

## Notice of Funding for Homeless Services FY 2017 Continuum of Care Competition

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) program on July 14, 2017. The full NOFA can be found on the HUD Exchange website (<u>LINK HERE</u>).

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 \$517,619, divided as follows:

- \$473,409 in renewal funding (annual renewal demand)
- \$29,473 in bonus funding (6% of annual renewal demand)
- \$14,737 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 are currently in operation and will expire in Calendar Year 2018 (January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018) 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 six types of new projects:
  - New permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families.
  - New permanent supportive housing projects that meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.A.3.d of the NOFA.

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- New rapid re-housing projects for homeless individuals and families who meet specified criteria as defined in Section II.B.2 of the NOFA.
- New Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing projects as defined in Section III.A.3.h of the NOFA.
- New Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects specifically for a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- New dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects carried out by the HMIS lead.
- Through the *permanent housing bonus*, the Yolo CoC may request up to \$29,473 for the following types of new projects:
  - New permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families.
  - New permanent supportive housing projects that meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.A.3.d of the NOFA.
  - New rapid re-housing projects for homeless individuals and families who meet specified criteria as defined in Section II.B.2 of the NOFA.
  - New Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing projects as defined in Section III.A.3.h of the NOFA.
- New if the FY 2017 CoC Competition, HUD will allow CoC's to apply for a new "expansion project" using the reallocation process or permanent housing bonus. This will allow applicants to expand an existing eligible renewal project to increase the number of units or serve additional persons.

#### 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 \$473,409 and eligible permanent housing bonus of \$29,473. Once the final projects have been selected, the CoC must rank the project applications in two tiers.

- Tier 1 will be equal to 94 percent of Yolo's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) of \$473,409.
- Tier 2 will be equal to the remaining balance of ARD, plus the eligible permanent housing bonus.

**HUD Selection** 



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- 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 (<u>LINK HERE</u>) no later than **11:59pm on Wednesday, August 23, 2017.**
- 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 August 11, 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 September 8, 2017.**



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

9.28.17 @ 5:00pm	CoC application due to HUD
9.27.17	CoC target for submitting collaborative application and project priority listing
9.18.17	Project applicants return final corrected applications in e-snaps
9.11.17	CoC Coordinator sends comments and corrections to project applicants on apps
9.8.17 @ 5:00pm	Notification letters issued to applicants
9.7.17	CoC formally adopts project ranking at Special HPAC Meeting
8.26.17-9.1.17	Ranking of project applications
8.24.17-8.25.17	Homeless Coordinator conducts threshold review of project applications
8.23.17 @ 11:59pm	Project applications must be submitted to CoC in e-snaps
8.11.17	Notice of Intent Due to Homeless Coordinator for New Projects
8.4.17	CoC formally adopts project ranking and selection process and posts online
7.27.17	CoC Technical Subcommittee revises project ranking and selection process
7.14.17	HUD released Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2017 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	4
Coordination with the Consolidated Plan, Emergency Solutions Grants and Other Organizations	3
Addressing the Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence	3
Addressing the Needs of LGBT Individuals	2
Public Housing Agencies	5
Discharge Planning	2
Housing First and Reducing Barriers	8
Street Outreach	2
Affirmative Outreach	1
Criminalization	2
Rapid Re-Housing	8
Mainstream Benefits	2
Project Ranking, Review and Capacity	29 Points/ 15%
Objective Criteria and Past Performance	18
Reallocating Projects	4
Severity of Needs and Performance	4
Ranking and Selection Process	3
Homeless Management Information System	13 Points/ 9%
HMIS Governance	2
HMIS Policy and Procedures	2
Housing Inventory Count (HIC)	1
Bed Coverage	6
Annual Homeless Assessment Report	2
Point-in-Time Count	6 Points/ 5%
PIT Count and Data Submissions	3
Effectively Counting Youth	3
System Performance	49 Points/ 20%
Reducing the Number of Homeless Individuals and Families	10
Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless	3
Length of Time Homeless	11
Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention	9
Returns to Homelessness	6
Jobs and Income Growth	4
HMIS System Performance Measures	6
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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