

# PARTNERSHIPS FOR OPENING DOORS

A summit on integrating employment and housing strategies to prevent and end homelessness

*Frequently asked questions (FAQ)*

## Can more than four people participate in the Summit from our community?

Due to space limitations, only four representatives may participate on the community team at the Summit. The community team may include other representatives in the preparation for the Summit as well as the post-Summit follow up steps.

## Why are we required to have a representative of the local workforce system and the local Continuum of Care?

The Summit has a primary objective to identify opportunities for US DOL to assist local communities increase access to employment, training, and career pathways through better use of DOL mainstream programs. The DOL funded partners in the local workforce system are best positioned to identify opportunities and challenges to use these resources. The HUD-funded Continuum of Care (CoC) is the key community infrastructure that coordinates the local homelessness response. HUD is encouraging CoC's to better access all mainstream programs and benefits, including US DOL.

## Why is participation by the State Workforce Agency/State Workforce Investment Board encouraged?

The State Workforce Agency/Workforce Investment Board is the recipient of the US DOL formula grants, establishes the State Plan, and negotiates performance measures with US DOL. Local Workforce Investment Boards receive their funding via the State not directly from US DOL. Since the State Workforce Agency/Workforce Investment Board plays an important policy setting role, it would be very helpful to have one of the four team members be a representative of this Agency/Board.

## What is the minimum number of team members that can participate from our community?

Although teams of up to four (4) are permitted, communities may elect to send fewer. Teams may not be less than two (2) members and must include a representative of the local workforce system and the Continuum of Care.

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### Why do we need to identify a nonprofit agency to accept the Butler Family Fund grant?

Butler Family Fund cannot provide grants to organizations that are not 501(c)3 organizations. The nonprofit organization that is accepting the grant is not required to participate in the Summit.

### What if our travel costs exceed the Butler Family Fund grant of \$2,000?

The team will need to identify other funds to supplement the costs. Unfortunately, no additional funding will be available.

### What if our travel costs are less than the Butler Family Fund grant of \$2,000?

The nonprofit can invest the grant in other community activities that further the project goal of integrating employment and housing to prevent and end homelessness.