The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year(s) (FY) 2018 and 2019 Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program. HUD will award approximately $73.5 million in total FY 2018 program funding, and the agency reserves the right to make FY 2019 awards through this solicitation contingent upon the availability of appropriations. HUD expects to make 20 grant awards, each ranging from $250,000 to $20 million per project period. There is no cost share requirement. The project period is 36 months. The application deadline is February 14, 2019.

The purpose is to provide assistance to HUD customers navigating complex housing and community development challenges by equipping them with the skills, tools, and systems necessary to successfully implement federal programs and policies with effective administrative and managerial oversight. Eligible activities include: needs assessments; direct technical assistance and capacity building engagements; development and maintenance of tools and products; self-directed and group learning; knowledge management; data analysis, reporting, and performance measurement; administration of the Indian Housing Block Grant Allocation Formula and related formula negotiated rulemaking; administration; and coordination.

HUD will award Community Compass funding across eight categories as outlined below:

1. Departmental TA: Up to $25 million
   - $6,440,000 for programs under Office of Community Planning and Development
   - $7,866,000 for programs under the Office of Public and Indian Housing
   - $3,150,000 for programs and initiatives under the Office of Housing
   - $7,544,000 for cross-program requirements, programs, and initiatives

2. CDBG-DR TA: Up to $12 million

3. McKinney-Vento TA: $15 million
4. National Homeless Data Analysis Project (formerly HMIS TA): $7 million
5. Youth Homelessness TA: $5 million
6. Public Housing Administrative Receivership and Recovery TA: $1 million
7. Native American Housing and Community Development TA: $7 million
   • $2 million for a national organization authorized under section 703
8. National Fair Housing Training Academy: Up to $1.5 million

Eligible applicants are units of State, local, and tribal government; special district governments; public housing authorities; Indian housing authorities; institutions of higher education; nonprofit organizations; small businesses; for-profit organizations; and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Councils of Government, or other regional planning entities.

For more information, see the HUD Website or Full Community Compass NOFA. Please contact HUD Community Compass staff within the Technical Assistance Division via email at communitycompass@hud.gov if you have any questions. We would be glad to obtain that information directly for you. Please let us know if you have any interest in this opportunity.