grantee and determination that this would be in the best interest of the government.

## G. Requirements

The applicant shall demonstrate that training and ancillary support services will be accessed through existing program providers to the extent that they are located in the immediate vicinity of the public housing development, or they will contract with such providers for on-site service delivery. The applicant shall warrant that funds provided under this program will be utilized to purchase such services only to the extent that no other funds can be obtained to fulfill the purpose of this demonstration.

The local public housing agency shall agree to make available suitable facilities in the public housing development for the provision of education, training and support services.

The applicant shall detail the process by which the recipients of services will be recruited with the assistance of the public housing authority and how they will be determined to be eligible individuals.

The applicant shall demonstrate the ability to coordinate the services provided with other services provided, with the public housing development and private industry council as well as with other public and private agencies and organizations of demonstrated effectiveness providing similar and ancillary services to the target population.

The applicant, to the fullest extent practicable, shall set forth the manner in which it will attempt to employ residents of the public housing development whenever qualified residents are available.

## Part IV: Criteria for Review and Evaluation of Applications for New Family Support Center and Gateway Demonstration Programs

Applications for both programs will be reviewed and evaluated to assess the applicant's ability to carry out the projects described under Part II and III of this announcement, using the following criteria and weights:

- A. Understanding of Program Purposes and Community Needs (10 points)
- Understanding of Program Purposes (0–5 points)

The extent to which the application reflects a good understanding of the purpose(s) of the program, including the problems, barriers and impediments that prevent the efficient and effective

delivery of an array of intensive and comprehensive services. For the Family Support Center Program, the purpose is to stabilize previously homeless and atrisk families and prevent them experiencing initial or recurring episodes of homelessness. For the Gateway Program, the purpose is to provide education, training and necessary support services to economically disadvantaged residents of public housing who have encountered barriers to employment because of basic skills deficiencies.

2. Understanding of Client, Community, and Service System Needs (0–5 points)

The degree to which the application presents the appropriate and pertinent demographic, social and personal data describing the needs of the client populations to be served. Specifically, the Family Support Center application should identify the extent of family homelessness and the numbers of families in the project's community who are at risk of becoming homeless. For both programs, community data should reflect the resources and the lack of services or programs to address the target population needs. Service system needs should reveal the extent to which there is potential for short to intermediate range solutions to organizational and systemic problems that affect the target populations.

- B. Quality of Project Plan (40 points)
- 1. Degree of Innovativeness (0–10 points)

Application should articulate creative and otherwise original approaches and ways to achieve project objectives; application describes unique features of the project, such as design or technological innovations, reductions in cost or time, or extraordinary client and community involvements. The application uses original and enterprising means to identify, target, reach and serve children and families using creative and innovative configurations of mainstream and other programs in the community.

2. Soundness and Clarity of Project Approach/Strategy (0–15 points)

The soundness and feasibility of the project approach to achieve specified goals and objectives and response to client, community and system needs. The extent to which the application outlines a sound and workable plan of action and details how the proposed work will be accomplished and gives acceptable reasons for taking one approach as opposed to others. The inclusion of plans and actions to

accomplish service coordination and delivery.

3. Appropriateness and Specificity of Project Goals (0–5 points)

The enumeration of clearly articulated goals and corresponding objectives addressing the problems. These should be listed in a sequential and integrated fashion tied to program purposes and client needs. For the Family Support Center, this must include the reduction of family homelessness through prevention measures. For Gateway, this must include education and training to prepare participants for employment.

4. Appropriateness of Performance and Impact Measures Selected (0–5 points)

Application lists the activities along with anticipated steps to be carried out in a programmatic and chronological order. Application includes a feasible schedule of target dates and accomplishments, in sufficient detail, for the first seventeen months and more generally for the remaining project period up to 36 months.

Application identifies measurable expected results for participating

children and families.

5. Cost Effectiveness (0–5 points)

The extent to which the project's financial costs are reasonable in view of the activities to be carried out and their forecasted outcomes. Applications should address cost expenditures *vis a vis* anticipated project related benefits.

- C. Capacity (20 points)
- 1. Staff Background and Experience (0–10 points)

The extent to which the résumés of the program director and key project staff (including names, addresses, training, background and other qualifying experience) demonstrate the ability to effectively and efficiently administer and/or operate within a project of this size, complexity and scope. Staff background and experience should also exhibit clearly the ability of proposed staff to use and coordinate activities with other agencies for the delivery of intensive and comprehensive support services. In the event that new hires or positions are involved, application should include position descriptions and demonstrate the ability to bring available human resources quickly on line with the project.

2. Organization (0–10 points)

Organizational resources that can be utilized within this project, including applicant facilities and physical resources such as existing office and