



Open Funding Opportunities

Foster Youth Initiative (FYI)

HUD announced the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative, through the issuance of [Notice PIH 2019-20](#) . Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) partnering with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs) may request Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) in the form of Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs) to assist eligible youth for a period of 36 months, subject to availability.

Eligible youth must meet the following conditions:

1. Has attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age;
2. Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act at age 16 or older; and
3. Is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless.

Eligibility is not limited to single persons. For example, pregnant and/or parenting youth are eligible to receive assistance under this notice assuming they otherwise meet eligibility requirements.

PHAs are eligible if they currently administer the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and do not administer the Family Unification Program (FUP). PHAs that administer the FUP, awarded any year, are not eligible to administer assistance under FYI TPV. A list of PHAs that administer the HCV program and do not administer FUP is [available here](#) . For additional information on PHA eligibility requirements, please review the Notice. HUD will accept PHA requests for FYI Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs) on a rolling basis.

Read the one-pager [here](#) .

Read the full notice [here](#) .

Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) NOFA

On December 5, 2019, a new SSVF NOFA has been published in the Federal Register. This NOFA provides funding opportunities to renew existing grants. This NOFA is competitive and applicants are urged to closely review the NOFA and the associated training available below. The principal goal of this NOFA is to provide support to those applicants who demonstrate the greatest capacity to end homelessness through the adoption of evidence-based practices likely to lead to reductions in homelessness as defined by USICH's Federal Criteria and Benchmarks or, alternatively, Community Solutions Functional Zero. Scoring criteria are described in 38 CFR 62.21, 62.23, and 62.24. Awards are for services to begin October 1, 2020.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/05/2019-26281/funding-availability-under-supportive-services-for-veteran-families-program>

Applicants for the SSVF NOFA include:

- Under Priority 1, VA will provide funding to those grantees with 3-year CARF, 4-year COA accreditations, or 3-year JC accreditations. Proof of accreditation must be submitted with the application no later than the application due date. Grantees previously awarded a 3-year grant that is not scheduled to end by October 1, 2020, cannot apply under this NOFA but are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI) by the NOFA deadline indicating their intention of continuing SSVF services in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. All grantees submitting a LOI must include a letter of support from the CoC (see Section II.C.8.) and a proposed budget for FY 2021.
- Priority 2 includes existing grantees with annual awards, seeking to renew their grants not included in Priority 1.
 - Both Priority 1 and 2 applicants must apply using the renewal application. To be eligible for renewal of a supportive services grant, the Priority 1 and 2 applicants' program concept must be substantially the same as the program concept of the grantees' current grant award. Renewal applications can request funding that is equal to or less than their current annualized award
- Priority 3 includes existing grantees previously awarded 2-year grants stemming from the SSVF NOFA published on December 19, 2018.

Applications are due no later than January 31, 2020 at 4pm EST.

Please contact SSVF@va.gov if you have questions.

Fair Housing Initiative Program

HUD is offering funds from three components of the Fair Housing Initiative Program. **The application deadline for all three programs is February 6.**

- [The Education and Outreach Initiative](#) will fund fair housing organizations, nonprofits, state or local governments and Fair Housing Assistance Program agencies to conduct education and outreach informing people of their fair housing rights and responsibilities.
- [The Private Enforcement Initiative](#) will fund experienced Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations and Fair Housing Enforcement Organizations to take complaints, conduct investigations, offer education and other activities.
- [The Fair Housing Organization Initiative](#) will fund nonprofits or fair housing groups to build the capacity of other organizations to undertake fair housing enforcement activities.

Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge

Enterprise Community Partners and Wells Fargo announce the [Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge](#), an initiative designed to spark innovations that support housing affordability in the areas of construction, financing, and resident services and support. The challenge will award grants to six entities. Learn more, including important dates, [here](#).

First-Round RFP due: February 19, 2020

Funding Offered for Housing Aid to Victims of Human Trafficking

Nonprofits, tribes, units of local government, and states and territories are [eligible for grants](#) to provide transitional or short-term housing assistance and support services to victims of human trafficking. The deadline is February 3. For more information, contact the [National Criminal Justice Reference Service](#), 800-851-3420, grants@ncjrs.gov. (This funding announcement, released by the Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime, replaces one that was [announced by HUD](#) earlier in 2019, then postponed.)

GPD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

On December 30, 2019, VA's GPD Program published a NOFA in the Federal Register. This NOFA provides funding opportunities for eligible organizations to provide transitional housing beds and/or service centers for Veterans who are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless. This NOFA is competitive and applicants are urged to closely review the NOFA and associated technical assistance materials provided below. **The application deadline is: March 2, 2020 at 4:00 pm Eastern Time.** Awards are for services to begin October 1, 2020.

This NOFA announces the availability of per diem funding to 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) non-profit organizations, state and local governments, and recognized Indian Tribal governments. Each application must request either transitional housing bed model(s) or service center(s). Although transitional housing applications and service center applications are standalone applications, they will be reviewed, scored and selected for funding together. They will be selected based on their ranked order among all the applications submitted in response to this NOFA.

For more information, go to the [homepage](#):

For the NOFA, go [here](#).

Texas Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) announces \$6,430,382.52 from the Texas Housing Trust Fund (HTF) for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 of the Texas Bootstrap Loan Program. The Texas Bootstrap Loan Program is funded through the Housing Trust Fund and established in Texas Government Code, §2306 Subchapter FF, Owner-Builder Loan Program, to provide very low-income households (Owner-Builders) an opportunity to purchase or refinance real property on which to build new housing or repair their existing homes through sweat-equity.

The funding will be available beginning Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. Austin local time through an online reservation system for eligible Nonprofit Owner-Builder Housing Providers (NOHPs) and Colonia Self-Help Centers (CSHCs) to reserve funds on behalf of eligible Owner-Builders.

The Texas Bootstrap Loan Program provides 0% interest loans of up to \$45,000 to Owner-Builders who provide at least 65% of the labor necessary to build or rehabilitate their housing by working with a state-certified NOHP or CSHC. Owner-builder's household income may not exceed 60% of Area Median Family Income.

Eligible nonprofit organizations and CSHCs must first apply to become certified NOHPs in order to administer the Texas Bootstrap Loan Program. To be able to reserve Program funds on behalf of an Owner-Builder, the entities must execute a Reservation System Agreement with the Department.

For more information, go to the [homepage](#).

For the NOFA, go [here](#).

Monday, August 31, 2020: Applications for funding under FY 2020 will be accepted until this date, or until all funding has been reserved