

2. Grant funds may not be used to make cash payments to intended recipients of primary health and substance abuse services or mental health services.

3. Grants funds may not be used to purchase or improve real property (other than minor remodeling of existing improvements to real property) or to purchase major medical equipment, including mobile medical units. However, upon request by an applicant demonstrating that the purposes of the project cannot otherwise be carried out, the Secretary may waive this restriction.

b. The grantee must, directly or through contract, provide services without regard to ability to pay for the services. If a charge is imposed for the delivery of services, such charge (1) will be made according to a schedule of charges that is made available to the public; (2) will not be imposed on any homeless individual with an income less than the official poverty level (the nonfarm income official poverty line defined by the Office of Management and Budget); (3) will be adjusted to reflect the income and resources of the homeless individual involved.

Additional Grant Requirements for Section 340(a) Only

a. The grantee may not expend more than 10 percent of grant funds for the purpose of administering the grant.

b. The grantee may, with respect to title I of the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986, expend amounts received for the purpose of referring homeless individuals who are chronically mentally ill, and who are eligible under the Act, to systems that provide advocacy services under the Act.

c. The grantee may provide services through contracts with nonprofit selfhelp organizations that are established and managed by current and former recipients of mental health or substance abuse services, who have been homeless individuals; and that have an agreement with a State under its Medicaid program, title XIX of the Social Security Act (if they provide services that are covered under the title XIX plan for the State), and qualify to receive payments under the agreement.

Criteria for Evaluating Applications for Sections 340(a) and 340(s)

Competing Applications 340(a)

These competitive applications for grant support will be reviewed based upon the following evaluation criteria:

a. Compliance with the requirements of section 340 of the PHS Act and other programmatic requirements;

b. Experience in providing primary health or substance abuse services to homeless individuals or medically underserved populations.

c. Extent to which the applicant has identified the homeless population in the service area, including the social and demographic characteristics of the population and the extent to which their health needs are not being met;

d. Adequacy of the applicant's outreach plan to serve the homeless population;

e. Extent to which primary health and substance abuse services are to be provided to homeless individuals in a manner that demonstrates program linkages and services integration;

f. Adequacy of the applicant's referral arrangement to appropriate medical facilities for hospitalization and, for individuals who are mentally ill, to entities that provide mental health services, unless the applicant will provide such services directly;

g. Extent to which the applicant has the ability to involve appropriate community representatives to ensure that the program is culturally appropriate and accommodates the needs of homeless individuals in the service area;

h. Extent to which the applicant has engaged or plans to engage with other entities in an integrated service system in the community;

i. Qualifications and experience of the proposed project staff; i.e., the staff size and skills necessary to carry out an effective program;

j. Adequacy of the proposed budget; i.e., detailed estimates of revenue and costs in accordance with grant application instructions;

k. Evidence of administrative procedures for fiscal control and fund accounting procedures which provide for reasonable financial administration of Federal and non-Federal funds;

l. Evidence of an ongoing program of quality assurance with respect to health services provided under the grant;

m. Evidence of a reasonable plan for communicating with non-English speaking homeless individuals provided health services under the grant;

n. Indication of strategies for collaborative relationships and linkages which maximize effective use of existing health and social service resources, especially those of state and local health department, primary care providers to the underserved, and academic institutions; and

o. A current grantee's progress in achieving stated goals and objectives for the previous year's grant.

Competing Applications 340(s)

These competitive applications for grant support will be reviewed based upon the following evaluation criteria:

a. Compliance with the requirements of section 340(s) of the PHS Act and other programmatic requirements;

b. Experience in providing primary health or substance abuse services to homeless individuals or medically underserved populations;

c. Extent to which the applicant has identified homeless children and children at imminent risk of homelessness within the service area, including the social and demographic characteristics of these children and the extent to which their health needs are not being met;

d. Proposal of an innovative approach to meeting the health care needs of homeless children and children at imminent risk of homelessness, which can be utilized as a demonstration site for other programs nationally;

e. Adequacy of the applicant's outreach plan to identify homeless children and children at imminent risk of homelessness and inform their parents/guardians of the availability of services;

f. Extent to which primary health services are to be provided to homeless children in a linked and integrated manner;

g. Adequacy of the applicant's referral arrangements for the provision of health services, social services, and education services, including referral to hospitals, community and migrant health centers, Head Start and other educational programs, and programs for prevention and treatment of child abuse;

h. Extent to which the applicant has the ability to involve appropriate community representatives to ensure that the program accommodates the needs of homeless children and children at imminent risk of homelessness in the service area;

i. Extent to which the applicant has engaged or plans to engage with other entities in an integrated service system in the community;

j. Qualifications and experience of the proposed project staff; i.e., the staff size and skills necessary to carry out an effective program;

k. Adequacy of the proposed budget; i.e., detailed projections of revenue and costs in accordance with grant application instructions;

l. Evidence of administrative procedures for fiscal control and fund accounting procedures which provide for reasonable financial administration of Federal and non-Federal funds;