housing environment with any supportive services that they may want or need.

The Mainstream Program will reach communities that have concentrations of persons with disabilities in need of housing assistance, including those living in housing of an institutional nature. The Department expects the program to be of particular interest to HAs with public housing reserved for occupancy by elderly families and disabled families that wish to provide nonpublic housing options to some of their disabled residents.

(a) Application Options. HUD will award funding for rental vouchers and/ or certificates under the Mainstream Program through two application options: (1) An application option open only to HAs that submit an allocation plan to designate public housing for occupancy by elderly families, and that also administer a Section 8 rental certificate, rental voucher or moderate rehabilitation program; and (2) an application option for general use rental assistance for persons with disabilities, open to all HAs which currently administer a Section 8 rental certificate, rental voucher or moderate rehabilitation program. Eligible HAs may apply for assistance under either or both application options.

Under the first application option, HUD will make available approximately 1,250 rental vouchers and certificates to support approvable HA allocation plans to designate housing for elderly families. The rental vouchers and certificates will enable HAs to meet the designated housing regulatory requirement to make available sufficient housing resources to provide assistance to at least the number of nonelderly disabled families that would have been housed by the HA if occupancy in the designated public housing project were not restricted to elderly households. Applicants who choose to apply under this option should be familiar with the Public Housing Designated Housing rule, published in the Federal Register April 13, 1994 (24 CFR part 945). HUD intends to fund all approvable applications under the designated housing allocation plan application option, unless HUD receives applications for more funding than available for this option. In that case, HUD will select applications for funding by lottery.

Under the second application option, for general use rental assistance for persons with disabilities, HUD will make available approximately 1,250 Section 8 rental vouchers and certificates for HAs to increase the supply of mainstream housing

opportunities available to persons with disabilities. HUD will select HA applications for funding under the general use application option by lottery.

(b) Limit on Rental Assistance Requested. An eligible HA applying under the general use application option may apply for up to 150 rental vouchers and/or certificates. An HA applying in conjunction with submission of a designated housing allocation plan may apply for only the number of units needed to meet the requirements of the allocation plan to provide housing resources for persons who otherwise would have received public housing, up to a maximum of 150 rental vouchers and certificates.

## (2) Guidelines

(a) Definitions.

Allocation plan. A HUD-approved allocation plan required of HAs seeking to designate a project for occupancy by elderly families. See 24 CFR 945.203.

Disabled Family. A family whose head, spouse or sole member is a person with disabilities. The term "disabled family" may include two or more persons with disabilities living together, and one or more persons with disabilities living with one or more persons who are determined to be essential to the care or well-being of the person or persons with disabilities. A disabled family may include persons with disabilities who are elderly.

Person with disabilities. A person who—

(a) Has a disability as defined in section 223 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423), or

(b) Is determined to have a physical, mental or emotional impairment that:

(i) is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration;

(ii) substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and

(iii) is of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions, or

(c) Has a developmental disability as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6001(5)).

The term "person with disabilities" does not exclude persons who have the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV).

Section 8 Counseling. Services to increase access by program participants to housing units in a variety of neighborhoods and to assist participants in locating and obtaining a unit suited

to their needs. See Section V of this NOFA

Supportive services. Assistance that addresses the needs of eligible persons, provides appropriate services or assists such persons in obtaining appropriate services, including health care, mental health treatment, substance and alcohol abuse services, child care services, case management services, counseling, supervision, education, job training and placement, and other services essential for achieving and maintaining independent living. Inpatient acute hospital care does not qualify as a supportive service.

Supportive service provider (or service provider). A person or organization (including peer support and consumerrun organizations) licensed or otherwise qualified to provide supportive services either for profit or not for profit that has been in existence for at least one year and delivers some or all of the above services to a client population.

(b) Eligible HAs.

(i) Rental assistance in conjunction with designated housing allocation plans. HAs that submit an allocation plan to designate public housing for occupancy by elderly families, and that also administer a Section 8 rental certificate, rental voucher or moderate rehabilitation program.

(ii) General use rental assistance for persons with disabilities. HAs which currently administer a Section 8 rental certificate, rental voucher or moderate rehabilitation program.

(iii) Additional Eligibility Requirements. See sections I(D)(2) and I(G)(2) of this NOFA.

(c) Eligible Participants.

- (i) Rental assistance in conjunction with designated housing allocation plans. Only persons with disabilities and disabled families who live in public housing that has been designated for occupancy by the elderly, or disabled families who are on the HA's public housing waiting list, may receive a rental voucher or certificate awarded under the application option in conjunction with designated housing allocation plans. Nonelderly persons with disabilities and disabled families who live in public housing designated for the elderly in accordance with an allocation plan submitted in response to this NOFA, need not be listed on the Section 8 waiting list in order to be offered and receive Section 8 rental assistance as an incentive for a voluntary transfer from the designated project. These families may be admitted to the Section 8 program as a special admission (24 CFR 982.203).
- (ii) General use rental assistance for persons with disabilities. Only persons