**FY 2018 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition NOFA Overview (6/29/18)**

Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6200-N-25 - CFDA Number: 14.267

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| IMPORTANT PROJECT APPLICATION DATES & DEADLINES Central MN CoC – tentative (subject to change based on HUD availability in eSnaps and CoC updates) – Central MN CoC website: https://www.cmhp.net/continuum-of-care-information* **July 5, 2018** - New Project pre-application RFP release through Central MN CoC portal – posted on CMHP website and distributed on CoC listserv.
* **July 18, 2018** – DUE - Signed **Letter of Intent to Apply** & Threshold form due to CoC via email in PDF format (DO NOT SUBMIT IN E-SNAPS)
* **July 25** – DUE - Signed **Letter of Intent to Apply** & Threshold form due to CoC via email in PDF format (DO NOT SUBMIT IN E-SNAPS)
* **July 20** – Project Application Lab
* **August 10, 2018** –Project applications submitted to CoC via PDF for ranking
* **TBD ? Week of August 20** – Scoring and ranking of Project Applications
* **August 31, 2018 -** CoC vote on Scoring and ranking of Project applications
* **September 7th –** Project applications submitted to HUD via eSNAPS
* **September 11, 2018** – Project Applications notified of inclusion in CoC Collaborative Application
* **September 12, 2018** – Appeals to HUD if rejected by CoC
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HUD CoC Consolidated Application Deadline: September 18, 2018 @ 8:00 PM - EST. **Note:** *Project Applications must be submitted by the Project deadlines NOT the Consolidated Application deadline.*

Central MN CoC 505 FY 2018:

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| $1,437,047 | Primary Pro-Rata Need (PPRN) |
| $1,348,207 | Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) |
| $1,267,315 | Tier 1 (94% of ARD) |
| $80,892 | Tier 2 (6% of ARD) |
| $86,223 | Permanent Housing Bonus opportunity |
| $143,704 | DV Permanent Housing Bonus opportunity (10% PPRN) |

Highlights of the 2018 CoC NOFA:

* About $2.1 billion is available for the FY18 CoC Program NOFA, including up to $50 million available for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects.
* HUD will continue to require CoC’s to rank all projects, except CoC planning, and is requiring placing projects into Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 is equal to the greater of the combined amount of Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) for all permanent housing and HMIS projects eligible for renewal up to $1,000,000 or 94% of the CoC’s FY 2018 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
* Project Applications must abide by the local level CoC deadlines, meet HUD eligibility criteria, priorities and performance. Reallocation should be considered by the CoC for underperforming projects to create new projects that improve overall performance and better respond to the needs. Projects with outstanding HUD audit findings, history of ineligible participants, evidence of untimely expenditures, or financial management concerns, may be eliminated from the competition.
* Renewal projects requesting Rental Assistance may request a per-unit amount less than FMR based on actual rent costs and cannot request more than 100% FMR.
* Performance-Based Decisions – No new grants for new projects, other than through reallocation. Increased score based on performance criteria. HUD prioritized funds for CoC ability to reallocate resources to higher performing projects.
* Transition Grants – The ability of renewal projects to transition from one CoC component to another. If interested, contact AG Huot @ ag@cmhp.net to discuss further.
	+ No more than 50% may be used for costs of eligible activities originally funded.
	+ Eligible for renewals in future under new program component.
	+ Consent of CoC and meet standards in Section III.C.3.r of the NOFA.
* Consolidated Project - renewal projects ability to consolidate 2 or more projects into 1 during the application process.
	+ No longer wait for grant agreement amendment process
	+ Consult with local HUD field office to ensure it is eligible
	+ Projects must have same recipient and be for same component
	+ Still complete 2 Project Applications in eSnaps – it will be combined when contract is executed
* Domestic Violence Bonus- $50 million in additional appropriations for CoC Bonus funds to include the following:
	+ Rapid Re-housing that follow a housing first approach
	+ Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that follow a housing first approach
	+ SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to equip CoC’s Coordinated Entry to better meet the needs of DV survivors and to inform policies/procedures that are trauma-informed, client centered, or better coordinated referrals between CoC’s CES and victim service providers.
* New projects created through Reallocation or Bonus -
	+ New PSH serving 100% chronic homeless or meeting DedicatedPLUS criteria;
	+ New PH-RRH that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth;
	+ New Supportive Service only (SSO-CE) to operate a Coordinated Entry system;
	+ New RRH serving individuals and families or youth
	+ New Joint TH and PH-RRH to serve individuals & families, including those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meeting the following criteria:
		- Residing in place not meant for human habitation
		- Residing in an emergency shelter
		- Persons meeting criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless + DV
		- Residing in transitional project that is being eliminated
		- Residing in transitional housing funded by Joint TH & PH RRH or
		- Receiving services form VA funded homeless assistance program & met one of above criteria
	+ New HMIS for the costs of 24 CFR 578.37 carried out by the HMIS lead.
* Expansion projects can be requested under the bonus or reallocation in order to expand existing units in a project or serve additional persons, or in the case of HMIS, grant activities will be expanded within CoC and fits into the funding parameters of bonus or reallocation.
	+ Expand an existing project with DV Bonus

Important links:

* Competition page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2018-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>
* The full FY2018 NOFA: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2018-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>
* HUD Ask A Question (AAQ): [www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/](http://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/).
* Central MN CoC website: <https://www.cmhp.net/continuum-of-care->
* Eligible Project Applicants: Eligible project applicants are nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments, and public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100. For profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be sub-recipients of grant funds. **Furthermore, to be eligible for funding applicants must meet all HUD statutory, regulatory and threshold requirements.**

**HUDs Homeless Policy and Program Priorities:**

1. Ending homelessness for all persons

1. Identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness
2. Measure performance based on data taking into account the challenges faced by all subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area.
3. Comprehensive outreach strategy in place to identify and engage.
4. Use data to understand the population and develop services tailored to their needs.
5. Use the reallocation process to create new projects that improve the overall performance and better respond to the needs of persons who are homeless.

2. Create a systemic response to homelessness

1. Use system performance measures (SysPMs) to determine how effectively they are serving people experiencing homelessness.
2. Use Coordinated Entry to promote participant choice, coordinate services, ensure rapid access, and make homeless assistance open, inclusive, and transparent.

3. Strategically allocating and using resources

1. Use cost, performance, and outcome date to improve resources allocation to end homelessness.
2. Review project quality, performance, and cost effectiveness.
3. Maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based services.
4. Review all projects eligible for renewal in FY 2018 to determine their effectiveness in serving people experiencing homelessness as well as their cost effectiveness.

4. Use a Housing First Approach

1. Prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing.
2. Does NOT have service participation requirements or preconditions.
3. Projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing.
4. Measure to help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness.
5. Engage landlords and property owners.
6. Remove barriers to entry.
7. Adopt client-centered service models.

Project Application Attachment Checklist:

* Project Application, charts, narratives and attachments
* SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
* SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities
* Documentation of Applicant and Sub-Recipient Eligibility
* Applicant Certifications
* HUD 2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report
* Applicant Code of Conduct
* HUD 50070, Certification of Drug Free Workplace