

2018 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Overview

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Homelessness
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Overview

- HUD will be awarding approximately \$2.1 billion as part of the 2018 CoC Competition for new and renewal projects.
- Montgomery County submits a consolidated application that includes provider project applications behalf of the CoC.
- Available funding includes \$8,762,940 for renewal projects, plus \$525,776 for a CoC bonus project and \$339,704 for a Domestic Violence bonus project.
- CoCs are required to prioritize projects using a two-tiered system.
 - Tier 1 is estimated to be 94% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) = \$8,237,164
 - Tier 2 is equal to 6% ARD plus CoC bonus new project funds = \$1,051,552

Montgomery CoC Priorities

- Strengthen Coordinated Entry System to rapidly move households from homelessness to housing that best meets their needs
- Expand Rapid Rehousing by 350 units
- Leverage Medicaid funding to expand PSH
- Further align our work with Housing First Principles
- Reduce length of stay in RRH to serve more households
- Refine standards for program costs – improve cost effectiveness

CoC Ranking and Review Process

- All new and renewal projects will be reviewed & ranked by the CoC Allocation Workgroup per the established CoC process
- Projects will be assessed using a standard scoring tool.
 - Housing First Addendum to assess fidelity to philosophy
 - Scoring Tools and Housing First Addendum are available on ICH website.
- The Allocation Workgroup will prioritize projects based on CoC needs, project scores and to maximize the opportunity for funding.

Allocation Workgroup

- Allocation Workgroup Members:
 - Carlos Aparicio – City of Rockville
 - Pazit Aviv – DHHS Aging and Disability Services
 - Holly Denniston-Chase, Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF); ICH Performance Review Committee
 - Timothy Goetzinger, Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA); ICH Strategic Planning Committee
 - Linda McMillan, County Council
 - Garnet Nelson, Department of Veteran Affairs
 - Dourakine Rosarion – DHHS, Special Assistant

Reallocation

- HUD continues to encourage CoCs to create new projects through Reallocation.
- CoC capacity to reallocate an important component of HUD scoring process
- Reallocation Options
 - Project applicants can voluntarily reallocate funds.
 - Allocation Workgroup can reallocate based on CoC need and/or project performance.
- Funds available from reallocation will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Dedicated Plus

- **Dedicated Plus Project Type**
 - New and Renewal PSH projects
 - Expand eligibility beyond those experiencing chronic homelessness
 - Include individuals or families with one adult or child with a disability who are:
 - Currently homeless, had been in PSH in past year but were unable to maintain placement, and met definition of CH at intake to PSH
 - Currently homeless, do not meet CH definition but have been homeless for at least 12 months in the past three years
 - Residing in Transitional Housing program that is being eliminated and met definition of CH at intake

- **All PSH providers should convert to Dedicated Plus**

What's New?

■ Transition Grants

- Option to transition an existing one renewable project type to a new eligible project type(ex. TH to RRH).
- Provider must remain the same
- Allows for shift to new type over the course of the grant year.

■ Consolidation of Existing Grants

- Provider can combine several existing projects into a single project
- Must be same project type and same provider

CoC Bonus Project

- Funds totaling \$525,776 for new CoC bonus project
- Accepting applications for Dedicated Plus Permanent Supportive Housing only
- Competitive projects should include the following:
 - Ability to serve zero income participants
 - Fidelity to Housing First philosophy
 - Leverage of non-County cash resources such as Medicaid dollars
 - Cost Effectiveness

Domestic Violence Bonus Project

- Funds totaling \$339,704 for new Domestic Violence Bonus Project
- Eligible participants must meet Category IV Homeless Definition:
 - Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking who are fleeing violence
 - No residence
 - No resources to obtain housing
- Accepting Applications for Rapid Rehousing only
- Priority will be given to organizations who have demonstrated experiencing working with population

Project Evaluation

- Organization Capacity and/or Past Performance
- Project Description
- Fidelity to Housing First
- Coordination with other sources and partners
- Any special populations that project is able to serve including chronically homeless, youth, veterans, domestic violence
- Participation in CoC Coordinated Entry System
- Leveraging of additional cash resources.
- Cost Effectiveness of proposed project
- Need for project within CoC

Important Deadlines

- **CoC Information Session – Fri. July 20th**
- **Letter of Intent – Due by Fri. July 27th by 5pm**
- **Reallocation Funding Announcement – Wed. Aug 1st**
- **All New and Renewal Project Applications – Due by Thurs. August 16th by 5 pm**
- **Notification of Project Selection and Priority Ranking – by Tues Sept. 4th**

Resources

- Information about the Montgomery County CoC competition will be available on the new CoC website at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/homelessness/Continuumofcare.html>

- HUD FY2018 Continuum of Care Competition guidance can be found on the HUD Exchange at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2018-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices>