

Overview of the FY 2016 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition NOFA

- Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6000-N-25
- OMB Approval number: 2506-0112
- CFDA Number: 14.267

IMPORTANT PROJECT APPLICATION DATES & DEADLINES:

- **July 22 – Pre Application & Threshold forms due to CoC coordinator (NEW/RENEWING)**
- July 28(9:00-12), July 29(2-4:30), August 5 (9:30-12) NOFA Project Application Training @ DHS
- August 8 (2:00-4) – CoC Collaborative Application Section meeting #1@ Plato
- August 16 (9:00-11) – CoC Collaborative Application Section meeting #2 @ Plato
- August 23 (1:00-3) – CoC Collaborative Application Section meeting #3 @ Plato
- **August 15 – Draft Project Applications submitted to CoC Coordinator via PDF for ranking**
- Week of August 15th & August 22nd - Scoring committee meets to score/rank Project Applications
- **August 26th – Final Project Applications due to CoC via eSnaps and PDF**

HUD CoC Collaborative Application Deadline: September 14, 2016 @ 6:59 PM. **Note:** *Project Applications must be submitted by the above CoC deadlines not the HUD Application deadline.*

Highlights of the 2016 CoC NOFA:

- \$1.9 billion is available for the FY16CoC Program NOFA which is expected to be sufficient to fund all anticipated renewals.
- Project Applications: HUD will still require Tiering and Project Prioritization.
 - For FY16 HUD, based on GIW, will post Tiers no earlier than June 28.
 - Tier 1 = 93% of the CoC ARD on the final HUD-approved Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)
 - Tier 2 = difference between Tier 1 and CoC's ARD + PSH Bonus. CoC score and project score will determine which projects from Tier 2 will be conditionally selected.
 - Projects can straddle Tier 1 and Tier 2.
 - HUD will award a point value to projects in Tier 2 using a 100 point scale.
 - CoC Score 50 points;
 - Ranking 35 points based on HUD formula;
 - Project type 5 points for PH (PSH & RRH) renewals, HMIS CES and TH Youth, 3 pts for TH (non-youth), and 1 pt for SSO; and
 - Commitment to HUD Policies 10 points (low barrier, rapid placement, Housing First, CES – HMIS and CES projects automatically receive pts.)
 - The CoC will rank projects in order of priority and identify projects rejected. Planning projects will not be ranked.
 - CoC's should consider HUD policy priorities and local priorities, as well as performance and capacity when prioritizing and tiering projects.
 - Projects with outstanding HUD audit findings, history of ineligible participants, evidence of untimely expenditures, or financial management concerns, may be eliminated from competition.

- Project Applicants must have a DUNS # and complete or renew registration in SAM to compete.
- HUD will award at least 30 points (out of 60) in Section VII.A.6. to CoCs where at least one project was directly impacted by a major disaster during 12 months before application deadline.
- Project Application Funding Notice and Selection: CoC's must establish local project review and ranking and set deadlines for project applications and notification of inclusion. This includes:
 - Thoroughly reviewing each project to assure eligible and complete applications.
 - Notice of available funds, timeline and ranking/inclusion of projects must be available on CoC website and to the community.
 - Any project applicant being rejected by the CoC for inclusion must be notified why outside of eSnaps in writing 15 days prior to application deadline and may submit a solo application to HUD by the September 15th deadline.
- Renewal projects requesting RA may request a per-unit amount less than FMR based on actual rent costs and cannot request more than 100% FMR.
- One Planning Grant project can be submitted per CoC.
- PH Bonus projects can be created up to 5% of CoC FPRN for:
 - New PH serving 100% CH for families or individuals; and
 - New RRH serving persons coming from streets, ES, fleeing DV situations or meeting criteria in paragraph 4 of definition of homeless.
- New reallocation projects may include:
 - New PSH serving CH individuals or families;
 - New SSO for Coordinated Entry;
 - New RRH serving individuals and families who enter from ES or streets;
 - New RRH serving youth who meet criteria of paragraph 4 of homeless definition; and
 - New HMIS for the costs of 24 CFR 578.37 carried out by HMIS Lead.
- HUD intends to issue one conditional funding announcement for all projects submitted by the application deadline.
- CoCs may request, in the FY 2016 CoC Application, that up to 10 percent of funding for each fiscal year awarded under this NOFA be approved to serve homeless households with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes who are unstably housed (paragraph 3 of the definition of homeless found at 24 CFR 578.3). CoC's making this request must demonstrate need and submit attachment in e-snaps.
- CoC's are eligible for extra points if the CoC and PHA develop a written plan to include a homeless preference for housing.

Important links:

- Competition page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources/>
- The entire 2016 NOFA can be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2016-CoC-Program-NOFA.pdf>
- HUD Ask A Questions (AAQ): www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/.
- Training and Resources: www.hudexchange.info/homelessnessassistance/

Eligible Project Applicants: Eligible project applicants are nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments, and public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100.. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be sub-recipients of grant funds. **Furthermore, to be eligible for funding applicants must meet all HUD statutory, regulatory and threshold requirements.**

Renewal Projects: Awards made under the CoC Program, SHP, and S+C programs are eligible for renewal for FY 2016 funds if they are currently in operation and have an executed grant agreement that is dated no later than December 31, 2017 and expires in Calendar Year (CY) 2018 (the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017).

PROJECT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Project application including completed charts, narrative and attachments
- SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
- SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities
- Eligibility Documentation
- Applicant Certifications
- HUD-2880 – Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report
- SF-LLL – Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Applicant Code of Conduct
- HUD-50070 Certificate for a Drug-Free Workplace
- If applicable, certification for projects requesting funds be spent in more than one CoC.

HUD's continued focus on six indicators to end homelessness:

- (1) Creation of new PSH beds for the chronically homeless;
- (2) Decrease in the # of the chronically homeless in the CoC;
- (3) Increase in employment for persons residing in or exiting CoC projects;
- (4) Increase in use of mainstream resources for persons staying or exiting CoC projects;
- (5) Prioritization of CH in non-dedicated CoC PSH projects; and
- (6) Percentage of households with children in RRH coming from unsheltered locations.

HUDS' Homeless Policy and Program Priorities:

1. **Create a systemic response to homelessness:** Measure system performance, create effective coordinated entry process, promote participate choice, plan as a system, and make the delivery of homeless assistance more open, inclusive, and transparent.
2. **Strategic Resource Allocation:** Comprehensively review project quality, performance, and cost effectiveness, maximize use of mainstream resources, and review efficacy of transitional housing.
3. **End Chronic Homelessness:** Increase units for CH, target and prioritize permanent housing beds for CH, and improve outreach.
4. **End Family Homelessness:** Assure easy access to RRH and other housing assistance tailored to families, collaborate and seek affordable housing solutions, and address safety needs of families fleeing domestic violence. HUD encourages CoCs to use reallocation to create new RRH projects for families.

5. **End Youth Homelessness:** Understand and develop responsive resources and programs with youth serving organizations to end youth homelessness, evaluate youth programs in the context of challenges specific to homeless youth, consider opportunities to serve youth fleeing domestic violence, human trafficking, or exchanging sex for housing.
6. **End Veterans Homelessness:** Prioritize Veterans and their families who cannot be assisted through VA services and continuously monitor performance.
7. **Use Housing First Approach:** Remove barriers to entry, implement client centered service delivery, use data to more quickly and stably house homeless persons, engage landlords and property owners to speed up the process.

Consolidated CoC Application Point Scale – 200 points maximum + 3 bonus points

Criteria Area	Max Score	Details
1. CoC Coordination & Engagement	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inclusive structure & participation (5) b. Coordination w/ Consolidated Plan, ESG and other organizations (4) c. Addressing the needs of victims of DV (3) d. Public Housing Preference (3) e. Discharge Planning (2) f. Coordinated Entry (3) g. Housing First and reducing barriers (12) h. Outreach (3) i. Criminalization (2) j. Increase in RRH units (4) k. Mainstream benefits collaboration (2)
2. Project Ranking, Review & Capacity	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Objective Criteria and Past Performance (18) b. Reallocation Projects (4) c. Ranking and Selection Process (3) d. Recipient Performance Monitoring (4)
3. HMIS	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. HMIS Governance Charter (2) b. HMIS Policy & Procedures (3) c. HIC Submission (1) d. HMIS Bed Coverage 86%+ (4) e. Data Quality below 10% null/missing/refused/unknown values (4) f. Required Reports – APR, ESG, CAPER, AHAR, and HIC (2 - AHAR, 2 other)
4. Point-in-time	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PIT Count deadline – (3) b. Methodology for Sheltered PIT Count (2) c. Methodology for Unsheltered PIT (2) d. Conducting an Effective youth Count in 2016 (2)
5. System Performance	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reducing # of Homeless Individuals & Families (7) b. Reduction in # of first time homeless (2) c. Length of time homeless (7) – include ESG & CoC funded projects d. Successful PSH placement or retention (7) e. Returns to Homelessness (4)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Jobs and income growth (4) g. System Performance Measures (10)
6. Performance and Strategic Planning	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ending CH (15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Order of Priority (2) 2. Increase PSH beds for CH (10) 3. Reduced CH on PIT (2) b. Ending Homelessness for HH w/ children (15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need prioritization (3) 2. Local plan to rehouse in 30 days (3) 3. RRH Implementation/increase (5) 4. Policy ensure families not separated (2) 5. Reduction in families/youth HH (2) c. Ending Youth Homelessness (15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategies (trafficking/exploitation)(5) 2. Increase Youth from streets (5) 3. Increase funding for uncomp youth (3) 4. Collaboration w/ schools (1) 5. Youth provider participation (1) d. Ending Veterans Homelessness (15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vet PIT count reduction (8) 2. 75% reduction from 2010 (4) 3. Linkage to Vet services (3)
7. Bonus Points	3	Consolidated Application submission w/ CoC Application & Priority Listing by September 15 ^h 7 PM.