

HUD 2021 CoC NOFA and Project Applications Advisory

The annual HUD CoC NOFO was released on Wednesday, August 18th. It is due to HUD on **November 16th**. The NOFO can be found on Grants.gov at: [View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#) Once again, HUD is requiring CoCs to have internal competition deadlines. Projects must be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days prior to the HUD application deadline to allow for review and ranking. As always, we encourage both new and existing applicants to consider applying for funds.

The following deadlines will allow the CoC to review and prepare a competitive application:

By October 1st (Optional) – Draft narratives and/or attachments you would like reviewed prior to e-snaps submission, may be emailed to Liz Rogers at lrogers@helpfbms.org who has offered to provide an additional review of your draft and assist with any technical questions about the project applications. Feel free to be in touch earlier if you have questions.

By October 15th (Mandatory) – Project application packages consisting of the project application(s) and all required attachments, including match letters and nonprofit documentation when applicable, must be submitted in e-snaps. Please email me to alert me when you have submitted in e-snaps. Any project application packages that are not submitted on time or are incomplete risk being ranked lower in the tiering or not included in the CoC application.

By November 1st (Mandatory) – The CoC will inform project applicants whether their project will be included in the CoC Consolidated Application and the scoring and ranking. General CoC membership will be informed after applicants are notified.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

1. The CoC will be scored on the accuracy of all attachments to both the CoC application *and* the project applications.
2. All match letters must be uploaded to esnaps, so you must secure them ASAP.
3. This year's tiering requirements are different than in previous competitions. Tier 1 is equal to 100% of the Annual Renewal Demand minus renewal amounts for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) renewal or YHDP replacement. Our CoC doesn't have YHDP grants in these categories, meaning 100% of the value of all our renewal grants will be available in Tier 1. Given the composition of our CoC grants, **Tier 2 will be the total value of any CoC Bonus funds for which we can apply.**
4. New Bonus projects may be applied for up to \$399,365 for our CoC through the Bonus Round. ***Details and application process to follow in a separate email shortly.*** Details include: must participate in CoC coordinated entry, and must have one of the following project types:
 - a. PSH that exclusively serves chronically homeless individuals and/or families or meets DedicatedPLUS definition found in NOFA,
 - b. Rapid Rehousing,
 - c. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing,
 - d. HMIS, or
 - e. Support Services Only – Coordinated Entry projects.

*New Bonus applications will need to meet the above deadlines.

5. Domestic Violence Bonus funds are being made available again as part of this year's competition in order to support projects that assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Our CoC is eligible to apply for up to \$498,316. DV Bonus projects must take the form of either Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing, or SSO-Coordinated Entry. Projects created with these funds must comply with HEARTH Act rules, follow a Housing First approach, and participate in the coordinated entry system.

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6. Reallocation Process: In accordance with the CoC's Reallocation Process that is outlined in the CoC Policies & Procedures Manual, the CoC will once again evaluate opportunities for reallocation. At this time, the CoC doesn't anticipate reallocating any of the renewal projects this year. However, the Project Review Committee will assess all renewal projects to determine the viability of reallocating CoC projects or some portion of one or more projects to create new high performing projects. A recommendation will be made to the Executive Committee for a final vote. New projects created through reallocation must take the form of one of the project types listed above under the Bonus information (bullet #4). Applicants may also voluntarily reallocate all or a portion of their projects, and should contact me immediately at sglennon@quincyma.gov if you intend to do so.
7. Each year, HUD takes further steps to implement the HEARTH Act. The result is increased expectations for CoCs regarding governance, project review, project monitoring, etc. We are a very small CoC with limited staffing capacity. We depend on your cooperation. As in past years, any applicant is expected to review the NOFA, Hearth Act Final Rule, and all relevant project competition documents found at the HUD Exchange CoC21 Competition Page located at: [FY 2021 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Competition: Funding Availability - HUD Exchange](#). **Please note that HUD amends and updates competition materials frequently, and you should regularly check back to this page for updates. As of the drafting of this email, detailed instructions for Project Applications have not yet been posted to the HUD website.**

PROJECT REVIEW, SCORING AND TIERING:

The CoC Project Review committee is in the process of scoring the projects based on the APR and related data provided by grantees and subgrantees. Information in the NOFA on tiering and scoring may have an impact on our CoC final tiering decisions. All project applicants will be notified by November 1st of the project rankings and whether their application will be included in the CoC's submission. Attached to this email are the new and renewal project scoring tools used for this year's competition.

Thank you as always for your hard work on these applications. More importantly, thank you for your hard work and dedication in serving people experiencing homelessness and helping to end homelessness in our region.

Please be in touch if you have questions.

And I apologize for including everyone's e-mail address in the "TO" field of this e-mail, as opposed to sending this "BCC." I am sending it this way for HUD notification purposes, per application requirements.

Very sincerely,

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