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### **HOPWA 2011 New Projects Competition**

HUD has announced the availability of HOPWA funding under a 2011 new projects competition. As a result of project efforts to be selected under this national competition, communities will be assisted in the development and use of an Integrated HIV/AIDS Housing Plan (IHHP) to be issued at the end of the third year of operation.

Applications can be submitted by August 2, 2011 on the grants.gov portal by states, units of general local government, including Public Housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations. Up to \$9.1 million will be awarded in an estimated 6 to 8 awards. These HOPWA resources will allow States and localities for forge new partnerships, including involving Public Housing Authorities and other partners in service delivery, to devise place-based comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low-income persons with HIV/AIDS. Selections are expected to be announced by September 20, 2011.

### **Integrated HIV/AIDS Housing Plan (IHHP) – Description**

Under the IHHP, grant recipients to be selected will conduct comprehensive planning for the integration of housing and non-medical supportive services into wider local planning efforts. The results of these efforts will be published in the IHHP. The IHHP is envisioned as a collaborative process that will seek to improve the systematic delivery of housing and services to low-income individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS in your community and serve as a model for similar communities across the U.S.

The IHHP will include the following components: a vision or goal for the planning; a description of the members of the planning team and their roles within the team; a statement on the successes and challenges in your coordination and integration planning efforts; an outline of the systems changes to the delivery of housing and services to low-income HIV/AIDS population in your community; a housing and services needs assessment to document the unmet need and a description of the integration of housing and other non-medical supportive services with HUD and other mainstream programs, including a list of locally funded HIV/AIDS housing and service providers detailing available services and service areas in meeting the identified unmet needs; and a plan for the implementation of the IHHP with expected output and outcome goals. The IHHP will be made available to the public via HUD's web page.

Grants funded under this initiative will advance HUD's implementation of the *National HIV/AIDS Strategy* (NHAS). This NOFA also addresses the *Department's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan* and the *Opening Doors: the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. These actions address goals to: prevent and end homelessness; increase the supply of affordable housing; and increase the coordination of mainstream housing resources and other health and human services. The IHHP is an administrative function and should demonstrate local system changes in the delivery of housing and services. Grantees are expected to provide housing assistance to eligible persons in their communities while concurrently examining and comprehensively integrating local services for coordinating and streamlining where possible the delivery of those services in your community

This NOFA announces funds available for projects that address both:

(1) direct housing assistance and service delivery to low income persons and families living with HIV/AIDS, including homeless individuals and families; and

(2) comprehensive planning and coordination of local resources in meeting housing and service needs of the population.

Project funding should involve at least \$600,000 and up to \$1,250,000 for housing assistance, up to \$250,000 for supportive services, and up to \$400,000 for resource identification along with related grantee administrative costs (3%) and project sponsor administrative costs (7%) for a maximum grant award at \$1,375,000. Project funds will be used over a three-year use period and the project will be funded for one-time demonstration purposes. Grant recipients must plan to sustain of their project through coordinated local and regional planning efforts.

Among the features for this NOFA, a proposal would address unmet housing needs by demonstrating that the project will help achieve the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) by assessing housing needs through a cross program perspective. Applicants are asked to show a clear effort to assess unmet need data as currently presented in the HOPWA section of your area's Consolidated Plan along with related unmet housing need data as currently presented in information collected by the area's Ryan White programs. The integrated cross-program approach will provide a baseline for understanding current housing related needs consistent with actions to be taken to help achieve the NHAS target of increasing the number of Ryan White clients with permanent housing from 82 % to 86 % by 2015.

As an additional feature, funds are being made available for resource identification activities to support efforts to be undertaken in comprehensive planning, coordination and integration of services with local planning bodies and resources in your community ultimately resulting in the publication of an IHHP. An application would include a description of the plan for your partnership and participation with local community planning bodies for the coordination and integration of your activities into local planning efforts. The application would signed agreements or memoranda of understanding with your state or local planning council(s) regarding mutual intentions to coordinate and integrate these awarded resources into local planning efforts and demonstrate their commitment to being part of the planning and implementation process in developing an IHHP for your community.

### **Grants.gov portal**

The 2011 HOPWA notice and application materials can be obtained from Grants.gov at:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=wJJNVWc2GDf6vvp5nhS0wbDxRM1d1HC92Hhd11LTFGT53RZDGWp!-1546227132?oppld=95293&mode=VIEW>

Thank you for your interest in this housing assistance program.

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