



# REQUEST FOR INTEREST: Apply for Technical Assistance to Promote the Homeless Preference in Your Local HUD Multifamily Housing



## WHAT?

Good news! [Notice HUD 2013-21](#) creates an exciting opportunity for communities to expand availability of affordable housing for homeless households and, in so doing, reduce homelessness locally. Specifically, HUD-assisted multifamily properties may now optionally choose an admissions preference for homeless households to fill some vacant units.

When multifamily owners adopt this preference, homeless households gain unprecedented access to top quality, privately owned, HUD-subsidized housing. For local Continuums of Care (CoCs) and their partners in regional HUD multifamily offices, this is a win-win that brings mainstream affordable housing and homeless services together to optimize resources.

Over the last year, pioneering communities such as Massachusetts, Chicago, and Philadelphia brought this homeless preference to scale. Will your community be in the next wave?

## HOW?

A soon to be published national *Toolkit* teaches communities how to advance the homeless preference in their local context. This process requires: (1) forming a short term working group co-led by local CoC and HUD multifamily representatives, (2) analyzing local properties to find the best candidates for the preference, (3) scanning for local support services, (4) educating property owners and ushering them through administrative steps, and (5) setting up a referral process from CoC coordinated entry.

For a selected group of highly motivated communities, individualized technical assistance (TA) is available through this *Request for Interest*. Selected applicants will receive individualized TA coaching, education, and concrete support from an assigned expert in the multifamily homeless preference. This TA can speed up your local process and improve your rates of success. Will yours be one of the lucky communities to receive TA?

## WHO?

- TA will be provided to local two person teams made up of CoC and HUD multifamily office representatives.
- Communities will be selected to receive TA based on their:
  - (1) Readiness and strong commitment to proceed.
  - (2) Identified prospects for target properties and support service partners.

## WHEN?

- Completed *RFI applications* must be scanned and sent to: [TAapplication@tacinc.org](mailto:TAapplication@tacinc.org) by *August 7, 2015*
- Communities selected for TA will be contacted before: *August 31, 2015.*
- Individualized TA will begin: *September 8, 2015.*
- TA will conclude before: *December 31, 2015.*

## WHY?

- Multifamily housing is not fully capitalized in most local efforts to end homelessness.
- Many multifamily property owners stand ready to be convinced of their potential role in ending homelessness.
- A focused 2-3 month effort can yield new, ideal housing placements in short order with lasting results.

## Your CoC Contact Co-leader?

In the box below, provide the **full name, title, affiliation, email and signature** of one primary CoC member who will lead this effort. This contact will be making a formal commitment of time to the following specific activities:

1. A calendar of regular bi-weekly meetings with an assigned TA provider for a three month period.
2. A minimum of three in-person meetings in your community to engage local property owners and agents.
3. Additional tasks to be carried out such as calls to property managers and presentations to the wider CoC.

Name, title, email, and signature here

## Your Local HUD Office Co-leader?

In the box below, provide the **full name, title, affiliation, email and signature** of a regional HUD office multifamily representative who will co-lead this effort. This contact will be making a formal commitment of time to:

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2. A minimum of three in-person meetings in your community to engage local property owners and agents.
3. Additional tasks to be carried out such as calls to property managers and presentations to the wider CoC.

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## A Sample of Your Target Properties?

In the boxes below, provide the **name, address, and unit size** of three HUD-assisted multifamily properties that are strong candidates for the homeless preference in your community. Include contact information for both the owner and manager of each property. To identify properties, consult your HUD office or this [Link to HUD Property Search](#).

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## Your Referral Sources from Service Arena?

What are the **names and addresses** of two local homeless service providers that your team would contact to determine potential interest in partnering with HUD-assisted multifamily properties (for example a local grantee of VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, a grantee of the Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Re-housing Program, or a large sheltering organization that provides aftercare housing-based case management)?

Service provider details here

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