

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Notice of Public Interest (NOPI) for Fiscal Year 2010 Transformation Initiative: Homeless Families Demonstration Small Grant Research Program

- Question #1:** Does my proposal have to be related to the on-going HUD-funded study on interventions for homeless families? In the background section, the NOPI describes an ongoing HUD-funded study called *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*. How is this current grant opportunity connected to that study, and if so, what does that mean practically?
- Answer #1:** This grant opportunity is designed to fund research that directly relates to the ongoing HUD-funded study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*. The purpose of the small grant program is to support additional data collection, information gathering, or analysis related to research questions that would enhance this ongoing study. Examples of possible topic areas are included in the NOPI on page 4 (NOTE: This list is intended to be illustrative, not prescriptive). Research proposals that focus on homeless families generally, but have no connection to the study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*, would not be eligible for consideration for funding.
- Question #2:** Are applicants for this grant required (or encouraged) to perform their proposed research in the same jurisdictions as the larger study it is intended to support?
- Answer #2:** This grant opportunity is designed to fund research that directly relates to the ongoing HUD-funded study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*, therefore, applicants must tie their research proposal directly to the study. However, applicants do not need to reside in one of the study communities in order to be eligible for funding.
- Question #3:** Must I include all of the study sites in my research proposal? Or can I choose to focus on just one site?
- Answer #3:** Applicants do not need to include all study sites as part of their proposed research design. Applicants may choose to focus on as many, or as few, sites as is realistic and relevant for the research questions being investigated and the accompanying methodology that is proposed. Applicants are reminded that research proposals that focus on homeless families generally, but have no connection to the study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*, would not be eligible for consideration for funding.

- Question #4** Can I apply for this funding to support my dissertation research?
- Answer #4** Yes, but ... The NOPI states on page 12 that “dissertation support is not eligible under this program.” This means the program cannot fund dissertation fellowships; however, we encourage proposals to include research roles for graduate students who will write theses on homeless families. For instance, a professor could be the PI on the proposal and hire a graduate student as research assistant to contribute to the research; this research could involve data collection the student can use in a thesis; however, the professor and the institution would be responsible to HUD for the completion of the research proposed in the grant application in the form in which it was proposed.
- Question #5** Is this grant strictly for research only?
- Answer #5** Yes. The sole purpose of this grant is to fund research that directly relates to the ongoing HUD-funded study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*. This grant cannot be used for other purposes, including, but not limited to: starting a new homeless assistance program; direct housing costs of a household, or studying a topic related to homeless families but *not* directly connected to the ongoing HUD-funded study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*.
- Question #6** I live in a community that is not currently one of the study sites. Can I use this grant funding to implement the study in my community?
- Answer #6** No. The intent of the NOPI is to fund research that will directly relate to and build upon HUD’s current study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Services Interventions on Homeless Families*. The sites for the study have already been selected and we are not seeking to add sites through this grant opportunity, rather we are seeking to expand upon the research opportunities that will be available via the platform established by this study.
- Question #7** Must the applicant be a part of HUD’s current study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Services Interventions on Homeless Families*?
- Answer #7** No. Eligible applicants may include nonprofit organizations, for profit organizations located in the U.S (HUD will not pay fee or profit for the work conducted under this NOPI), foundations, think tanks, consortia, Institutions of higher education accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and other entities that will

sponsor a researcher(s), expert or analyst. Eligible applicants may be located in any part of the country and do not need to be located in one of the study sites.

**Question #8** The HUD announcement states that “The research design calls for up to 3,000 homeless families to be enrolled into the study in ten to twelve different communities...” Are there up to 3,000 families per site or total across the 10 to 12 sites?

**Answer #8** There are currently eleven sites that have committed to participate in the HUD-funded study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*. At the current time, total projected enrollment across *all* sites is approximately 2,500 families, with each site expecting to enroll between 175 and 300 families each. Please see the study summary posted here: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/homelessfamdemo-summary.pdf> to access the list of participating sites, as well as the participating programs and projected enrollment within each site.

**Question #9** Will grantees have access to baseline and follow-up data from the “main” HUD contractual study (The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families)? Similarly, will grantees be able to find out what data plan to be collected?

**Answer #9** At this time, we suggest that grantees assume that they will *not* have access to the baseline or follow-up data from the parent study. However, we hope to be able to provide those applicants who are invited to submit full proposals with the full research design and baseline survey instrument.

**Question #10** Will grantees have the opportunity to request information be gathered in the follow-up surveys? If so, what is the estimated cost to grantees for placing questions on the follow-up surveys?

**Answer #10** Given the timing of the development of the 18-month follow up survey (expected to be completed by spring/summer of 2011) and the expected timing of the final grant awards associated with this announcement (June 2011), there will not be an opportunity for grantees to add additional questions to the 18-month follow up survey.

**Question #11** Can I access a copy of the baseline survey that is being administered to families who enroll in the study of *The Impact of Various Housing and Service Interventions on Homeless Families*?

**Answer #11** Yes. The baseline survey has been approved by OMB (OMB Control No: 2528-0259; ICR Reference No: 200912-2528-004) and is therefore publicly available on the website [www.reginfo.com](http://www.reginfo.com). The following link will allow viewers to access the OMB Supporting Statement and subsequent revisions, as well as the final

OMB- approved baseline survey instrument:

[http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref\\_nbr=200912-2528-004](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=200912-2528-004)

**Question #12**

Is a copy of the participation agreement/informed consent form available for review?

**Answer #12**

Yes. Please see Appendix B of the study summary posted here:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grphomelessfamdemo.cfm>