-based rental assistance, sponsor-based rental assistance and project-based rental assistance without rehabilitation. For this SGA, all Shelter Plus Care projects will be for a five (5) year grant term.

A. 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 SGA) with an equal amount of funds from other sources. For operating costs, since by law SHP can pay no more than 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 a match under SHP.

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

B. 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 funded 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