

# Notice of Funding for Homeless Services FY 2016 Continuum of Care Competition

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) program on June 28, 2016. The full NOFA can be found on the HUD Exchange website (LINK HERE).

The CoC Program is designed to accomplish several goals, including:

- Promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- Providing funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states and local government to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- Promoting access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and
- Optimizing self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

## **APPLICATION QUICK FACTS**

Eligible agencies within the Davis/Woodland/ Yolo County Continuum of Care (CA-521) (also known as the Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)) are eligible to receive a combined total of \$495,065.52, divided as follows:

- \$458,394 in renewal funding (annual renewal demand)
- \$22,919.7 in bonus funding (5% of annual renewal demand)
- \$13,751.82 in planning funding (3% of annual renewal demand)

#### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:**

CoCs may request renewals for existing projects, or may use reallocation or the permanent housing bonus to request funding for new projects as described below. Eligible entities include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments and public housing authorities.

#### **Renewal Projects**

All projects currently funded by the CoC Program that will expire in Calendar Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017) are eligible to apply for renewal funding.

#### **New Projects**

CoCs may request funding for new projects through (1) the process of reallocation or (2) the permanent housing bonus.

- Through the *reallocation process*, which reallocates funds from a currently funded project to a new project, CoCs may create four types of new projects:
  - New permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families.
  - New rapid re-housing projects for homeless individuals and families who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelters.

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- New Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects specifically for a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- New dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects specifically for the HMIS lead.
- Through the *permanent housing bonus*, the Yolo CoC may request up to \$22,919.7 for the following types of new projects:
  - New permanent supportive housing projects that will serve 100 percent chronically homeless individuals and families.
  - New rapid re-housing projects that will served individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters.

#### YOLO COC PROJECT RANKING

CoCs will be required to hold a local funding competition and use an objective ranking system to determine the project applications to be submitted to HUD in this funding round. Projects submitted cannot equal more than the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) of \$458,394 and eligible permanent housing bonus of \$22,919.7. Once the final projects have been selected, the CoC must rank the project applications in two tiers.

- Tier 1 will be equal to 93 percent of Yolo's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) of \$458,394.
- Tier 2 will be equal to the remaining balance of ARD, plus the eligible permanent housing bonus.

#### **HUD Selection**

- HUD will conditionally select all CoC planning projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
- HUD will conditionally select projects that are fully within Tier 1 that pass eligibility and threshold review, based on CoC score beginning with highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring.
- HUD will select projects in Tier 2 in order of CoC score and project score until there are no more funds available.

#### **APPLICATION TIMELINE**

- Eligible applicants must submit a project application in the e-snaps system (LINK HERE) no later than **5:00pm on Sunday, August 14, 2016.**
- Applicants requesting funding for new projects should express their intent to apply to the Yolo County Homeless Program Coordinator at <u>Tracey.Dickinson@yolocounty.org</u> or (530) 666-8559 no later than **5:00pm on Monday, August 8, 2016**.
- Project applicants will be notified regarding the status of their application (including approval or denial, and ranking if approved) no later than **5:00pm on Monday, August 29, 2016.**

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#### **APPENDIX A: APPLICATION TIMELINE**

9.14.16 @ 4:59pm	CoC application due to HUD	
9.13.16	CoC target for submitting application	
9.9.16	Project applicants return final corrected applications in e-snaps	
9.1.16	CoC Coordinator sends comments and corrections to project applicants on apps	
8.29.16 @ 5:00pm	Notification letters issued to applicants	
8.26.16	CoC formally adopts project ranking	
8.17.16-8.24.16	Ranking of project applications	
8.15.16-8.16.16	Homeless Coordinator conducts threshold review of project applications	
8.14.16	Project applications must be submitted to CoC in e-snaps	
8.8.16	Notice of Intent Due to Homeless Coordinator for New Projects	
8.5.16	HUD determines Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding amounts	
8.3.16	CoC formally adopts project ranking and selection process	
7.18.16-7.29.16	CoC Technical Subcommittee revises project ranking and selection process	
7.22.16 @ 5:00pm	Deadline for HUD approval of changes to Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)	
6.28.16	HUD released Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2016 CoC Competition	

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#### **APPENDIX B: HUD SCORING**

Applications will be assessed on a 200-point scale.

CoC Coordination and Engagement	43 Points/ 21.5%
Inclusive Structure and Participation	5
Coordination with the Consolidated Plan, Emergency Solutions Grants and Other Organizations	4
Addressing the Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence	3
Public Housing Agencies	3
Discharge Planning	2
Coordinated Assessment System	3
Housing First and Reducing Barriers	12
Outreach	3
Criminalization	2
Rapid Re-Housing	4
Mainstream Benefits	2
Project Ranking, Review and Capacity	30 Points/ 15%
Objective Criteria and Past Performance	18
Reallocating Projects	4
Ranking and Selection Process	3
Recipient Performance Monitoring	4
Homeless Management Information System	18 Points/ 9%
HMIS Governance	2
HMIS Policy and Procedures	3
Housing Inventory Count (HIC)	1
Bed Coverage	4
Data Quality	4
Required HMIS Reports	4
Point-in-Time Count	9 Points/ 5%
PIT Count and Data Submissions	3
Methodology for Sheltered PIT Count	2
Methodology for Unsheltered PIT Count	2
Conducting an Effective Youth Count in 2016	2
System Performance	40 Points/ 20%
Reducing the Number of Homeless Individuals and Families	7
Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless	2
Length of Time Homeless	7
Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention	7
Returns to Homelessness	4
Jobs and Income Growth	4
System Performance Measures	10
Performance and Strategic Planning	60 Points/ 30%
Ending Chronic Homelessness	15
Ending Homelessness Among Households with Children	15
Ending Youth Homelessness	15
Ending Veteran Homelessness	15

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### APPENDIX C: CHECKLIST OF COMPONENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

#### FY 2016 CoC Application

- $\hfill\square$  CoC Plan with all charts and narratives completed
- □ CoC Review, Score and Ranking Procedures
- □ CoCs Process for Reallocating
- $\hfill\square$  Public posting of FY 2016 Project selections, ranking and CoC application
- □ Governance Charter (HMIS Governance)
- PHA Administrative Plan
- □ HDX Report (System Performance Measures Report)

#### FY 2016 Project Applications

- □ Project application charts, narratives and attachments
- □ SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
- □ SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application
- Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility
- □ Applicant Certifications
- □ Form HUD-2880 (dated between 5/1/16 and 9/14/16)
- □ SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)
- □ Applicant Code of Conduct
- □ Form HUD-50070- Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (dated between 5/1/16 and 9/14/16)

#### FY 2016 Priority Listing

- □ Project reallocation forms (if applicable)
- □ New project listing
- □ Renewal project listing
- □ CoC Planning Project Listing
- □ Final HUD-approved FY 2016 GIW
- □ Form HUD-2991- Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan



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## APPENDIX D: HUD POLICY PRIORITIES

**<u>1. Create a systemic response to homelessness.</u>** In addition to having the right programs to end homelessness, CoCs should be developing the systemic supports that ensure homeless assistance is well coordinated, well managed, inclusive, transparent, and achieves positive outcomes.

- Measure system performance
- Create an effective coordinated entry process
- Promote participant choice
- Plan as a system
- Make the delivery of homeless assistance more open, inclusive and transparent

**<u>2. Strategically allocate resources.</u>** Using cost, performance, and outcome data, CoCs should improve how resources are utilized to end homelessness.

- Comprehensively review project quality, performance and cost effectiveness
- Maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources
- Review transitional housing projects
- Integration

#### 3. End chronic homelessness.

- Target persons with the highest needs and longest histories of homelessness for existing and new permanent supportive housing
- Increase units
- Improve outreach

## 4. End family homelessness.

• Ensure that families can easily access housing assistance tailored to their strengths and needs and, through partnerships, increase access to mainstream affordable housing

#### 5. End youth homelessness.

• CoC and youth-serving organizations should work together to develop resources and programs that better end youth homeliness

#### 6. End veteran homelessness.

• CoCs should take specific steps to reach this goal including prioritizing veterans and their families for assistance when they cannot be effectively assisted with VA services, and coordinating closely with veteran serving organizations

**7. Use a Housing First Approach.** Housing First is an approach to homeless assistance that prioritized rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold).

- Use data to quickly and stably house homeless persons
- Engage landlords and property owners
- Remove barriers to entry
- Adopt client-centered service methods

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