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Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Permanent Supportive Housing Capital Costs through the Continuum of Care Program

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024) provides a new opportunity for one-time awards under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new permanent supportive housing. The Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) will issue a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the available funds in the coming months. The combined amount from both appropriations totals \$175,000,000. Of that total, \$65,000,000 is set aside for applicants in states with populations of less than 2.5 million.

Under the CoC Program, permanent supportive housing provides long-term housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness where at least one family member has a qualifying disability as outlined in 24 CFR part 578.

Background

The CoC Program is authorized by [subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#), (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act), and the CoC Program rule found in [24 CFR part 578](#) (the Rule), and is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Eligible entities include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)]. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants and are prohibited from being subrecipients of CoC Program grant funds.

This new funding opportunity provides funds for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness where at least one member of the household has a disability [as defined in 24 CFR

Part 578]. A limited amount of funds may also be available for other CoC program eligible activities of no more than 20 percent of the total award, and no more than 10 percent of the award may be used for project administration. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis and include incentives to establish projects that coordinate with housing providers, healthcare organizations, and social service providers.

Tribal Feedback

In accordance with HUD's [Tribal Consultation Policy](#), we are reaching out to Tribal leaders to solicit feedback such as:

1. How would capital cost projects help Tribes and TDHEs address homelessness for individuals and families where at least one member of the household has a disability?
2. Who are the partners that Tribes typically work with to develop permanent supportive housing?
3. If applicable, what is the average overall cost of a typical permanent supportive housing project for your Tribe?
4. If applicable, what are the challenges to obtaining supportive services for tribal members with a disability who are experiencing homelessness?

Additional information regarding the Continuum of Care is available for your review on [HUD's Website](#). We are seeking written comments from Tribal leaders and THDEs via email, CoCTribalConsult@hud.gov. Enter "PSH Tribal Consultation" in the subject line of the email. The deadline to submit comments is May 30, 2024.

Once the NOFO is published, we will conduct a webinar to discuss the content of the NOFO, requirements, and next steps.

Input from Tribal leaders and TDHE's is essential to the development of HUD's programs. Thank you for sharing your feedback.

Sincerely,

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