



## Point In Time Count and HUD Continuum of Care NOFA Announcement

### Point In Time Count:

On Monday, January 4, 2021, the HUD Continuum of Care Committee (HUD CoC) approved the Point In Time (PIT) Count Advisory Committee's recommendation to request a waiver of all unsheltered PIT Count requirements from HUD. The PIT Count Advisory Committee included representatives from the cities, Alameda County, the HUD CoC Committee, street outreach service providers, youth service providers, and individuals with lived expertise of homelessness. The recommendation is the consequence of a rapidly intensifying COVID-19 pandemic, which imposed barriers related to:

- Insufficient person-power to conduct a visual count,
- Unreliable data from a visual count, likely returning numbers lower than 2019,
- Non-essential COVID-19 risks to essential homeless services,
- Amplified racial inequalities, and
- Public health orders.

The Oakland-Berkeley-Alameda County CoC joins numerous Southern and Central California CoCs in requesting the waiver, including the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the CoC learned that the San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, and Napa CoCs will likewise request an exception from all unsheltered PIT Count requirements. Information about this decision-making process can be found on the [HUD CoC Committee page](#) of the EveryOne Home website, on the tab labeled "2021 Materials" under the date 1.4.21.

The sheltered PIT Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) will take place in 2021 as usual during the last 10 days of January. Sheltered PIT and HIC data is collected from administrative data sources such as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and contributes to homeless services planning and system development. During the first two weeks of January, EveryOne Home and Alameda County Housing and Community Development (HCD) will communicate with providers about the data elements and milestones that will enable the CoC to submit the sheltered PIT Count and HIC data to HUD before the April 30, 2021 deadline.

### HUD Continuum of Care NOFA:

On December 27, 2020, the HEROES Act was signed into law, effectively cancelling the FY 2020 HUD NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) and allowing HUD to distribute funding amounts to renewing grantees based on the FY 2019 competition results. The cancellation will provide much relief to our community at a time when CoCs and providers are coping with an unprecedented public health crisis. Below is the direct text from the law:

*The Continuum Of Care Program—Due to the emergency relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the fiscal year 2020 for the Continuum of Care program under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) shall have no force or effect and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall distribute amounts made available for such fiscal year for such*

*program based on the results of the competition for amounts made available for such program for the fiscal year 2019 (FR-6300–25), except that grant amounts may be adjusted to account for changes in fair market rents.*

For more information, you can go to [HUD Exchange](#) or sign up for [EveryOne Home's email list](#) to receive updates on the HUD CoC NOFA.