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To: Continuum of Care Stakeholders

Re: Guidance for FY 2024 HUD Continuum of Care Competition Application Process

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The 2024 Notice of Funding Availability for the Continuum of Care Program Competition was released by HUD on July 30, 2024. Agencies desiring to participate in the FY2024 Continuum of Care Competition will need to read and complete the following process in order to be eligible and prepared for this year's application submission.

An "Introduction to the CoC Competition" webinar will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 from 2:00-3:30 PM.

The link to the webinar is, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85308298249?pwd=auj5weytealzKjXyPeE2AcTnEXi0z2.1>

Attendance is not mandatory in order to submit a project application. However, it is encouraged that any agency who has not applied for CoC Program Competition funds in the past attend, as it will provide guidance on how to register in eSNAPS.

ELIBIGLE PROJECTS

All applicants must have an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) before submitting an application.

New Projects

CoCs may request funding for new projects through

(1) the reallocation process; (2) the bonus project; or (3) the Domestic Violence Bonus Project. The Continuum of Care encourages lower performing renewal projects to reallocate funding for the creation of new projects.

Through the Bonus Project (amount TBD), the CoC may request funds for the following types of new projects.

- New permanent supportive housing projects that meet the requirements of DedicatedPlus or will serve 100% chronically homeless families and individuals. A DedicatedPLUS project is a permanent supportive housing project where 100% of the beds are dedicated to serve individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability, including unaccompanied homeless youth, that are chronically homeless.
- New rapid re-housing projects for homeless individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, and include persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness.
- New joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing projects combine these two project components into a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. It is required that the project follow a Housing First approach.
- New Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) projects to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- New HMIS project for HMIS costs that may only be carried out by the HMIS Lead.
- Expand existing eligible renewal projects that will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects.

Through the DV Bonus (amount TBD), the CoC may request funds for up to 3 types of projects:

- New rapid re-housing projects for homeless individuals and families fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- New joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing projects that combine these two project components into a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. It is required that the project follow a Housing First approach.
- New Supportive Services Only Projects for Coordinated Entry 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.
- Expand existing eligible renewal projects that will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects.

All Applicants

Prepare, if funded, to participate in the HUD-mandated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry. HUD funded agencies are responsible for the technological responsibilities of participation in HMIS.

Applicants should start to plan for and secure commitments of match

- Match – a 25% cash or in-kind match is required for all program components except leasing. Match is required for both new and renewal projects.
- Match documentation can be in the form of signed letters, memoranda of understanding, or other written evidence of a commitment and must be turned in with the DRAFT application. At a minimum, they must:
 - be on letterhead stationary from the organization providing the funds
 - be signed and dated by an authorized official

