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.

(c) Threshold Criterion 3: Coordination Between HA and Public Child Welfare Agency to Identify and Assist Eligible Families.

The application must describe the method that the HA and the public child welfare agency will use to identify and assist Family Unification eligible families. The application must include a letter of intent from the PCWA stating its commitment to provide resources and support for the program. The PCWA letter of intent and other information must be comprehensive and must include an explanation of the method used to identify eligible families, of the PCWA's certification process for determining Family Unification eligible families, of the responsibilities of each agency, of the PCWA assistance provided to families in locating housing units, of the PCWA staff resources committed to the program, of the past PCWA experience administering a similar program, and of the PCWA/HA cooperation in administering a similar program.

(d) Threshold Criterion 4: Public Child Welfare Agency Statement of Need for Family Unification Program.

The application must include a statement by the PCWA describing the need for a program providing assistance to families for whom lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the placement of the family's children in out-of-home care, or in the delay of discharge of the children to the family from out-of-home care in the area to be served, as evidenced by the caseload of the public child welfare agency. The PCWA must adequately demonstrate that there is a need in the HA's jurisdiction for the Family Unification program which is not being met through existing programs. The narrative must include specific information relevant to the area to be served, about homelessness, family violence resulting in involuntary displacement, number and characteristics of families who are experiencing the placement of children in out-of-home care or the delayed discharge of children from out-of-home care as the result of inadequate housing,

and the PCWA's past experience in obtaining housing through HUD assisted programs and other sources for families lacking adequate housing.

(F) Corrections to Deficient Family Unification Applications

(1) Acceptable Applications

See Section I.(G)(1) of this NOFA.

(2) Unacceptable Applications

See Section I.(G)(2) of this NOFA.

(G) Family Unification Application Selection Process

After the HUD Office has screened HA applications and disapproved any applications unacceptable for further processing (See Section I.(G)(2) of this NOFA), the HUD Office will review and rate all approvable applications, utilizing the Threshold Criteria and the point assignments listed in this NOFA. Each HUD Office will send to HUD Headquarters the following information on each application that passes the Threshold Criteria:

 Name and address of the HA;
Name and address of the Public Child Welfare Agency;

(3) State Office, Area Office, or Native American Programs Office contact person and telephone number.

(4) The number of rental certificates in the HA application and minimum number of rental certificates specified in the HA application and the corresponding budget authority acceptable to the HA; and

(5) A completed fund reservation worksheet for the number of rental certificates requested in the application.

All Field Offices of Native American Programs also must send to Headquarters Office of Native American Programs the information listed in Section III.(G) (1)–(5) for each IHA application that passes the threshold criteria.

Headquarters will select eligible HAs to be funded based on a lottery. All HAs identified by the HUD Offices as meeting the Threshold Criteria identified in the NOFA will be eligible for the lottery selection process. As HAs are selected, the costs of funding the applications will be counted against the total funds available for the Family Unification program. In order to achieve geographic diversity, HUD Headquarters will limit the number of applications selected for funding under the lottery for any State to ten percent of the budget authority made available under this NOFA

Applications will be funded in full for the number of rental certificates requested by the HA in accordance with

the NOFA. However, when remaining rental certificate funds are insufficient to fund the last HA application in full, HUD Headquarters may fund that application to the extent of the funding available and the applicant's willingness to accept a reduced number of rental certificates. Applicants that do not wish to have the size of their programs reduced may indicate in their applications that they do not wish to be considered for a reduced award of funds. HUD Headquarters will skip over these applicants if assigning the remaining funding would result in a reduced funding level.

IV. Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Service Coordinators

(A) FSS Service Coordinators Applications Deadline Date

The deadline date for the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Service Coordinators subprogram is listed in Section I.(B) of the NOFA.

(B) Purpose and Substantive Description of Funding for FSS Service Coordinators

The FY 1995 HUD Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 103-327 approved September 28, 1994) makes available administrative fees under section 23(h) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 for the Section 8 FSS program. Section 23(h) establishes a fee for the costs incurred in administering the Section 8 FSS program and requires the Secretary to revise the fee upon submission by the General Accounting Office (GAO) of a report determining the additional costs to HAs under FSS programs. In April 1992, the GAO issued its report; however, the report indicated that it was premature to make a recommendation for changes in the fee. As a result, the Department determined to make a sufficient fee available under this NOFA, to enable the smaller HAs (i.e., those with programs of less than 1,500 total rental vouchers and certificates) with required FSS programs of at least 25 slots, to hire up to one FSS program coordinator for one year at a reasonable cost, as determined by the HA and HUD, based on salaries for similar positions in the locality.

(1) Eligible Activity

Funds are available under this NOFA to employ or otherwise retain the services of up to one FSS program coordinator for one year. A part-time FSS program coordinator may be retained where appropriate. Under the FSS program, HAs are required to use Section 8 rental assistance together with public and private resources to provide supportive services to enable