DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5341-C-01]

HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 NOFA for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program; Technical Correction

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program; correction.

SUMMARY: On September 25, 2009, HUD posted on its website the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2009. This notice makes certain technical corrections to the NOFA in order to foster greater ease in understanding for potential grant applicants regarding the requirements set forth in this NOFA. Today's publication also moves the deadline date for the submission of applications.

DATES: Today's publication moves the deadline day for the submission of applications. The application submission date is November 25, 2009, by 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning these technical corrections, please contact the *e-snaps* Virtual Help Desk at www.hudhre.info/helpdesk.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On September 25, 2009, HUD posted its FY2009 CoC Homeless Assistance Program NOFA. Today's publication corrects certain sections of that NOFA. The technical corrections will be provided on Grants.gov as well. The information corrected does not change the application or the scoring of the application in any way; therefore, applicants who have submitted their applications prior to this publication do not need to resubmit an updated application.

Subsequent to publication, it was determined that language in Changes for 2009 regarding persons coming from institutions needed to be corrected to clarify that a person must be homeless immediately prior to entering a publicly funded institution (including prisons, mental health and hospital facilities). Furthermore, this section needed to be corrected to clarify that the person must have been a resident of the facility for **90 days or less**. These corrections are made in this document. Additionally, it was discovered that the form number cited in the definition of Applicant Certification was incorrect. There is not a form number for this certification. The Applicant Certification is a screen in *e-snaps* that is required for submission. This correction is made in this document. Finally, it was determined that grants awarded with 2003 funds will be required to submit all draw requests in the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) no later than September 25, 2010, instead of September 30, 2010. This correction is made in this document.

I. Technical Corrections

1. Changes for 2009

(1) On page 7, Section I.A.3.1, delete from "Transitional Housing (TH), and Supportive Services Only (SSO)..." through "...lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing" and insert the following "if a person was homeless in one of the following three conditions: in a place not meant for human habitation such as cars; in an emergency shelter; or in Transitional Housing (TH) for homeless persons where the person had originally come from the streets or emergency shelter, <u>immediately</u> prior to entering a publicly funded institution (including jails, mental health and hospital facilities) in which the person has been a resident for <u>90 days or less</u>, he/she qualifies as coming from one of these three categories and maintains their homeless status." This revises the full paragraph to read as follows: "New this year, if a person

was homeless in one of the following three conditions: a place not meant for human habitation such as cars; an emergency shelter; or Transitional Housing (TH) for homeless persons where the person had originally come from the streets or emergency shelter, <u>immediately</u> prior to entering a publicly funded institution (including jails, mental health and hospital facilities) in which the person has been a resident for <u>90 days or less</u>, he/she qualifies as coming from one of these three categories and maintains their homeless status. Prior to this NOFA, the residency requirement in an institution was 30 consecutive days or less."

2. Applicant Certification

(1) On page 9, Section I.A.4.c, entitled "Applicant Certification" delete "The form (HUD-2880)". This revises this sentence to read as follows: "Applicant Certification. Required by law, in which an applicant certifies that it will adhere to certain statutory requirements, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

3. Funds Awarded Under the 2003 Appropriations Act

(1) On page 27, Section III.A.2, entitled "Renewal Applicants", add the following sentence after "Funds will not be available for expenditure after September 20, 2009 and September 30, 2010, respectively, for these grants": "The Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) requires that all draws for the grants awarded in 2003 be made no later than September 25, 2010." This revises the paragraph to read as follows: "Under the 2002 and 2003 Appropriation Acts, funds for all grants awarded in those years will be available for use until September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2010 respectively. Projects that were awarded in 2002 and expired in 2009 were required to apply for renewal in the 2008 competition and, therefore, will not be eligible for renewal in the 2009 competition. Although the terms of all grants awarded in 2002 and 2003 should have expired before September 30, 2009 and September 30,

2010, respectively, HUD has discovered that, due to delays in signing the grant agreements or extensions, some grants have an expiration date in 2010 or later. Funds will not be available for expenditure after September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2010, respectively, for these grants. The Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) requires that all draws for the grants awarded in 2003 be made no later than September 25, 2010. Recipients may not accelerate their spending rate. Field offices will monitor draws for affected grants to ensure that funds will be drawn only to reimburse the affected recipients for actual costs incurred in accordance with the project budget on, or before, the availability of funds. Notwithstanding the expiration date of the SHP or S+C grant, if the grant was awarded in 2002 or 2003, but has an expiration date of 2010 or later, the applicant must apply for renewal in 2009. For 2002/2003 renewal grants, HUD reserves the right to make adjustments to the final award."

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