



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

Notice of Funding for Homeless Services FY 2019 Continuum of Care Competition

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) program on July 3, 2019. The full NOFA can be found on the [HUD Exchange website](#).

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 re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- Promoting access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; 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 potentially eligible to receive an estimated combined total of \$578,193, divided as follows:

- \$481,697 in renewal funding (*annual renewal demand*)
- \$26,804 in CoC Bonus funding (*6% of annual renewal demand*)
- \$53,609 in Domestic Violence Bonus funding
- \$16,083 in CoC Planning funding (*3% of annual renewal demand*)

HUD FUNDING PRIORITIES

To support its goal of ending homelessness, HUD prioritizes:

- Ending homelessness for all persons;
- Creating a systemic response to homelessness;
- Strategically allocating and using resources;
- Using an Evidence-Based Approach;
- Increasing employment; and
- Providing Flexibility for Housing First with Service Participation Requirements.

As in previous years, HUD will prioritize funding in alignment with the FY 2019 Appropriations Act. This includes requirements such as:

- CoC's cannot receive grants for new projects (other than reallocation), unless the CoC competitively ranks projects based on how they improve system performance;



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- HUD is increasing the share of the CoC application score that is based on performance criteria; and
- HUD will prioritize funding for CoC's that have demonstrated the ability to reallocate resources to higher performing projects.

More detailed information regarding HUD's funding priorities can be found in Section II of the NOFA.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

CoCs may request renewals for existing projects, or may use reallocation, the CoC bonus, or the domestic violence 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 funded by the CoC Program that are currently in operation and will expire in Calendar Year 2020 (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020) are eligible to apply for renewal funding.

- **Note:** projects that are eligible for renewal may also apply as an expansion project. See the New Project section below for further details on application requirements.

New Projects

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

- 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 Dedicated PLUS as defined in Section III.C.2.g of the NOFA.
 - New rapid re-housing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth.
 - New Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing projects as defined in Section III.C.2.n 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 **CoC Bonus**, the Yolo CoC may request up to \$26,804 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.



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- New permanent supportive housing projects that meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.C.2.g of the NOFA.
- New rapid re-housing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth.
- New Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing projects as defined in Section III.C.2.n of the NOFA.
- New dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects carried out by the HMIS lead.
- New Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) projects specifically for a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- **Please Note:** To be eligible to receive a bonus project, a CoC must demonstrate that it ranks projects based on how they improve system performance as outlined in Section VII.B.1.a of the NOFA.
- Through the **Domestic Violence Bonus (DV Bonus)**, the Yolo CoC may request up to \$53,609 for the following types of projects:
 - New rapid re-housing projects that must follow a housing first approach.
 - New Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing projects as defined in Section III.C.2.n of the NOFA that must follow a housing first approach.
 - New Supportive Services Only projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures and practices that equip the CoC’s coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
 - **Please Note:**
 - The CoC may only submit one project application for an SSO-CE project.
 - The CoC may submit any number PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects provided that each application is for at least \$25,000.
 - The CoC may apply for domestic violence bonus funds to expand an existing project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence if the funds are used to dedicate additional units, beds persons served, or services provided to existing program participants of this population.
- Through the **transition grant**, the Yolo CoC may request to transition one eligible renewal project being eliminated through reallocation to a new project, with the transition from one project component to another occurring over a 1-year period. No more than 50% of funds may be used for costs of eligible activities of the program component being eliminated.
- Through the **expansion process** HUD will allow CoC’s to apply for a new “expansion project” using the reallocation process or bonus projects. This will allow applicants to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program



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participants, or in the case of HMIS projects, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area.

- Applicants must submit the following:
 1. a renewal application for the current project,
 2. a new project application with just the expansion information, and
 3. a renewal project application that incorporates the renewal and new expansion activities, and the combined budget line items for both the renewal and new expansion.
- **New in FY 2019:** HUD will allow CoC's to renew projects funded in the FY2016 Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) if they meet the requirements of the CoC program and will have an operating end date in Calendar Year (CY) 2020 (between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020). The Yolo CoC does not have any current YHDP projects.

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 \$481,697, CoC Bonus of \$26,804, and domestic violence bonus of \$53,609. Once the final projects have been selected, the CoC must rank the project applications in two tiers.

- Tier 1 will be equal to 100% of the combined Annual Renewal Amounts (ARA) for all projects eligible for renewal for the first time plus 94 percent of the combined ARAs for all other projects eligible for renewal Tier 1 for the Yolo CoC will be \$452,795 for FY2019.
- Tier 2 will be equal to the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD (\$28,902) plus any amounts available for CoC Bonus projects (\$26,804). Tier 2 for the Yolo CoC will be \$55,706.

HUD Selection

- 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.
- If a project application is straddling the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding.
- For projects the CoC indicates it would like to be considered as part of domestic violence bonus, HUD will award a separate point value to each project application. CoCs are required to rank all domestic violence bonus projects among the other new CoC projects, but also to assign domestic violence projects a unique rank number. If a domestic violence bonus project is selected by HUD for receipt of domestic violence bonus funds, HUD will remove that project from the CoC's ranked list of new projects, and all other project applications ranked below the



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domestic violence bonus project will move up one ranked position. If the domestic violence bonus project is not selected for domestic violence funding, the project application will remain in its ranked position and will be considered as a normal ranked project within the other CoC funding competition.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Eligible applicants must submit a project application in the [e-snaps system](#) no later than **11:59pm on August 22, 2019**.
- Applicants requesting funding for new projects should express their intent to apply to the Yolo County Homeless Services Team at Emily.Meza@yolocounty.org or (530) 666-8553 no later than **5:00pm on Wednesday, August 7, 2019**.
- 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 Friday, September 13, 2019**.



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APPENDIX A: APPLICATION TIMELINE

7/3/19	HUD released Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2018 CoC Competition
7/25/19	CoC Technical Subcommittee revises project ranking and selection process
8/2/19	CoC formally adopts project ranking and selection process and posts online
8/7/19	Notice of Intent Due to Homeless Services Team for New Projects ¹
8/22/19 @ 11:59pm	Project applications must be submitted to CoC in e-snaps
8/23/19	Homeless Services Team conducts threshold review of project applications
8/26/19-8/30/19	Ranking of project applications
9/11/19	CoC formally adopts project ranking at special HPAC Meeting
9/13/19 @ 5:00pm	Notification letters issued to applicants
9/19/19	CoC Coordinator sends comments and corrections to project applicants on apps
9/24/19	Project applicants return final corrected applications in e-snaps
9/26/19	CoC target for uploading the entire collaborative application and project priority listing to the HPAC website
9/28/19	CoC target for submitting collaborative application and project priority listing
9/30/19 @ 4:59pm	CoC application due to HUD

¹ New Projects:

- Any new project proposal for a:
 - *Permanent supportive housing projects dedicated to chronically homeless*
 - *Permanent supportive housing projects meeting the definition of DedicatedPLUS*
 - *Rapid re-housing projects*
 - *Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing projects*
 - *Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for coordinated entry*
 - *HMIS project (only HMIS lead can apply)*
 - *CoC Bonus projects*
 - *Domestic Violence Bonus projects*



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APPENDIX B: HUD SCORING

Applications will be assessed on a 200-point scale.

Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	29 Points/ 15%
Objective Criteria and Past Performance	18
Reallocating Projects	4
Severity of Needs and Performance	4
Ranking and Selection Process	3
System Performance	60 Points/ 30%
Reducing the Number of Homeless Individuals and Families	10
Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless	3
Length of Time Homeless	14
Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention	11
Returns to Homelessness	8
Jobs and Income Growth	5
Other Non-Employment Income	3
HMIS System Performance Measures	6
Homeless Management Information System	9 Points/ 4.5%
Housing Inventory Count (HIC)	1
Bed Coverage	6
Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report	2
Point-in-Time Count	6 Points/ 3%
PIT Count and Data Submissions	3
Effectively Counting Youth	3
Performance and Strategic Planning	40 Points/ 20%
Ending Chronic Homelessness	10
Ending Homelessness Among Households with Children	10
Ending Youth Homelessness	10
Ending Veteran Homelessness	10
CoC Coordination and Engagement	56 Points/ 28%
Inclusive Structure and Participation	5
Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private and Other Organizations	2
Addressing the Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence	3
Protecting Against Discrimination	3
Public Housing Agencies	5
Discharge Planning	1
Low Barriers to Entry	7
Street Outreach	3
Criminalization	1
Rapid Re-Housing	10
Mainstream Benefits	1
Coordinated Entry	3
Addressing Racial Disparities in Homelessness	5
Promoting and Increasing Employment	6
Promoting Volunteering and Community Service	1
Section 3 Requirements for CoCs (<i>only applicable to new construction or rehabilitation projects</i>)	-2 (<i>if req. not met</i>)