

CoCBuilds NOFO

DeKalb County Continuum of Care

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I. CoCBuilds Overview

I. The Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds (CoCBuilds) NOFO focuses on initiatives within CoC geographic areas aimed at addressing and reducing homelessness by creating new permanent supportive housing (PSH) units. New units can be added through a one-time CoCBuilds award to fund new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation. HUD encourages CoCs to combine CoCBuilds funds with other financing sources to maximize the housing available for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

II. PSH offers permanent housing along with supportive services to help individuals with disabilities live independently; families with at least one disabled member are also eligible for housing units created under this initiative.

III. Award recipients can allocate 20 percent of each award for other eligible CoC Program activities related to the PSH project, such as supportive services, rental assistance, and operating costs. No more than 10 percent can be designated for project administration costs (See Section IV.G.3 of the CoCBuilds NOFO) .

II. Request for Applications (RFA)

The DeKalb CoC is now accepting full applications for the CoCBuilds NOFO for projects within its jurisdiction. As the Collaborative Applicant, DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT will review and select the most competitive application to submit to HUD, following the criteria outlined in the HUD CoCBuilds NOFO.

Applicants should submit a complete CoCBuilds application to DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT by October 28, 2024, at 5:00 PM. A complete application includes:

- All required HUD forms, assurances, and certifications as specified in the NOFO
- All necessary narratives and attachments as detailed in the NOFO
- Proof of required registrations (SAM, UEI) as mandated in the NOFO
- Other submission requirements as outlined in the CoCBuilds NOFO

Applicants are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the CoCBuilds NOFO before submitting their applications to ensure compliance with all requirements.

Please note: Applications must not be submitted through Grants.gov. Instead, they should be sent directly to the DeKalb County CoC for evaluation. Refer to the Instructions for Applicants below for more details.

For additional information about the CoCBuilds NOFO, please visit:

- DeKalb CoC website [CoC Notices | DeKalb County GA](#)

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- HUD CoCBuilds NOFO at [CoCBuilds NOFO](#)

III. Eligibility Requirements

Details on eligible applicants, permitted uses of funds, targeted populations, and other pertinent information can be found in the CoCBuilds NOFO. The requirements for this application are consistent with those in the NOFO, unless otherwise noted in this document.

- **DeKalb County Community Development CoC Notice of Intent Requirement**
The DeKalb CoC has requested Notices of Intent (NOI) from parties interested in applying for CoCBuilds funding. Based on the viability and competitiveness of the NOIs received, DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT is now issuing this Request for Applications (RFA). To be eligible for consideration, applicants **MUST** have submitted a NOI by October 21, 2024. Applications submitted through this RFA that did not follow the NOI process will not be considered. This is a Threshold requirement.
- **DeKalb CoC Requirement**
Applicants must confirm that the proposed development is situated within the DeKalb CoC. The DeKalb CoC encompasses the entire DeKalb County (except City of Atlanta in DeKalb) geography. This is a Threshold requirement.

IV. Due Dates

CoCBuilds applicants must meet the following deadlines. Late submissions will not be considered:

- Notice of Intent due to DeKalb County Community Development CoC: October 21, 2024, at 5:00 PM
- Full application due to DeKalb County Community Development CoC: November 1, 2024, at 5:00 PM
- Approval of selected application by the DeKalb County Community Development CoC Board: November board meeting (November 15, 2024)
- Full application submitted to HUD: November 21, 2024, at 5:00 PM

V. Instructions for Applicants

All application materials, including the Application Instructions and Application Package, are available on the DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT web page, as well as on Grants.gov. Applicants must access and review all available application materials.

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Note: Applicants should not submit their applications through Grants.gov. All applications must be sent directly to the DeKalb County Community Development CoC for evaluation.

To submit an application to the DeKalb CoC for the CoCBuils NOFO, applicants must: Download and complete all required Forms, Assurances and Certifications on the DeKalb County Community Development website at [CoC Notices | DeKalb County GA](#)

- Complete the Narratives and Attachments, which should be combined into one PDF document following the formatting requirements described in the NOFO.
- Demonstrate proof of registration in SAM with active UEI by including screen shots (.jpg or .png format) of registration confirmation in your application package.
- Submit application elements in one email to mwrichards@dekalbcountyga.gov and deliver 1 hard copy to the address below no later than November 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Applications should be attached in the form of a compressed (zip) folder, which should contain the following three sub-folders:
 - Forms, Assurances & Certifications
 - Narratives and Attachments
 - Registration Screenshots

Delivery Address

Melvia Richards
DeKalb County Community Development
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VI. Content and Form of Application Submission (See Page 25 of the NOFO)

This section (VI.) contains information about application submission requirements taken from the CoCBuilds NOFO. Applicants are advised to consult the NOFO directly for complete details on submission requirements.

1. Content (Page 26 of the NOFO)

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	This form is required.	Review section IV.B.2.a. of this NOFO for detailed application requirements.
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD 424-B)	This form is required.	Review section IV.B.2.a. of this NOFO for detailed application requirements.
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD 2880)	This form is required.	Review section IV.B.2.a. of this NOFO for detailed application requirements.
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	This form is conditionally required.	Review section IV.B.2.a. of this NOFO for detailed application requirements.
Certification Regarding Lobbying Activities	This form is required.	
Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD-424-CBW)		This form is contained within the Instruction Package.
Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)	This form is required.	This form is contained within the Application Package.
Assurances for Construction Programs (SF-424D)	This form is required.	This form is contained within the Application Package.

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2. Other Submission Requirements

Additionally, your complete application must attach form HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan and you must also submit narrative responses to the following equity requirements as outlined in Section III.F: Advancing Racial Equity, Affirmative Marketing and Outreach, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Each narrative should be no more than 2-pages.

a. Standard Application, Assurances, Certifications and Disclosures

(1) Standard Form 424 (SF-424) Application for Federal Assistance

The SF-424 is the government-wide form required to apply for Federal assistance programs, discretionary awards, and other forms of financial assistance programs. You must complete and submit the form with the other required forms and information as directed in this NOFO.

By signing the forms in the SF-424 either through electronic submission or in paper copy submission (for those granted a waiver), you and the signing authorized organization representative affirm that you both have reviewed the certifications and assurances associated with the application for Federal assistance and

(1) are aware the submission of the SF-424 is an assertion that the relevant certifications and assurances are established and (2) acknowledge that the truthfulness of the certifications and assurances are material representations upon which HUD will rely when making an award to the applicant. If it is later determined the signing authorized organization representative to the application made a false certification or assurance, caused the submission of a false certification or assurance, or did not have the authority to make a legally binding commitment for the applicant, the applicant and the individual who signed the application may be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal action. Additionally, HUD may terminate the award to the applicant organization or pursue other available remedies. Each applicant is responsible for including the correct certifications and assurances with its application submission, including those applicable to all applicants, those applicable only to Federally recognized Indian tribes, or Alaskan native villages and those applicable to applicants other than Federally recognized Indian tribes, or Alaskan native villages.

(2) Assurances (HUD 424-B)

By submitting your application, you provide assurances that, if selected to receive an award, you will comply with U.S. statutory and other requirements, including, but not limited to civil rights requirements. All recipients and subrecipients of the award are required to submit assurances of compliance with Federal civil rights requirements. *See, e.g.,* Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Violence Against Women Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; *see also* [24 CFR §§ 1.5; 3.115; 8.50; and 146.25](#). HUD accepts these assurances in the form of the HUD 424-B, which also require compliance with HUD Reform Act requirements and all general Federal nondiscrimination requirements in the administration of the Federal assistance award.

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(3) Applicant Disclosure Report Form 2880 (HUD 2880)

The form HUD 2880 is required if you are applying for assistance within the jurisdiction of HUD to any project subject to Section 102(d) of the HUD Reform Act . Assistance is provided directly by HUD to any person or entity, but not to subrecipients. It includes assistance for the Acquisition, rehabilitation, operation, conversion, modernization, renovation, or demolition of any property containing five or more dwelling units that is to be used primarily for residential purposes. It includes assistance to independent group residences, board and care facilities, group homes and transitional housing but does not include primarily nonresidential facilities such as intermediate care facilities, nursing homes and hospitals. It also includes any change requested by a recipient in the amount of assistance previously provided, except changes resulting from annual adjustments in Section 8 rents under Section 8(c)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 ([42 U.S.C. § 1437f](#)). See [24 CFR part 4](#) for additional information.

(4) 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 “Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards” section of the Administrative, National and Department Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance Awards - 2024, 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](#). 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.

(5) False Statements

Applicant understands that providing false or misleading information during any part of the application, award, or performance phase of an award may result in criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including but not limited to: fines, restitution, and/or imprisonment under 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, or 18 USC 287; treble damages and civil penalties under the False Claims Act, 31 USC 3729 et seq.; double damages and civil penalties under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, 31 USC 3801 et seq.; civil recovery of award funds; suspension and/or debarment from all federal procurement and non-procurement transactions, FAR Part 9.4 or 2 CFR Part 180; and other remedies including termination of active HUD award.

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(6) Lobbying Activities

Applicants are subject to the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, 31 U.S.C. 1352, (the Byrd Amendment), and 24 CFR part 87, which prohibit recipients of federal awards from using appropriated funds for lobbying the executive or legislative branches of the Federal government in connection with a Federal award. All applicants must submit with their application the signed “Certification Regarding Lobbying” form. In addition, applicants must disclose, using Standard Form LLL (SF-LLL), “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” any funds, other than federally appropriated funds, that will be or have been used to influence federal employees, members of Congress, or congressional staff regarding specific awards. Federally recognized Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe’s sovereign power are excluded from coverage of the Byrd Amendment, but state-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established only under state law shall comply with this requirement.

3. Format and Form (See page 28 of the NOFO)

Narratives and other attachments to your application must follow the following format Guidelines. Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

25 Pages maximum length of narratives (combined)

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

Each rating factor includes the maximum number of pages per rating factor. HUD will not review additional pages submitted over the limit. Budget worksheets do not count toward the maximum number of pages.

VI. System of Award Management (SAM) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

1. SAM Registration Requirement

You must register at www.sam.gov before submitting an application. You must maintain Current information in SAM on immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that a Federal award within the last three years, if applicable. Information in SAM must be current for all times during which you have an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by HUD.

2. UEI Requirement

All entities doing business with the Federal government must use the UEI created in SAM.gov. Your application must include a valid UEI that is registered and active at www.sam.gov. **When submitting an application with a UEI that does not match the organization name as registered in sam.gov will result in an ineligible application.**

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VII. Application Review Information

The DeKalb CoC will assess all applications based on the criteria and point allocation methods specified in the HUD CoCBuils NOFO. This approach ensures that the DeKalb County Community Development CoC selects the most competitive application for the overall NOFO competition. Below are the Review Process and Criteria for the NOFO.

A. Review and Selection Process

DeKalb County Community Development will review applications based on the Review Criteria and threshold requirements set forth in the HUD CoCBuils NOFO. An internal review team will be appointed to evaluate and score the submissions, ultimately selecting the highest-scoring application to recommend to the CoC Board.

All applications must be submitted to DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT by October 31, 2024, at 11:59:59 PM. A recommendation will be made to the CoC Board for approval at the November 2024 Board meeting. Following Board approval, the DeKalb County Community Development CoC, acting as the Collaborative Applicant, will submit the application via Grants.gov before the NOFO deadline.

The DeKalb County Community Development CoC reserves the right to refrain from submitting any applications to HUD if none meet the threshold requirements or the minimum scoring criteria.

B. Review Criteria (See Page 35 of the NOFO)

The application is based on 100 points and has a minimum score threshold of 60 points. Each rating factor includes a maximum number of pages per response. DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT will only read the number of pages indicated. Any pages above the maximum length will not be reviewed or considered.

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1. Raing Factors

Rating Factor	Maximum Points	To Receive Maximum Points
<p>a. Development Experience and Leveraging. Maximum 5 pages for this narrative.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>Demonstrate that the applicant, developer, and relevant subrecipients have experience with at least four other projects that have a similar scope and scale as the proposed project. (up to 8 points)</p> <p>Demonstrate that the applicant, developer, and relevant subrecipients have experience leveraging resources substantially similar to the funds being proposed in the current project. HUD will evaluate up to 3 examples of prior leveraging experience for up to the five largest (by dollar value being contributed to the project) resources being leveraged for the proposed project. Examples of resources that will be considered include Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOME, CDBG, Section 108, Section 202, and Section 811 (up to 8 points)</p> <p>Provide information regarding the availability of low income housing tax credit commitments, project-based rental assistance, and other resources dedicated to the proposed project. Describe the dollar value of each of these commitments and describe the overall cost of the project, including the estimated cost per unit. In cases where the project includes more than one type of housing (e.g. townhouses and apartments), or has multiple sites, provide</p>
		<p>cost per unit information on each site or housing type to the extent possible. (up to 8 points)</p> <p>If there are current properties under construction or rehabilitation where CoCBuilds funds could be used to obtain units, in addition to the bulleted items above, provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the amount and type of funds being used to construct the property; • evidence of site control; • evidence of completed and approved environmental review; • identify the owner of the property and their experience with constructing or rehabilitation; and

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of units that will be finished using CoCBuils funds.
<p>b. Managing Homeless Projects Maximum 4 pages.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>Demonstrate that your organization and that your proposed subrecipients have experience administering programs for individuals and families experiencing homelessness where one member of the household has a disability. Your response must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience managing at least 4 properties that at a minimum includes how you determine the amount of rent to charge based on unit size, addressing program participant complaints, working with other service organizations that may place program participants in the units, and maintaining the properties. (Up to 8 points) • Type and frequency of supportive services that will be available (e.g., case management, life skills, health care). See 24 CFR part 578.53 for full list of CoC Program eligible supportive services. State whether your organization or another organization will provide supportive services. If other organizations will provide some or all of the supportive services, provide the organization(s) name, address, email address, and phone number. If your organization will provide direct supportive services with CoCBuils funds, you must complete the Supportive Services Budget. (Up to 3 points) • Providing transportation for program participants. Describe the methods of transportation that will be available for program participants to travel to doctor appointments, recreation, public services (e.g., post office, library), shopping, other services, etc. If public transportation is available, indicate the hours of

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		operation and the distance from the units. (1 point)
c. Implementation Schedule	12	Complete an implementation schedule based on the proposed CoCBuilds project. i. Based on type of capital cost requested, provide:
Maximum page length not to exceed 2 pages.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Construction – date construction will begin and end, and date property will be available for move-in. • Acquisition – date property will be acquired. • Rehabilitation – dates rehabilitation of the property will begin and end. ii. Provide the proposed schedule for the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site control, indicate if the property has already been identified; • environmental review completion; • execution of grant agreement; • start and completion dates; • anticipated date the jurisdiction will issue the occupancy certificate; • date property will be available for individuals and families experiencing homelessness to begin occupying units. HUD will evaluate the implementation schedule and provide up to 4 points based on whether the development schedule is complete and has all necessary elements, up to 4 points depending on likelihood that development milestones will be met, and up to 4 points based on the likelihood that the project will be ready for occupancy within 36 months of award.
d. Property Maintenance Maximum 2 pages.	5	Demonstrate how you will ensure the property is maintained annually to prevent unnecessary costly repairs. Your description must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the property will be maintained annually and needed repairs are conducted (e.g., checking for roof leaks, routine maintenance for heating and cooling). Identify the source of funds that will be used and whether there will be a reserve fund established specifically for maintenance and repair of proposed units. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate how the project will be able to cover replacement costs (e.g., replacing broken or damaged appliances, major equipment). Indicate if there will be funds

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		provided from other sources and what those sources will be.
<p>e. Unmet Housing Need Maximum 1 page.</p>	7	<p>Describe the population that will be served by the project and the level of unmet need for new units of permanent supportive housing in your area for that population. Using the PIT Count and HIC information, estimate the gap between the number of units of permanent supportive housing available and the number of homeless individuals and families experiencing homelessness where at least one household member has a disability. Maximum points will be awarded for applicants that demonstrate that there are fewer than 50 PSH beds available in a given year for each 100 people in the population that is proposed to be served. (Up to 7 points)</p>
<p>f. Management of Rental Housing Maximum 2 pages.</p>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the rental housing projects you or your subrecipient have managed. If you have or will partner with other organization(s) within the CoC to manage a property(s), provide the organization’s information, type of program participants assisted, and experience. • Include the number of grants for affordable housing awarded over the last three years, total amount of awards, and the type of subsidy funding or financing provided for housing. • Specify the number of assisted and non-assisted units in each property you list. <p>Maximum points will be available for adequately describing management of at least 4 times the number of properties and units proposed in this application.</p>

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<p>g. Coordinated Entry Maximum 2 pages.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Demonstrate how the project will use the CoC's coordinated entry process, or in the case of victim service providers, another coordinated entry process that meets HUD's minimum requirements, to refer individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the new PH-PSH units. The response must include the coordinated entry process implemented and how program participants will be placed in the project.</p>
<p>h. Coordination with Housing Providers, Healthcare Organizations , and Social Service Providers Maximum 2 pages.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>i. Demonstrate either that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the project is leveraging non-CoC funded housing resources through coordination with housing providers, healthcare organizations, and social service providers for new construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation to provide at least 50 percent of the amount being requested in the application, or • the project is leveraging non-CoC funded housing resources to provide subsidies for at least 25 percent of the units that are proposed in the application. You must attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the percentage of subsidies or number of units being provided to support the project. (5 points) <p>ii. Demonstrate through written commitment from a healthcare organization, housing provider, and/or social service provider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to housing resources (e.g., supportive services, home-based and long-term services and supports, primary and medical care, behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment and recovery, and other services); or

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to at least \$7,500 per unit included in the proposed project. <p>Acceptable forms of commitment are formal written agreements and must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • value of the commitment, and • dates the housing and resources will be provided. <p>In-kind resources must be valued at the local rates consistent with the amount paid for services not supported by grant funds. (5 points)</p>
<p>i. Experience Promoting Racial Equity Maximum 4 pages.</p>	8	<p>Describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience soliciting, obtaining, and applying input from underserved groups when designing, planning, and implementing housing projects. • Experience building community partnerships with grassroots and resident-led organizations that provide housing, health care, and supportive services. • Experience designing or operating programs that have improved racial equity, particularly among people experiencing homelessness.
<p>j. Community Integration for Persons with Disabilities Maximum 2 Pages</p>	7	<p>Demonstrate how permanent supportive housing will enable program participants to make meaningful choices about housing, health care, and long-term services and supports that will allow them to fully participate in the community.</p> <p>The response should include how the PSH units will ensure non-segregation of individuals and families experiencing homelessness where at least one household member has a disability. Additionally, the response should include state whether the PSH units will be part of mixed-use development, meaning individuals and families that will reside in the units are not all disabled.</p>

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<p>k. Section 3 Requirement Maximum 1 page.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Describe the actions that will be taken by project applicants to comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) and HUD’s implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for business that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.</p> <p>This does not affect applicant's existing responsibilities to provide training, employment, and other economic opportunities pursuant to Section 3 that result from their receipt of other HUD funding. Grants to Indian Tribes are</p>
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Rating Factor	Maximum Points	To Receive Maximum Points
		subject to Indian Preference under Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b) and are not subject to Section 3 requirements.

CoCBuils Total Application Points Maximum Points: 100

Section 3 (See page 44 of the NOFO)

In accordance with HUD's Section 3 regulations at [24 CFR 75.7](#), your application will receive up to 2 points based on the quality of Section 3 plans submitted. The program office will consider the following in evaluating the quality of the Section 3 plan: Section V.A.1.k of the NOFO.

(1)Other Factors

This section (2. Other Factors) is copied from the CoCBuils NOFO. DeKalb County Community Development will conduct a Threshold Review using the threshold requirements identified by HUD in the NOFO. DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT will incorporate HUD’s policy initiative preference points in the scoring review for this RFA.

- a. Threshold Review. HUD first will review applications to determine whether you and subrecipients meet the project eligibility in Section III.A. [of the NOFO], and whether the applications meet eligibility and quality thresholds detailed in Section V.A [of the NOFO]. If HUD determines these standards are not met, HUD will reject the application, unless otherwise provided in this NOFO. There are 100 points available for applications. To be considered for possible funds, a project application must score at least 60 points or higher.
- b. Projects on Tribal reservations or trust land. HUD will next set aside up to three awards for the highest scoring project applications where new PSH units will be constructed, rehabilitated, or acquired on Tribal reservations or trust lands.
- c. Conditional Selection and Adjustments to Funding. HUD will finally conditionally select applications based on CoCBuils application score using the following process:
 - i. From all the applications for projects in states that have a population of 2,500,000 or fewer, HUD will select the highest scoring applications until a cumulative total of \$65,000,000 has been selected;
 - ii. Select the highest scoring projects remaining, regardless of the population of the state in which the project is located. If there are not enough eligible projects submitted as outlined in Section V.A.2.c.i, HUD intends to add the remaining amount to this amount.

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Policy Initiative Preference Points

This NOFO supports the following policy initiatives, for which a maximum of two (2) preference points may be awarded. Preference points are added to your overall application score.

Environmental Justice (2 points)

You may voluntarily choose to address preference point policy initiatives in your application. Addressing these policy initiatives is not a requirement to apply for or receive an award. If you voluntarily choose to address a policy initiative in your application, you will be required to adhere to the information submitted with your application should you receive an award. The proposed information will be included as a binding requirement of any Federal award you receive as a term and condition of that award.

This NOFO does not offer preference points for Climate Change

Environmental Justice: In accordance with [Executive Order 12898](#), Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, and EO 14008, HUD will award up to two (2) points for applications proposing activities that advance Environmental Justice (as defined in Section I.A.4 of this NOFO). For the purposes of this HUD program, activities that advance Environmental Justice include doing the following for people or communities that have been environmentally underserved or overburdened (e.g. low-income and Black and Brown communities):

- Reducing or mitigating exposure to environmental and health hazards (e.g. industrial facilities, EPA superfund sites, brownfields and legacy pollution, heat islands).
- Improving protection from and resilience to environmental harms (e.g. fire-resistant materials, floodproofing).
- Expanding environmental benefits (e.g. clean air and water, public transportation, bike and walking paths, clean energy, green technology, biodiversity).
- Overcoming prior disinvestment in environmental infrastructure (e.g. drainage systems, green spaces, pollution controls).

To receive points under this Section, your application must describe in detail how your proposed activities will advance Environmental Justice in one or more of these ways.

In addition, to receive points under this Section, your application must also clearly describe how your activities will be informed by input from affected communities. To provide those affected a meaningful opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of your activities, you should make key information available online and through other media, engage with community leaders, solicit public feedback, hold public meetings at a variety of times and locations or virtually, and respond appropriately to community concerns.

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This NOFO does not offer HBCU preference points.

This NOFO does not offer preference points related to minority-serving institutions. This NOFO does not offer Promise Zone preference points.

See the CoCBuils NOFO for all additional requirements.