shelter and referral to necessary service providers or housing finders;

(3) Transitional housing with appropriate supportive services to help those homeless individuals and families who are not prepared to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living; and

(4) Permanent housing, or permanent supportive housing, to help meet the long-term needs of homeless individuals and families.

Grant requests in response to this \$25 million NOFA should only be made for activities involving aggressive outreach and assistance to homeless persons living on the streets or in other places not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations for human beings. These are the homeless persons most affected by adverse weather conditions. Grant requests to assist homeless families or individuals in other circumstances should be submitted in response to a separate \$900 million NOFA the Department intends to issue in February.

(C) Funding Availability

This NOFA makes \$25 million available for the Innovative Project Funding. Grant requests may be for up to two years of funding. HUD reserves the right to fund less than the full amount requested in any application. Given the program's emphasis on coordination of resources within communities, it is likely that HUD will fund requests which reflect greater coordinative efforts of private nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, and other organizations who can help provide resources to meet the needs of this most vulnerable population of homeless persons in one application.

With this focus on connecting these homeless persons with a system of community assistance, no renewals of grant awards made under this NOFA are anticipated. Because there is only \$25 million available for this competition, the Department expects to fund requests ranging from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, and reserves the right to award no more than 20 percent of the funds (\$5 million) in any State.

II. Application Process

- (A) Applications will be reviewed and selected on the basis of the following process.
- (1) *Review.* Applications will be reviewed to ensure that they meet the following:
- (a) Applicant eligibility. The applicant must be a jurisdiction (i.e., State, metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government [including units in rural areas], or

Indian tribe), or other nonprofit organization operating within such jurisdiction.

Projects involving the participation of more than one jurisdiction or more than one nonprofit organization, or a combination of jurisdictions or nonprofit organizations are strongly encouraged. However, of these participating jurisdictions and organizations, only one entity may be identified as the actual applicant.

The terms "State", "metropolitan city", "urban county", "unit of general local government", and "Indian tribe" have the meanings given such terms in section 102(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302).

The term "nonprofit organization" means an organization—

- (i) No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor, or individual:
- (ii) That, in the case of a private nonprofit organization, has a voluntary board:
- (iii) That has an accounting system, or has designated a fiscal agent in accordance with requirements established by the Secretary; and

(iv) That practices nondiscrimination in the provision of assistance.

(b) Eligible population to be served. The population proposed to be served must be homeless individuals or homeless families living in places not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations, such as sidewalks, parks, cars and public transportation facilities (hereafter referred to as persons living on the streets).

The term "homeless family" means a group of one or more related individuals who are homeless individuals.

(c) Eligible activities. The activities for which assistance is requested may include activities needed to operate a program of aggressive outreach to persons living on streets, intensive needs assessments, and related activities. Up to 5 percent of the amount of grant funds requested for these activities may be used for grant administration expenses, such as the costs of audits and reports.

Applicants may not receive assistance to replace funds provided by any State or local government to assist homeless

- (d) Fair housing and equal opportunity. Organizations that receive assistance under this NOFA must be in compliance with applicable civil rights laws and Executive Orders.
- (e) Outstanding audit or monitoring findings. No organization that receives

assistance may have serious, unaddressed, outstanding audit or monitoring findings that directly affect the proposed program.

(2) Selection criteria. Applications will be selected based on the following

criteria:

(a) HUD will award up to 40 points based on the extent to which the program described in the application will achieve the purpose of this NOFA, as demonstrated through:

(i) A coordinated plan, developed within the context of a continuum of care system, for aggressive outreach to homeless persons living on the streets, intensive needs assessments, and addressing housing and service needs;

(ii) The marshaling of existing community resources to meet the housing and service needs of these person; and

(iii) If necessary, the provision of additional housing and services.

(b) HUD will award up to 30 points based on the extent to which the applicant demonstrates the capacity to implement a program that achieves the purpose of this NOFA, including the speed with which the activities will become operational. The rating under this criterion will also consider the Department's knowledge of the prior experience of the applicant (and any organizations that will participate in carrying out the program) in serving homeless persons and in carrying out programs similar to those proposed in the application and the prior performance of the applicant (and any organizations that will participate in carrying out the program) with any HUD-administered programs.

(c) HUD will award up to 30 points based on the jurisdiction's need for homeless assistance, as calculated by HUD from generally available data, and the extent to which the program described in the application is innovative and may be replicated or may serve as a model for implementation in other jurisdictions.

Åfter scores have been assigned, the applications will be placed in rank order. Whether an application is selected will depend on its ranking compared to other applications, except that HUD reserves the right to select lower rated applications if necessary to achieve diversity by geography and community type.

III. Application Submission Requirements

- (A) Instructions for Submitting Required Items
- (1) Each submission requirement (listed as exhibits in Section (B) below)