1. Is it appropriate to look at leavers outcomes for a rural town in Illinois vs. an urban population in Florida, or do you prefer the geography not be that specific?

Our preference would be for researchers to use HUD’s PIC and TRACs data linked with a secondary longitudinal dataset to examine outcomes of tenants or households after they have left HUD-assisted housing at the national level. Further detail about HUD tenant data and potential secondary data linkages are on page 5 of the solicitation.

2. Are a tribal resolution or authority letter required from federally recognized tribes?

Yes, federally recognized tribes will need to submit a tribal resolution or authority letter with their applications.

3. How do we obtain the agreement to receive the data needed for the research and is there a cost associated with the agreement?

If an applicant does not have existing access to a secondary data source linked with HUD tenant data, it is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain access to the data through an agreement, such as a Data Use Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding. What that agreement would be depends on the secondary data source the researcher is planning to use for their analysis. Any cost associated with the agreement should be included in your budget plan.

4. What information is available in HUD data for linking to external administrative data? Are researchers allowed access to names that would be used for matching?

If the project calls for PII and it’s approved, HUD can share full PII.

5. My team is working on a response to the NOFA “Examining Long-Term Outcomes Following Exit from HUD-Assisted Housing.” A footnote mentions that Jacqueline Bachand and other HUD researchers are also working on a study to examine outcomes for the same population. I am wondering if you could share the analysis plan or other details of the study?

The purpose of the study Jacqueline is working on is to examine sociodemographic characteristics, economic characteristics and health outcomes of previously assisted HUD tenants and households (i.e., leavers) compared to concurrent ones. The proposed research will use data from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), survey years 2005 to 2016, linked with HUD administrative data.
6. My question is whether HUD would be interested in a proposal focused on characterizing and assessing exits of older adults, whom I would argue, are distinct from other age groups?

Researchers at HUD are in agreement that the characteristics and outcomes of older adults are distinct from other age groups. Aging in place of older adults in assisted housing is of great interest to our department and proposals focused on that topic would be relevant to submit.

7. Are individuals eligible to apply to the grant?

Individuals are ineligible to apply.

8. Do we need to attach Form HUD424-CBW or Form HUD424-CB?

As stated on page 22, a Form HUD-424-CBW must be submitted with the application.