

5/8/18

Family Unification Program Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018

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Application Due Date: 7/24/18

- 1) Apply via grants.gov
- 2) Eligible to apply for up to 100 OR Identified need, if lower than indicated cap
- 3) Estimated Project start date: 10/24/18

New from previous applications:

- 1) CoC must be a party to the MOU
- 2) CoC must contribute to the PCWA Statement of Need.
  - a. Statement of Need MUST adequately demonstrate the need for FUP vouchers in VSHA's jurisdiction, which is not being met through other existing programs by indicating the number of vouchers projected to be needed to assist FUP -eligible families and FUP eligible-youth over a 12-month period.
  - b. MUST provide a description on how this estimate was calculated.
  - c. Estimate MUST include FUP-eligible youth who are no longer in the child welfare system and could benefit from participation in FUP.
- 3) HOTMA Changes:
  - a. Term of FUP-youth assistance extended from 18 to 36 months.
    - i. Note: VSHA has a selection preference for Youth in Transition after 36 months, to a HCV
  - b. Able to project-base FUP vouchers
    - i. Question: is this a path to expanding FSH??
- 4) Adopts the definition of homeless found at 24 CFR 578.3 and revises the definition of lack of adequate housing.

MOU Elements – see template provided in NOFA

- 1) Executed MOU between the PHA, PCWA and CoC, Collaborative Applicant
- 2) Review / strengthen MOU particularly around FUP-Youth, required services (see page 13 of NOFA), PCWA responsibilities (see page 14 of NOFA) and CoC responsibilities, integrate the prioritization and referral process for FUP-eligible youth into the local CoC(s)' coordinated entry process (see page 15 of NOFA)

Rating Factors – see page 30

- 1) PCWA's commitment to FUP-eligible youth – 15 points
  - a. MOU must describe process for identifying and referring FUP-eligible youth in the community to the PHA, who are no longer part of the PCWA's active caseload;
- 2) Housing Search Assistance in low-poverty census tracts – 14 points
  - a. MOU must describe the housing search assistance being funded, provided, or otherwise being made available to all FUP-eligible families and FUP-eligible youth; and list who is providing the assistance.
- 3) Financial assistance – 14 points

- a. MOU must identify the financial assistance program(s) that will be leveraged to assist FUP-eligible families and FUP-eligible youth. The organization(s) to provide the assistance must be identified.
- 4) Previous Coordination – 2 points
  - a. Evidence of the established agreement between PHA and PCWA and the CoC to receive referrals from the local coordinated entry system. Evidence must be in the form of an executed MOU, signed certification from both parties, or an excerpt from a PHA or PCWA’s policy document that describes the referral process. Must have been established prior to the publication of the NOFA.
- 5) Post-move counseling – 10 points
  - a. MOU must list the post-move counseling the PHA, PCWA, and/or CoC will provide, fund, or otherwise makes available to FUP-eligible families and FUP-eligible youth
- 6) Case Management to FUP families – 15 Points
  - a. To receive max points the MOU must describe case management to be provided, including organizations and the length of case management – min. 12 months.
- 7) Self-Sufficiency programs – 20 points
  - a. Provide narrative or current policy that demonstrates the FUP –eligible families/youth are encouraged to participate in FSS.
    - i. Note: this is identified in MOU, needs to strengthen in FSS Action Plan.
- 8) FUP Families / Youth enrolled in FSS – 10 points
  - a. Note: As of 5/8/18, 14 FUP families enrolled in FSS; 1 FUP Youth enrolled. Provide certification to HUD on VSHA’s letterhead

TO DO:

- 1) Establish a core working group consisting of membership from VSHA, Family Services, Reach-up Youth Development Program, Continuum of Care
  - a. Anyone else?
  - b. Who?
- 2) Establish timeline for MOU review / edits
- 3) Establish timeline for producing rating factor documentation