

## Scoring for the 2008 HUD McKinney-Vento SuperNOFA

### 1. *Criteria for Scoring the CoC Application*

HUD will award up to **100** points as follows:

a. **CoC Housing, Services, and Structure:** HUD will award **14** points based on the extent to which a CoC's application demonstrates:

(1) The existence of a coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process, including organizational structure(s) and decision-making processes for developing and implementing a CoC strategy;

(2) That this process includes nonprofit organizations (such as veterans service organizations, organizations representing persons with disabilities, faith-based and other community-based organizations, and other groups serving homeless and other low-income persons), state and local governmental agencies, public housing agencies, housing developers and service providers, school systems, law enforcement, hospital and medical entities, funding providers, private businesses and business associations, jurisdictional ten-year planning bodies, and homeless or formerly homeless persons;

(3) That the CoC has a process in place to achieve fair and impartial project review and selection, with representation and input from diverse parties such as those outlined under Criteria for Application Review (See Section V.B.1 of this NOFA);

(4) That a well-defined and comprehensive strategy has been developed which addresses the components of a CoC system (i.e., outreach, intake and assessment, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and prevention), and that the strategy has been designed to serve all homeless subpopulations in the community (e.g., seriously mentally ill, persons with multiple diagnoses, veterans, persons with HIV/AIDS), including those persons living in emergency shelters, supportive housing for homeless persons, or in places not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; and,

(5) A CoC has created, maintained, and built upon a community-wide inventory of housing and services for homeless families and individuals (both HUD and non-HUD funded); identified the full spectrum of needs of homeless families and individuals; and coordinated efforts to fill gaps between the current inventory and existing needs. The coordinated effort must appropriately address all aspects of the continuum, especially permanent housing.

b. **Homeless Needs and Data Collection:** HUD will award **24** points based on the extent to which a CoC's application demonstrates an understanding of the number of homeless individuals and families within the CoC and their needs, and the progress in the planning, implementation and operation of an HMIS system covering at a minimum all street outreach,

## Scoring for the 2008 HUD McKinney-Vento SuperNOFA

emergency shelters and transitional housing programs so that a reliable, unduplicated count of homeless persons on the street and in shelters may be conducted. CoCs are cautioned to carefully read HUD guidance on the timing, and acceptable methods, for conducting Sheltered and Unsheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) counts to ensure maximum points. Waivers of the PIT standard for FY 2008 must be received by the submission deadline. To request a waiver, send a written request to 451 7th St., SW, Room 7262, Washington, D.C. 20410, Attn: Michael Roanhouse.

c. **CoC Strategic Planning:** HUD will award **16** points based on the extent to which a CoC's application demonstrates:

(1) The existence of, and alignment with, a performance-based 10-year strategy for ending chronic homelessness that establishes specific action steps to achieve the five objectives listed in Section VI.B.1.a, with measurable achievements. It should be integrated with other ten year plans in the community to eliminate chronic homelessness (if applicable), the local HUD Consolidated Plan, and other state and local plans related to homelessness;

(2) The Continuum's progress in working with the appropriate local government entity to develop and implement a discharge policy for persons leaving 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 persons entering the homeless system;

(3) Proposes projects that are consistent with identified unmet needs;

(4) Provides estimates of renewal funds needed through 2013 for SHP and S+C projects; and,

(5) Demonstrates leveraging of funds requested under this NOFA with other resources, including private, other public, and mainstream services and housing programs for proposed projects and ongoing efforts.

45

d. **CoC Performance:** HUD will award **28** points based upon the CoC's progress in reducing homelessness, including chronic homelessness. CoC Performance will be measured by demonstrating:

(1) That the CoC has taken specific action steps and made progress toward achieving its goals;

(2) That the CoC has increased the number of permanent housing beds for the chronically homeless and made progress toward eliminating chronic homelessness;

## Scoring for the 2008 HUD McKinney-Vento SuperNOFA

(3) Program participants' success in moving to and maintaining permanent housing as reported in the most recent Annual Progress Report (APR);

(4) The extent to which participants successfully become employed and access mainstream programs. These measures emphasize HUD's determination to assess grantees' performance in the prior program year and to determine if they are meeting the overall goal of the homeless assistance grants under which they are funded. Both housing and supportive services-only projects will be assessed;

(5) That the CoC has no unexecuted grants awarded prior to 2007;

(6) That projects within the CoC have policies and practices in place to hire, and have hired, low and very-low income employees and subcontractors under Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968;

(7) That projects within the CoC incorporate energy-efficiency measures in the design, construction, rehabilitation, and operation of housing or community facilities; and,

(8) The Removal of Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing: As provided for in the General Section of the SuperNOFA, HUD will award up to 2 points, within the 28 points for this rating factor, based on the extent to which the CoC's application demonstrates a local plan and/or existing policy to remove regulatory barriers to the production of affordable housing. Applicable activities include the support of state and local efforts to streamline processes, eliminate redundant requirements, statutes, regulations, and codes that impede the availability of affordable housing. The response (one questionnaire per CoC) should be submitted for consideration as a completed HUD Form 27300, Questionnaire for HUD's Removal of Regulatory Barriers. The Continuum should submit the questionnaire for the local jurisdiction where the majority of its CoC assistance will be provided. The completed questionnaire must include appropriate documentation, where requested, and identify a point of contact.

e. **Emphasis on Housing Activities:** HUD will award **18** points based on the relationship between funds requested for housing activities (i.e., transitional and permanent) and funds requested for supportive service activities among renewed projects. HUD will count as housing activity all approvable requests for funds for rental assistance and approvable requests for acquisition, rehabilitation, construction, leasing and operations when used in connection with housing. HMIS costs and administrative costs will be excluded from this calculation. CoCs are not required to have 100 percent housing activities to receive the full 18 points for this scoring criteria.