and other services; these services will be funded from sources other than this

program; and

(iv) coordinating the submission of an application to HUD for its service area that designates the participating HA(s) and community-based organizations and is responsive to the criteria established in the Application Submission Requirements of this notice.

(c) HA Responsibilities. HAs are responsible for administering the rental voucher program in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements,

including:

(i) conducting initial and periodic Housing Quality Standards inspections and contracting with landlords;

(ii) reviewing the Section 8 waiting list to determine if there are any individuals already on the waiting list who may be eligible for the Section 8 set-aside for persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless or at risk or homelessness and referring them to service providers;

(iii) after proper verification of Section 8 eligibility of individuals referred by the service providers, adding individuals to the Section 8 waiting list

and issuing rental vouchers;

(iv) amending its administrative plan and equal opportunity housing plan to provide for a preference for persons with HIV/AIDS to participate in the Section 8 set-aside for persons with HIV/AIDS in a number equal to the number of rental vouchers provided under this subprogram for the area;

(v) provide technical assistance to service providers and others in understanding and utilizing this Section

8 set-aside; and

(vi) maintaining records and providing information for evaluation purposes, as required by HUD.

- (d) Service Provider Responsibilities. Community-based organizations that provide housing and/or services may agree to undertake responsibilities which include:
- (i) providing outreach to identify participants who are eligible for the Section 8 set-aside for persons with HIV/AIDS who are homeless or at risk of homelessness;

(ii) assisting HAs in verifying income and other eligibility criteria;

(iii) referring eligible individuals to the HAs for determination of Section 8 eligibility and placement on the Section 8 waiting list;

(iv) providing or assisting clients in arranging for supportive services and health care as needed, such as case management, counseling, day care, outpatient health services, in-home nursing care, hospitalization and hospice care;

(v) providing housing search assistance, assistance in securing housing, move-in assistance and housing counseling as appropriate; and

(vi) maintaining records and providing information for evaluation purposes, as required by HUD.

(e) Participant Eligibility. Eligible person means a person with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and his or her family who qualify as very lowincome. Assistance will be provided on a priority basis to eligible persons who are homeless and on a lower priority basis to eligible persons who are at risk of homelessness. Programs may target assistance to eligible persons based on additional criteria of need, such as need for higher levels of care or disabling conditions, but not persons institutionalized or hospitalized.

(f) Rental Voucher Assistance. HAs must administer this program in accordance with HUD's regulations governing the Section 8 rental voucher and certificate programs. The HA may issue a rental certificate instead of a rental voucher to an individual selected to participate in the initiative if the individual requests a rental certificate and the HA has one available. If Section 8 assistance for a participant under this demonstration ends during the five-year term of the ACC for the Section 8 rental vouchers provided under this demonstration, the rental assistance must be reissued to another eligible person with HIV/AIDS. In order to receive rental assistance provided under this Section 8 set-aside, a person or family must:

(i) have been identified by a participating service provider as meeting the program criteria and referred to a participating HA and placed on its Section 8 waiting list; or

(ii) have been identified by the HA from the Section 8 waiting list as an eligible person and referred to a participating service provider.

(C) Allocation Amounts for Persons With HIV/AIDS

This NOFA provides approximately \$103 million for approximately 3,000 rental vouchers set aside for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The rental vouchers are allocated to 66 areas that have had the greatest number of reported cases of AIDS and in which community planning, housing assistance and supportive services are being provided by the governmental agency that is administering the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program in the area.

This notice allocates rental voucher budget authority based on the HOPWA formula allocation established by the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act (42 U.S.C. 12901). That formula provides a mechanism to provide assistance to areas that have the highest numbers of reported cases of AIDS and to metropolitan areas that have a higherthan-average incidence of AIDS within their population. The Act also recognizes the need for the coordinated response to AIDS within the metropolitan area or within a State. In FY 95, HOPWA formula allocations were made to 66 grantees, including 43 qualifying cities in Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Areas (EMSA) and 23 States for areas outside of these EMSAs. Rental vouchers under this subprogram are allocated based on this formula for the areas listed in Attachment 3, arranged by HUD Offices.

(D) Application Submission Requirements for Persons With HIV/ AIDS Subprogram

Each HA must submit the items identified in Section I.(D) of the NOFA, Application Submission Requirements—General, and this section of the NOFA for Persons with HIV/AIDS. If more than one HA is designated by the HOPWA grantee to administer the rental vouchers, each HA must submit the required information under Section VII.(D)(1).

(1) Need for Subprogram for Persons with AIDS

The application must describe the need for a rental assistance program targeted to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as evidenced by data which show the unmet need in the area to be served.

(2) Program Implementation

The application must describe the timely implementation of a plan that will result in eligible participants finding permanent housing. The plan must have all of the following elements and must link all the elements in a consistent framework:

- (a) the participating HA(s) and participating community-based organizations providing services are identified;
- (b) the proposed outreach and selection efforts ensure that the targeted population in the area to be served is served:
- (c) the plan provides housing search assistance that will help eligible persons obtain appropriate housing; and
- (d) the plan describes an evaluation component that will result in an