Questions from Bidder’s Conference

1. Question: Can Regular NOFO funds be used for emergency shelter?
Answer: No, this is not an eligible use of CoC funding.

2. Question: Will the local application include a “submit without changes” feature?
Answer: No, the local application asks for updated information each year so it would not be possible to submit last year’s responses. For the HUD e-snaps application, there is an option to submit without changes and HUD encourages grantees to use this feature.

3. Question. What is the name of the funding source that this process can be used to renew?
Answer: This process allows existing recipients of HUD CoC funding to renew their grants.

4. Question. How will scoring be done for performance measures for renewals and will applicants be able to see how the calculations are done?
Answer: The methodology for these calculations is the same as in 2021 and can be found on the Renewal Scoring document on the EveryOne Home website. Renewal applicants will receive their scores from EveryOne Home on August 23 and will have an opportunity to review, ask questions, and submit a supplemental narrative if desired.

5. Question. For renewals, are match letters sent to EveryOne Home or posted in e-snaps?
Answer: They are posted to e-snaps.

6. Question. What is the maximum amount we can apply for and does it change if we apply with partners?
Answer: The maximum request amount for a new housing project under the regular NOFO is $1,947,239. The maximum request amount for a new housing project targeting people fleeing domestic violence (using the DV bonus) is $1,286,749. Note: these amounts may change slightly pending final Grant Inventory Worksheet from HUD.
Answer: A lead applicant (recipient) can apply with partners (subrecipients) but this does not change the amounts available.

7. Question. For scattered site projects, has HUD provided clarification if the property needs to be owned already or can funding be utilized to fund the acquisition of a property that would serve as PSH?
Answer: CoC funds may be used to acquire a property to serve as PSH.
8. Question. Can a project serve seniors with dementia or cognitive decline and substance abuse? 
Answer: Yes, provided they meet the HUD criteria for homelessness or chronic homelessness (depending on project type). Also note that projects may target people with certain types of disabling conditions but may not exclude people with other types of disabling conditions.

Questions Received By Email Through August 17, 2022

1. Question: Can Continuum of Care Funds be used to fund ongoing supportive services and/or operations in a project funded by the State through Project Homekey, or included as a source in an application to the State for an upcoming Homekey round?

Answer:

Note: This answer provides information relating to the Regular CoC NOFO (the FAQ period for the Supplemental Unsheltered NOFO has not yet opened).

CoC “regular” bonus funds for new projects can be used in conjunction with Project Homekey but applicants should be aware of the following requirements:

- Under the Regular CoC NOFO, the only eligible project type that would fit with Project Homekey is Permanent Supportive Housing. An applicant seeking services and or operations funding for a Homekey project would submit a CoC application for PSH and request funding for the services and/or operations costs from HUD while providing the housing funding as match.
- CoC new project funding cannot be used for interim housing (emergency shelter or transitional housing). If the Homekey project would be operating as interim housing and converting to permanent housing at some point in the future, the project type is not eligible for CoC funding.
- Individuals who are already housed are not eligible to be served in CoC funded projects, so CoC funding cannot be used to provide services to in-place tenants in existing Homekey projects that are operating as permanent housing.
- Participants in CoC funded new Permanent Supportive Housing Projects must meet HUD’s criteria for experiencing chronic homelessness or “dedicated plus” criteria and must be referred through Coordinated Entry.
- CoC grants awarded for supportive services and operations are annually renewable, but HUD does not provide a COLA or annual increases to these grants, while grantees are still required to serve the same number of participants each year. This means that over time, grantees typically have to find additional funding sources for services/operations as costs increase.

Question 2: What is the maximum funding request for a new project?

Answer: The maximum request amount for a new housing project under the regular NOFO is: $1,947,239. The maximum request amount for a new housing project targeting people fleeing domestic violence (using the DV bonus) is $1,286,749.

Question 3: What are expenditure deadlines for new projects?

Answer: The HUD “regular” NOFO imposes the following timeliness requirements:
• The project applicant is expected to initiate the approved projects promptly in accordance with the requirements of this section of this NOFO. (NOFO page 94)
• All conditional funds awarded in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition must be obligated by HUD by September 30, 2024. Obligated funds remain available for expenditure until September 30, 2029. (NOFO page 93-94)
• The HUD CoC Interim Rule (24 CRF 578.85) imposes further requirements for projects using HUD CoC funds for construction activities: Construction activities. Recipients of funds for rehabilitation or new construction must meet the following standards:(1) Construction activities must begin within 9 months of the later of signing of the grant agreement or of signing an addendum to the grant agreement authorizing use of grant funds for the project.(2) Construction activities must be completed within 24 months of signing the grant agreement.(3) Activities that cannot begin until after construction activities are completed must begin within 3 months of the date that construction activities are completed.

Question 4: Is e-snaps open yet?
Answer: Yes, e-snaps is open for the regular NOFO (as well as the Supplemental NOFO)

Question 5: For a Joint TH/RRH project submitting a renewal, how should we respond to the question on Tab E, Question C (Grant Spending)?
Answer: This project type was unintentionally omitted from the drop-down menu for that question. If you are renewing a TH/RRH project, select “RRH” from the drop down.

Question 6: Can we transition two grants from one component type to a different component type and then also merge the two grants in the same NOFO cycle?
Answer: No, HUD does not allow transition and consolidation to happen simultaneously. You would need to apply for transition grants in this NOFO round and then apply for consolidation in next year’s funding cycle if the transition grants are funded by HUD.

Question 6: Should we wait to hear from EveryOne Home about the local rating and ranking results before submitting our e-snaps application?
Answer: No, please submit your e-snaps application for renewal and new applications by 5:00 p.m. on September 6th. Do not wait until the local rating and ranking process is complete.

Additional Clarification:
The Renewal Application Instructions has been updated with the following clarification regarding the renewal of grants that were consolidated in the 2021 competition.

Old Language:
Projects that consolidated during the FY 2021 process are still required to submit an application. However, this will be limited to one renewal application and can be a project of your choice (within the consolidation). Project must have full twelve months of data since July 1, 2021 to be evaluated.

Replacement Language:
Projects that consolidated during the FY 2021 process are required to submit one local application for the new consolidated grant. The information in the local Renewal Application should match the
information on the HUD 2022 Grant Inventory Work Sheet for the project name and annual renewal amount for the consolidated grant. If your consolidated project does not have a full year of performance data for all grants that were consolidated, performance will be assessed using data from the grant or grants that do have a full year of data (this will typically include the survivor grant).