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1 NOFA Application Materials and Requirements

1.1 The grant application is requiring HUD Form 52515 with an expiration date of 7-31-22. I am not finding this updated version. Please advise where to locate it.

In order to access the HUD-52515 and the sample attachments, you will need to download the instructions package in Grants.gov by clicking “Download Instructions”. The instructions package will download as a zip file that will need to be unzipped so you can open and view the documents. If your computer shows an error when downloading the zip file, check with your local IT department to make sure your computer is set up properly to open a zip file.

1.2 Where can I find the Appendix mentioned in the NOFA?

The appendix for the NOFA is simply the two sample attachments. These can be found in the instructions package. Please see above question for more information.

1.3 PHA’s are expected to achieve a utilization rate of 80% within 1 year of the new award’s effective date. Is this referring to the date the PHA was notified of their award or the effective date the PHA chose to start the program?

The effective date.

2 NOFA Eligibility

2.1 Is the FY19 NOFA only for new applicants? And those of us that were awarded Mainstream Vouchers last year will there be a renewal grant or will it be an automatic renewal like HCV?

Any PHA that administers housing choice vouchers is eligible to apply. This includes those PHAs that received an award in 2018. PHAs do not need to apply for renewals. Renewals to existing vouchers will happen automatically if funding is available.

2.2 If we received funding for mainstream vouchers in Sept. 2018, are we eligible to apply for additional vouchers under this NOFA?

Yes. The PHA should consider whether it has the capacity to administer additional Mainstream vouchers.

3 Funding

3.1 On p. 21 of the NOFA Guidance for Locating and Completing Forms, b. (FS 424) Question 18 guidance says PHAs should use “inflated” VMS data for a 2-bedroom unit to determine the funding for the number of vouchers requested. VMS data is not broken down by bedroom size. We report total funds expended based on unit months under lease. Shouldn’t the FMR be used, or the Payment Standard adopted by the PHA, to determine this amount. Or does HUD want us to use internal data that we have on average HAP paid for 2-bedroom units? Also, how should we inflate this data?

FMD sent out the CY 2019 Mainstream renewal enclosures to PHAs in March 2019 showing the PHA’s inflated PUC (per unit cost).

4 NOFA Evaluation and Rating Criteria

4.1 This year’s NOFA has the HUD-52515 as a requirement. Can you tell us what weight will this form have in scoring? We don’t find any information on how this information will be used in the evaluation process in the NOFA.

The rating criteria and the documentation that will be evaluated for each criterion is described on pages 26-29 of the NOFA.

4.2 "Through a future award process, HUD plans to award additional mainstream vouchers to those PHAs who were funded through FR-6100-N-43 and this NOFA (FR-6300-N-43) based on performance including utilization." Nowhere else in the NOFA does it refer to PHAs funded in FY2017; however, does this mean those PHAs receive additional preference in this award?

No. This sentence is simply saying that HUD plans to issue another NOFA in FY 2020 that will base awards on performance for those awardees from the previous NOFA and this NOFA. Those PHAs that received funding are eligible to apply for this round but they will not receive preferential treatment.

5 Waiting List Administration

5.1 Would we maintain a separate waiting list from the HCV program? Our waiting list is currently closed and will be for some time so I’m curious how this would work with our agency.

No, the PHA must maintain one waiting list for all tenant-based assistance.