

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness and Housing

FROM: HomeBase

RE: 2008 NOFA Highlights

DATE: July 25, 2008

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### **New HUD Policies Announced in the 2008 NOFA**

- HUD will award funding to rehab LEASED property; certain conditions must be met.
- Reallocated money may be used for new permanent housing or new HMIS (one per CoC). (HMIS funds in the Training and Technical Assistance line item of the HMIS budget may be used for reasonable travel, hotel and per diem costs associated with HMIS-related trainings, meetings, and sessions.)
- *Post-Funding Award Increase for SHP Leasing* - HUD may, after selection and subject to funding availability and as supported by a lease or leases evidencing the rent increase, provide SHP renewal projects up to a 4% increase in the leasing line items not to exceed local FMR.
- Safe Havens will no longer be given TH or PH classification; grantees seeking renewal can change the classification without grant amendment through NOFA
- Any CH entering a SH shall maintain his/status as CH and therefore eligible for entrance into Bonus projects
- S+C Timeliness - HUD will no longer require that S+C TRA, SRA, PRA without rehab begin rental assistance within 12 months of the date of the grant award letter; must continue to meet statutory deadlines regarding the obligation of grant funds as stated in the HUD Appropriations Act
- S+C Grant Amount cannot exceed 100% FMR as in past years, when with a Housing Authority letter could get 110% FMR
- One-year term of non-competitively awarded S+C renewal projects may not be extended
- Once a CoC has submitted the application to HUD it is required to make Exhibit 1 available to the community for inspection
- Samaritan Bonus Information can be more than one project if request is within the funding limits

### **HUD Form Requirements**

- SF-424 and related forms will be completed before the Exhibit 2
- CoCs will be expected to provide additional information about how members have participated in the CoC and if the member is a homeless provide, all the services it provides
- CoCs will attach copies of their formally finalized or implemented discharge protocols for each of the four areas: foster care, health care, mental health and corrections

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How has the electronic filing system been working for you?
2. Which of the HUD changes for this year will most affect your community?
3. How will you address the requirement of attaching copies of the protocols for discharge planning, together with HUD's other requirements?

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