November 10, 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

FROM: Laura Whittall-Scherfee, Deputy Director
Division of Financial Assistance

SUBJECT: Amendment #1
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) 2014
FUNDING ROUND – MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM
(MHP) SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (SH) COMPONENT

The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a NOFA for the MHP-SH Component on October 24, 2014, with applications due on December 23, 2014. The NOFA announced the availability of $47.5 million in MHP-SH funding.

Based on Chapter 552, Statutes of 2013 (AB 483), HCD announces the following update to this NOFA:

- The following definitions are adopted for use with this NOFA:

  "Supportive Housing" means housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the target population, and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live and, when possible, work in the community.

  "Target population" means persons, including persons with disabilities, and families that are "homeless," as that term is defined by Section 11302 of Title 42 of the United States Code, or are "homeless youth" as defined by Government Code 11139.3(e)(2) at the time the tenant is approved for tenancy in the supportive housing project in which they currently reside.

As this significantly changes the targeting and required occupancy, HCD urges you to read the new definitions at [http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/11302](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/11302).
In addition, each development funded under the supportive housing program shall set aside at least 40 percent of the units in each development funded under the supportive housing program to one or more of the following populations:

(A) Individuals or families experiencing "chronic homelessness," as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Super Notice of Funding Availability for Continuum of Care or Collaborative Applicant Program. (see link)

(B) "Homeless youth," as that term is defined by paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 11139.3 of the Government Code.

(C) Individuals exiting institutional settings, including, but not limited to, jails, hospitals, prisons, and institutes of mental disease, who were homeless when entering the institutional setting, who have a disability, and who resided in that setting for a period of not less than 15 days.

Parts one and two of Section P of the Supportive Housing NOFA are hereby deleted and replaced with the definitions and changes noted.

The 35 percent minimum for homeless households mentioned in Sections C, I and U is increased to a 40 percent minimum as shown.

Further, per AB 483:

- Projects must demonstrate collaboration with programs that provide services that meet the needs of supportive housing residents.

- Projects will be given a priority for a focus on measurable outcomes and a plan for evaluation, which evaluation shall be submitted annually to HCD.

If you require further assistance, please contact Reginald Fletcher, MHP-SH Program Manager, at (916) 263-5882.