- 25 points. If the HA's percentage of unmet housing need is equal to or less than 10 percent but greater than 5 of the allocation area's unmet need.
- 20 points. If the HA's percentage of unmet housing is equal to or less than 5 percent (but greater than zero) of the allocation area's unmet need.
- 0 points. If the HA has no unmet housing need (zero percent). The HUD Office will not consider for funding any HA application receiving zero (0) points.

In accordance with Notice PIH 91–45, the HUD Office will notify the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) of applications it receives and ask that FmHA provide advisory comments concerning the market for additional assisted housing or the possible impact the proposed units may have on FmHA projects. Applications for which FmHA has provided comments expressing concerns about market need or the continued stability of existing FmHA projects, with which HUD agrees, will receive zero points for this criterion.

- (2) Selection Criterion 2: Efforts of HA to Provide Area-Wide Housing Opportunities for Families (60 points)
- (a) Description: Many HAs have undertaken voluntary efforts to provide area-wide housing opportunities for families. The efforts described in response to this selection criterion must be beyond those required by federal law or regulation such as the portability provisions of the Section 8 rental voucher and certificate programs. HAs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas are eligible for points under this criterion. The HUD Office will assign points to HAs that have established cooperative agreements with other HAs or created a consortium of HAs in order to facilitate the transfer of families and their rental assistance between HA jurisdictions. In addition, the HUD Office will assign points to HAs that have established relationships with nonprofit groups to provide families with additional counseling, or have directly provided counseling, to increase the likelihood of a successful move by the families to areas that do not have large concentrations of poverty.
- (b) Rating and Assessment: The HUD Office will assign point values for any of the following assessments for which the HA qualifies and add the points for all the assessments (maximum of 60 points) to determine the total points for this Selection Criterion:
- 10 points—Assign 10 points if the HA documents that it participates in an area-wide rental voucher and certificate exchange program where all HAs absorb portable Section 8 families.

- 10 Points—Assign 10 points if the HA certifies that its administrative plan does not include a "residency preference" for selection of families to participate in its rental voucher and certificate programs or the HA certifies that it will eliminate immediately any "residency preference" currently in its administrative plan.
- 10 Points—Assign 10 points if the HA documents that it has established a contractual relationship with a nonprofit agency or the local governmental entity to provide housing counseling for families that want to move to lowpoverty or non-minority areas. The five HAs approved for the FY 93 Moving to Opportunity (MTO) for Fair Housing Demonstration and any other HAs that receive counseling funds from HUD in settlement of litigation involving desegregation may qualify for points under this assessment, but these HAs must identify all activities undertaken, other than those funded and required under the MTO Demonstration or the court-ordered plans, to expand housing opportunities.
- 10 Points—Assign 10 points if the HA documents that it requested from HUD, and HUD approved, the authority to utilize exceptions to the fair market rent limitations as allowed under 24 CFR 882.106(a)(4) to allow families to select units in low-poverty or nonminority areas.
- 10 Points—Assign 10 points if the HA documents that it participates with other HAs in using a metropolitan wide or combined waiting list for selecting participants in the program.
- 10 Points—Assign 10 points if the HA documents that it has implemented other initiatives that have resulted in expanding housing opportunities in areas that do not have undue concentrations of poverty or minority families.
- (3) Selection Criterion 3: Local Initiatives (10 points)
- (a) Description: The application must describe the extent to which the HA demonstrates locally initiated efforts in support of its Rental Voucher and Rental Certificate Program or comparable tenant-based rental assistance programs. Evaluation of a locality's contribution is measured competitively by the extent to which a locality is able to provide services or cash contributions or demonstrate its intention to provide this kind of support in the future, as compared to services or contributions provided by other localities of like program size.
- (b) Rating and Assessment: The HUD Office will assign one of two point-values, as follows:

- 10 points: The State or locality provides significant local support (e.g., financial, manpower for inspection services) to its Rental Voucher or Rental Certificate Program.
- 0 points: The State or locality does not provide support to the HA's Rental Voucher or Rental Certificate Program.
- (E) Corrections to Deficient Fair Share Applications
- (1) Acceptable Applications See Section I.(G)(1) of this NOFA.
- (2) Unacceptable Applications See Section I.(G)(2) of this NOFA.
- (F) Fair Share Application Selection Process
- (1) Maximum Funding Allowed

Excluding rental vouchers or certificates for portability reimbursements, the HUD Office may approve maximum funding for an HA under this NOFA that does not exceed the lesser of 10 percent of the HA rental vouchers and rental certificates on the latest HUD-approved budget or 50 percent of the number of rental vouchers and certificates available in the allocation area, whichever is less.

## (2) Funding Procedure

The HUD Office must develop a procedure for approving applications (including applications rated by the Native American Programs Office) in rank order until all the housing assistance budget authority is used. The HUD Office may elect to approve applications for 100 percent of the rental vouchers or certificates requested, or the maximum number allowed for each HA under this NOFA (not to exceed the lesser of ten percent of the HA's program size or 50 percent of rental vouchers and certificates available for the allocation area), in all applications that score above a HUD Office-determined funding cut-off. The HUD Office may elect to approve all applications using a lower percentage, but may not approve applications at less than 80 percent of the rental vouchers and certificates requested in all applications that score above the HUD Office-determined funding cut-off.

The HUD Office may elect to divide applications into two categories and to approve a different percentage of requested rental vouchers and certificates for applications in each of the two ranking categories, but not less than 80 percent of the rental vouchers and certificates requested in all applications. The higher percentage of rental vouchers and certificates requested would be approved for all