

BIDDER'S CONFERENCE – TUESDAY AUGUST 31, 2010
Dakota County Government Center, 1 Mendota Road West, West St. Paul,
Conference room 520 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

The Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care announces the 2010 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding for a “Continuum of Care” grant. A total of \$96,964 is available for new projects supporting the transitional or permanent supportive housing programs serving residents of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott, and Washington counties. **Funding is for organizations only, not for individuals.**

The Permanent Housing Bonus Project is available to assist disabled individuals, families or chronically homeless individuals. Creating new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless remains a HUD priority and HUD strongly encourages use of some of the Permanent Housing Bonus funds to serve this population. (A chronically homeless person is defined by HUD as a single adult with a disability—HUD considers chemical dependency to be a qualifying disability—who have been homeless continuously for one year or four episodes of homelessness over the past three years. *For 2010 HUD strongly encourages creation of projects that use at least a portion of the bonus funding to serve disabled homeless veterans.* Funds could be used for construction including rehab, acquisition, operations or leasing and can be used in more than one project. The initial grant must be for a minimum of two years. For most projects HUD requires a 25% match in services or cash.

New Funding

New funds will be divided into two grants.

1 Permanent Housing Bonus Project for Anoka-Dakota Counties totaling \$60,639.

The preference is for a project that serves Anoka County. Up to 20% (\$12,127) of the funding may be used for services; the remainder of the funding must be used for housing activities. Administrative costs are limited to 5% (\$3,031) and can only be used for certain activities.

1 Permanent Housing Bonus Project for Scott-Carver-Washington Counties totaling \$36,325.

The preference is for a project that services Washington County. Up to 20% (\$7,265) of the funding may be used for services; the remainder of the funding must be used for housing activities. Administrative costs are limited to 5% (\$1,816) and can only be used for certain activities.

Additional requirements for funding will apply, and are outlined in documents found at www.hudhre.info.

Potential applicants for new projects must submit a letter of intent to the Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care by September 7, 2010. Competitive projects will submit pre-applications by September 17, 2010 to the Continuum of Care coordinators for the region. The selection process for projects is as follows: 1) A Notice of Funding (NOFA) will be available from HUD late August or early September; 2) local continua rank projects according to fit with HUD guidelines; 3) consolidated continua also agree on their priority projects and submit a combined ranking; and 4) SMAC members may advise local continua; 5) HUD notification takes place in 2011, with a required technical submission on all approved projects; 6) funding for new projects begins in late 2011.

Please submit Letters of Intent to:

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