Outline of Overarching Policy Priorities Highlighted in FY 2018 NOFA

1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons
    a. Identify, engage and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness
    b. Measure performance based on local data that take into account challenges faced by
        i. Veterans
        ii. Youth
        iii. Families
        iv. Chronically homeless
    c. Comprehensive outreach strategy to identify and continuously engage all unsheltered individuals and families
    d. Use local data to determine characteristics of individuals and families with highest needs and longest experiences of homelessness to develop housing and services tailored to their needs
    e. Reallocation to projects that improve overall performance and better respond to needs
2. Create a Systematic Response to Ending Homelessness
    a. Measure System Performance to determine effectiveness of programs
    b. Create an effective Coordinated Entry process
    c. Promote participant choice
    d. Plan as a system
    e. Make the delivery of homeless assistance more open, inclusive, and transparent
3. Strategic Resource Reallocation
    a. Comprehensive Review of Projects
    b. Maximizing the Use of Mainstream Resources
    c. Partnerships with Public Housing Authorities and other available options for exiting PSH participants
    d. Review of eligible renewal projects to determine effectiveness
4. Using a Housing First Approach
    a. Prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing
    b. No service participation requirements or preconditions
    c. Projects should quickly move homeless persons into permanent housing
    d. CoCs should measure and help projects reduce length of time people experience homelessness
    e. Engage landlords and property owners
    f. Remove barriers to entry
    g. Adopt client-centered service methods