FY2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFA Process

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Agenda

• NOFA Overview
• HUD Policy Priorities
• The Way Home CoC Priorities
• Things to Note in FY19 Competition
• Changes in this NOFA
CoC Program Description

As stated in FY2019 NOFA:
“The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding...to quickly re-house homeless...while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.”
HUD Policy Priorities

• End homelessness for ALL persons
• Create a systemic response to homelessness
• Use an Evidence-Based Approach
  – Prioritize projects employing a strong use of data ad evidence, including the cost-effectiveness, and impact on homelessness programs on positive housing outcomes
• Increasing Employment
• Strategic allocation and use of resources
HUD Policy Priorities

• Providing Flexibility for housing First with Service Participation Requirements
  – Individuals should be rapidly placed and stabilized into PH without any preconditions of income, work effort, sobriety, or any other factor.
  – Once in housing, individuals never face requirements to participate in services as a condition of retaining their housing HOWEVER this NOFA provides flexibility, without penalty, to use service participation requirements after people have been stabilized in housing
The Way Home CoC Priorities

- End Chronic Homelessness by 2016
- End Veteran Homelessness by 2015
- End Family Homelessness by 2020
- End Youth Homelessness by 2020
- Set a Path to End All Homelessness
Solo Applicants

- Per the Act, "A solo applicant may submit an application to the Secretary for a grant under subsection (a) and be awarded such grant on the same basis as such grants are awarded to other applicants based on the criteria described in section 11386a of this title, but only if the Secretary determines that the solo applicant has attempted to participate in the continuum of care process but was not permitted to participate in a reasonable manner. The Secretary may award such grants directly to such applicants in a manner determined to be appropriate by the Secretary." **A solo applicant must submit a solo applicant project application in e-snaps prior to the application deadline of 8:00 PM EDT on September 30, 2019.** Additionally, for HUD to consider its solo application, a solo applicant must also meet all the requirements outlined in Section X.C of this NOFA.
Racial Disparity

• Research has found racial disparities in rates of homelessness. Specifically, blacks and Native Americans experience homelessness at disproportionately higher rates. Efforts to prevent and end homelessness should consider and address racial inequities to achieve positive outcomes for all persons experiencing homelessness (e.g., receiving necessary services and housing to exit homelessness).
Youth Homelessness Changes

• As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFA. Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFA may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under (or families headed by youth aged 24 and under) who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. HUD interprets “youth-serving provider” as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under.
  – HUD interprets “living in unsafe situations” as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence.
New Projects Funding Available

• Bonus Funding Available – 5% of FPRN
  – $1,858,059
• Eligible Components
  – PSH
  – RRH
  – Joint TH/RRH
  – HMIS
  – SSO-CE
• Expansion of current renewal is allowed
• Reallocation Funding Available
  – Reallocation & Reduction Policy
DV Bonus

• May apply for up to 10% of PPRN ($3,293,274)
• Eligible Components
  – RRH
  – Joint TH-RRH
  – SSO for Coordinated Access (only one application allowed)
• Expansion of current renewal is allowed
  – Must be used to expand units, services, dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus Funds
• Term is limited to 1-year
• Must demonstrate that project will use trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches
• Each application must be for at least $25,000
• Victims of Human Trafficking NOFA
Expansion Project

• Eligible under Bonus
• Expand current renewal projects to
  – Increase units, beds, services, or persons served
• Must be same component as renewal
  – RRH can only expand RRH
  – PSH can only expand PSH
Consolidation of Projects

- Consolidate DURING the application process
- Up to 4 renewal projects can consolidate into 1 renewal project
- Budget Line Items (BLIs) must exactly match the sum of the projects on the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)
- Eligibility
  - Same Recipient
  - Same Component Type
- Limitations
  - Outstanding audit/monitoring findings
Transition Grants

- Project applicants can transition an existing renewable component (ex: TH) to another component (ex: PH-RRH).
  - Same recipient for the one being eliminated
  - Must wholly eliminated one or more projects to create the single, new transition grant
The Way Home CoC Ranking Policy

• Renewal Scoring Rubric
  – These changes were communicated at the Provider Input Forum and approved by the Steering Committee

• Measures were Implemented due to NOFA Requirements in FY18 Competition
  – Cost Effectiveness
    • Changed from last year
  – DV Specific Questions
The Way Home CoC Scoring

• APRs
  – July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

• Scoring Rubric & Criteria
  – Renewal
  – New Projects
Funding Tier 1 & Tier 2

• Tier 1
  – 94% of ARD + 100% of First Time Renewal Value
    • $35,047,719

• Tier 2
  – 6% of ARD ($2,113,468) plus any Bonus
    • If a project straddles Tier 1 and Tier 2, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1.
CoC Application Checklist

- **Read what you are signing!** Agencies will be upheld to all aspects of the attachments including:
  - Coordinated Access MOUs
    - DV Agencies must sign this [MOU](#)
    - Non-DV Agencies must sign this [MOU](#)
  - The Way Home CoC MOU
    - PIT volunteers
    - [HUD Equal Access Rule](#)
    - Housing First
      - Note changes discussed earlier with stabilization
    - Chronically Homeless Prioritizations
CoC Application Checklist

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Application Details

• Must be consistent with GIW
• Renewal applications will have an FY18 start date before 12/31/2019 and an expiration date in Calendar Year 2020
• One year only
• All PSH beds not dedicated to Chronically Homeless **ARE** prioritized for CH per CoC Policy
Things to Note

• VAWA – Grants awarded under this NOFA will be the required to comply with the VAWA rule.
  – CoC Transfer Plan

• Environmental Requirements
  – All scattered-site projects where participants choose their own unit will only need to submit an Exempt/CENST form for each project rather than each unit.
Things to Note

• HUD forms are embedded in ESNAPS project application and not attachments
• Grants that have renewed at least once, that have not been amended or consolidated, may ‘submit without changes’
CoC Important Dates

• Located on the website
• Check to make sure you are working with the latest version
Steps for New Applications

• New Projects for Bonus OR Reallocation
• Concetta Scerbo is the Point of Contact
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• Technical Assistance Mandatory
  – Sign-up Online per posted schedule
• Input into e-Snaps per posted schedule
• Presentations per posted schedule
How to Register Your Project

• eSNAPS Website
Contact Information

- cscerbo@homelesshouston.org
- 832.531.6024
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Important Websites

• eSNAPS
  – https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf

• HUD AAQ
  – https://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/my-question/

• Coalition for the Homeless
  – http://www.homelesshouston.org/continuum-of-care/coc-grant/
The Way Home is a coordinated system to end chronic and veteran homelessness by 2018, to end family and youth homelessness by 2020, and to build a system in which nobody has to be without permanent housing for more than 30 days.

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