TRIBAL HUD-VASH LIVE MEETING

Begins @ 4:00 pm EST

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Outline

- HUD-VASH Background
- Historical Barriers in Indian Country
- FY 2015 Appropriation
- Tribal HUD-VASH Demonstration Program
- Application Procedures
- Key dates and Next steps
- Program Reporting Requirements
- Contacts
- Q & A
- Definitions

HUD-VASH Background

- Created in 2008 as a partnership between **HUD** and **V**eterans **A**ffairs to provide **S**upportive **H**ousing to homeless veterans.
- Targets the most vulnerable homeless veterans by combining healthcare and housing:
  - VA provides case management & supportive services
  - HUD provides rental housing assistance vouchers to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- Housing First Approach

Historical Barriers to HUD-VASH reaching Indian Country

- **Location:** Vouchers were awarded to Public Housing Authorities located near VA medical centers- typically in urban areas.

- **Statutory:** NAHASDA recipients not eligible to receive vouchers, incompatible rent structures, and restrictive definition of homelessness.

FY 2015 Appropriation

- Created demonstration program for tribes to access HUD VASH funds for Native veterans living ***"on or near"*** reservation.
  - Set aside for tribes ($4 million)
  - Expanded definition of homeless to include "at risk of homelessness"
  - Rental assistance and associated administrative costs for recipients eligible under NAHASDA in the form of a grant.

FY 2015 Appropriations – cont.

- Funds to be awarded based on **need and administrative capacity**

Tribal HUD-VASH

Demonstration Program

Outreach

- Dear Tribal Leader letters
- Listening Sessions (NAIHC, NCAI, & regionally)
- Federal Register Implementation Notice published Oct. 21, 2015

Implementation

- HUD's role:
  - Invite 30 tribes to participate (determination based on VA need data, AIAN veteran population, and proximity to VA facilities)
  - Award 15 to 25 units per tribe
  - Provide rental assistance (based on Fair Market Rents), and administrative fee

Implementation– cont.

- VA's role:
  - Coordinate with tribe on best delivery of case management and supportive services.
  - Hire 30 caseworkers

Veteran Eligibility

Tribal HUD-VASH requires that Native veteran:

- Be eligible for VA Health Care based on discharge status
- Be determined homeless or at risk of homelessness by VA Caseworker
- Veteran must need and agree to participate in VA Case Management/Supportive Services
- Meet income limits
- Not be registered as lifetime sex offender

Process

1. Native veteran is seen by a VA Case Manager to determine eligibility:
   - Homeless or *at risk of homelessness*, and
   - Need and agree to supportive services.

2. VA Case Manager refers Native veteran to the appropriate housing entity that manages the Tribal HUD-VASH grant.

Process – cont.

3. Tribe/TDHE Screening:
   - Determination that the veteran is:
     - ❑ "Indian"
     - ❑ Income-eligible (can utilize existing policy or create a new one)
     - ❑ Not registered as a lifetime sex offender (requires a background check)
   - Must maintain written documentation of all referrals and eligibility screening records.

Process – cont.

4. Once veteran is deemed eligible, he/she looks for housing “on or near” reservation:
   - **Tenant-based Rental Assistance:** Up to 120 days to search for available housing.
   - **Project-based Rental Assistance:** Offered in the form of next available unit.
5. Tribe/TDHE completes regular web-based reporting of veteran household income and rent.

Unit Eligibility

- Tribe/TDHE determines unit size and if the unit meets applicable housing codes and quality standards.

- A housing unit that qualifies as Formula Current Assisted Stock (FCAS) is **NOT** eligible for assistance.

Policy Considerations

- **Income Calculation:** Can follow existing policy or create one specific to Tribal HUD-VASH program.
- **Sex Offender:** Must establish a Policy prohibiting admission if the veteran or *any* family member is on the lifetime sex offender registration list.
- **Tribal Preference Policy:** Can follow existing policy or establish a new one specific to Tribal HUD-VASH.

Comparison

HUD-VASH

- Homeless & Chronically Homeless
- Vouchers
- Admin fee
- VA case management
- VA determines eligibility
- PHA determines income elig. & sex offender stat
- 50058 reporting

TRIBAL HUD-VASH

- Homeless & At Risk of Homelessness
- Grant
- Admin fee
- VA case management
- VA determines eligibility
- Tribe determines income elig. & sex offender stat
- 50058 reporting

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application Components

1. **General Information:**
   - Tribe/TDHE and point of contact; mailing address; phone number; and email address; including name, title, and signature of person **authorized** to submit the application.

2. **Employer/Taxpayer identification number (EIN/TIN) and organizational DUNS number.**

Application Components – cont.

3. SAMS Registration:

All applicants must have an active Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform) and have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) (www.sam.gov) before submitting an application. Getting a DUNS number and completing SAM registration can take up to four weeks; therefore applicants should start this process or check their status early.

Remember: Must update in the SAMS system once a year. Do not wait until the last minute!

Registration can take up to four weeks.

Application Components – cont.

4. **Units of Rental Assistance:**
   - Indicate how many units (rental assistance) are needed to service your homeless or at risk of homelessness Native Veterans.
   - Indicate whether these units will be Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) or Project-Based (PBRA) or a combination of both.
   - Provide a Table detailing # of units & rent; one for TBRA and one for PBRA.

Sample Table

Rental Assistance Required by Number of Bedrooms: (total number of bedrooms) Type of Assistance: Tenant Based or Project Based Assistance							
0-BR	1-BR	2-BR	3-BR	4-BR	5-BR	6-BR	Total #
	10	10					
Estimated Rent for Area by Number of Bedrooms							
0-BR	1-BR	2-BR	3-BR	4-BR	5-BR	6-BR	Total #
	$589	$717					

Tribe/TDHE is requesting 10 – 1 bedroom units and 10 – 2 bedroom units (using Okanogan FMR's)

Fair Market Rents are on our huduser.gov webpage:
http://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2016_code/select_Geography.odn

Items to Note

- Your application **must** provide written justification for how your Fair Market Rents and the unit sizes were determined.

- **Fair Market Rent's** exceeding 110% of posted FMR's requires HUD Approval.

Application Components – cont.

5. **For Project Based Rental Assistance:**
   - LOCCS balance cannot have more than 3x most current FY grant.
   - Provide # of units and type of structure to which the assistance units will be attached;
   - Ownership of Project and evidence of site control;
   - And, if grant is intended for units not yet rehabbed or built, provide additional info:

Application Components – cont.

- Project Timeline (Note: projects taking two years or longer to complete will not be approved),
- Detailed Budget, including all sources and uses of funds, and
- Evidence showing experience of tribe/TDHE in developing new housing.

Application Components – cont.

6. **Tribal Resolution:**

   If the application is submitted by a TDHE on behalf of an Indian tribe(s), a tribal resolution must be submitted authorizing the TDHE to submit the application.

   NOTE: Due to the quick turnaround, the Resolution will be accepted after application deadline but must be received before the mailing of the grant agreement.

Application Components – cont.

7. **Mitigation Plan (if applicable):**
   - Include with application
   - Must be approved by HUD before funds are awarded.

Mitigation plan should address how the Tribal HUD VASH demonstration program will be run in light of the capacity issues identified.

Application Components – cont.

8. **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SFLLL) –** Applicable to State recognized tribes only.

9. **Code of Conduct:**
   - Include if your Code of Conduct is not listed on the website:

     www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/codeofconduct

10. **Community Involvement:**
    - Description of actions taken to allow for citizen participation.

Application – Due December 2nd

- Two Submittal Options:

  1) **BY MAIL**

  Mail an original + 1 copy to:
  Randy Akers, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
  Office of Native American Programs
  Department of Housing and Urban Development
  451 7th St. SW, Room 4126
  Washington, DC 20410.

  Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than the date the application is due. Hand-carried or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Application – December 2nd

2) **Email** an electronic copy to:
   tribalHUDVASH@hud.gov

Electronic applications must be received by 11:59:59 p.m. **Eastern Time**

on November 27, 2015

Key Dates

Date	Activity
October 21, 2015	Federal Register Publication
October 29, 2015	Tribal Invite Letters Mailed/Emailed
December 2, 2015	Applications Due
Mid-December	Award Letters Mailed/Emailed
Late December/Early January	Grant Agreements Executed

Next Steps

- VA to hire case managers in the next 3-6 months. In meantime:
  - Work with VA to determine the best method of case management delivery.
  - Partner with veteran organizations within tribe to identify potential Tribal HUD VASH participants.
  - Have veterans register with VA for clinical services.
  - Identify potential rental units.
- Training and technical assistance funds will be available to assist in program design and updating policies.

DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

RECORD KEEPING

- Initial Occupancy – Tribes will collect social security numbers and maintain a file.
  - If none available can accept DD-214 or the VA-verified *Application for Health Benefits (10-10EZ).* These can also take the place of a required birth certificate
  - VA issued photo identification is an acceptable form of government issued photo identification.

ANNUAL RECERTIFICATIONS

- Interim reexaminations if a veteran's household income decreases
- If program is given renewal authority, it will be necessary to conduct annual reexaminations, for:
  - Fluctuations in income and rent
  - Tracking of demographic data for reporting

REPORTING

- Changes in income, rent, or household composition will be reported via HUD-50058 Form.
- Maintain a copy in the veteran's file and transmit electronically to HUD.
- This will be a web-based reporting form.

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Updates on www.hud.gov/codetalk

QUESTIONS?

DEFINITIONS

HOMELESS (McKinney-Vento)

(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence

(2) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned buildings, bus, or train station, airport, or camping ground.

(3) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including hotels and motels paid for by Federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate shelters, and transitional housing).

(4) An individual who resided in a shelter or a place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where the individual temporarily resided.

HOMELESS – cont.

(5) An individual or family who:

(A) Will imminently lose their housing, including housing they own, rent, or live in without paying rent, are sharing with others, and rooms in hotels or motels not paid for by Federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals or by charitable organizations, as evidenced by:

(i) A court order resulting from an eviction action that notifies the individual or family that they must leave in 14 days;

(ii) The individual or family having a primary residence that is a room in a hotel or motel and where they lack the resources necessary to reside there for more than 14 days; or

(iii) credible evidence indicating that the owner or renter of the housing will not allow the individual or family to stay for more than 14 days, and any oral statement from an individual or family seeking homeless assistance that is found to credible shall be considered credible evidence for purposes of this clause;

HOMELESS – cont.

(B) has no subsequent residence identified; and

(C) lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing; and

(6) Unaccompanied youth and homeless families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who-

HOMELESS – cont.

(A) have experienced a long term period without living independently in permanent housing,

(B) have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves over such period, and

(C) can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or multiple barriers to employment.

At Risk of Homelessness

AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS – The term ”at risk of homelessness” means an individual or family, that—

- (A) has income below 30 percent of median income for the geographic area;
- (B) has insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability; and
- (C)(i) has moved frequently because of economic reasons;
  - (ii) is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
  - (iii) has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated;
  - (iv) lives in a hotel or motel;
  - (v) lives in severely overcrowded housing;
  - (vi) is exiting an institution; or
  - (vii) otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

HOUSING FIRST MODEL

- Clinical approach to housing first along with supportive services as needed.
- Fewer access barriers for those that have Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD)
- Treatment and supportive services provided
- Community outreach tool to house those with mental illness and SUD who are homeless