coordinated case management, should strive to enhance the physical, social, and educational development of lowand very low-income families, thereby increasing their chances of becoming self-sufficient. The intended beneficiaries of these services are families who are living in governmentsubsidized housing who were homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless. (Families at risk of homelessness include those living in precarious housing situations, e.g., doubled up with another family; in unstable or inadequate housing; or those facing eviction or loss of housing.)

B. Program Services

The project awards will primarily allow for the development and establishment of a family support center that can arrange for and/or provide an array of comprehensive and intensive case-managed social services to those individuals and families who are living in government subsidized housing who were previously homeless or who are at risk of homelessness. Services to infants, children and youths shall be designed to enhance their physical, social and educational development and include an array of appropriate services that address the causes and deleterious effects of homelessness. Services to parents and other family members shall be designed to contribute to their child(ren)'s healthy development and to the achievement of skills and objectives that move the family toward self sufficiency. All services provided shall be coordinated through the auspices of a family case management program and include necessary and appropriate services that address the economic and housing needs of the "low-income and very low-income" client families

In the case of services provided to infants, children and youth, such services shall include, where appropriate, the following:

- Nutritional services
- Screening and referral services
- Child care services
- Early childhood development programs
- Early intervention services for children with, or at risk of developmental delays
- Dropout prevention services
- After school activities
- Job readiness and job training services
- Education (including basic skills and literacy services)
- Emergency services including special outreach services targeted to homeless and runaway youth
- Crisis intervention and counseling services

Other services as necessary and appropriate

In the case of services provided to parents and other family members, services shall be designed to better enable parents and other family members to contribute to their child's healthy development and to the acquisition of skills and resources that can prevent homelessness and move the family toward self-sufficiency and shall include, where appropriate, the following:

- -Substance abuse education
- —Counseling
- -Referral for treatment
- —Crisis intervention
- -Employment counseling and training
- Life-skills training, including personal financial counseling
- Education, including basic skills and literacy services
- —Parenting classes
- —Consumer homemaking
- Other services as necessary and appropriate

Family case management shall include the following:

- -Needs assessment
- —Support in accessing and maintaining appropriate public assistance and social services
- Referral and followup for substance abuse counseling and treatment
- —Counseling and crisis intervention
- —Family advocacy services
- —Housing assistance activities—Housing counseling
- —Eviction or foreclosure prevention assistance
- Referral to sources of emergency rental or mortgage assistance payment
- —Support in accessing home energy assistance
- -Other services as appropriate

Centers may be part of an existing family oriented program for low and very low income, at risk families or a center organized specifically to provide services targeted at serving the previously homeless and/or at risk families in an identified community. Approaches are sought that emphasize a coordinated effort by a range of community-oriented entities that consolidate resources to the targeted population and which seek to replace a goal of maintenance with a goal of progression and transformation.

C. Program Beneficiaries

Projects proposed for funding under this announcement must directly benefit low-income and very low-income families with children residing in governmentally subsidized housing who were previously homeless or who are atrisk of becoming homeless. The term

"low-income" when applied to families means one whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income for a family in the area, as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, subject to his discretion to establish different ceilings based on area variations. The term "very lowincome" when applied to families means one whose income does not exceed 50% of the median income for a family in the area, as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, subject to his discretion to establish different ceilings based on area variations. (See Attachment A.)

D. Eligible Applicants

Eligible entities are State and local government agencies, Head Start agencies and any community-based organization of demonstrated effectiveness such as a Community Action Agency designated under section 210 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 2790), public housing agencies as defined in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(6)), State Housing Finance Agencies, local education agencies, an institution of higher education, a public hospital, a community development corporation, a private industry council as defined under section 102(a) of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA)(29 U.S.C. 1512(a)), a community health center, and any other public or private nonprofit organizations specializing in the provision of social services.

More than one eligible entity in a State may apply, but separate applications must be submitted.

Any non-profit organization submitting an application must submit proof of its non-profit status in its application at the time of submission. The non-profit agency can accomplish this by providing a copy of the currently valid IRS tax exemption certificate *or* by providing a copy of the applicant's Articles of Incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

E. Project Period

This announcement is soliciting applications for project periods of up to three years. Awards, on a competitive basis, will be for an initial seventeen (17) month budget period, although project periods may be for three years. Applications for continuation grants funded under these awards beyond the initial 17-month budget period, but within the three-year project period, will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory