



FY 2015 CoC Program Competition
Applicant Meeting
July 7, 2016 10am-11:30am

I. Present: Josh Spencer (ICCF), Angela Gillisse (The Salvation Army), Christina Soulard (The Salvation Army), Rebecca Long (Dwelling Place), Alonda Trammell (Dwelling Place), Nancy Yang (Community Rebuilders), Denise Price (Reliance Community Care Partners), John wynbeek (Genesis), Dave Gantz (Pine Rest), Darrell Singleton (Kent County); Staff: Jim Talen, Jesica Vail

II. Available Funding Overview

A. New Projects: \$0: No funding has been marked for reallocation in this round, however, projects are encouraged to consider reallocation if they feel it would help their project better fit the goals with which HUD wishes to align their funding. A new/bonus project application will be released in the next week.

B. Bonus Projects: \$188,279: The Bonus project can serve chronically homeless individuals, youth or families in permanent supportive housing, or individuals, youth or families who are literally homeless or category four homeless in rapid re-housing.

C. ARD total: \$5,351,772: this is our Annual Renewal Demand, we cannot ask for more than this amount in the total of all our renewal or new projects. Projects must be sure that the funding they request is equal to the amount approved on the Grant Inventory Worksheet.

III. NOFA Highlights

A. Two tiers: 93% and 7% (\$4,977,148 and \$374,625): HUD is continuing with the competitiveness between CoCs, and requires that projects be ranked in two tiers. Within each tier ranking should be carefully considered.

B. Scoring in Tier 2: Based on performance (page 14 of NOFA): Applicants are encouraged to read the scoring HUD will apply to projects in Tier 2. The score of the Collaborative Application is the most significant determinant and applicants are encouraged to help ensure that application is the best it can be.

C. Reallocation Plan: The committees involved have agreed that this funding round will proceed with the existing reallocation plan and not recommend reallocation of projects that have not volunteered to do so. Over the course of the process, the reallocation policy will likely be updated, but this process will continue under the first policy to avoid surprises to applicants.

IV. Completing Applications



A. Renewal: This year there is a separate renewal application for infrastructure renewal projects, HMIS and Coordinated Entry. These applications have narrative questions focusing on how they promote and support the work of housing and their quality improvement work. On the Housing Project Renewal Application, Jim Talen reviewed the questions that rely on HMIS data for their answers an attached document, *Data Source Guidance*, outlines the instructions for answering each question. Applicants are encouraged to study this document carefully as so of the methods for answering questions are slightly off from the wording of the question. If applicants have additional questions, they are encouraged to reach out to staff.

B. eSnaps: The eSnaps applications are still not available. Applicants will be notified once they are. The Collaborative Application is also not yet available, which may cause staff to have limited time for completion and require more assistance from CoC members.

IV. Timeline and Process

A. Website: All documents will be on the website, including updated timelines as more is known regarding eSnaps.

B. NOFA!!!! Threshold Requirements page 23: Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the NOFA thoroughly. The Threshold Requirements on page 23 are especially important to understand if a project has had any monitoring findings recently or may fall into Tier 2. If HUD finds a project does not meet threshold, that project and the CoC may lose that funding.

V. Q&A:

Question about the section on budget lines reflecting payments to rental assistance and leasing only. Some projects rely on Housing Commission vouchers for the rental payment and as such would not gain any points in this section. In the NOFA (page 8) it is stated that, “There are numerous ways a community can increase permanent supportive housing units, including applying for CoC Program funds, **partnering with PHAs for rental assistance**, and strengthening connections to Medicaid to pay for services in permanent supportive housing” (emphasis added). The argument is that this means HUD is encouraging using PHA vouchers for rental assistance. Staff will bring this point to committees for discussion in interpretation.

Minutes submitted by Jesica Vail, not approved by committee