

2019

NOFA Technical Overview- ALL APPLICANTS

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2019 NOFA Policy & Program Priorities

1. **End Homelessness for All Persons** – CoCs need to Identify, Engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness • Measure performance based on local data • Take into account challenges faced by all subpopulations • CoCs should have a comprehensive outreach strategy to identify and engage all unsheltered persons • Use local data to determine those with highest needs & longest experiences of homelessness & tailor housing and services to those needs • Use reallocation to improve overall performance.
2. **Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness** – CoCs should be using System Performance Measures such as, average length of homeless episodes, rates of return to homelessness, & rates of exit to permanent housing destinations • Coordinated Entry should be used to promote participant choice, coordinate homelessness assistance & mainstream housing and services • Assistance should happen quickly • Assistance should be open, inclusive, & transparent
3. **Strategically Allocate & Use Resources** – Use Cost, Performance, & Outcome Data to Improve how Resources are Utilized to End Homelessness • Project Quality, Performance, and Cost Effectiveness should be Reviewed for All Renewal Projects by CoC • Maximize Use of Mainstream & Other Community-Based Resources
4. **Use an Evidence-based Approach** – Employ strong use of data and evidence including the cost-effectiveness and impact of homeless programs on positive outcomes • Focus on recovery, self-sufficiency, stabilization in permanent housing, overall reduction in homelessness and returns to homelessness, improvements in employment and income, and improvements in overall well-being including: mental and physical health, connections to family, and safety
5. **Increase Employment**- Employment provides people experiencing homelessness with income to afford housing and improves recovery outcomes for individuals with mental illness or addiction. CoCs should promote partnerships with public and private organizations that promote employment
6. **Provide Flexibility for Housing First with Service Participation Requirements**- Removing barriers to program entry is a person-centered approach which ensures funds are allocated to providers that serve the most vulnerable households. This NOFA maintains that programs must continue to offer access with no service participation or precondition requirements, while offering communities the flexibility to allow service participation requirements once a person is stably housed in the interest of promoting important outcomes (e.g., employment, increased income, reduced substance use, and strengthened social connection).

2019 DATA & PERFORMANCE PRIORITIES

Increased Emphasis on Performance-Based Decision-Making

- **CoCs cannot receive grants for new projects, other than through reallocation, unless the CoC competitively ranks projects based on how they improve system performance.**
- HUD is increasing the share of the CoC score that is based on performance criteria.
- HUD will prioritize funding for CoCs that have demonstrated the ability to reallocate resources to higher performing projects.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

\$13,140,000 Renewal Projects + DV Bonus (if awarded) + Permanent Housing Bonus (if awarded)

Two-tiered funding approach: Tier 1 = 100% of first-time eligible renewal projects plus 94 % of CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and Tier 2 = Difference between Tier 1 and the CoCs ARD + any amount available for bonus projects (not including amounts available for DV Bonus projects).

TIER 1 AND TIER 2

- Tier 1 equals 100 % of ARD for all projects eligible for renewal for the first time, plus 94% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD, plus any amount available for bonus amounts as described in Section III.C.2.a of the NOFA.
- Project applications that must be ranked include: **New Reallocation, Bonus, DV Bonus, and Renewal Project applications.**
- DV Bonus projects will be reviewed for eligibility and threshold requirements and will be selected based on the CoC Application score plus other criterion specified in Section III.C.3.h of the NOFA. If the DV Bonus project application is selected for conditional award with DV Bonus funds, HUD will remove the DV Bonus project from the CoC's ranking and projects under the DV Bonus will move up one rank position. If the DV Bonus project is not selected with DV Bonus funds, HUD will retain the DV Bonus project in its ranked position and consider the project for conditional award under the regular bonus amount available to the CoC
- First time renewal projects cannot be reallocated and will be ranked within Tier 1.

PROJECT TYPES ELIGIBLE FOR COC FUNDING

- (PSH) Permanent Supportive Housing
- (PH-RRH) Rapid Re-housing
- (TH-RRH) Joint Transitional- Rapid Re-housing
- (SSO-CE) Supportive Services for Coordinated Entry
- (HMIS) Homeless Management Information System

TRANSITION GRANTS

- Eligible renewal projects to transition from one CoC Program component to another during the CoC Program Competition. This process requires reallocating the existing eligible renewal grant and reapplying as a "new" project of the eligible component types: PH-PSH, PHRRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, dedicated HMIS, or SSO-CE. (See NOFA p. 20).

CONSOLIDATIONS

- Eligible renewal project applicants will have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects (but no more than four projects) into one project application during the application process. Prior to beginning the consolidation process in the project application, the applicant should consult with the local HUD field office to ensure each project is eligible to be consolidated. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted. To be eligible for consolidation, projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component; and they will be funded in this competition only with FY 2019 funds

EXPANSION GRANTS

- Renewal project applicants may submit a new project application to expand current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS grant activities within the CoC's geographic area. (See NOFA p. 18)

FOR 2019, PROJECTS MAY SIMULTANEOUSLY CONSOLIDATE AND EXPAND THROUGH THE NOFA PROCESS.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) BONUS PROJECTS

MO-604 CoC D/V Bonus (Estimated) Award Amount- \$791,820

The FY 2019 HUD Appropriations Act provides up to \$50 million for "rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines are critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking."

- **A CoC may apply for any number of the following types of projects:**
 - (1) **Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH)** projects that must follow a housing first approach.
 - (2) **Joint TH and PH-RRH** component projects as defined in Section II.C.3.n of this NOFA that must follow a housing first approach.
- **A CoC may apply for one of the following projects:**
 - (3) **SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)** to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement

policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's Coordinated Entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different).

- A CoC may apply to expand an existing renewal project in accordance with Section III.C.2.j of the NOFA, that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 to dedicate additional units, beds, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants to this population.

BONUS AND REALLOCATION

MO-604 CoC Bonus (Estimated) Award Amount- \$657,000

- CoCs may submit new project applications under the bonus and reallocation process. In the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition, HUD will allow projects and CoCs to combine bonus and reallocation available funding in a single project as both new bonus and **new projects created through the reallocation process have the same eligible new components**: PH-PSH; PH-RRH; Joint TH and PH-RRH; HMIS (dedicated); and SSO-CE.
- During the 2019 NOFA cycle, additional consideration will be given to those projects which prioritize ALL individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, regardless of family composition or size.
- New for 2019, the application scoring process will show preference to those projects which demonstrate the ability to improve overall system performance. This is a definitive priority will impact funding decisions going forward.

INCLUSION, MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION, AND THE VALUE OF LIVED EXPERIENCE

- Applicants should identify steps they will take to ensure that traditionally marginalized populations will be able to meaningfully participate in the planning and implementation of CoC programs and be able to articulate within project cover sheets the extent to which lived experience is centered by the program in its interventions.

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN HOMELESSNESS

- Applicants must assess whether there are racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance, and if present, what steps have been or will be taken to address such disparities.

REALLOCATION and RANK & REVIEW PROCESS

- The slate of Rank and Review Panel members will be named by the GKCCEH Board in July 2019.
- Rank and Review Panel members will be independent reviewers and will not have any association or affiliation with any CoC funded agencies.
- Rank and Review Panel members will be trained by Grants Committee Co-Chairs and GKCCEH Staff on the Rank and Review process, including HUD-defined and locally-defined priorities.
- Rank and Review Panel members will read project applications and score them independently.
- The Rank and Review Panel will hold a consensus meeting to determine which, if any, projects will be rejected, and to rank all remaining recommended projects into Tier 1 and Tier 2.
- Recommendations and rankings from the Panel are submitted to GKCCEH Board for final approval.
- All Project Applicants are notified of Review and Ranking outcomes (rejection, recommended, and ranking in tier system). The CoC MUST notify project applicants within 15 days prior to the HUD application deadline if their project application has been rejected. Anyone considering an appeal, is directed to read 24 CFR 578.35(b)(3), (b)(4), (c)(1), and (d)(2), as well as the FY2019 NOFA (Section X.C – Appeals)
- Evaluation Criteria: Rank and Review receives all project applications and additional items requested above as well as information from GKCCEH (attendance, monitoring reports, timely submission of NOFA requirements, etc.) to make decisions on rankings. The Rank and Review Panel is given the Scorecard tool to assist with evaluating outcomes for each project, as well as decisions about rejecting low performing projects, and recommendations for reallocation, per CoC policy.

TOOLS and RESOURCES

- **Visit and sign up at the HUD Exchange (www.hudexchange.info) to access the following resources:**
 - eSnaps Ask-a-Question (AAQ)
 - FAQs
 - Application instructional guides
 - Webinar and archived slides
 - Detailed application instructions
 - Email updates