



FY19 CoC NOFA Workshop JULY 31, 2019

Overview: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on July 3, 2019 with approximately \$2.3 billion to serve people experiencing homelessness. More details can be found in the HUD CoC NOFA online: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2019-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>

Available Funding: HUD is continuing with the two-tier system for FY19. 94% of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) is \$2,057,711 (Tier 1) and 6% is \$122,896 (Tier 2) plus bonus funding in the amount of \$383,951. Additional Domestic Violence bonus funding is also available, up to \$371,641 (10% of the Preliminary Pro Rata Need).

HUD CoC Policy and Local Priorities:

- 1) Ending homelessness for all persons
 - Identify, engage, and effectively serve everyone.
 - Measure performance and use local data to understand characteristics.
 - Comprehensive outreach to engage all who are unsheltered.
 - Develop housing and supportive services tailored to those with the highest needs.
 - Use reallocation to create new projects that improve overall performance.
- 2) Create a systemic response to homelessness
 - Use system performance measures to determine system effectiveness (exits to PH).
 - Use coordinated entry to promote participant choice and connect to mainstream services.
 - Plan as a system to be more effective.
- 3) Strategically allocate and use resources
 - Review project quality, performance and cost-effectiveness.
 - Improve how resources are utilized to end homelessness.
 - Maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources (partners).
 - Develop partnerships to help sustain those placed in PSH.
- 4) Use an evidence-based approach
 - Prioritize cost-effective projects with positive housing outcomes, based on local data.
 - Reduce the length of time homeless and rates of returns to homelessness.
 - Improvements in employment and income outcomes, as well as overall well-being.
- 5) ****NEW in 2019**** Increasing employment
 - Prioritize training and employment opportunities through agencies and employers.
 - Promote partnerships with public and private organizations that promote employment.
- 6) ****NEW in 2019**** Lowering barriers and service participation requirements
 - Unconditional acceptance, without preconditions, to move quickly into permanent housing.
 - Use service participation requirements after people have been stably housed (consistent with 24 CFR 578.75(h))

Eligible New Projects:

- ****NEW in 2019**** HUD will allow new projects to request one year of funding with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months. HUD has determined that most new projects take approximately 3 to 6 months to begin fully operating (e.g. hiring staff, developing partnerships with landowners for leasing or renting). Therefore, a new project may request a grant term of 12 months to 18 months that will allow for the startup process.
- **Transition** an existing renewable project from one program component to another through reallocation. No more than 50 percent of grant funds may be used for costs of eligible activities of the program component being eliminated, over a one-year grant period. The renewal project applicant must have the consent of its CoC.
- **Domestic Violence Bonus** (PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO-CE) to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The CoC may submit one project application for each project type. Visit <https://safehousingpartnerships.org/> to learn more about victim services.
- **Consolidate** two or more renewal projects into one (same type, same grantee). HUD will not permit a transition grant to be consolidated with any other project.
- **New CoC Bonus or Reallocation** project applications may include the following:
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for chronically homeless at program entry or who meet the definition of DedicatedPLUS (see NOFA section III.C.2.g)
 - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects for people who qualify under 24 CFR 578.3
 - Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) for people who qualify under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3
 - Dedicated HMIS project can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead which is the recipient of the HMIS grant in the CoC Applicant Profile. The HMIS Lead should consider any unique needs that may be required to accommodate emergency shelter, street outreach, homelessness prevention, and other federal programs. This includes applying for funding for comparable database for victim service providers.

Review and Rank Reminders: HUD requires CoC's to rank and review project applications, except for CoC planning projects, into two tiers based on HUD's eligibility and threshold requirements. For more information, please review the [2019 VC CoC Ranking and Selection Policy](#).

Renewal Projects Thresholds:

- On-time APR submission – If APR was late due to HUD, please explain in answer.
- HUD audits.
- Quarterly drawdowns in eLOCCS.
- Full expenditure of awarded funds. If funds are returned, explain the situation.
- Use of a single application form for 4 or mainstream programs - answer, YES.
- Program participants access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance provided by the applicant? Answer, YES.
- Budgets: refer to GIW—match to GIW :
https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-giw-reports/?filter_Year=&filter_State=CA&filter_CoC=CA-611&program=CoC&group=GIW

New project thresholds:

- Does the type of housing and configuration of units fit the needs of program participants (e.g. 2 or more bedrooms for families)
- Whether the type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing. (This includes all supportive services regardless of funding)

- Does the project have a specific plan for ensuring that program participants will be individually assisted to obtain benefits of mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which they are eligible.
- Whether program participants are assisted to obtain or maintain permanent housing in a way that fits their needs (transportation, safety planning, case management, etc.)
- New Joint TH/PH-RRH project budgets must have twice as many resources for the RRH portion than the TH portion and units that are appropriate for the population to be served.
- New SSO-Coordinated Entry projects must have a strategy for advertising that is designed to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC geographic area.

Domestic Violence Bonus Project Ranking:

- CoCs are required to rank all DV Bonus projects on the new project listing with a unique rank number. If a DV Bonus project is conditionally selected by HUD for funding, HUD will remove the ranked project from the new project listing and all other project applications ranked below the DV Bonus project will move up one rank position.

Important Project Applicant Information:

- All project applicants must have a DUNS number and an active SAM registration. The process can take up to four weeks to complete. Links to DUNS and SAM resources are on page 14 of the CoC NOFA.
- All project applicants should read the [CoC NOFA](#) and [CoC Program Interim Rule](#).
- A Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 must be on file with HUD. If your organization is not listed on HUD's website with an approved Code of Conduct, be sure to attach a current version to your project applicant profile in e-snaps.
- 2019 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) will apply because the application submission deadline falls in FY 2019. HUD will use FY 2019 FMRs for funding amounts.
- ****NEW in 2019**** Any youth serving provider funded under this CoC NOFA may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition as a condition of receiving services.
- Each applicant must review or create an Applicant Profile online. Instructions can be found on the HUD exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2958/instructions-for-updating-the-project-applicant-profile/>
- Renewal applicants may import data from a previous renewal in e-snaps, except for first time renewal projects.
- Instructions for new or expansion applications can be found on the HUD exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2909/coc-project-application-instructions-for-new-projects/>

Resources:

- 2019 CoC NOFA Competition Page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2019-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices>
- CoC Program Interim Rule: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2035/coc-program-interim-rule-formatted-version/>
- Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants
- Subscribe to HUD Listserv: www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist
- HUD Exchange, Ask a Question (AAQ): <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>
- E-snaps application information: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>