

2010 Continuum of Care NOFA

Summary

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On September 20, 2010, HUD published its Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The NOFA can be located online at

<http://www.hudhre.info/documents/FY2010CoCNOFA.pdf>

Additional notices and sections of the NOFA (e.g., General Section and CoC Registration) have been released previously and can be found online at <http://www.hudhre.info/esnaps/>.

Deadline: November 18, 2010

Key Issues (** signifies new change this year*):

CoC Planning and Coordination

- HUD is encouraging CoCs to create permanent housing for veterans as well as chronically homeless persons, but it isn't required.
- *Grantees should "redouble" their efforts to reach out to homeless veterans as ending veterans homelessness is a HUD and VA priority.
- *The following coordination with education agencies will be required by HUD:
 - CoC must demonstrate collaboration with local education agencies to identify homeless families.
 - CoC must demonstrate that when placing families with children in transitional or emergency shelter the families will be placed as close as possible to their school of origin.
 - CoC must establish policies consistent with education subtitle of the M-V Act.
 - Projects serving families (housing or services) must designate a staff person to ensure that children are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate community services (i.e. Head Start).
- HUD encourages each CoC to address how it is participating in HPRP, VASH, and other ARRA programs (e.g., NSP, CDBG-R)
- HUD has determined that the merger of one or more existing CoCs into a larger CoC can result in better planning and competitiveness. As part of the 2010 registration process, CoCs were allowed to merge. The newly merged CoC is able to use the Hold Harmless Merger framework to calculate their Final Pro Rata Need amount.
- *HUD will give selection priority to projects located in 100% rural areas. Rural areas are in each state listed in the NOFA. HUD strongly encourages CoCs with areas defined as rural to consider using a portion of available funds to create a housing project that will exclusively serve these areas.
- HUD Planning Objectives require the CoC to enter action steps for the following HUD national goals:
 - Increasing the number of permanent housing beds for chronically homeless individuals
 - At least 77% of homeless people remain in permanent housing for at least 6 months or longer
 - At least 65% of homeless people move from transitional housing to permanent supportive housing
 - At least 20% of homeless people are employed at exit from HUD homeless assistance project

- Decreasing the number of homeless households with children
- *The definition of chronic homeless has been expanded to include families that include an adult family member with a disability that has been living in a shelter continuously for 12 months or more or has had 4 episodes of homelessness (in a shelter or on the street) over the past 3 years. This does not mean that all projects must serve both chronically homeless families and individuals. Grantees may exclusively serve chronically homeless families with children in a single project.
- *HUD has added new language regarding specialized services for chronically homeless persons. The NOFA now states:

....recipients may advertise and offer a specialized service package to assist persons with particular conditions or needs that result from or lead to chronic homelessness, such as mental health services, services to address inappropriate sexual conduct, substance abuse addiction treatment, anger management or a high intensity service package designed to meet the needs of service-resistant persons. Recipients may notify other Continuum agencies of the services offered or otherwise indicate the intent to provide special services targeted to a particular need. Recipients may limit admission to or provide a preference for persons who need the particular supportive services offered. Nevertheless, the project shall be open to all otherwise eligible chronically homeless persons or families who may benefit from services provided in the project.

Permanent Housing (PH) Bonus

- PH Bonus project can serve homeless disabled individuals and families or chronically homeless individuals.
- PH Bonus is equal to 15% of a CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) or a maximum of \$6 million.
- PH bonus can be used for one of more projects
- PH Bonus project length:
 - A new SHP project can request funding for 2 or 3 years
 - A new S+C project can request funding for 5 or 10 years
 - A new Section 8 Mod Rehab SRO project can request funding for 10 years

Hold Harmless Need (HHN) Reallocation

- *CoCs in Hold Harmless Need Status (i.e., the amount of all SHP funds eligible for renewal exceeds the preliminary pro rata need for that CoC) may reallocate funds in whole or part from SHP renewal projects to create one or more new permanent housing projects and/or a new dedicated HMIS project.
- *Reallocation Funds project length:
 - A new SHP permanent housing project can request funding for 1, 2 or 3 years
 - A new SHP HMIS Dedicated project can request funding for 1, 2 or 3 years
 - A new S+C project can request funding for 5 or 10 years
 - A new Section 8 Mod rehab SRO project can request funding for 10 years

Renewal Applications

- Renewals applications will consist of the agencies verifying:

- Basic project information
- Applicant eligibility
- Applicant capacity and quality
- CoCs will not rank renewal applications – only accept or reject each application
- Renewals applications will be reviewed separately and quickly by HUD. As part of the review, HUD is going to be considering whether an applicant has a good record regarding regular draw-downs from LOCCS (at least quarterly). HUD can reduce or reject funding applications from grantees that have unresolved audit or monitoring findings for both new and renewal funding.
- HUD anticipates that renewal awards will be announced 60 days after the competition ends.

SHP Renewals

- SHP renewal funds are limited to requesting one year of funding.

S+C Renewals

- *Applications with **first time S+C renewals** of TRA and SRA components may request funds up to the 2010 FMR for units under lease at the time of their Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) submission this year. If the applicant requests more units than in the original application, they must provide the local HUD field office with copies of all executed leases at the time of the GIW submission.

Scoring Criteria

The CoC application will be scored out of 100 points again this year, the point distribution is the same as last year. Housing emphasis and leveraging points will only apply to new projects again in 2010.

Category	2009	2010
CoC Housing Services and Structure	14	14
Homeless Needs Data	26	26
CoC Strategic Planning	22	22
CoC Performance <i>(includes 3 points for CoCs that show an increase of 10% or more in linking people to mainstream resources)</i>	32	32
Housing Emphasis	6	6
Total Available	100	100

Other Information

During the CoC Registration process, each CoC had an opportunity to elect to import their 2009 data into the 2010 application. The Exhibit 1 for CoCs that affirmatively selected this option will be pre-populated with the data from the 2009 application so these CoCs will need to review and, if necessary, edit the imported information.

Additional Information

HUD has made available webcasts that review the [pre-registration Notice for the 2010 CoC NOFA \(9/10/10\)](#) and a [debrief of the 2009 CoC competition](#). The webcast can be viewed any time and is available at the [archived section](#) on the [HUD website](#).

HUD strongly encourages all CoCs to read the [NOFA](#) and review the [training modules](#) on HUD HRE before you begin the CoC Application (Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2) in *e-snaps*. Training modules are posted on the HRE.