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Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) Program – Fiscal Year 2026

PIH-2600-DC-0005

Applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on 01/05/2027.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, register in the required systems and review the application materials. If you are already registered, confirm that your information is current and active.

SAM.gov Registration

You must have an active and up-to-date account with SAM.gov, at the time of application and throughout the life of any award.

To register, go to SAM.gov Entity Registration and click Get Started. From the same page, you can also click the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

It can take several weeks to register in SAM.gov, so get started now if you are planning to apply. SAM.gov also provides each organization with a unique entity identifier (UEI). A valid UEI is required to apply for funding.

See Section VI.B. Submission Methods.

Find the Application Package

Use the Grants Search at Grants.gov and search for opportunity number PIH-2600-DC-0005 . The application package has all the online forms you need to apply. You also need to access the Download Instructions link and review the content before you apply.

If you have other technical difficulties using Grants.gov, contact the Support Center on Grants.gov.

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A. Summary

Federal Agency Name:
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD Program Office:

Public and Indian Housing

Announcement Type:

Initial

Program Type:

Discretionary

Paperwork Reduction Act Information:

2577-0229, 2501-0044, 2501-0034

Due Date for Intergovernmental Review:

See Section VI.C.1.

Key Facts

Opportunity Name:
Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) Program – Fiscal Year 2026

Opportunity Number:
PIH-2600-DC-0005

Federal Assistance Listing(s):
14.870

Key Dates

Application Due Date: 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on:
01/05/2027

Anticipated Award Date:
04/30/2027

Estimated Performance Period Start Date:
06/01/2027

Estimated Performance Period End Date:
05/31/2030

1. NOFO Summary

The Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency – Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) Program provides competitive awards through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to public housing authorities (PHAs), Tribes/tribally designated housing entities, Multifamily owners,

nonprofits, and resident associations to fund service coordinators who connect residents to education, employment, health, and supportive services that promote self-sufficiency.

2. Funding Details

Type of Funding Instrument

G (Grant)

The ROSS-SC program is a cost-reimbursable grant which means that costs are reimbursed by HUD after they are incurred.

Available Funds

Funding of approximately **$40,000,000** is available through this NOFO.

Additional funds may become available for award. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the selection process contained in this NOFO.

Estimated Number of Awards

143 awards from available funding

The table below identifies the total amount awarded under the Fiscal Year 2023, 2024, and 2025 NOFO for each funding category.

Appropriation Year	Total Awarded	Number of Awards	Grants to Resident Associations	Renewal Grants	New Grants
2025	$35,748,574	115	$1,905,750	$30,042,257	$5,706,317
2024	$38,641,360	126	$3,169,313	$38,641,360	$0
2023	$39,793,157	143	$1,979,692	$35,070,689	$4,722,468

Length of Performance Period:

36-month project period and budget period

Length of Periods Explanation:

B. Agency Contact(s)

See Contact and Support section of this NOFO.

HUD ROSS Program Office
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A. Eligible Applicants

If your organization is not an eligible applicant, your application won't be reviewed or scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD.

1. Eligible Entity Types:

07 (Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized))

08 (Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities)

11 (Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments))

12 (Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education)

13 (Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education)

25 (Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification))

Additional Information on Eligibility

You cannot apply as an individual.

Faith-based organizations may apply just like any other organization. HUD does not have any policies or practices that unfairly target these institutions.

In addition to the entity types above, the following entities are also eligible to apply:

Resident associations (RA) are eligible to apply. An RA must have either locally incorporated nonprofit status (usually designated by the state) or 501(c)(3) nonprofit status designated by the IRS. See Appendix I for definition of a Resident Association.

Multifamily owners are eligible to apply. Multifamily owners that are applying to serve RAD PBRA residents must be the entity that has the legal right to lease dwelling units in the PBRA project(s) to be served. The Multifamily owner's name must be the same entity applying for ROSS funds on the HUD-52768 and SF-424 form. Property managers are not eligible to apply. See Appendix I for definition of a Multifamily owner.

Indian tribes as defined in Section 4(13) of Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4103) are eligible to apply. See Appendix I for the definition of an Indian tribe.

Tribally-Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) as defined in section 4(22) of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4103) are also eligible to apply. See Appendix I for the definition of TDHEs.

2. Restrictions

a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

You must meet the current General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirements. If you

do not meet these requirements, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

b. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

If you have any outstanding or unresolved judgments for violating civil rights laws, you must settle them before you apply. If you don't, settle the civil rights law violations before you apply, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

B. Eligible Applications

1. An application from an eligible entity is considered for funding if it meets basic threshold requirements and passes merit review.

2. Your application must support the goals of this NOFO.

3. Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to conduct activities that subsidize or facilitate illegal racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation.

4. **Eligible Use of Funds:** Funds under this NOFO may only be used for the coordinator's salary and fringe benefits; training expenses and travel related to the professional development of the ROSS service coordinator; and limited administrative costs including, costs for direct services or for subcontracting for direct services.

Salary and Fringe Benefits: Funds awarded for salaries and fringe benefits to grantees under this NOFO shall only be used to pay the salary and fringe benefits of the ROSS-SC(s). Funds under this budget line item may not be used for any other purpose than the salary and fringe of the ROSS-SC. You may request up to the maximum grant amount to be designated for the salary and fringe of the ROSS service coordinator(s), meeting the requirement of 2 CFR 200.431 for each eligible full-time ROSS service coordinator's position. In cases where applicants are requesting 100 percent of ROSS funds for salary and fringe benefits, you are forfeiting funds for administrative and training and travel costs.

HUD will use the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) or Salary Comparability Information submitted on your application to determine your salary amount. You must base your salary request on BLS information for the job title: "Social Worker: Other" occupation at the median level in your ZIP Code (www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Wages/find-salary.aspx) or the Salary Comparability Information for your area. You are expected to pay your ROSS service coordinator the amount HUD funded for salaries and fringe benefits. If the BLS amount for salary and fringe is sufficient to meet your local request, you do NOT need to submit salary comparability information. Instead, HUD will use the median salary information from the BLS locality pay data, with 30 percent added for fringe benefits. Applicants that choose to subcontract the ROSS service coordinator position must pay the full amount awarded for the ROSS-SC salary and fringe budget line item. Note: If you are awarded a ROSS-SC grant under this NOFO, the service coordinator(s) hired must have similar education and qualifications to the comparable positions or professions used to assess whether a salary request is commensurate with local wages. Additionally, HUD will not award

more than the amount requested for each budget line item in any given year. Therefore, ensure the HUD-52768 is completed accurately to reflect the funding requested for each year. For more information on Salary Comparability Information, please see Section IV Application Contents and Format.

Training and Travel Related to Professional and/or Program Development: Funds may also be requested to pay for training and travel costs only if related to professional and/or program development of the ROSS service coordinator(s). Funds under this budget line may not be used for any other purpose than training and travel related to the professional development of the ROSS service coordinator in relation to the execution of the ROSS program. You may request up to $2,500 per year per ROSS service coordinator position for pertinent training and associated travel. As stated above, in cases where applicants request 100 percent of ROSS funds for Salary and Fringe, you are forfeiting funds for administrative and training and travel costs. See also 2 CFR Part 200.473 and 200.475.

Administrative Costs: Administrative costs are costs that support the operation of the ROSS Program and implementation of the ROSS-SC program. Funds awarded to grantees under this NOFO to cover administrative costs may be used to provide limited funding for direct services funding support for the ROSS-SC program. These funds may not be used by a grantee's Central Office Cost Centers to cover other grantee costs. Funds under this budget line item may not be used for any purpose other than administrative costs and limited funding for direct services. The maximum funding for administrative costs will be no greater than 10 percent of the requested salary/fringe and training/travel per ROSS service coordinator position. See 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E for administrative costs. HUD will provide more guidance to grantees on the use of direct services.

For example, if you request a salary of $80,000 per year, which is $240,000 for salary/fringe for 3 years, and $7,500 for training/travel costs, the administrative amount would be $24,750. See calculation below:

- Salary and Fringe Benefit Amount: $80,000 (salary/fringe per year) multiplied by 3 (number of years of grant term) = $240,000 (total salary/fringe amount)
- Training/Travel Cost Amount: $2,500 (training cost per year) multiplied by 3 (number years of grant term) = $7,500 (total training/travel cost)
- Administrative Cost Amount: $240,000 (total salary/fringe amount) + $7,500 (total training cost) = $247,500 x 10 percent (administrative cost percentage) = $24,750 (administrative cost amount).
- The total award is $272,250 (for one coordinator) and is devised based on the following: $247,500 (total salary/fringe and training/travel cost) plus $24,750 (administrative cost) = $272,250 (total award amount, which in this case is the maximum for one ROSS-SC).

Lease or rental of space for program activities is an eligible expense under administrative costs, but only under the following conditions:

- The lease must be for existing facilities not requiring rehabilitation or construction except for minimal alterations to make the facilities accessible for a person with

disabilities. If the site is inaccessible and will not be made accessible, it cannot be selected for program activities;

- No repairs or renovations of the property may be undertaken with ROSS funds; and
- Properties in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501) cannot be leased or rented with federal funds.

5. Eligible Occupied Units Type: The following units in projects are eligible to be served and may count towards the number of occupied units on the HUD-52768 (Part II) Form. If you apply to serve units that are not public housing, RAD PBRA, RAD PBV, or NAHASDA rental assisted, your application will be deemed ineligible. Additionally, if any RAD PBRA or RAD PBV units in your application were not previously served by a ROSS service coordinator, your application will be deemed ineligible.

- *Public housing units:* Only PHAs, nonprofit organizations (including PHA affiliate/instrumentalities not applying as a Multifamily owner), and an RA may include public housing units on the HUD-52768 (Part II) form to count towards the number of occupied units in project(s) to be served.
- *Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project Based Voucher (PBV):* Only PHAs may include RAD PBV units on the HUD-52768 (Part II) form to count towards the number of occupied units in project(s) to be served. The RAD PBV units must have been former public housing that converted to RAD PBV and once served by a ROSS-SC. Please see RAD's webpage Statute, Notices, Regulations, and Tools and current RAD notice (H 2025-01/PIH 2025- 03 (HA)) for more information.
- *Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA):* Only Multifamily owners may include RAD PBRA units on HUD-52768 (Part II) Form to count towards the number of occupied units in project(s) to be served. The RAD PBRA units must have been former public housing units that converted to RAD PBRA and once served by a ROSS-SC. Additionally, if all subsidized units in a property are covered under a RAD PBRA contract, the Multifamily owner may apply to serve all units. If a property has a blend of RAD PBRA and PBV units, the Multifamily owner may only apply for the units covered under the RAD PBRA contract. Please see RAD's webpage Statute, Notices, Regulations, and Tools and current RAD notice (H 2025-01/PIH 2025- 03 (HA)) for more information.
- *Formula Current Assisted Stock Units:* Only tribes, TDHEs, a tribal RA, and nonprofit organizations, may include 1937 Act-assisted units developed by Indian housing authorities (Formula Current Assisted Stock, i.e., FAFSA units) on the HUD-52768 (Part II) to count towards the number of occupied units in project(s) to be served.
- *NAHASDA Rental Assisted Units*: Only tribes, TDHEs, tribal RA applicants, and nonprofit organizations may include NAHASDA rental assisted units on the HUD-52768 (Part II) to count towards the number of occupied units in projects to be served.

When applying for ROSS grant funds under this NOFO, you should take into consideration any plans to remove public housing units from inventories through one of the public housing "repositioning tools" other than through RAD (e.g., Section 18 Disposition or Section 22

Voluntary Conversion). Non-RAD public housing removals will not be counted as eligible units to the extent residents to be served will cease to be public housing residents.

Other housing projects, including but not limited to private housing, federally insured housing, federally subsidized, or federally assisted (i.e., assisted under Section 8, Section 202, Section 811, Section 236), and others are not eligible to participate in ROSS. Please note that you may not apply to serve projects currently being served by FY24 or FY25 ROSS grantees.

6. Eligible ROSS Participants: Participants assisted by ROSS service coordinator must be public housing, RAD PBRA, RAD PBV, or NAHASDA rental assisted residents. RAD PBRA and RAD PBV residents must live in a former public housing project that converted under the RAD program and was previously served by a ROSS service coordinator to be considered an eligible participant. If you apply to serve residents that are not public housing, RAD PBRA, RAD PBV, or NAHASDA rental assisted residents, your application will be deemed ineligible. Additionally, if any RAD PBRA or RAD PBV units in your application were not previously served by a ROSS service coordinator, your application will be deemed ineligible. Please see RAD's webpage Statute, Notices, Regulations, and Tools and current RAD notice (H 2025-01/PIH 2025- 03 (HA)) for more information.

The table below provides further details on eligible participants that each applicant type may apply to serve. To the extent that other residents (e.g., Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) participants, non-RAD PBV participants, or non-RAD PBRA residents) live in an assisted project, as may be the case in a Mixed-Finance public housing project, only the public housing residents, RAD PBRA residents, RAD PBV residents, or residents living in projects with NAHASDA rental assistance may be assisted by ROSS service coordinators. However, your ROSS service coordinator should connect residents who are not eligible to participate in ROSS to another service coordinator or case manager within your agency or partner network to ensure all residents have access to the supportive services they need.

Eligible Participants Based on Applicant Type		
Applicant Type	**Eligible to Serve**	**Ineligible to Serve**
PHAs	• Public housing residents • RAD PBV residents (must be a resident of a project with assistance converted from public housing to RAD PBV and the project was formerly served by a ROSS-SC)	• RAD PBRA residents • PBRA residents • Non-RAD PBV residents • Anyone that is not a public housing or RAD PBV resident
Public Housing Resident Associations (site-based	• Public housing	• RAD PBRA residents

and non-site-based)	residents	• PBRA residents • RAD PBV residents • PBV residents • Anyone that is not a public housing resident
Nonprofit organizations (including PHA affiliates or instrumentalities) that are not Multifamily Owners	• Public housing residents • NAHASDA-rental assisted residents • Formula Current Assisted Stock residents	• RAD PBRA residents • PBRA residents • RAD PBV residents • PBV residents • Anyone that is not a public housing, Formula Current Assisted Stock, or a NAHASDA-rental assisted resident
Multifamily Owners	• RAD PBRA residents (must be a resident of a project with assistance converted from public housing to RAD PBRA and the project was formerly served by a ROSS-SC)	• Public housing residents • Non-RAD PBRA residents • RAD PBV residents • PBV residents • Anyone that is not a RAD PBRA resident
Tribes/TDHEs	• NAHASDA-rental assisted residents • Formula Current Assisted Stock residents	• Anyone that is not a NAHASDA-rental assisted or a Formula Current Assisted Stock resident
Tribal Resident Associations	• NAHASDA-rental assisted residents • Formula Current Assisted Stock residents	• Anyone that is not a NAHASDA-rental assisted or a Formula Current Assisted Stock resident

7. Eligible Number of ROSS Service Coordinator Positions (ROSS-SCs): The number of ROSS service coordinator positions you may request depends on your applicant type and the number of occupied units in the projects you will serve as listed on your HUD-52768 form as of the application deadline.

- **Eligible Number of ROSS-SCs Positions by Applicant Type:** Refer to the table below to determine the number of positions you are eligible for based on your applicant type.

Applicant Type	Number of ROSS-SCs
PHAs	Eligible for up to 3 ROSS-SCs
Tribes/TDHEs	Eligible for up to 3 ROSS-SCs
Site Based RA	Eligible for up to 1 ROSS-SC
Non-site based RA (i.e., city-wide, intermediary, and jurisdiction-wide)	Eligible for up to 3 ROSS-SCs
Multifamily Owner	Eligible for up to 3 ROSS-SCs
Nonprofit applicants that are not RA, PHA Affiliates/Instrumentalities, or Multifamily Owners	Eligible for up to 3 SCs per application for a maximum of 9 ROSS-SCs

- **Eligible Number of ROSS-SCs Positions by Occupied Unit Count and Maximum Grant Award:** Per the table below, the number of ROSS-SCs you are eligible for is determined by the number of occupied units in projects to be served as of the application deadline of this NOFO. Projects listed in Part II of the HUD-52768 must each have at least 50 occupied units to be eligible for funding. The Inventory Management System/ PIH Information Center (IMS/PIC) will be used to verify the number of occupied units for each project listed on the HUD-52768 (Part II). Note: RAD PBRA and RAD PBV units must have been former public housing units that converted under the RAD program and were previously served by a ROSS-SC to be considered in the occupied unit count.

Number of Occupied Units	Max # of ROSS-SCs	Maximum Grant Award
50-1,000	1 ROSS-SC	$272,250
1,001-2,500	2 ROSS-SC	$544,500
2,501 or more	3 ROSS-SC	$816,750

8. Eligible Number of Applications by Applicant Type: Refer to the table below, to determine the number of applications you are eligible to submit under this NOFO. Please note that if more than the allowed number of applications are submitted, HUD will only consider the last application as an eligible application for funding.

Applicant type	Maximum Number of Applications	Renewal or New Applicant Category
PHAs	1	New or Renewal
PHA Affiliates/Instrumentalities not applying as a Multifamily Owner	1	New or Renewal
Tribes/TDHEs	1	New or Renewal
Site Based and Non-site based (i.e., city-wide, intermediary, and jurisdiction-wide) RA applicants	1	New or Renewal
Nonprofit applicants that are not an RA, PHA Affiliates/Instrumentalities, or Multifamily Owners	Up to 3	New or Renewal
Multifamily Owners	1	New or Renewal

PHAs that plan to serve both public housing and RAD PBV residents must submit a single application.

If you are a nonprofit applicant that is not an RA, PHA Affiliate/Instrumentality, or Multifamily Owner, and you choose to submit more than one application, each application must be able to stand alone as an eligible independent applicant. This means:

- Each application must be complete on its own.
- HUD will review and score each application separately.
- Match commitments must be unique to each application–they must be separate, individualized, and non-duplicated.
- The narrative statement and need assessment must be unique and not contain duplicative language or results.

Applications that include duplicate narrative statements, match information that is not unique to each application, or otherwise overlapping materials may be deemed ineligible for funding.

9. Eligibility of PHA Affiliate or Instrumentality: PHA affiliates or instrumentalities, as defined in Notice PIH 2011-47 (extending Notice PIH 2007-15), that are not applying as a Multifamily owner and therefore applying to serve public housing residents, are ineligible for funds under this NOFO if: (1) the PHA they intend to serve is also applying to serve public housing residents, (2) would not be an eligible applicant either because the PHA has a current ROSS grant (funded under the FY24 or FY25 NOFO competition) to serve public housing residents, or (3) because the PHA has a high unexpended balance of a prior ROSS award. If such an entity is eligible to apply and is serving public housing residents, it may only submit one application. Similarly, PHAs are ineligible for funds under this NOFO if their PHA affiliate or instrumentality: (1) is applying for funds to serve public housing residents, (2) would not be an eligible applicant because the PHA affiliate or instrumentality has a current ROSS grant (funded under the FY24 and FY25 NOFO competition) to serve public housing residents, or (3) has a high unexpended balance of a prior ROSS award. Note: PHA Affiliates and instrumentalities that are not applying as a Multifamily owner may only serve public housing residents. Additionally, PHA Affiliates and instrumentalities that are not applying as a Multifamily owner must either be a locally incorporated nonprofit organization or a federally designated 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization by the application deadline of this NOFO.

10. Eligible Joint Applications: Two or more eligible organizations may collaborate to submit a joint application for proposed grant activities. However, joint applicants must designate a lead applicant. The PHA (or other applicant type) listed first on the SF-424 and HUD-52768 will be considered the lead applicant. In addition, the lead applicant must be registered with Grants.gov and submit the application using the Grants.gov portal. PHAs that submit a joint application with an RA or nonprofit organization (including a PHA Affiliate/Instrumentality that is not applying as a Multifamily owner) must only serve public housing residents. Only PHAs joining with another PHA as a joint applicant may serve RAD PBV residents who lived in a former public housing project that converted under the RAD program and were previously served by a ROSS service coordinator to be considered as an eligible participant (with or without also serving public housing residents). Similarly, only a Multifamily owner with another Multifamily owner as a joint applicant may serve RAD PBRA residents, in accordance with RAD requirements. See current RAD notice (H 2025-01/PIH 2025- 03 (HA)) for further information. All members of a joint application are subject to the requirements of this NOFO and the terms and conditions of the award. Lead applicants must ensure the following conditions are met:

- A letter of support from each joint applicant is included with the ROSS application (see Section V for more information on the letter of support).
- If the joint applicant is a nonprofit organization (including a PHA affiliate/instrumentality that is not applying as a Multifamily owner) or an RA, it must be either a locally incorporated nonprofit organization or a federally designated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization by the application deadline. By signing the HUD-52768, the lead applicant certifies that each joint applicant's nonprofit status is in good standing.

In addition, an RA that apply as a joint applicant with a PHA, tribe, TDHE, or non-RA nonprofit organization will not be eligible for the 25 percent set-aside for RA. Note: Applicants that are

part of a joint application may not also submit separate applications as sole applicants under this NOFO.

11. Maximum Number of Service Coordinators per PHA, Tribe, or Multifamily Property: If multiple applicants apply to serve the same PHA, Tribe/TDHE, or Multifamily property and submit applications that, in total, exceed the number of service coordinator positions the entity is eligible to receive funding for–and all applications are deemed eligible–only the application ranked highest during the rating and ranking review will be funded (see Section V.B. for more information on rating and ranking review). If the applicants fall within the same funding category and receive identical scores, HUD will use a lottery to select the grantee (see Appendix) for more information on lottery details).

12. Eligibility of Part-Time Service Coordinators: Under this NOFO, requests for salary and fringe must support full-time ROSS-SCs position(s). However, while HUD expects ROSS Service Coordinators to operate in full-time capacities, grantees may fill a full-time position with two or more part-time ROSS-SCs, provided their combined hours are equivalent to one full-time position.

Program Specific Ineligibility

1. You will be ineligible for merit review if any of the following apply:

Reason for Ineligibility	NOFO Section
Does not meet threshold requirements	See Section V.
Type of Entity is not eligible	See Section II.A.
Does not apply to serve eligible projects	See Section II. A.
Proposing to serve less than 50 occupied units	See Section II.A.
PHA and PHA affiliate are applying to serve the same PHA	See Section II.A.
Does not score minimum of 60 points in Merit Review Rating Factors	See Section V. B.

C. Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program requires cost sharing or matching, as described below.

1. Twenty-five Percent Match Requirement. You must have match contributions of at least 25 percent of the amount you are requesting for ROSS-SC funding. The purpose of the match is to ensure your ROSS-SC program includes committed partners who are able to address the assessed needs of residents. You are required to have in place a firmly committed match contribution equivalent to 25 percent of the total grant amount requested in

order to be considered for funding. **The 25 percent match is a non-curable threshold requirement.** The match may be provided as a cash or in-kind donation. Resources/in-kind services that can be committed include: in-kind services provided to the applicant; funds from Federal sources that by statute allow those funds to be used for matching purposes, including, for example, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds or Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds; funds from any State or local government sources; and funds from private contributions. This NOFO does not list all federal sources that cannot be used for the match. However, HUD would like to emphasize that neither ROSS nor public housing funds may be used for the match. Additionally, Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract funds cannot be used as a match. Federal sources that cannot be used for match (e.g., public housing and HAP contract funds) will not be counted toward the 25 percent match requirement.

Match information must be included on the HUD-52768 Form. You must maintain all letters from partners attesting to match contributions (see Section IV.B. for additional information on required forms). Applicants contributing their own resources to the match, in whole or in part, must also write a letter attesting to the match contribution they are making. You must keep your match letters on file. Note: At any time during the application review process or during the grant term, HUD may ask to review match letters. If your match letters are requested during the application review period and are not provided, your application will be ineligible for funding.

Match may be for the value of services provided by partner organizations as well as for the eligible activities under this grant (e.g., salary, fringe, administration, and training). The value of non-public housing space provided for activities related to carrying out the ROSS-SC program may be counted towards the value of match. The value of public housing resources provided to support the ROSS-SC program cannot be counted toward the value of match. See2 CFR 200.306 for more information about matching requirements.

Note: If you are eligible to submit more than one application, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.306, all match contributions must be verifiable, allowable, and not included as contributions for any other Federal award. Accordingly, match contributions proposed under this NOFO must demonstrate a dedicated and distinct match contribution that complies with all applicable Federal requirements.

2. Ensuring Match Contributions Meet Critical Needs: This guidance emphasizes the importance of aligning match contributions with the specific areas of need identified in your program. While administrative contributions like office space and equipment may be essential for running your ROSS program, the strongest match contributions come from partners providing direct services that address the identified areas of need of your communities. For example, if employment and job placement services are identified as a critical need of residents, securing match contributions from an American Job Centers or local organization that offers job training and placement services would demonstrate strategic alignment. The key is to ensure that match contributions are intentional, partnerships are strategic, and engagement between partners and residents is seamless. To maximize the impact of your match contributions and strengthen your proposal:

- **Align match contributions with the community needs:** Ensure that your partners

are addressing specific gaps and providing direct services that contribute to the program's goals.

- **Choose partners that enhance service delivery:** Look for organizations that bring expertise, resources, and a track record of success in the identified area of need.
- **Demonstrate integrated and effective partnerships:** Highlight how your partners will work collaboratively with your program and residents to create a cohesive support system.

Match contributions that clearly demonstrate strategic alignment with community needs will receive a more favorable review.

3. **Things to remember as you prepare to submit your match information:**

- The match certification on the HUD-52768 must be signed by the applicant's executive director, resident association board president, Tribal chairman, or other person authorized to make the stated commitment and/or attest to the match contribution from other partners.
- Joint applicants must together have at least a 25 percent match.
- The value of the volunteer time and/or services your partners are contributing shall be computed by using the normal professional rate for the local area or the national minimum wage rate ($7.25) multiplied by the number of staff to be provided to the grant, multiplied by the total number of hours, multiplied by the number of years the commitment will be provided. Example: ($7.25 per hour) x (2 volunteers) x (50 total hours per year) x (3 years) = $2,175. This calculation must be in the match letter(s).
- The value of any donated material, equipment, building space, or lease, shall be provided in a letter from the organization making the donation. The letter must state the value of the contribution and the duration of the commitment. (Example: community center space monthly rent valued at: $1000 per month x 12 months x 3 years = $36,000).
- For in-kind match based on participants served, the calculation should be: number of residents x __ cost of program per resident per year x __ years of grant = total commitment.
- For cash match, the source and type of the funds must be clearly stated but calculations are not necessary.
- Resident volunteers may not be counted as a match source.

4. Content of Match Letters: Match donations must be firmly committed, explicit, in writing on the organization's letterhead, and signed by a person authorized to make the commitment on behalf of the donor organization. The match letters must be kept on file for verification and audit purposes. The letters of commitment, memorandums of understanding (MOU), and tribal resolutions must:

- Demonstrate that the match is firmly committed. "Firmly committed" means that the funding amount and its dedication to the ROSS-SC program is explicit;

- Contain the total dollar value of the commitment, per year of the grant, and total commitment being provided for the grant term;
- Include a calculation to show how the value of the commitment was derived (see example provided above pertaining to calculating volunteer time) and donations based on the number of participants to be served;
- Be dated between the publication date of this NOFO and the application deadline for this NOFO, or any amended deadline; and
- Indicate how the commitment will relate to the proposed program. If the commitment is in-kind, the letters should explain exactly what services or material will be provided. The commitment must be available at the time of award.
- **NOTE:** Applicants proposing to use their own, non-ROSS or non-public housing grant funds to meet the match requirement, in whole or in part, must also have a letter of commitment indicating the type of match (cash or in-kind), the source of the match, the value of the match, and how the match will be used. The same specifications above apply to match letters submitted by applicant organizations.

5. Completing the HUD-52768 for Match: The source of funds for each match commitment must be identified on the HUD-52768. The source of funds refers to the entity that provided the matching contribution. To ensure compliance with match contribution requirements, it's essential to clearly identify the source of funds for each match commitment. Failure to specify and clearly state the sources of funds will result in the match contribution not being counted toward the required match percentage. Here are some key points to consider:

- Identify the Source of Match: For each match contribution, detail the origin of the funds. If your agency is providing the match, indicate the specific source. For example, if the funds are from a grant awarded by another agency, name the grantor. Failure to clearly identify the specific source of the match for each contribution will render your application ineligible for funding.
- Federal Funds Restriction: Generally, federal funds cannot be used as a match contributions for other federal grants. Ensure that the sources of your matching funds are non-federal unless specific exceptions apply. If the match is from a federal source, you must provide documentation confirming that such funds are authorized to be used as a match for federal grants. Federal funds that are not authorized for use as a match will not be counted towards your match contribution.

By signing the HUD-52768, you are certifying that your commitments will be available for the full 36-month grant term. Submission of a complete HUD-52768 is a non-curable threshold requirement, therefore if information on the form is missing, your application may be deemed ineligible for funding. See sample excerpted from the HUD-52768 below:

Area of Need that Match Will Address	Service to be Provided	Source of Match	Value of Match
Employment	**Job Readiness**	**Tech for Adults**	**$5,000**

	Training		
Education Attainment	**GED Classes**	**JOY Community College**	**$10,000**
Financial Literacy	**Financial Coaching**	**Boys & Girls Club**	**$7,000**

Note: If you are proposing to use your own, non-ROSS or non-public housing grant funds to meet the match requirement, in whole or in part, you must also have a letter of commitment indicating the type of match (cash or in-kind), the source of the match, the value of the match, and how the match will be used. This letter must be kept on file. The same specifications above apply to match letters submitted by applicant organizations.

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A. Purpose

The Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency – Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) Program provides competitive awards through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to public housing authorities, tribes/tribally designated housing entities, Multifamily owners, nonprofits, and resident associations to fund service coordinators who connect residents to education, employment, health, and supportive services that promote self-sufficiency. The ROSS-SC Program aligns with the Administration's focus on work and dignity by advancing pathways to employment, economic mobility, and long-term upward mobility of HUD assisted residents. Self-sufficiency varies by household and life stage: for work-able residents, it includes progress toward economic independence; for youth, success in secondary education completion and positive transition to post-secondary or career pathways; and for older adults and persons with disabilities, the ability to maintain stable housing and quality of life through supportive services. Prospective applicants should carefully read all instructions in all sections to avoid sending an incomplete or ineligible application. HUD funding is highly competitive. Failure to respond accurately to any submission requirement could result in an incomplete or noncompetitive proposal. A listing of threshold requirements is in Section V. Application Review Information of this NOFO.

B. Goals and Objectives

HUD provides ROSS-SC grant funding through this NOFO to eligible applicants, enabling you to hire service coordinators who assess resident needs, provide case management, and connect ROSS participants to training and supportive services that promote self-sufficiency. This grant also offers funding flexibility to allow direct service provision, when necessary, further strengthening support for ROSS participants.

The success of the ROSS program is built on strong collaboration with direct service providers, who deliver critical services that support residents in achieving self-sufficiency. While ROSS provides funding for service coordinators to assess needs, offer case management, and connect residents to resources, the sole purpose of the ROSS program is not to directly provide services. Instead, the program relies on partnerships with organizations that specialize in education, workforce development, financial literacy, health, and social services to ensure residents receive the necessary support to foster self-sufficiency.

1. Core Functions of the ROSS-SC Program

The ROSS-SC program operates through a set of core functions that work together to support residents in their journey toward self-sufficiency. While the process begins with assessing community needs, it extends to case management, service coordination, resident empowerment, and ongoing strategic partnership engagement. Reporting and evaluation are integrated throughout to measure progress and continuously improve program effectiveness.

- **Community Needs Assessment (CNA):** The community needs assessment forms the foundation of your ROSS program, guiding the identification of resident needs, affirming community assets, and prioritizing services, resources, and partnerships. This process ensures strategic alignment and fosters meaningful resident

engagement. ROSS-SC applicants are required to complete a CNA prior to applying for funding under this NOFO (see attachments for a sample CNA). You may be required to conduct another CNA in months 24 through 26 of the grant period to assess shifts in community needs. Regular assessments ensure that programs remain responsive, adaptive, and aligned with the evolving needs of the community, ultimately enhancing their residents' lives and guiding them towards self-sufficiency.

- **Case Management and Coaching:** An essential component of the ROSS program is empowering residents through coaching-driven case management, moving beyond traditional service referrals to foster long-term self-sufficiency and well-being. Rather than simply directing residents to services, ROSS service coordinators are encouraged to assist residents with goal setting, self-advocacy, and skill building to support residents' progress toward self-sufficiency.
- **Coordination and Direct Service Delivery:** The service coordinator establishes and maintains strong partnerships while serving as the critical link between residents and service providers, ensuring seamless pipeline of support that helps residents overcome employment, education, financial stability or health barriers and move toward self-sufficiency.
- **Resident Empowerment:** ROSS-SCs play a key role in supporting residents as they identify challenges, develop solutions, and work collectively with other community stakeholders to ensure they live in a neighborhood of opportunity and support. This includes facilitating leadership development, providing training on community engagement, and creating opportunities for residents to take an active role in shaping programs and resources that address their needs. By fostering self-advocacy, problem-solving, and collective action ROSS-SCs help residents lead initiatives that strengthen community networks, expand access to resources, and create an environment where all residents can thrive. Through collaborative engagement and shared goals, these efforts not only support individual sufficiency but also enhance community cohesion and opportunity.
- **Strategic Partnership Engagement:** ROSS-SCs should engage trusted organizations in areas such as health, education, employment, and financial empowerment to address service gaps and help residents achieve long-term stability and greater self-sufficiency. Effective partnerships require more than initial outreach. ROSS-SCs play a critical role in developing and sustaining these relationships, coordinating referrals, and establishing systems for service coordination and, when appropriate, data sharing.
- **Reporting and Evaluation:** Grantees are required to submit an annual report to HUD by October 30 each year, summarizing program activities, outcomes, and key performance metrics. A final report is due within 120 days after the grant term ends, providing a comprehensive assessment of the program's impact. Beyond fulfilling HUD's reporting requirements, grantees are responsible for continuously monitoring and evaluating program performance.

2. Selecting Areas of Need. Achieving self-sufficiency requires addressing barriers that

ROSS participants face, whether in employment, education, health, or financial stability. The community needs assessment is a foundational tool that establishes a baseline for the areas of need within the projects to be served and should inform every aspect of your program design. You must conduct a comprehensive needs assessment as part of this application, covering at least 20 percent of the head of households in the targeted projects, using the findings to strategically align service delivery, match partners, and optimize resource allocation. This approach ensures that service coordination is responsive to households' actual needs, guiding how partners are engaged, what resources are prioritized, and how barriers are addressed. The assessment results must directly shape your program's service model, partnership ecosystem, and overall strategy for advancing self-sufficiency in your communities.

In the attachment section of this NOFO, you will find a sample CNA, which you are encouraged to use as a guide when conducting your assessment. If you choose to use any other needs assessment tool, you must attach the resident needs assessment tool with this application. All needs assessments must have been administered within the past year. The findings from your assessment must be indicated on the HUD-52768 Form. Failure to assess at least 20 percent of head of households will negatively impact your application score, as the assessment is a critical component in determining program design. If you choose Digital Opportunity, Health and Wellness, Reentry, or Substance Use as a focus area, you also must select either Education, Employment, or Financial Literacy. These areas of need interconnect, as access to digital opportunities, health services, and reentry support directly affect an individual's ability to pursue education, secure employment, and achieve financial stability.

3. Direct Service Provision. HUD is aware that some communities either lack service providers that can address resident needs or existing service providers are overburdened and unable to effectively take on additional caseloads. Under this NOFO, HUD allows limited funding for direct services and will provide more guidance to grantees. The provision of direct service(s) must be tied to the identified areas of need and provided to active ROSS participants. Costs for direct services must be deemed necessary, reasonable, and allocable. Direct services must comply with 2 CFR part 200 Cost Principles (subpart E), including 2 CFR 200.403. Prior to incurring any costs associated with the provision of direct services, grantees must consult and obtain approval from HUD, by submitting their request to ROSS-PIH@hud.gov. When subcontracting, grantees must follow their procurement guidelines. In addition, direct services must be provided to active ROSS-SC participants (residents that have had their needs assessed by the ROSS-SC). Note that administrative funds may not be sufficient to cover the full range or full costs of direct services needed. The intent of this provision is to fund small-scale direct service programming or leverage additional resources to expand direct service access to essential support services. See Appendix for more information on examples of direct services that can be supported by ROSS-SC funds.

4. Coordination with HUD and Other Federal Programs. If your organization or other entities in your locality receive multiple sources of HUD funding or funding from complementary federal, state, local sources to serve the same residents or geographic areas, collaboration is essential. You should coordinate with these organizations to leverage shared resources effectively, prevent service duplication, and enhance the overall service pipeline for

participants. Establishing clear coordination strategies ensures that services are streamlined, residents have seamless access to support, and funding is maximized to achieve greater impact.

> For example, if a public housing agency receives both ROSS-SC and FSS funding, HUD encourages you to create a pipeline to align these programs to maximize impact and avoid redundancy. With proper coordination, residents can transition through these programs in structured progression toward economic independence. For example, a resident may first receive work readiness training or educational support through the ROSS-SC program, equipping them with the stability and skills necessary to maintain gainful employment when they transition into the FSS program.
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> Additionally, by prioritizing ROSS-SC participation for residents who may not be suitable candidates for the FSS program, such as elderly or children, you can ensure they still receive essential supportive services tailored to their needs. This intentional sequencing of services helps create a clear pathway for residents, ensuring that each program builds upon the other to support long-term self-sufficiency. Similarly, the Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs, such as YouthBuild, offer valuable opportunities to leverage funding and align services. Integrating ROSS-SC with these workforce development initiatives allows participants to access case management, health services, and other supports that may otherwise be unavailable. This alignment helps address barriers of employment and enhances participants' ability to succeed in workforce programs. By coordinating efforts, individuals not only gain critical skills and training through DOL-funded programs but also receive the wraparound support necessary to achieve long-term employment and overall well-being.

5. ROSS Key Performance Indicators. Each area of need includes a set of goals and key performance indicators (KPIs) that you must track and measure throughout the grant term. By selecting areas of need on the HUD-52768 Form, you are committing to reporting on the corresponding KPIs if funded. The KPIs serve as critical benchmarks, helping assess the extent to which residents are receiving necessary support and services to advance their goals and move along the self-sufficiency continuum. If funded, throughout the grant term, you will be evaluated on both your ability to report on KPIs and your success in meeting the established goals.
Below is a list of preliminary goals and KPIs for each area of need. These KPIs may be subject to change over the course of the ROSS-SC 36-month grant cycle.

- **Employment:** Coordinators will work with residents to gain employment with adequate pay and benefits and will connect residents to the supports they need in order to help them maintain employment for more than 12 months.
  KPIs:
  - Unemployed residents obtaining employment.
  - Employed residents retaining employment for more than 12 months.
  - Residents with part-time employment obtaining full-time employment.

    - Residents receiving employment related services.

- **Elderly Residents/Residents with Disabilities:** Coordinators serving elderly residents or residents with disabilities will coordinate services to enable residents to reach and maintain their desired level of independence and to help them continue aging or remaining in place, thereby avoiding more costly forms of care. Coordinators will coordinate these services and the services identified in the other areas of need (e.g., digital opportunity, education, health and wellness, financial literacy, or access to childcare) for residents with disabilities and elderly residents based on residents' desired services. The grantee will offer these supportive services for elderly residents and residents with disabilities in addition to the general services offered by the grantee in the other areas of need.
  KPIs:
    - Residents receiving voluntary elderly-related services.
    - Residents receiving voluntary disability-related services.
    - Residents receiving Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance.
    - See health and wellness.
- **Digital Opportunity:** Coordinators will develop programs to help residents access affordable Internet in their homes, affordable devices, and the necessary digital literacy training.
  KPIs:
    - Residents without in-unit internet access, obtain access.
    - Residents without a computer device (tablet, laptop, or PC), obtain one.
    - Residents without digital literacy skills, enroll in digital literacy classes.
    - Residents with disabilities who are in need of accessible technology options, obtain access.
- **Education:** Coordinators will work with residents to achieve educational and/or training levels that can prepare them for careers that pay a living wage (covering housing, healthcare, childcare, and food expenses).
  KPIs:
    - Residents without a High School Diploma or GED attain a High School Diploma or GED.
    - Residents attaining a higher level of education or license/certification.
    - Residents enrolled in educational or vocational program.
    - Residents attained a license/certification.
    - Residents receiving education-related services.
- **Health & Wellness:** Coordinators will work with residents to help them overcome health (including behavioral and mental health) -related barriers that hinder

educational, professional, and self-sufficiency goals and engage in properly supported pro-health activities.
KPIs:

- Residents without health insurance receive health insurance.
- Residents attend medical examinations at least once every 12 months.
- Residents receiving health-related services.

- **Reentry:** Coordinators will work with residents and/or their families who are involved with the justice system to ensure they are receiving the necessary legal aid services and other supportive services to help them meet their educational, professional, and self-sufficiency goals.
KPIs:
  - Residents involved in the justice system receiving legal aid services.
  - See Education and Employment.
- **Financial Literacy**: Coordinators will support residents in financial coaching and literacy so that each household's monthly expenses/debts do not exceed their monthly income and that their earned income is enough to support housing, healthcare, childcare, and food expenses.
KPIs:
  - Residents receiving Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).
  - Residents with no financial account obtaining a financial account.
  - Residents receiving financial management-related services.
- **Substance Use:** Coordinators will work with service providers to address residents' substance use through prevention and intervention services that do not facilitate illegal drug use and its associated harm. This includes support for harm reduction or safe consumption efforts in violation of existing executive orders, including Executive Order 1431.
KPIs:
  - Residents with drug or alcohol dependency are receiving voluntary substance use treatment.
  - See health and wellness.

C. Authority

ROSS-SC is authorized under Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-6). Funding for this program is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75, approved February 3, 2026).

D. Unallowable Costs

Ineligible Activities/Costs. Grant funds may not be used for ineligible activities.

1. Funds may not be used for any activities other than the salary and fringe benefits of

ROSS-SCs, related administrative costs, limited direct services, and the training and travel activities for the ROSS-SC.

2. Funds under this NOFO may not be used to pay the salary of a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) coordinator for any FSS program. The funding for FSS program coordinators is made available through a separate NOFO.
3. If, upon review, HUD determines that funds have been used for ineligible activities, the grantee will be required to repay those funds, and the remaining grant funds may be recaptured.
4. ROSS-SC funds cannot be used to hire or pay for the services of a Contract Administrator.
5. Administrative funds may only be used to support the ROSS-SC program. A grantee's Central Office Cost Center may not use ROSS administrative funds to cover other grantee costs.

E. Indirect Costs

This program is subject to the Full-Year Continuing Consolidated Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-75), which imposes indirect cost rate restrictions that are different from the indirect cost rate requirements in 2 CFR 200.414.

HUD interprets as excluding indirect facilities (as defined under 2.CFR 200.1) as eligible costs under this NOFO. Consequently, awards under this NOFO may only fund direct costs, and indirect costs may not be claimed.

Program History

This list highlights significant changes to past iterations of NOFOs for the ROSS-SC program.

1. **Rating Factor Criteria.** The rating factor criteria have been revised to improve comprehensibility for applicants, while providing additional guidance on criteria. In addition, HUD adjusted optional Rating Factor 3 criteria. See Section V.B. for more information.
2. **Renewal Applicant Definition.** Under this NOFO, renewal applicants are FY21, FY22 and FY23 ROSS grantees. See attachments for more information.
3. **Letters of Support for Nonprofit Applicants.** Under this NOFO, only PHAs and tribes/TDHEs can provide letters of support for nonprofit applicants. For more information, see Section IV. Application Contents and Format.
4. **Twenty-Five Percent RA Set Aside Designation**: Under this NOFO, non-site-based RA is eligible to up to 3 ROSS-SCs under the 25 RA set aside

Other Information

Contract Administrator Requirements for RA and Troubled PHAs. An RA and troubled PHAs are required to designate a Contract Administrator as part of their ROSS program application and implementation. The Contract Administrator plays a critical role in supporting program success, particularly when the applicant may lack prior experience in grants

management or program administration. The Contract Administrator is a key partner, responsible for helping to ensure both financial and programmatic integrity. Their responsibilities may include:

- Ensuring financial management systems and procurement procedures are compliant with 2 CFR Part 200.
- Supporting program operations, including expanding partnerships with local organizations to carry out the core functions of the ROSS program.
- Strengthening RA's and troubled PHAs' internal capacity by providing expertise in areas where the applicant may have limited experience.

If you do not have a strong background in grants or federal program management, your Contract Administrator should have sufficient expertise to guide implementation and ensure compliance with application rules, regulations, and program requirements. You should select a Contract Administrator who is capable of performing key functions that would otherwise be difficult for you to execute independently.

It is important to note that the designated lead applicant remains fully responsible for meeting all program requirements. Contract Administrators are expressly forbidden from accessing HUD's Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) and submitting vouchers on behalf of grantees.

In the case of Troubled PHAs, its instrumentality or affiliate may not serve as the Contract Administrator. In the case of joint applications from an RA and PHAs, the PHA, its instrumentality or affiliate may not also serve as the Contract Administrator. In addition, if any entity part of a joint application requires a contract administrator, then the lead applicant must sign and enter into the Contract Administrator Partnership Agreement (CAPA) with an entity that is not part of the application. Applications that do not follow this requirement will be ineligible for funding.

Contract Administrators may be, but are not limited to local housing agencies; PHAs (not troubled); community-based organizations such as community development corporations (CDCs), faith-based organizations; nonprofit organizations; or state/regional/local associations, agencies, and organizations. Troubled PHAs are not eligible to be Contract Administrators. Organizations that the applicant proposes to use as the Contract Administrator must not violate or be in violation of other conflicts of interest as defined in 2 CFR Part 200 and, in the Public Housing Annual Contributions Contract (for PHAs serving as Contract Administrators). Additionally, Contract Administrators cannot be listed on HUD's suspension or debarment lists.

Contract Administrators are not required for tribes. However, high-risk tribes will have to comply with any special conditions outlined by the Area Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) pursuant to 2 CFR 200.208 prior to implementing their ROSS award.

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Applications must include three main elements: a) standard forms, assurances, and certifications; b) budget; and c) narratives and other attachments. The content, forms, and format for each element are included in this section.

You may use this section as a checklist to ensure you submit a complete application.

If you don't provide the required documents in the correct format, your application is incomplete.

Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

Element	Submission Form
Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications	Upload using each required form.
Budget	Use the HUD-52768 Form
Narratives and Other Attachments	Insert each in the Attachments form.

10 pages is the total maximum length of all narratives.

Double spaced 12-point Times New Roman font on letter sized paper (8 1/2 x 11 inches) with at least 1-inch margins on all sides.

Narrative	Applicant Type	Page Limit
Rating Factor 1	New Applicants	5 Pages
Rating Factor 2	New and Renewal Applicants	5 Pages
Both Narratives Combined	**New and Renewal Applicants**	**10 Pages Total**

Note: We will not review or consider anything submitted beyond these page limits.

A. Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

You must properly complete and submit with your application the standard forms, assurances, and certifications identified below. You can find all forms in the application package or review them and their instructions at Grants.gov Forms. You can also read more about standard forms on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424B)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certificate (HUD-424B)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424B
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD-2880)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-2880
Grants.gov Lobbying Form (Certification Regarding Lobbying)	Required if applicable (except Federally-recognized tribes and their TDHEs)	Page limit: Not applicable. File name: Lobbying Certification form
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	Required if applicable	Page limit: Not applicable. File name: SF-LLL
Assurances for Construction Programs (SF-424D)	Required if applicable	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424D

A2. Completing the SF- 424:

Please observe the following guidance when completing the corresponding questions on the SF-424:

- Questions 2. - Renewal applicants should select the "continuation" box and "type of application." New applicants should select "new."
- Question 5a. - The federal identifier in 5a. is the PHA number of each applicant (e.g., MD035 or AK002). If you are a PHA you can leave this entry blank.
- Question 5b. - If you are a renewal applicant, you will insert the grant number on the grant agreement from your last grant (e.g., ROSS240000). If you are a new applicant, you will leave this blank.
- Question 8d. - When entering the applicant Zip Code, enter the 9-digit Zip Code.
- Questions 10, 11, 12, and 13 are pre-populated. Do not add anything or change anything.
- Question 14 - You should identify the city or state affected by the program. You do not need to attach anything additional.

- Question 15 - You may choose your title. However, we suggest using the name of the applicant plus ROSS-SC (e.g., "Anytown HA – ROSS-SC.")
- Question 16 - If the location of the applicant's office and the location of the housing that you will be serving is within the same congressional district, you should include the same answer for both parts.
- Question 17 - Most applicants should indicate the period of performance dates, June 1, 2027 - May 31, 2030 (however, this is an estimate, and the actual dates will be determined by the grant agreement).
- Question 18 - 18a is the amount you are requesting from HUD in this application. 18b is the match. 18g is the total and will populate automatically.
- Question 19 - Select c. The program is not covered by Executive Order (EO) 12372.
- Question 21 - The Authorized Representative listed on the SF-424 in your application must be the executive director of your organization, or some other designated official of your organization who is authorized to make contractual agreements on behalf of your agency. This person should review and sign the grant application before it is submitted. Any changes to the authorized representative will delay award processing.

Note: Use the attachments form in the electronic application (HUD-52768) to submit any attachments. The SF-424s are curable if deficiencies are found and the applicant addresses the deficiency within the allotted time provided by HUD.

A1. Guidance for Locating and Completing Forms.

Use only the forms included in the posting of this NOFO that are located in Grants.gov application download and instructions download for this funding opportunity to avoid using outdated forms.

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	**Submission Requirement**	**Notes/Description**
HUD-52755 - Sample Contract Administrator Partnership Agreement	A Contract Administrator Partnership Agreement is a non-curable threshold requirement for an RA and public housing agencies designated as troubled. If the form is missing, or if required information is incomplete, HUD cannot request or accept it during the deficiency or "cure" period. Incomplete or missing forms will make the application ineligible.	Review Section III File name: Contract Administrator

HUD-52753 - Certification of Resident Council Board of Election	If applicable, required with the application. A Certification of Resident Council Board of Election certificate is a curable threshold requirement for an RA and nonprofit applicants supported by an RA. One certification is required from each RA applicant (including each joint applicant) or RA supporting a nonprofit applicant. HUD may contact you to clarify or fix errors.	Applicability: RA and nonprofit applicants supported by an RA Review Appendix
HUD-52768 - ROSS-SC Application Form	Required with the application. Non-curable.	Review Section IV.B. You are ineligible for funding if form is missing or incomplete. File name: HUD-52768

Completing the HUD-52768 Form

You will submit budget information as part of the HUD-52768 Form. Please see below for more information on how to complete the HUD-52768 Form.

The HUD-52768 should be completed electronically.

- For Part II of the HUD-52768 Form, 2nd column, "Project(s) to be Served": Those applying to serve public housing units must list the project number as identified in IMS/PIC of each project you propose to be served by each ROSS-SC. If the applicant proposes to serve different PHAs, then you must include the project information in Part II of the form.
    - Project Number or Unique Project Identifier**:** Applicants must provide the applicable project name and project number or unique project identifier for each project to be served. This information is essential to HUD's review of the application and, if missing or incorrect, your application is ineligible for funding consideration.
        - **Public Housing:** PHAs must enter the 11-digit project number using the required format. Please review IMS/PIC to determine project name and number.
        - **RAD-PBV:** PHAs must enter the RAD-PBV project number as identified in IMS/PIC and include the former public housing project name and project number for the units prior to conversion.

- **RAD-PBRA:** Multifamily owners must enter the Multifamily Contract Number (RAD-PBRA HAP Contract Number) as identified in IREMS and include the former public housing project name and project number for the units prior to conversion.
- **Tribes/TDHEs:** For projects funded under the United States Housing Act of 1937, enter the 11-digit project code. For projects funded through NAHASDA, enter the official project name. If an official project name is not in use, develop a unique project identifier that can be used for this and future applications.
- Applicants serving Public Housing, RAD-PBV, or RAD-PBRA projects should consult the appropriate PHA or Multifamily property staff to confirm the correct project name, project number, or Multifamily Contract Number before submitting the application

  - Number of Units Served: Confirm that the number of units entered corresponds accurately to the project number or unique identifier.
  - If the project number listed on form HUD-52768 does not match records in IMS/PIC, Integrated Real Estate Management System (iREMS), or ONAP systems, the associated units will not be counted toward your total unit count.
  - The number of occupied units corresponding to the projects to be served in part II of form HUD-52768 will determine the number of ROSS-SC positions you are eligible for. See Section II.2 for more information.

- Applicants must base their ROSS-SC salary request (including fringe benefits) on the information provided by BLS for the "Social Worker: Other" occupation at the median level in the applicants' ZIP Code (www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Wages/find-salary.aspx) or based on the salary comparability information submitted in Part III of your HUD-52768.
  - **Salary Comparability Information:** Award amounts will vary depending on the information provided by the U.S BLS data for the "Social Worker: Other" occupation. If there is no salary information for your ZIP Code in BLS, then HUD will use the median regional or balance of state information. If there is no salary information for your regional or balance of state information in BLS, then HUD will use the median salary information for the United States. You must request funding that is commensurate with your BLS data. NOTE: HUD will consider a salary request to be commensurate if it does not exceed the BLS salary data. You can visit the Career One-Stop for your ZIP code to assist in determining your salary request. If the BLS amount for salary and fringe is sufficient to meet your local request, you do NOT need to submit salary comparability information. Instead, HUD will use the median salary information from the BLS locality pay data, with 30 percent added for fringe benefits. However, if you believe that the BLS salary comparison amount is insufficient, then you may submit salary comparability information from three different sources (i.e., employers) in your local region to justify your salary and fringe request on the HUD-52768 (Part III).

If you do not submit salary comparability information from three different sources, BLS salary data will be used to determine the salary and fringe salary amount awarded. A salary request will be considered commensurate if it does not exceed the average of the three salaries submitted for comparability purposes by more than 10 percent. If you are selected as a ROSS-SC grantee under this NOFO, the Service Coordinator(s) hired must have similar education and qualifications to the comparable positions or professions used to assess whether a salary request is commensurate with local wages.

- For information on completing Match Section of the HUD-52768, please see Section II: Eligibility C. Cost Sharing or Matching

B. Budget

You must submit a budget with your application to support your project narrative.

At a minimum, your budget must indicate direct and any indirect costs.

You will submit your budget as part of the HUD-52768 Form.

C. Narratives and Other Attachments

If applicable, you must upload narrative and other attachments in Grants.gov using the Attachments Form. When using the Attachments Form, you can upload PDF, Word or Excel formats.

On the table below, provide additional information on application submission requirements.

Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
The ROSS Narrative Statement	Required with the application. This is non-curable threshold requirement, if missing your application will be ineligible.	See Section V.B. File name: ROSS Narrative 10-Page Maximum Double spaced 12-point Times New Roman font
Letters of Support for Nonprofit Applicants • All letters of support from PHAs and tribes/TDHEs must be on organizational letterhead and must: 1. Be signed by an authorized representative of the supporting	Required for non-site RA or nonprofit organization applying to serve a PHA, tribe/TDHE or RA	See Section V.A.

organization; 2. Be dated between the publication date of this NOFO and the application deadline published in this NOFO, or any amended deadline; 3. Indicate the number of eligible units at the PHA or Tribes/TDHE 4. List the project names (and/or project number(s), where applicable) of the projects to be served and the total number of units to be served; 5. Describe to what extent the PHA/tribe/TDHE is familiar with your nonprofit organization and indicate their support for your application; and 6. Include contact information and the name and title of the person authorized to		

sign for the PHA, Tribe/TDHEs.		
Letters of Support for Joint Applicants • The letters must be on agency letterhead and must: 1. Be signed by an authorized representative of the supporting organization; 2. Be dated between the publication date of this NOFO and the application deadline published in this NOFO, or any amended deadline; 3. Indicate the number of eligible units at the PHA or tribe/TDHEs (or the number of eligible units represented by the RA, in the case of RA support letters); 4. List the project names (and/or project number(s), where applicable) of the projects to	Required for joint applicants	See Section V.A.

be served and the total number of units to be served; 5. Describe to what extent the lead applicant is familiar with your PHA/tribe/TDHE/RA and indicate how lead and joint applicants will work together; and 6. Include contact information and the name and title of the person authorized to sign for the PHA, Tribe/TDHEs, and/or RA.		
2024 or 2025 Annual Nonprofit (tax-exempt) Information Return • All new applicants that are either a RA, PHA affiliate/instrumentality that is not applying as a Multifamily owner, and/or nonprofit organization must submit a copy of their 2024 or 2025 federal annual information return submitted to the IRS (for 501(c)(3) applicants) • Renewal applicants must certify on the	Required for all new applicants that are either an RA, PHA affiliate/instrumentality that is not applying as a Multifamily owner, and/or nonprofit organization.	See Section V.A.

HUD-52768 that your nonprofit status is current and in good standing. • This certification is a curable threshold requirement.		
Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract • All Multifamily owners applying to serve a RAD PBRA project or a PHA applying to serve a RAD PBV project, you must include a copy of the HAP contract for each RAD PBRA or RAD PBV project listed on the HUD-52768 Form. • This is a curable deficiency requirement. If the HAP contract is not submitted with your application and is not submitted during the cure period, your application may be ineligible for funding.	Required for Multifamily owners Required for PHAs applying to serve a RAD PBV project	See Section V.A. and Appendix Section
Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct • Both you, as the award recipient, and all subrecipients must have a code of conduct (or written standards of conduct). The code of conduct must comply with the requirements included in the	If applicable, required with the application	HUD may contact an applicant to clarify any items on this form, and it will be treated as a curable deficiency. See: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants

	"Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards" section of the Administrative, National and Department Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance Awards, as well as any program-specific requirements. These requirements include ethical standards related to conflicts of interest for procurements in 2 CFR 200.318(c) and 2 CFR 200.317, as well as HUD-specific conflict of interest standards. HUD maintains a list of organizations that have previously submitted written standards of conduct on its Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs webpage. Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs webpage, but it is your responsibility to ensure that the standards are compliant with the noted requirements and that HUD has the latest version of the written standards. Updated written standards should be submitted with the application. Any updates to your written standards, after the application period,		

should be submitted as directed by the HUD program contact for this NOFO.		

D. Other Application Content

1. Technical Application Errors

HUD will contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Technical errors, if corrected, do not affect (positive or negative) your merit rating under this NOFO. Examples of technical errors include, but are not limited to: inconsistencies in funding requests; a missing or incomplete form or certification; failure to submit an otherwise sufficient application under the correct Assistance Listings number or Funding Opportunity Number in Grants.gov; improper signature on a form or certification; and missing or inappropriate eligibility documentation.

HUD will send notice to the authorized organization representative to fix a technical error. You must respond timely and appropriately to HUD's notice (see submission requirements).

Your application is not eligible for funding if you fail to fix the error to HUD's satisfaction by the due date in HUD's notice. HUD will not review information submitted after the due date in HUD's notice.

Depending on specific criteria, a technical error or deficiency may be either Curable or Non-Curable.

A Curable Deficiency is missing or incomplete application information that may be corrected by the applicant with timely action. Applicants will have 7 calendar days from the date of the HUD notice to fix curable deficiencies. To be curable, the deficiency must:

- Not be a threshold requirement, except for documentation of applicant eligibility;
- Not influence how an applicant is ranked or scored versus other applicants; and
- Be remedied within the time frame specified in the notice of deficiency.

A Non-Curable Deficiency is missing or incomplete application information that cannot be corrected by an applicant after the submission deadline. A non-curable deficiency is a deficiency that is a threshold requirement, or a deficiency that, if corrected, would change an applicant's score or rank versus other applicants. If an application includes a non-curable deficiency, the application may receive an ineligible determination, or the non-curable deficiency may otherwise adversely affect the application's score and final funding determination.

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When you apply: Your application is reviewed to make sure it meets the threshold requirements of this NOFO. If your application has a technical error, HUD will allow you to correct it. If you fail to meet **any** of the threshold requirements, your application is **not** eligible for HUD funding. If you do meet the threshold requirements, your application moves to Merit Review (the next step).

1. Timely Application Submission

Late applications are not evaluated and not eligible for funding. See deadlines in Section VI.

ROSS-SC 2026 NOFO Thresholds			
Threshold	**Description**	**Curable**	**NOFO Section**
Individual Applicants	Individuals are not eligible for funding under this NOFO. If an individual's name is listed as the Lead Applicant on either the SF-424 or the HUD-52768, the application will be deemed ineligible for funding.	Non-curable	II. Eligibility
Submission of Annual Reporting	On an annual basis, the Grantee must submit performance reporting through Standards for Success (www.grantsolutions.gov). Grantees are generally required to submit an annual report on October 30th of each grant year and a final report 120 days after the grant period ends. Renewal grantees who have not submitted one or more of their annual reporting using HUD's Standards for Success (SFS) framework by the application deadline of this NOFO will be ineligible for funding. Additionally, reports with Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or no data will not be counted as a submitted reported.	Non-curable	V. Application Review Information
Twenty-five Percent Match Requirement	You must have match contributions of at least 25 percent of the amount you are requesting for ROSS-SC funding.	Non-curable	II. Eligibility C. Cost Sharing or Match

Letters of Support for nonprofit applicants	If you are a nonprofit organization, or you are not a site-based RA, you must include a letter of support from either the Public Housing Agency and/or tribe/TDHE(s) you intend to serve.	Non-curable	IV. Application Contents and Format
2024 or 2025 Annual Nonprofit (tax-exempt) Status	RA, PHA affiliates/instrumentalities (that are not applying as a Multifamily owner), and all other nonprofit organizations must either be a locally incorporated nonprofit (usually designated by the state or tribal government) or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit designated by the IRS by the application deadline of this NOFO. Obtaining nonprofit status by the application deadline of this NOFO is a threshold requirement for all RA applicants and nonprofit applicants. Renewal applicants must certify on the HUD-52768 that your nonprofit status is current and in good standing. This certification is a threshold requirement.	Non-curable	II. Eligibility
HUD-52755 - Contract Administrator Partnership Agreement	All RA and Troubled PHA applicants must have a contract administrator. If the HUD-52755 form is not submitted as part of the application, and if it is not completed correctly, it will not be requested during the deficiency period, and your application will be deemed ineligible for funding.	Non-curable	III. Program Description IV. Application Contents and Format
The ROSS Narrative Statement	Required with the application. This is a threshold requirement. If missing, your application will be deemed ineligible for funding.	Non-curable	V. Application Review Information
Housing	If you're a Multifamily owner applying to serve a RAD	Curabl	IV.

Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract	PBRA project or a PHA applying to serve a RAD PBV project, you must include a copy of the HAP contract for each RAD PBRA or RAD PBV project listed on the HUD-52768 Form. This is a curable deficiency requirement. If the HAP contract is not submitted with your application and is not submitted during the cure period, your application may be ineligible for funding.	e	Application Contents and Format Appendix
RAD-PBRA Troubled Assets	Multifamily owners that have a Multifamily housing property with a risk rating of Troubled (scores of 1-3) in the Integrated Real Estate Management System (IREMS) as of the application deadline, are not eligible for an award under this NOFO.	Non-curable	
HUD-52753 - Certification of Resident Council Board of Election	If applicable, required with the application. A Certification of Resident Council Board of Election certificate is a threshold requirement for RA and nonprofit applicants supported by an RA	Curable	IV. Application Content and Format
Letter of Support for Joint Applications	If you are applying as a joint applicant, the lead applicant must obtain a letter of support from each joint applicant. The letter(s) must be dated between the NOFO publication date and application due date.	Non-curable	II. Eligibility
FY24 and FY25 ROSS Grantees	FY24 and FY25 ROSS grantees are ineligible for funding under this NOFO. If you are a FY24 or FY25 ROSS grantee and apply for funding under this NOFO, you will be deemed ineligible.	Non-curable	Appendix
Unexpended Balance	Renewal applicants that have an unexpended balance of 60 percent or more of their FY21, FY22, or FY23 ROSS grant funds by the application deadline are ineligible for funding under this NOFO. In addition, ROSS grantees that received ROSS funding prior to FY21 and have a remaining balance of 40 percent or more of their pre-FY21 ROSS grant(s) are ineligible for funding under this	Non-curable	V. Application Review Information

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Resolution of Civil Rights Matters	If you have any outstanding or unresolved judgments for violating civil rights laws, you must resolved.	Non-curable	II. Eligibility
HUD-52768 - ROSS-SC Application Form	Required with the application. Submission of a complete HUD-52768 is a non-curable threshold requirement. Therefore, if information on the form is missing or incorrect, your application may be deemed ineligible for funding.	Non-curable	IV. Application Contents and Format

2. Complete Application

If your application is timely, HUD will confirm completeness. Your application is considered for funding if it is complete and responsive to the requirements in this NOFO. If your application is incomplete, HUD will ask you to fix any technical errors. Otherwise, incomplete and nonresponsive applications are not considered for funding.

3. Eligible Applicant

Upon receipt, HUD will confirm whether you are an eligible applicant. Applications from ineligible applicants do not proceed to merit review and are not eligible for HUD funding.

B. Merit Review

If your application meets the threshold requirements, a panel will review and score its merits. The panel may include HUD employees and non-employees. They will evaluate your application based on the following criteria. The results of the evaluation are shared with senior HUD officials who make the final decisions about funding consistent with this NOFO.

Merit Review Summary

Both new and renewal applications may receive up to 100 points based on HUD's evaluation using the following three factors.

Rating Factor	Description	Renewal Applicants	New Applicants
Rating Factor 1: Past Performance & Capacity	Evaluates your past performance and capacity. The criteria for Rating Factor 1 are different for new and renewal	Up to 50 points	Up to 50 points

Rating Factor	Description	Renewal Applicants	New Applicants
	applicants. Review the definitions of "new" and "renewal" applicants to determine which criteria apply to you.		
Rating Factor 2: Soundness of Approach	Evaluates your approach and strategy for how you will implement your ROSS program. The criteria for Rating Factor 2 are the same for all applicants, regardless of whether you are a new or renewal applicant.	Up to 45 points	Up to 45 points
Rating Factor 3: Bonus Points	Verification of Membership in HUD's Work and Dignity Coalition	Up to 5 points	Up to 5 points
		Up to 100 total points	**Up to 100 total points**

Applications that do not achieve a minimum score of 60 points in the merit review will be deemed ineligible for funding.

Please note: If you are a RA or a troubled PHA, you may include information about your Contract Administrator to help demonstrate your experience, capacity, and approach as a collective, particularly if your organization lacks direct experience or capacity administering grant programs and /or supportive services.

1. Rating Factors

Your application must include a response to the following criteria.

Rating Factors Details

a. Rating Factor 1 - Past Performance & Capacity.

Rating Factor 1 is divided into two parts based on applicant type:

- (1) Renewal Applicants: Evaluated on past performance and capacity based on previous ROSS grant activities by the application deadline.
- (2) New Applicants: Evaluated on past performance and capacity through relevant experience in managing similar programs.

1. Rating Factor 1 – Renewal Applicants

You may receive up to 50 points for this rating factor. HUD will assess your past performance in implementing prior grant activities to determine your capacity to successfully execute an FY26 ROSS grant award. This evaluation will be based on the annual reports submitted

during your grant period and financial activity in LOCCS. A narrative response should not be submitted for this rating factor criteria.

a. Achievement in Serving Residents. You may receive up to 20 points for this rating factor. HUD will assess the number of residents served during your grant term by reviewing data from the ROSS Data Dashboard, which compiles information submitted through your annual reports in the Grant Solutions Online Data Collection (OLDC) module. Timely submission of annual reports is crucial; if annual report data is not uploaded onto the dashboard, HUD will rely directly on OLDC to determine the number of residents served. To receive points under this criterion, you must have served at least 25 residents during the grant term by the application deadline. Serving fewer than twenty-five residents will result in a score of zero points. HUD will use personal identifiers to calculate the number of unique residents served, ensuring that duplicate identifiers are not counted. Refer to the table below to see points.

Number of Service Coordinators	Number of Residents Served	Points Received
1	0-24	0
1	25-49	10
1	50-99	20
2	0-24	0
2	25-49	5
2	50-99	10
2	100-149	20
3	0-24	0
3	25-49	3
3	50-99	5
3	100-149	10
3	150-199	20

b. Timely Use of ROSS-SC Grant Funds. You may receive up to 15 points based on the timely expenditure of FY21, FY22 and FY23 ROSS-SC grant funds as described below. Additionally, your rating for this sub-factor will be used in the determination of any reduction in

FY26 ROSS-SC award amounts as outlined below.

Percent Unexpended FY21, FY22, and FY23 ROSS-SC grant funds	Points Awarded	FY26 Funding Award Reduction Amount
50-59.99 percent	0	30 percent of FY21, FY22 and FY23 ROSS grant unexpended balance at the application deadline.
40-49.99 percent	10	20 percent of FY21, FY22 and FY23 ROSS grant unexpended balance at the application deadline.
39.99 percent or less	15	No FY26 award reduction.

c. Data Availability of Score. You may receive up to 15 points based on your Data Availability Score in the ROSS Data Dashboard. HUD will assess how complete your FY21, FY22 and FY23 ROSS reports are by reviewing your Data Availability Score in the ROSS Data Dashboard by the application deadline. This score shows the percentage of required data elements you submitted in your annual reports. A higher score means your reporting is more complete.

FY21, FY22, and FY23 ROSS-SC Grant Availability Score	Points Awarded
60 percent and higher	15
50-59.99 percent	10
40- 49.99 percent	5
39.99 or less	0

2. Rating Factor 1 – New Applicants

A narrative response for this rating factor is required for new applicants. Your narrative for Rating Factor 1 must follow a 5-page maximum length, double-spaced, with one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font. Any information submitted beyond the page limits will not be reviewed or considered. This rating factor is worth up to 50 points.

HUD will evaluate your past performance in delivering previous grants and/or supportive services to determine your capacity to successfully manage an FY26 ROSS grant. The review will focus on your experience coordinating and delivering supportive services for low-

income and vulnerable families, meeting resident needs, and helping households move toward self-sufficiency. You must also demonstrate a track record of achieving program goals and supporting residents' economic mobility and stability.

Resident Associations and troubled PHAs that must use a Contract Administrator may also include the past performance and experience of the Contract Administrator's organization.

Rating Factor 1 Criteria - New Applicants	**Description**	**Maximum Points**
Describe your experience within the past five years in receiving and implementing grants and/or programs aimed at delivering supportive services to HUD-assisted and/or low-income families.	To earn up to 5 points, you must include the name of the grant or program, funding agency (grantor), grant amount, and brief description of the program and its goals. Additionally, you must highlight how these grants supported the delivery of services to HUD-assisted and/or low-income families. Applicants without formal grant experience (e.g. RA applicants) may describe programs, services, or resident engagement activities. Failure to include information about grants received and implemented within the past five years, and how those grants supported low-income families, will result in a lower score.	5 points
Describe your achievements over the past five years in delivering supportive services to HUD-assisted and/or low-income families.	To earn up to 10 points, you must provide: specific examples of services delivered, measurable outcomes resulting from these services. Your response should include both descriptive and quantitative information. For example, the number of program participants who completed a service or training program and the impact it had on their employment, income, education, health. Failure to clearly describe the achievements of your supportive service programs will result in a lower score.	10 points
List the partner service providers and/or community-based	To earn up to 10 points, your response must include specific organizations you have partnered with and provide concrete	10 points

organizations within your region and describe examples of how you have collaborated with them to meet the needs of the families you serve.	examples of how these partnerships met the needs of the families in your supportive services programs and/or housing. Failure to provide a list of your partners and clear examples of how partners assisted families you served will result in a lower score for this criterion.	
Describe your organization's experience providing case management to HUD-assisted and/or low-income families.	To earn up to 8 points, your response must include the case management system used, the office or staff at your organization responsible for delivering case management services, process for updating case files and how your organization coordinated and exchanged case (resident) information with partner organizations and other service providers. Failure to describe staff delivering case management, the system used, and how your shared case information with partners will result in a lower score for this criterion.	8 points
Describe your experience using a data driven approach to report program activities and outcomes to your organization's leadership, board members, and funding entities.	To earn up to 7 points, you must explain the methods used to report program data (e.g., written reports, dashboards, presentations) and indicate the frequency of reporting. You must also include examples of how this reporting informed decision-making, partnership realignment or program improvement. Failure to describe methods used to report, frequency of reporting, and how this reporting informed decision-making will result in a lower score for this criterion.	7 points
Describe your experience engaging in and supporting HUD-assisted and/or low-income families with multiple barriers to self-sufficiency.	To earn up to 10 points, provide examples of barriers families faced and how you successfully recruited, retained, and delivered services to households facing multiple challenges such as childcare, disabilities, trauma, or unstable housing. Include specific strategies and outcomes achieved. Failure to describe and provide examples of how you served families with multiple challenges and strategies to keep	10 points

	families engaged will result in a lower score for this criterion.	

b. Rating Factor 2 - Soundness of Approach (For Renewal and New Applicants)

A narrative response for this rating factor is required for new applicants and renewal applicants. Your narrative must follow a 5-page maximum length, double-spaced, with one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font. Any information submitted beyond the page limits will not be reviewed or considered.

To earn up to 45 points, provide a clear and comprehensive narrative explaining how your proposed program will address the needs identified in your community needs assessment. Your approach should align with the ROSS program's purpose of promoting resident self-sufficiency and empowerment. Describe strategies that leverage partnerships, community assets, and available resources to achieve measurable outcomes and help residents progress toward self-sufficiency.

Your narrative must be specific to your application. Submitting the same or substantially similar content across multiple applications may result in a lower score.

Rating Factor 2 Criteria - Renewal & New Applicants	**Description**	**Maximum Points**
Needs Assessment and Resident Response	You must provide a comprehensive overview of the projects and households to be served, ensuring alignment between the needs assessment and the HUD-52768 Form. Please include the following information: • Project Identification: List each project by name and number where residents were surveyed. The project name and number must match what is in PIC. The project number must not contain any special characters or abbreviations. • Number of Units: For each project to be served, specify the total number of occupied units. • Survey Participation: Indicate the number of households	4 points

	surveyed in each project. • Respondent Rate: Calculate and provide the response rate for each project (i.e., number of respondents divided by total households). To receive 4 points, you must have surveyed a total of 20 percent of the head of households in projects to be served and meet the additional criteria above. You must also ensure that households surveyed correspond directly to the project listed on the HUD-52768 Form. Any missing or incorrect information will result in lower points for this criterion.	
Use data to describe the results of the needs assessment	To earn up to 6 points, provide a clear summary of your community needs assessment findings, emphasizing the most frequently reported needs. Identify the most significant needs and barriers, including numerical data, specifying the number and percentage of respondents for each identified need. Similarly, describe the prevalent barriers such as lack of transportation or childcare, as evidenced by corresponding data. This quantitative approach must substantiate the selected areas of need on the HUD-52768 Form and inform proposed strategies to address them. Discrepancies between identified survey findings and selected areas of need, or unclear or insufficient data, will result in a lower score for this criterion.	6 points
Describe how your ROSS program will align partners to help you develop a service	To earn up to 10 points, provide a detailed strategy for addressing each area of need identified in your	10 points

strategy to address each of the selected area(s) of need	HUD-52768 Form. For each area of need, specify the partner organization responsible for delivering services, including the partner's name and the specific services they will provide to address the area(s) of need, overcome resident barriers, and support self-sufficiency goals. Clearly define the ROSS service coordinator's role in coordinating the services, detailing how your ROSS service coordinator will engage with residents and partners to ensure that service delivery meets resident needs and improves outcomes. Comprehensively addressing each selected area of need with specific roles and strategies is essential. Failure to do so will result in a lower score for this criterion.	
Describe how your ROSS program will remove barriers of residents	To earn up to 5 points, clearly describe how your ROSS-SC program will address and help residents overcome obstacles to achieve self-sufficiency. Detail how your implementation of the ROSS program will address challenges through service coordination and service delivery using community resources. Failure to describe resident barriers and strategies to address them will result in a lower score for this criterion.	5 points
Describe how your ROSS program will track the outcomes of residents including Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each of your selected areas of need	To earn up to 6 points, detail your strategy for monitoring resident activities and outcomes within your ROSS program. Explain how you will collect information from residents and partners regarding services provided, specifying the systems and tools to be used for tracking this data. You must also describe the	6 points

	methods and systems you will employ to monitor and evaluate these KPIs effectively. If you currently lack a tracking system, outline the system you plan to implement and provide a timeline for its acquisition and deployment upon receiving the ROSS grant. Failure to describe how you will monitor and track resident activities, outcomes, and KPIs will result in a lower score for this criterion.	
Describe how you will empower residents to move along the self-sufficiency continuum	To earn up to 10 points, provide a detailed description of innovative strategies your ROSS program will implement to build residents' capacities and empower them to achieve personal and professional goals, facilitating their progression along the self-sufficiency continuum. Clearly explain how these strategies will be tailored to meet the unique needs of your resident population and how they align with the ROSS program. Failure to provide a detailed description of how you will empower residents will result in a lower score for this criterion.	10 points
Describe how the staffing at your agency, including your organization's leadership, will support the ROSS-SC program	To earn up to 4 points, provide the name of the departments and/or staff titles that will support the ROSS-SC program, and describe what actions they will take to provide support. Failure to describe what staff and how they will support the ROSS program will result in a lower score.	4 points

c. Rating Factor 3 - Bonus Points (Optional For Renewal and New Applicants)

This rating factor is optional for new applicants and renewal applicants. You may earn up to 5 bonus points by submitting Verification of Membership in HUD's Work and Dignity Coalition.

Rating Factor 3 Criteria - Renewal & New Applicants (Optional)	Description	Maximum Points
Verification of Membership in HUD's Work and Dignity Coalition	The ROSS-SC Program supports residents in overcoming educational, professional, and health-related barriers to achieve self-sufficiency. This effort aligns with the Administration's Work and Dignity Coalition, which emphasizes that both accountability policies and supportive services are necessary to help residents and families move toward economic independence. The Work and Dignity Coalition recognizes that it takes both accountability policies and supportive services to help residents and families on the path to self-sufficiency and economic independence. Coalition members are interested in utilizing work requirements, time limits, or other rent-structure incentives to	5 Points

	promote and reward work for residents and families. Coalition members are also interested in providing and facilitating through partnerships the necessary supportive services to reduce barriers to employment, build workforce and community connections, and strengthen pathways to economic mobility for residents and families. Bonus points will be awarded to applicants that provide verification of membership in the Work and Dignity Coalition. Failure to submit verification will result in no bonus points being awarded. For more information on the Work and Dignity Coalition and how to join, please visit: https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans/public-indian-housing/work-dignity	

This NOFO does not offer any preference points.

C. Risk Review

Before making any awards, HUD will evaluate each applicant's likelihood of successfully carrying out the project. Here's what HUD looks at:

Past Performance:

- Government-wide performance data, as noted in 2 CFR 200.206(a)
- Public sources like news reports, Inspector General findings, Government Accountability Office reports, and complaints proven to have merit
- History of managing Federal awards (if applicable), including on-time reporting, meeting planned goals, and following previous award rules. And, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards
- Reports from past audits, including those performed under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F–Audit Requirements
- History of finishing activities on time and using any promised matching or leveraged funds

Organizational Health:

- Financial stability
- Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards in 2 CFR part 200
- Ability to follow all required laws and rules
- Capacity, including staffing structures and capabilities

Results:

- Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence
- Number of people served or targeted for assistance

HUD may use the results of the risk review to make final funding decisions and/or set specific conditions on the award.

D. Selection Process

When making award funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Threshold review results, including eligibility requirements.

- Merit review results.
- Risk review results.

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may also consider:

- The scope of the overall projected impact on the program and administrative goals and priorities in this NOFO.
- Reasonableness of the estimated costs to the government.
- The applicant's readiness to conduct the proposed work.
- Likelihood that the proposed project will result in the benefits expected.
- Broad range of recipients beyond recurrent recipients.
- Geographic dispersion.
- All else being equal, preference for applicants with lower indirect cost rates.
- Applicants with demonstrated success in implementing Gold Standard Science (applicable to research awards).
- Applicants with potential to produce immediate results and potential for longer-term, breakthrough results, based on the goals of this NOFO (applicable to research awards).

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met timely.
- Use additional funds made available after NOFO publication to either fully fund an application or fund additional applications.
- Correct HUD review and selection errors. If HUD commits an error that causes an applicant not to be selected, HUD may make an award to that applicant when and if funding is available.
- Release another NOFO, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications of merit.

Funding Priorities. Funding for the ROSS-SC is prioritized as follows:

- Funding Category 1: RA Applicants. By statute, and to the extent HUD receives enough qualified applications, 25 percent of all ROSS funds must be awarded to eligible RA applicants to fund one ROSS-SC position per RA. Both renewal and new applicants that are RA applicants are included in this 25 percent set-aside. HUD will fund this category in ranked order starting with the highest review score. If there is not

enough funding to award applicants with tied scores, HUD will conduct a lottery to establish the order of funding. Any RA not funded in this set aside will be placed in the appropriate renewal or new funding category. Note: For a joint application that includes an RA to be eligible for the 25 percent set-aside, the joint applicants must all be RA applicants.

- Funding Category 2: Renewal Applicants. After the RA 25 percent set-aside category is funded, qualified renewal applicants with FY23 ROSS grants will be funded. After the qualified FY23 ROSS renewal applicants are funded, HUD will fund qualified FY22 and FY21 ROSS renewal grants. HUD will fund this category in ranked order starting with the highest review score. If there is not enough funding to award applicants with tied scores, HUD will conduct a lottery to establish the order of funding. Please note that renewal applicants may be subject to a reduced award. See Section V.B. above for more information.
- Funding Category 3: New Applicants. After the RA 25 percent set-aside and renewal categories are funded, remaining qualified applicants that are new will be funded. HUD will fund this category in ranked order starting with the highest review score. If there is not enough funding to award applicants with tied scores, HUD will conduct a lottery to establish the order of funding. Note: Once an applicant or application is selected from the pool, it will not be reintroduced to the pool to deliberately avoid selecting the same applicant or application a second time.

E. Award Notices

If your application is successful, HUD will email an award notice to the authorized official representative from the SF-424. HUD will also notify unsuccessful applicants.

The award notice communicates the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. The notice may also include HUD-imposed award conditions as provided under 2 CFR 200.208.

You agree to the award terms and conditions by either drawing funds from HUD's payment system or signing the agreement with HUD. If you do not agree to the award terms and conditions, HUD may select another eligible applicant.

Grant Award Acceptance

All grantees are expected to accept their award within 30 days of receiving the notification of their award. Failure to accept your award within 30 days of notification may result in the rescinding of your grant award. Please note that grantees must have a valid UEI to accept their grant award. Therefore, grantees should ensure that their UEI has not expired between the submission of their grant award application and time of grant acceptance. Use the Before You Begin section of this NOFO to ensure your SAM.gov registration remains active.

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Make sure you are current with SAM.gov and UEI requirements before applying for the award. See the Before You Begin section of this NOFO.

A. Deadlines

1. Application submission deadline:

The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on:

01/05/2027

HUD must receive your application by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline are late. Late applications are not eligible for HUD funding.

If HUD receives more than one application from you, HUD will review only the last submission.

HUD may extend an application due date based on emergency situations such as Presidentially-declared natural disasters. An improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

In determining whether to grant a request for an extension based on a Presidentially declared disaster, HUD will consider the totality of the circumstances including the date of an applicant's extension request (how closely it followed the basis for the extension), whether other applicants in the geographic area are similarly affected by the disaster, and how quickly power or services are restored to enable the applicant to submit its application.

HUD may extend the application deadline if Grants.gov is offline or not available to applicants for at least 24 hours immediately prior to the deadline date, or the system is down for 24 hours or longer and impacts the ability of applicants to address any Grants.gov validation issues during the grace period.

Note: Busy servers, slow processing, large file sizes, improper registration or password issues are not valid circumstances to extend the deadline dates or the grace period.

2. Grace Period for Grants.gov Submissions

If Grants.gov rejects your application before the deadline, you have up to 24 hours after the application deadline to correct and resubmit your application. Any application submitted during the grace period but not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. There is no grace period for paper applications.

Amending or Resubmitting an Application

Before the submission deadline, you may amend a validated application through Grants.gov by resubmitting a revised application containing the new or changed material. The resubmitted application must be received and validated by Grants.gov by the applicable deadline. If HUD receives an original and a revised application for a single proposal, HUD will

evaluate only the last submission received by Grants.gov before the deadline.

B. Submission Methods

1. Electronic Submission

You must register and submit your application through Grants.gov. See Before You Begin.

For instructions on how to submit in Grants.gov, see the Quick Start Guide for Applicants. Make sure that your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks or we may not get it.

Grants.gov will record the date and time of your application submission. HUD will use this information to determine timely applications.

Need Help? See the Contact and Support section of this NOFO.

2. Electronic Submission Application Waiver

You may request a waiver from the requirement to submit your application electronically. The request must show good cause and detail why you are technologically unable to submit electronically. An example of good cause may include: a valid power or internet service disruption in the area of your business office. Lack of SAM.gov registration is not good cause.

Use the information in the Contact and Support section of this NOFO to submit a written request to HUD. You must **submit your waiver request at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline**.

C. Other Submission Information

1. Intergovernmental Review

This NOFO is not subject to Executive Order 12372. No action is needed.

2. Technical Application Errors

HUD will contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Use the following submission requirements to respond to HUD's notice.

a. Fix Errors in Electronic Applications

To fix an error in response to a HUD notice, you must email the corrections to HUD at applicationsupport@hud.gov. The subject line of the email to applicationsupport@hud.gov must state "Technical Fix" and include the Grants.gov application tracking number (e.g., Subject: Technical Fix - GRANT123456). If you do not email applicationsupport@hud.gov or if you do not include the appropriate subject line, HUD may mark your application as ineligible.

The HUD notice will allow between 48 hours and 7 calendar days from the date of the HUD notice to fix an error. If the due date to fix an error falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters is closed, then the due date moves to the next business day.

UEI Technical Errors. HUD will treat paper applications with the wrong UEI number as a technical error and the applicant will be able to provide a corrected SF-424 to the location indicated in the waiver approval within the cure period specified in the waiver approval and in

accordance with the notification of the need to cure the application. Failure to correct the error and meet the requirement to have a UEI number and active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) will render the application ineligible for funding. Electronic filers that do not meet the registration requirements for a UEI number and registration with www.SAM.gov will not be provided a cure period other than the timely receipt and grace period policy. The seven-day cure period for the ROSS-SC NOFO does not apply to UEI numbers and registration requirements for electronic filers.

b. Fix Errors in Paper Applications

You must fix an error in your paper application, in accordance with HUD's notice. If your paper application includes an incorrect UEI, HUD will request you supply the correct UEI.

HUD will confirm whether the corrected UEI is associated both with your organization and an active SAM.gov registration.

If you fail to fix an error in your paper application within the time frame provided by HUD, your application is ineligible for funding.

D. False Statements

By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding that providing false or misleading information on your application, or during any part of the performance phase of an award, can lead to serious consequences. Those consequences include but are not limited to: fines, repayment, restitution, prison time, termination of any HUD award, and being banned from receiving any future HUD award and doing business with the federal government (18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, 18 USC 287, 31 USC 3729 et seq., 31 USC 3801-3812, FAR Part 9.4, 2 CFR Part 180, other remedies in your HUD award).

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You must follow the applicable provisions in the Administrative, National & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance – 2026:

Administrative

1. Build America, Buy America (BABA) (Sections 70901-52 of Public Law 117-58; 41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq; and 2 CFR Part 184)

2. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.; 49 CFR part 24; and applicable program regulations)

3. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200)

4. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files consistent with 2 CFR 200.303(e)

5. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) (2 CFR part 170)

6. Eminent Domain

7. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1; 12 U.S.C. 1702z-2; 24 CFR part 60; and FR-6278-N-01)

8. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552(b) and 24 CFR 15.107(b))

9. Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs

- Executive Order (EO) 14332 (*Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking*)
- EO 14303 (*Restoring Gold Standard Science*)
- EO 14219 (*Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative*);
- EO 14218 (*Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*);
- EO 14202 (*Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias*);
- EO 14205 (*Establishment of the White House Faith Office*)
- EO 14182 (*Enforcing the Hyde Amendment*);
- EO 14173 (*Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*);
- EO 14168 (*Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*)
- EO 14151 (*Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing*); and

- EO 14148 (*Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions*)

Civil Rights and Other Protections

10. The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and Civil Rights laws (24 CFR 5.105(a))

11. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements (42 U.S.C. § 3608(e)(5) and 24 CFR 5.150 et seq)

12. Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons (12 U.S.C. § 1701u and 24 CFR part 75)

13. Compliance with Immigration Requirements (8 U.S.C. § 1601-1646; 8 U.S.C. § 1324a ("Unlawful employment of aliens"); and Executive Order 14218, *Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*)

14. Accessible Technology requirements (29 U.S.C. § 794d; 29 U.S.C. 794; and 42 U.S.C. 12131-12165 and implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 1194 (Section 508 regulations), 24 CFR § 8.6 (Section 504 effective communication regulations), 28 CFR part 35, subpart H (DOJ Web Access Rule), and 28 CFR part 35, subpart E (DOJ's Title II communications regulations))

15. Ensuring, when possible, the consideration of small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms consistent with 2 CFR 200.321

16. Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities consistent with 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.; 24 CFR 5.109; Executive Order (EO) 14202, *Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias;* and EO 14205, *Establishment of the White House Faith Office*

17. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements (29 U.S.C. § 794 and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 8 and 100; 28 CFR part 35)

18. Applicable Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements in the Housing Chapter of VAWA (34 U.S.C. § 12491-12496); 24 CFR part 5, subpart L; and program-specific regulations

19. Trafficking in persons (Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protections Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended 22 U.S.C. § 7104(g) and implementing regulations at 2 CFR part 175)

Environmental

20. Environmental requirements that apply in accordance with 24 CFR part 50 or part 58; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.

Business Integrity

21. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards (Code of Conduct), including 2 CFR 200.317, 2 CFR 200.318(c), and other applicable conflicts of interest requirements

22. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (41 U.S.C. § 3901 and 2 CFR 200.216)

23. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections (41 U.S.C. § 4712)

24. Drug-Free Workplace (2 CFR part 2429)

In addition, if any part or provision of the award agreement or terms of this NOFO are enjoined or held to be void or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, they shall be ineffective as to such jurisdiction and only to the extent of such prohibition or enjoinment and shall not invalidate or affect the legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications of the Agreement and Notice. In the event the enjoinment of such provisions is stayed, dissolved, or reversed, the full terms of the award agreement and NOFO, including such provisions, will automatically become effective. This clause is self-executing and will become effective, binding, and enforceable automatically upon issuance of this NOFO.

B. Environmental Requirements

1. Environmental Review

You must follow these environmental review requirements, including regulations at:

24 CFR part 58

Activities funded under this NOFO are exempt or categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4321) and not subject to environmental review under related laws and authorities. The exemption or categorical exclusion is in accordance with 24 CFR 58.34 (a)(3), (4) and (9); 58.35 (b)(2) and (3); and 50.19(b)(3), (4), (9), (12), and (13).

2. NOFO Impact Determination Related to the Environment

This NOFO has no significant impact related to the environment. HUD has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4332(2)(c)). To learn more about this FONSI, go to HUD's Funding Opportunities web page.

3. Lead-Based Paint Requirements

You must follow the lead-based paint rules below if you fund any work on pre-1978 housing. This includes buying, leasing, support services, operating, or work that disturbs painted surfaces.

- HUD's rules (Lead Disclosure Rule; and Lead Safe Housing Rule).
- EPA's rules (Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, and Lead Abatement, Inspection and Risk Assessment Rule).

You must discuss the Lead Disclosure Rule if you fund education or counseling on buying or renting housing that may have been built before 1978. You must also discuss the Lead Safe Housing Rule if the education or counseling focuses on buying or renting HUD-assisted pre-1978 housing.

C. Remedies for Noncompliance

HUD may terminate all or a part of your award as described under 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343 pursuant to the terms and conditions of your award, including, to the extent authorized by law:

- if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities; or
- in the case of a partial termination, if HUD determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes for which the HUD award was made.

HUD may also impose specific conditions on your award or take other remedies as described by 2 CFR 200.339 through 200.343, if you do not comply with your award terms and conditions.

Additional Conditions

If a grantee is in default of any part of the NOFO and/or grant agreement, HUD may impose additional conditions, as described in 2 CFR 200.208. Additional conditions will be imposed in compliance with 2 CFR 200.208(c). Additional conditions HUD may impose may include, but are not limited to:

1. Requiring additional, more detailed financial reports;
2. Requiring additional grant monitoring;
3. Requiring the grantee to obtain technical or management assistance;
4. Establishing additional prior approvals;
5. Requiring the grantee to follow a HUD-approved detailed schedule of grant activities;
6. Requiring the grantee to cancel or revise ineligible activities;
7. Temporarily withholding cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the grantee or more severe enforcement action by HUD;
8. Disallowing (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;
9. Wholly or partly suspending or terminating the grant;
10. Initiating suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 CFR part 180 and HUD regulations;
11. Withholding further grant awards for the program;
12. Take action against the grantee under 2 CFR part 2424 and Executive Order 12549 with respect to future HUD or Federal grant awards; and/or
13. Take other remedies that may be legally available, including requiring reimbursement by the grantee for grant amounts used improperly.

D. Reporting

HUD requires recipients to submit performance, financial, and program reports as outlined below. You must comply with these reporting requirements to remain eligible for HUD funding. See Section VII.C. of this NOFO.
Further, the Recipient hereby acknowledges that HUD is in the process of implementing new grants management and reporting tools for all records pertinent to the Federal award. Recipient agrees to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for the Recipient and its Subrecipients) using these

new tools when they are released and to satisfy occasional requests for records pertinent to the federal award, consistent with the requirements for recordkeeping, access to records, and reporting laid out in 2 CFR part 200, which may be amended from time to time. HUD will work with the Recipient to support its transition to the new reporting tools. HUD reserves the right to exercise all of its available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include, without limitation, requiring additional or more detailed financial reports, suspension of disbursements, and all other legally available remedies, to the furthest extent permitted by law.

Report	Description	When
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)	• Awards equal to or greater than $30,000 • Data on executive compensation and first-tier subawards • See Public Law 109-282 and 2 CFR part 170 • HUD reports initial prime recipient data to usaspending.gov • Submit via SAM.gov	See 2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170(a)(2)(ii)
Reporting on Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	• Total value of all current federal awards exceeds $10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this federal award • See Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200 • Submit via SAM.gov	See 2 CFR Appendix-XII to Part 200 I.(d)
Progress Report	• Summary of progress status • Work to be performed during the next reporting period • Any anticipated risks	Annually

	and plans to mitigate those risks	
Federal Financial Report, SF-425	• Summary of key financial data • See 2 CFR 200.328	Annually (check on status) See 2 CFR 200.328 or award terms
Audited financial statement	Recipient's organizational structure, any sub-grantees or sub-recipients, and how each disbursement of grant funds was applied to an eligible cost throughout the life of the grant to receive disbursements of Federal funds.	No less than annually
Annual Program Reporting Standards	Grantees will report on performance data using HUD's Standards for Success (SFS) framework. This framework will track individual residents' progress and reporting performance outcomes to HUD.	Annually

E. Other Information

Budget Modification

If you decide to pay your service coordinator(s) more than 25 percent below the amount originally awarded for salary and fringe benefits, you must submit a budget justification and budget modification request to HUD within 30 days of making that determination.

After HUD receives your request and approves the budget modification, the portion of your award that is no longer needed for salary and fringe benefits may be recaptured by HUD.

Client/ROSS-SC Ratio:

HUD expects at minimum a 50 client to one ROSS-SC ratio per year of the grant. After six months from the grant's launch, ROSS grantees should serve at least 50 participants at any time during the year for each ROSS-SC.

Grantee Annual Grant Expenditures

At the end of each grant year, grantees will be subject to monitoring of their activities and spending. Grantees are expected to have spent approximately 33 percent of their ROSS funding by June 1, 2028, 66 percent by June 1, 2029, and 100 percent at the end of your grant period (see table below for more information on anticipated yearly expenditure).

Grantees who fail to fully spend the anticipated threshold percentage at the end of their first year and second year of their award may be subject to additional grant conditions.

ROSS Grant Spending Thresholds

Year	Percentage Threshold
June 1, 2028	33 percent
June 1, 2029	66 percent
June 1, 2030	100 percent

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A. Agency Contact

1. Program and Application Requirements

Name: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Phone: (800) 955-2232

Email: ross-pih@hud.gov

Note: HUD's assistance is limited by the standards at 24 CFR 4.26.

2. Paper Application Waiver Request

Name: ROSS Program Office

Email: ross-pih@hud.gov

Phone: (800) 955-2232

HUD Organization: Public and Indian Housing

Street: 451 7th Street, SW

City: Washington

DC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

20410

HUD Reform Act. HUD is prohibited from disclosing covered selection information during the selection process. The selection process includes NOFO development and publication, and concludes with the announcement of selected recipients of financial assistance. HUD will not assist you with completing your application.

B. Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides 24/7 support. You can call 800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov. Hold on to your ticket number.

C. SAM.gov

If you need help, you can call 866-606-8220 or live chat with the Federal Service Desk.

D. Debriefing

After public announcement of awards, HUD will debrief you on your application upon your written request. Submit your written request to the agency contact for program and application requirements in this NOFO. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.

For a period of at least 120 calendar days, beginning 30 calendar days after the public announcement of awards under this NOFO, HUD will provide a debriefing related to their application to requesting applicants. A request for debriefing must be made in writing or by email by the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) whose signature appears on the SF-424 or by his or her successor in office and be submitted to the POC in Section VIII. of this NOFO. Information provided during a debriefing may include the final score the applicant received for each rating factor, final evaluator comments for each rating factor, and the final assessment indicating the basis upon which funding was approved or denied.

Appeals. If an applicant wishes to appeal the determination on their application, in accordance with the Office of Public and Indian Housing's policy, the applicant must submit a request that is received within 30 calendar days of the date on the award/ineligible letter. The applicant's request must include the basis for the appeal and must be sent via email to ROSS-PIH@hud.gov. If HUD has committed an error in funding, HUD may issue an award, subject to the availability of funds. HUD will award funds for overturned appeals in order of the highest-ranking applications during the appeal period, which will be based on the availability of funds.

E. Applicant Experience Survey

You are encouraged to provide feedback on your application experience by completing our Applicant Experience Survey. Your feedback is optional; you are not required to provide personal information. HUD may use your feedback to improve future NOFOs. Your feedback has no impact on funding decisions.

F. Other Online Resources

You are encouraged to review the online resources to learn background on some of the NOFO requirements.

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1. Standard Definitions

For standard definitions not listed below, refer to 2 CFR 200.1.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) - statutory obligation to affirmatively further the purposes and policies of the Fair Housing Act (see also 24 CFR 5.151, as amended by 90 FR 11020).

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is the person with legal authority to: give assurances, make commitments, submit your application, and enter into agreements with HUD. They also have special permissions to act on behalf of their organization within the Grants.gov system.

Consolidated Plan has the same meaning as defined at 24 CFR part 91.

E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) is defined at Grants.gov.

Eligibility requirements are mandatory requirements for an application to be considered for funding.

Grants.gov is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for federal financial assistance.

Primary Point of Contact (PPOC) is the person HUD may contact with questions about the application submitted. The PPOC is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

Small business is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than regular-sized business. The definition of "small"–in terms of being able to apply for government support and qualify for preferential tax policy–varies by country and industry. The U.S. Small Business Administration defines a small business according to a set of standards based on specific industries. See 13 CFR part 121.

System for Award Management (SAM) has the same meaning as in 2 CFR 25.100(b).

Threshold Requirements are eligibility requirements you must meet before HUD rates your application for funding.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) has the same meaning as in 2 CFR 25.100(a).

2. Program Definitions.

25 Percent Set-Aside Funding Category is reserved for RA applicants. By statute, and to the extent HUD receives enough qualified applications, 25 percent of all ROSS funds must be awarded to eligible RA applicants to fund one ROSS-SC position per RA. Eligible RA applicants will be funded under this funding category. RA applicants have funding priority over any other applicant type.

Contract Administrator is an overall grant administrator or a financial management agent (or both) that oversees the implementation of the grant and/or the financial aspects of the

grant.

Elderly person is any person 62 years of age or older.

Grant Term under this NOFO is 36 months. If awarded funds, the grant term will start on the effective date of the grant agreement. The period of performance upon which the grantee will be evaluated is 36 months.

Indian Tribe is a federally recognized or state recognized tribe as defined in section 4(13) of the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) 25 U.S.C. 4103(13).

Lottery means a random sample selection process, without replacement, through which each qualified applicant or qualified application has the same probability of being chosen. Once an applicant or application is selected from the pool, it will not be reintroduced to the pool when additional selections are made which will deliberately prevent selecting the same applicant or application a second time.

Multifamily Contract Number (PBRA HAP Contract Number) is the number assigned by HUD to a Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract with the owner of a Multifamily housing property. Multifamily owners applying to serve residents in RAD PBRA projects must include the multifamily contract number on Part II (projects to be served) of the HUD 52768 form and must also submit Part 1 of their HAP contract with their application.

Multifamily Owner is an entity that has the legal right to lease dwelling units in one or more federally subsidized multifamily housing projects. For this NOFO, Multifamily owners are limited to owners of RAD PBRA projects that currently receive or previously received (prior to the RAD conversion) ROSS-SC services under a ROSS grant. HUD understands that some multifamily owners may also be PHAs, PHA Affiliates/Instrumentalities, or other nonprofit organizations. However, for the purpose of this NOFO, PHAs, PHA affiliates/instrumentalities, and nonprofit organizations that are applying as Multifamily owners to serve RAD PBRA units will only be referred to as Multifamily owners (and not PHAs, PHA Affiliates/Instrumentalities or nonprofit organizations). The Multifamily owner's name must be the same entity applying for ROSS funds on the HUD-52768 and SF-424 form. If there is a discrepancy between the owner's name on the HAP contract and the application forms, the applicant must provide a written explanation with their application. Failure to provide this explanation may result in a determination of ineligibility.

PHA Affiliate/Instrumentality is an entity related to the PHA whose assets, operations, and management are legally and effectively controlled by the PHA, through which PHA functions or policies are implemented and that utilize public housing funds or public housing assets for the purpose of carrying out public housing development functions of the PHA. To be eligible under this NOFO, PHA affiliates/instrumentalities must meet the eligibility requirements of nonprofit organizations and must meet the limitations in PIH Notice 2011-47 (extending PIH Notice 2007-15). HUD understands that some PHA Affiliates/Instrumentalities may be a Multifamily owner. However, for the purposes of this NOFO, a PHA Affiliate/Instrumentality applying as a nonprofit organization to serve public housing units is not considered a Multifamily Owner.

New Applicant is an applicant that has never received ROSS funding or was funded under

the FY20 or prior ROSS competition and has an unexpended balance of less than 40 percent. In addition, a joint application that has switched its lead applicant will also be considered a new applicant. FY24 and FY25 ROSS grantees will not be considered new applicants and are ineligible for funding under this NOFO. Additionally, Multifamily Owners will be considered new applicants and funded under the new applicant funding category.

New Funding Category is reserved for new applicants. After the 25 percent set-aside category for RA applicants and Renewal Funding Category for renewal applicant is funded, eligible new applicants will be funded.

Nonprofit Organization for the purposes of this NOFO refers to the following two types of organizations:

1. Locally Incorporated Nonprofit Organization – A nonprofit organization that has filed articles of incorporation with the state office (usually the Secretary of State or Attorney General) or tribal government responsible for incorporations and has been granted such status and has maintained this status by complying with state or tribal government requirements. If applicable, applicants that are in the process of incorporating as a nonprofit organization and have not been approved of such status by the time of the application deadline will not be eligible for a ROSS grant; or
2. Tax-Exempt Nonprofit Organization is an organization that has been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) before the deadline for submission of this application and is therefore exempt from federal taxation. For more information about tax-exempt status, go to irs.gov. If applicable, applicants who are in the process of applying for tax-exempt status and have not received this designation from the IRS by the deadline for submission will not be eligible but may be eligible as a Locally Incorporated Nonprofit Organization if they submit documentation attesting to having this status as of the application deadline.

Nonprofit Organizations, including PHA Affiliates/Instrumentalities that are not applying as a Multifamily Owner, must prove their nonprofit status.

Non-Site Based Resident Association (RA) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization or a locally incorporated nonprofit organization of resident councils or resident management corporations representing multiple public housing projects at one or more PHAs. A non-site-based RA must adhere to 24 CFR 964.115 "Resident Council Requirements" and must only serve public housing residents. All elected governing board members must be public housing residents. All PHAs to be served in the ROSS application must submit a letter of support signed by the Executive Director or other authorized representative, acknowledging that they have monitored the election process and that the RA is in good standing. See Section II for more information

Person with Disabilities is a person who:

1. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity as defined in Section 3602(h) of the Fair Housing Act;
2. Has a condition defined as a disability in section 223 of the Social Security Act; or
3. Has a developmental disability as defined in section 102 of the Developmental

Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act.

The term "person with disabilities" does not exclude persons who have acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for AIDS. In addition, individuals shall be considered a person with disabilities, if they have alcoholism or an addiction to drugs (if it is not caused by current, illegal use of a controlled substance). Note that the definition of "person with disabilities" for certain program purposes (e.g., income determination, eligibility) under 24 C.F.R. 5.403 is different from the definition of "individual with disabilities" under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504). For purposes of compliance with federal fair housing and nondiscrimination requirements under Section 504, the definition of "individual with disabilities" under 42 U.S.C. 12102 will apply.

Public Housing Agency (PHA), as defined by 24 CFR 5.100, means any State, county, municipality, or other governmental entity or public body, or agency or instrumentality of these entities, that is authorized to engage or assist in the development or operation of low-income housing under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. For the purposes of this NOFO, a PHA excludes a PHA affiliate/instrumentality (as defined above). Additionally, for the purposes of this NOFO, a PHA that is also a Multifamily Owner applying to serve RAD PBRA units is not considered a PHA.

Troubled PHA Applicant refers to a PHA that carries a designation by HUD as "troubled" under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) on the national PHAS Operational List of Troubled PHAs as of the deadline date of the application. NOTE: In accordance with 24 CFR 902.66(a), a "high performance" or "standard performance" rating may be withheld, denied, or rescinded if the PHA demonstrates substantial evidence of noncompliance with civil rights, nondiscrimination and fair housing laws and regulations. Any applicant that is unsure of whether they are considered troubled by HUD should contact the Office of Public Housing in the local HUD field office/area and/or ONAP or HUD at ROSS-PIH@hud.gov to determine their status.

Project. This term means a group of properties as explained in PIH Notice 2007-28. The term "new project number" will refer to the new project number that will be assigned to each Asset Management Project (AMP). Henceforward, the terms "AMP," "project," and "new project number" will be synonymous. These projects are identified in PIC with 11-digit codes. In addition, RAD PBV and RAD PBRA properties will also be referred to in this NOFO as "projects." For tribes, a project is a group of properties that are funded through the United States Housing Act of 1937 or with NAHASDA-rental assistance.

Renewal Applicants are FY21, FY22, and FY23 ROSS-SC grantees that were not awarded a FY24 or FY25 ROSS grant. Eligible renewal applicants will be funded based on the requirements of this NOFO and not on the number of coordinators received under their previous award. A renewal applicant may make changes from its FY21, FY22, and FY23 grant as to budget, projects served, number of ROSS-SCs, type of population to be served (family and/or elderly/disabled residents), areas of need to be addressed, partners, and will be considered a renewal. A PHA that is either a FY21, FY22, and FY23 ROSS grantee and includes RAD PBV projects on the HUD-52768 Form will be considered a renewal applicant.

If a joint applicant changes its lead applicant and is submitting their application as a renewal, the application shall not be considered a renewal. See Sections IV.C. and V.A. for more information on joint applications.

If an applicant is a new PHA with a new PHA identifying number and an ACC created by the consolidation of two or more divesting PHAs, the PHA's application shall be considered a renewal under this NOFO if at least one of the divesting PHAs had a ROSS Service Coordinators Program grant under the FY19, FY20, and FY21 ROSS-SC NOFOs.
To view a list of grantees under the FY21, FY22, and FY23 ROSS-SC NOFOs, applicants should review the "Previously Funded Report" available on this page

Renewal Funding Category is reserved for renewal applicants. After the 25 percent Set-aside Category for RA applicants is funded, eligible renewal applicants with FY21, FY22, and FY23 ROSS grants will be funded. Applicants in the Renewal Funding Category have priority over applicants in the New Funding Category.

Resident Association (RA) must exclusively consist of persons residing in public housing or NAHASDA rental assisted units (including board members) and must exclusively represent residents residing in public housing or NAHASDA rental assistance units. RA applicants must also be either a locally incorporated nonprofit organization or a federally designated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization by the application deadline of this NOFO. For the purposes of this NOFO, an RA does not include a nation-wide or nationally based resident organization (e.g., National Resident Organization).

To the extent these requirements are met, RA applicants may include but are not limited to any of the following types of resident organizations:

- City-wide resident councils;
- Intermediary resident organizations;
- Jurisdiction-wide resident organizations (24 CFR 964.105);
- Regional resident organizations;
- Resident councils (RC) (24 CFR 964.115);
- Statewide resident organizations;
- Site-based resident associations; and
- Resident management corporations.

All RA applicants must also submit form HUD-52753 "Certification of Election of Resident Council Board" and must indicate their RA type on the HUD-52768 "ROSS-SC Application Form."

Resident Management Corporation (RMC) must consist of residents residing in public housing who propose to enter or have entered into a contract to conduct one or more management activities of a PHA and meet the characteristics outlined in 24 CFR 964.120 including being a nonprofit organization that is validly incorporated under the laws of the State in which it is located.

ROSS Participant. For purposes of reporting and tracking outcomes, a ROSS participant is defined as a resident who has received an intake assessment by the ROSS-SC and who is actively participating in the program.

Service Coordinator Qualifications – ROSS-SCs should possess most or all the following qualifications:

1. College degree or significant relevant work experience. A Bachelor of Social Work or degree in Gerontology, Psychology, or Counseling is preferable, although any other completed college degree is acceptable. You may also consider individuals who do not have a college degree but who have an Associate's degree or significant relevant work experience;
2. Demonstrated ability to provide effective communications with individuals with disabilities and ensure meaningful language access for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP);
3. Knowledge of federal nondiscrimination laws; and legal liability issues related to providing voluntary Service Coordination;
4. For applicants proposing to serve elderly residents, the ROSS-SC should possess knowledge of the aging process, elder services, disability services, drug and alcohol abuse by the elderly, and physical and mental health issues;
5. Two to three years' experience in social service delivery for low-income youth, adults, seniors citizens and/or people with disabilities;
6. Demonstrated working knowledge of voluntary supportive services and other resources for youth, adults, senior citizens, and/or non-elderly people with disabilities available in the local area;
7. Demonstrated ability to advocate, organize, problem-solve, and provide results for low-income individuals and families, the elderly, and/or individuals with disabilities; and
8. Ability to deliver eligible activities in compliance with nondiscrimination requirements and have experience working with underserved communities.

Site-Based Resident Association (or Local Resident Association) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization or a locally incorporated nonprofit organization representing a specific public housing project.

Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) is an entity authorized or established by one or more Indian tribes to act on behalf of each such tribe as defined in section 4(22) of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4103). TDHE Resident Group refers to tribal/TDHE resident groups that are democratically elected groups such as tribe/TDHE-wide resident groups, area-wide resident groups, single project groups, or resident management corporations (RMCs). To be eligible for ROSS funding, these organizations must have either a state or tribal government designated incorporated nonprofit status or federally designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Direct Service must be provided to active ROSS participants (residents that have had their needs assessed by the ROSS-SC) to help them overcome barriers to success such as lack of childcare, or transportation, including accessible transportation, or expenses that help

active ROSS participants meet their educational, health, or professional goals. Please note that ROSS provided administrative funds may not be sufficient to cover the full range or full costs of needed direct services. See 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E for more information on the eligible use of direct costs.

1. Child Care Services - Grantees may provide bridge funding to help ROSS participants cover initial childcare costs (up to eight weeks) to eliminate barriers to employment, job training or education. Grantees may require ROSS participants to make a partial contribution to the cost. Full child-care costs may be covered for up to eight weeks per participant at the discretion of the grantee. Should ROSS participants make contributions, this period may be extended.
2. Adult Basic Education/Literacy Classes - if there is sufficient need, grantees may hire qualified providers such as community colleges to bring such programs onsite; grantees may also use grant funds to cover the cost of the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) or other equivalent tests for active ROSS participants;
3. After-school Programming – if there is sufficient need, grantees may hire qualified providers to offer after-school enrichment programming for K-12 students; this can include such things as early learning programs, homework assistance, mentorship programs, computer/Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) programs;
4. High School/GED Programs - if there is sufficient need, grantees may hire qualified providers to bring such programs onsite using grant funds; and may also use grant funds to cover the cost of the GED test for active ROSS participants;
5. Programs to assist Residents complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (the FAFSA) for high school graduates interested in pursuing a college degree, grantees may establish education navigator programs to help high-school students and their families complete the FAFSA and navigate the college application process;
6. Job Training and Skills/Employer Linkage and Job Placement - grantees that identified employment as an area of need are encouraged to identify local growth trends in employment by consulting workforce investment boards, community colleges or other similarly specialized organizations, create linkages to relevant employers in their area, and establish training and/or apprenticeship programs to help prepare residents to fill those jobs. Grantees may subcontract with community colleges, industry groups or other accredited entities to provide residents with the needed training to meet employers' needs and to assist with job placement;
7. Digital Inclusion Activities, including assessing residents' needs for digital literacy training, affordable computer devices, affordable Internet access, accessible technology, and coordinating programs to address these needs. Using residents' needs as a guide, grantees may establish comprehensive digital inclusion programs to help residents obtain affordable in-unit Internet access, devices, and the training to use them. This can include working with local Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to offer on site enrollment events, creating hotspot and computer device lending programs, digital navigator programs, and digital literacy training programs. Grantees may not

use ROSS funds to purchase devices for residents or to pay for in-unit Internet service. However, they may use administrative funds to upgrade computer equipment and/or training software at a centrally-located computer learning center such as a Neighborhood Networks center. Grantees are encouraged to review this guidance regarding the use of Public Housing Funds to support computer labs and in-unit Internet access. Grantees can also refer to the ConnectHomeUSA Playbook to guide their efforts.

8. Credit Counseling/Financial Literacy - grantees can subcontract with accredited financial literacy/credit counseling services to bring these services onsite to help active ROSS participants, this can include one-on-one coaching/counseling;
9. Healthcare Services - grantees may hire a healthcare professional (such as a healthcare provider or nurse practitioner) to assess residents' healthcare needs, assist with enrollment in healthcare programs/insurance, connect to a healthcare provider, and in the case of elderly/disabled residents, ensure medications and prescriptions are up-to date. Additionally, sites may consider hiring a Community Health Worker(s) to support coordination with Federally Qualified Health Centers; and
10. Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL) for elderly residents/residents with disabilities - grantees that have selected elderly/disabled as an area of need, may use grant funds to assist ROSS participants with ADLs. These activities should also be aimed at reducing social isolation, ensuring residents with disabilities are in units that meet their disability-related needs, that they have access to accessible transportation, and taking other actions to assist elderly residents and residents with disabilities with varying levels of health needs live independently for a prolonged period.