

Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care

Revised Notice of Funding Availability for the 2015 Continuum of Care Program Competition

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition FR-5900-N-25. This guidance applies to all renewing CoC projects for permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services only, and HMIS as well as for new projects through the permanent housing bonus. This announcement is being made in accordance with HUD's NOFA for the HUD CoC programs.

HUD conducts an annual CoC program national competition. The Louisiana Housing Corporation is the collaborative applicant responsible for completing and submitting an annual application for CoC funding on behalf of the BoS CoC.

The BoS CoC Consolidated Application is due to HUD on November 20, 2015 and includes all new and renewal project applications. HUD requires that project applications are submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before the application deadline of November 20, 2015.

Deadline for Submission of Applications Thursday, October 21, 2015 @ 4:00 pm.

Projects will need to provide some information to the CoC as part of the project evaluation process. All projects will need to provide the following items:

- Most recent Annual Performance Report (APR) for each project;
- Project applications downloaded from esnaps;
- Most recent HUD audit/monitoring results;
 - If the project applicant has not had a HUD audit/monitoring visit please write a letter indicating that HUD has not visited the agency for that purpose. Write the letter on the agency letterhead and add the Executive Director's signature;
 - If there were findings that have since been resolved, please provide documentation from HUD;

- If there were findings that are currently being resolved, please provide an explanation of what efforts are currently underway
- 2015 CoC project leverage documentation;
 - This should include all cash/in-kind match and leverage commitment letters reported as part of the 2015 CoC Competition;
- LOCCS data;
 - Monthly drawdown records for the project years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 to date.

All documentation must be emailed to jwesley@lhc.la.gov by October 21, 2015.

All applications must be submitted through HUD's e-snaps electronic application system in order to be considered in the Louisiana's 2015 BoS CoC Consolidated Application for funding.

Louisiana BoS CoC program funds are currently used to support various projects, including Permanent Supportive Housing and HMIS.

Additional information can be found on the Continuum of Care Program on the HUD Exchange www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/fy-2015-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition 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, without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds. **24 CFR 578.15**

RENEWAL PROJECTS

Awards made under the CoC Program, SHP, and S+C programs are eligible for renewal for FY 2015 funds if they are currently in operation and have an executed grant agreement that is dated no later than December 31, 2015 and expires in Calendar Year (CY) 2016 (the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016). All applicants for renewal projects must complete the HUD application in *e-snaps* by October 21, 2015.

NEW PROJECTS

Applications for new projects will be accepted for review only if funds are available either through bonus projects or reallocation.

In the event that funds are available, applications for new projects will be considered only from entities that have submitted an application by the deadline and are proposing, in alignment with HUD priorities:

- A. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) dedicated to serving chronically homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and/or families; or
- B. Rapid Re-housing (RRH) dedicated to serving homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and/or families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter

**All projects will be reviewed and ranked by the BoS CoC- Standards Rating and Project Selection Committee.

ELIGIBLE COST

Provisions at 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 identify the eligible costs for which funding may be requested under the CoC Program.

MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

Funding availability for renewal projects will be dependent upon the amount made available by the HUD allocation method. Funding for new projects will be dependent upon information contained in the HUD NOFA, including the opportunity to apply for bonus projects, and any reallocated funds made available through the local project review process. Administrative funds will be limited to no more than seven percent (7%) of the total project budget.

MATCH REQUIREMENT

The subrecipient must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25% of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources in accordance with 24 CFR 578.73. Subrecipients will not be required to meet this match per category, but rather as an aggregate sum.

APPEALS

Refer to the HUD NOFA FR-5900-N-25 for guidance on the appeals process.

To access e-snaps, training materials, and other helpful information please go to: <https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/fy-2015-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>.

Please submit any questions to:

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