evaluation of program effectiveness by the HOPWA grantee, the participating HA, and the participating communitybased organizations undertaking housing-related activities.

## (3) Linkage to Supportive Services

The application must demonstrate that supportive services will be made available to meet the needs of the targeted population. This is evidenced by:

(a) the identification of participating community-based organization(s);

- (b) the identification of supportive services that are appropriate to the needs of the population proposed to be served:
- (c) a description of procedures to ensure that participants have access to these services; and
- (d) a plan for monitoring and evaluating the supportive services provided to eligible persons to ensure that services are appropriate to their changing needs on an individual basis.

# (4) Application Revisions After Submission to HUD

HUD will provide the applicant an opportunity to revise its application after submission to HUD in response to specific written comments from HUD. The joint applicants will have a thirty calendar day period from the date of HUD's letter to satisfy all issues with HUD. Applicants will be allowed to respond to HUD comments more than once during the thirty calendar day correction period so long as the negotiations are completed by the thirty calendar day deadline.

- (E) Corrections to Deficient Applications for Persons With HIV/AIDS Subprogram
- (1) Acceptable Applications

See Section VII.(D)(4) of this NOFA for the applicable provisions.

### (2) Unacceptable Applications

The 14 calendar day technical correction period does not apply to this NOFA. See Section VII.(D)(4) of this NOFA for the applicable provisions.

# (F) Application Selection Process for Persons With HIV/AIDS Subprogram

The funds available under this NOFA are being awarded on a formula basis as listed in Attachment 3 of the NOFA. Applications will be reviewed by the HUD Office to determine whether or not they are technically adequate and responsive to the application submission criteria based on the NOFA requirements. To expedite the review of applications and the award of funds under this subprogram, the HUD Office may initiate its review of any

application received prior to the deadline established for submission.

The Office of Public Housing in the HUD Office will initially screen all applications to determine if an application is complete, technically adequate and responsive to the general application selection requirements. The Community Planning and Development (CPD) Office for the area will review the application to determine if an application is responsive to the criteria for need, program implementation, and quality of supportive services. If an application is found to be unresponsive to a criterion, the HUD Office will notify the applicant of its finding and permit the applicant to revise the application as provided in Section VII.(D)(4)

The HUD Office of Public Housing will approve applications that are technically adequate and responsive applications. If a local HA and HOPWA grantee do not submit a joint application by the deadline date specified in the NOFA, or if its application is disapproved, the allocation for that HOPWA jurisdiction will be reallocated to another HOPWA jurisdiction within the same State. If no other HOPWA grantee within the same State applied, the allocation will be reallocated to HOPWA grantees in other States.

VIII. Subprogram for Homeless Families

## (A) Application Deadline Date for Homeless Families Subprogram

The deadline date for applications for the set-aside of rental vouchers and certificates for Homeless Families is listed in Section I.(B) of the NOFA.

(B) Purpose and Substantive Description of the Homeless Families Subprogram

#### (1) General

The two subprograms for Homeless Families and for Persons with HIV/AIDS together provide approximately \$514 million in budget authority for an estimated 15,000 rental vouchers and certificates for homeless Americans. Approximately \$411 million, or 12,000 rental vouchers and certificates, will be made available to provide rental assistance to homeless families living in transitional housing or emergency shelters. Approximately \$103 million, or 3,000 rental vouchers and certificates will be set-aside for persons with HIV/ AIDS and their families who are homeless or who are at risk of homelessness. These allocations of Section 8 budget authority will each be allocated by formula as described in the NOFA.

Communities across the country are developing or refining comprehensive

homeless assistance strategies following the continuum of care approach. The fundamental components of a continuum of care system include: an emergency shelter/needs assessment to identify an individual's or family's needs; transitional housing and appropriate supportive services to help those individuals and families who are not prepared to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living; and permanent housing or permanent supportive housing. Permanent housing resources are essential to the success of efforts to alleviate homelessness. Homeless individuals and families who lack these resources become trapped in emergency shelters and transitional housing, occupying space and using limited resources that could benefit other homeless persons.

This program is designed to support local homeless assistance strategies by providing Section 8 rental vouchers and certificates to assist homeless families who are currently living in transitional housing or emergency shelters and are immediately ready for permanent housing. The program is also designed to ensure that the homeless families moving to permanent housing will receive appropriate assistance in finding housing, moving into the permanent housing, adjusting to their new surroundings, and obtaining needed services, such as day care. These services will help the formerly homeless families remain in permanent housing and avoid future homelessness.

The program depends on a partnership between the HA, the ESG jurisdiction, and homeless provider organizations. Homeless provider organizations identified to participate in the set-aside program must be chosen through a community-wide process. The ESG jurisdiction and the homeless provider organizations will be responsible for providing housing counseling, follow-up and other supportive services to participating families as needed for stabilization in permanent housing. The homeless provider organizations will identify the homeless families currently living in transitional housing or emergency shelters that are immediately ready for permanent housing. The homeless provider organizations will certify to the HA that the families meet the "immediately ready for permanent housing" definition. The HA will provide rental assistance based on the criteria established in this NOFA.

#### (2) Definitions

(a) Emergency Shelter Grant Jurisdictions.