



# Mainstream (Section 811) Vouchers

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

April 18, 2018



# Available Funding

- Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2017 made ~\$13 million available for new Mainstream housing choice vouchers
- Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2018 made an additional \$385 million available for new Mainstream housing choice vouchers
- HUD will award up to \$100 million in funding for strong applications through the current NOFA
- Remaining funding will be reserved for future awards



# NOFA Overview

- Provides funding to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities who are:
  - Transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting,
  - At serious risk of institutionalization,
  - Homeless, or
  - At risk of becoming homeless
- Helps further the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by helping persons with disabilities live in the most integrated setting
- Encourages partnerships with health and human service agencies with a demonstrated capacity to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community.



# Voucher Eligibility

- Vouchers must be used to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities and their families.
  - Non-elderly person with disabilities must be at least 18 years of age and less than 62 years of age.
  - The eligible household member DOES NOT need to be the head of household.
- Eligibility for the voucher is determined at the time the voucher is first issued to the family. Non-elderly persons with disabilities who turn 62 after receiving their voucher will not lose assistance.



# How NOFA Was Developed

- HUD partnered with HHS to design this NOFA with representatives from the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS), the Administration for Community Living (ACL), and the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE).
- Rating criteria are largely based on findings from a [study on the Non-Elderly Disabled Category 2 Voucher Program \(NED 2\)](#).



# Rating Criteria

1. Capacity and Experience (60 points)
  - a. PHA Capacity and Demonstrated Commitment to Provide Housing for Persons with Disabilities (up to 25 points)
  - b. Partner Agency Capacity (up to 15 points)
  - c. Geographic Jurisdiction (up to 10 points)
  - d. Admissions Preference (up to 10 points)
2. Leveraging Resources (30 points)
3. Achieving Results and Program Evaluation (10 points)



# 1a. PHA Capacity and Demonstrated Commitment to Provide Housing for Persons with Disabilities

- Up to 25 points.
- Applicant may provide examples that total more than 25 points, but no more than 25 points will be awarded.
- Points granted to applicants that have implemented policies or programs that promote assistance to persons with disabilities, increase the supply of accessible units, or provide additional supportive services.
- Points for experience with HUD programs will be awarded based on performance where performance data is available.



# 1a. PHA Capacity and Demonstrated Commitment - examples

- 10 points for experience developing partnerships or collaborating with state Medicaid agencies, homelessness assistance providers, or health and human services agencies on the following programs:

| Program   | Performance criteria considered  |
|---|--|
| Money Follows the Person demonstration                                    | Not Applicable   |
| Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program                             | Percentage of units in the 811 PRA cooperative agreement that have been identified; and percentage of units under a Rental Assistance Contract (RAC) that are leased |
| Non-Elderly Disabled Category 2 (NED2)                                    | Voucher leasing rate   |
| Other voucher program examples, e.g. HUD-VASH, Family Unification Program |  |
| Other state or local programs, e.g. Bridge Subsidy                        | Not Applicable   |
| Other examples will be considered on a case-by-case basis                 |  |





## 1a. Additional examples

- Developed or adopted a referral and/or monitoring system to track referrals, applicants and participants of supportive housing programs for persons with disabilities. (**5 points per demonstrated example**)
- Provided or leveraged resources from a partner organization to cover the cost of (i) home modifications to make units more accessible, including fall prevention and assistive technology/smart housing, or (ii) assistance securing units to further the implementation of Olmstead settlements or similar initiatives to expand community-based setting options for people with disabilities, e.g. rent deposit, move-in costs, furniture. (**5 points per demonstrated example**)



## 1a. Additional examples, continued

- Partnerships with local government to provide tax credits or zoning incentives for the development of accessible housing units. (**3 points per demonstrated example**)
- Developed or partnered with another organization to provide an enhanced accessible housing registry with units compliant with federal accessibility standards, including additional assistance to individuals in search of accessible units. (**3 points per demonstrated example**)
- Other similar experience as described in the application (**5 points per demonstrated example**)



## 1b. Partner Agency Capacity

- Up to 15 points.
- Applicant may provide examples that total more than 15 points, but no more than 15 points will be awarded.



## 1b. Partner Agency Capacity

- PHA has partnered with one or more health and human and/or disability service agencies with a demonstrated capacity to coordinate outreach and recruitment of potential applicants, and to assist residents with disabilities in the referral and application processes and in the housing search by:
  - Securing any accommodations (**up to 5 points**)
  - Transitioning persons with disabilities from institutional and other segregated settings to rental market units (**up to 5 points**)
  - Coordinating voluntary services and supports after the transition (**up to 5 points**)
  - Providing other similar assistance described in application (**up to 5 points**)



## 1c. Geographic Jurisdiction - Rating Criteria

- Up to 10 points.
  - Applicant has a policy that allows recipients of these vouchers to port prior to leasing up in the jurisdiction or applicant has jurisdiction (or will make agreements with nearby jurisdictions) to issue these vouchers on a regional or state basis.
    - Portability allowed prior to leasing up in jurisdiction = **10 points**
- OR
- State-wide program = **10 points**
- OR
- PHA has formed a consortium, created cooperative agreement(s), or merged to create a larger operational jurisdiction = **5 points**



## 1d. Admissions Preference

- 10 points
- PHA/non-profit will provide a certification statement agreeing to grant a preference in their administrative plan for persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional and other segregated settings, at serious risk of institutionalization, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. Update to administrative plan must be completed within one calendar year of award date.



## 2. Leveraging Resources -Rating Criteria

- Up to 30 points.
- Applicant must demonstrate it has one or more partnerships with agencies or organizations that will provide the following services:
  - Coordinating outreach and referral of persons in institutional and other segregated settings who want to move to community-based integrated settings, persons at serious risk institutionalization, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless (**10 points**)
  - Funding or staffing to support training and coordination of program implementation, including any necessary training, between PHA and partner organization(s) (**10 points**)
  - Assisting persons with disabilities to apply to and obtain acceptance in housing programs OR find housing OR secure home modifications and/or disability-related accommodations (**4 points**)
  - Assisting persons with disabilities move into units, including physically accessible units where appropriate, on the private rental market (**3 points**)
  - Referring, coordinating, or providing home and community-based services (**3 points**)



## 3. Achieving Program Results

- Up to 10 points.
- PHA/non-profit provided a program evaluation plan describing how it will work with partner agencies to monitor and correct issues with number of referrals received, vouchers issued, units leased/families housed, service coordination and tenancy support provided, and overall utilization. The plan identified who will maintain the report, how frequently it will be produced, and how it will be shared between the organizations (**5 points**).

OR

- Program evaluation plan addressed the criterion above but also included a centralized tracking system used with the partner agencies, allowing both the PHA and partner organizations to access the required metrics electronically (**10 points**).





# Specific Questions?

- Email [MainstreamVouchers@hud.gov](mailto:MainstreamVouchers@hud.gov)
- Responses will be posted publicly on the HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program homepage:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv)