



## 2017 CoC NOFA UPDATE

### A. HUD Policy and Program Priorities:

HUD's homeless assistance programs are being measured in 2017 by the objective to end chronic homelessness and to move the homeless individuals and families to permanent housing, measures based on system performance, and the ability of CoCs that have the capacity to reallocate funds from lower performing objects to higher performing projects. (Page 57)

#### 1) Ending Homelessness for all persons (Page 9)

1. Performance based on local data that considers challenges faced by all subpopulations (veterans, youth, families, chronic homeless)
2. Comprehensive outreach strategy for unsheltered populations
3. Characteristics of individuals and families with highest need and longest experiences of homelessness to develop housing and services to tailor needs
4. Reallocation to create new projects that improve overall performance and respond to needs

#### 2) Systemic response to homelessness (Page 9)

1. **System Performance Measures:** 1) average length of homelessness; 2) rates of return to homelessness; 3) rates of exit to PH destination to determine effectivity
2. **CE Process:** 1) promote participant choice, coordinate homeless assistance and mainstream housing and services to provide assistance quickly; and 3) homelessness assistance open, inclusive and transparent.

#### 3) Strategically allocating and using resources (Page 9)

1. CoCs should improve how resources are used (cost, performance and outcome data)
2. Review Projects for quality, performance and cost effectiveness
3. Maximize use of mainstream and other community-based resources
4. All renewal Projects to determine their Effectiveness in services and cost

#### 4) Use a Housing First approach (Page 9)

1. Help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing
2. Measure and help projects reduce length of time people experience homelessness
3. Engage landlords and property owners, remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods

## B. Changes and Opportunities for our CoC

1. HUD is increasing the share of the CoC score that is based on **performance criteria**. (Page 10).
2. **Permanent Housing Bonus**—Continuums can request up to 6% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for 1 or more permanent housing bonus projects. Our amount equals \$1,996,375. (Page 11).
3. **Joint TH and PH-RRH, a new program type**—Continuums can reallocate or request bonus funds for this new project type which requires the ability to operate both types of housing as one project. HUD specifically notes this may be a good approach in communities such as ours with high unsheltered populations (see New Joint RRH: TH-PH RRH Component handout). (Page 20).
4. **DedicatedPLUS PSH**—This type of PSH allows projects to commit units to vulnerable individuals that enter TH or lost PH without individuals losing their chronically homeless status. We receive points if we have 90% of our PSH dedicated in this way or to chronically homeless. (Page 18).
5. **Expanding existing projects**—Reallocated or bonus funds can now be used to expand an existing project rather than be created as a stand-alone project. (Page 12).
6. **Submit without changes**—Renewing projects that are identical to prior years will have the chance to submit in *e-snaps* without changes, dramatically reducing the work load for individual project applicants.
7. **Tier 2** has removed project type from the Tier 2-point scale, meaning project application ranked in Tier 2 will no longer be scored on the project type (e.g., PH, TH). The 100-point is based on: 1) CoC Score; 2) CoC Project Ranking; and 3) Commitment to Housing First. (Page 16).
8. **Code of Conduct**: if your organization is no longer listed on HUD's website, you must attach an updated Code of Conduct that includes all required information to the Project Applicant Profile in *e-snaps* (Page 39).