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**From:** Courtney Myers-Keaton  
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**Subject:** Local CoC Project Applications Open!

**Project applications for MI-506 Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent Count CoC are now available on the Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness's website!**

***Applications are due by 5 pm on Friday, August 23, 2019.***

**The CoC encourages ALL agencies serving people experiencing homelessness to apply during the local competition and welcomes new partners to join the growing community of CoC-funded agencies!**

**Eligible applicants are:**

- Nonprofit organizations
- States and local governments
- Public housing agencies

*For profit organizations are NOT eligible to apply or to be subrecipients of grants.*

**Read more about this year's NOFA requirements on the HUD Exchange website.**

**\*All projects, including Renewal Projects, New/Bonus Projects, and Domestic Violence Bonus Projects, will be scored based on project performance, alignment with HUD/CoC priorities, and other criteria contained within the project applications and scorecards. Projects will then be competitively ranked in priority order by the CoC's Funding Review Committee, subject to the approval by the Steering Council. HUD will make the final decision on which projects will be awarded.\***

**New Project Funding Available:**

***New CoC General Bonus Funds:***

Up to \$306,593 available for program components eligible for funding in the FY19 CoC NOFA

- Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects.
- Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) projects.
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects.
- Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant, and that is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are Victim Service Providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim Service Providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
- Supportive services only (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

***New Domestic Violence Bonus Funds:***

Up to \$418,404 available for:

- Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) projects that demonstrate trauma-informed, victim centered approaches.
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that demonstrate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches.
- SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experience homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different).

***Existing CoC Funded Partners:***

Currently funded CoC projects may request New CoC Bonus funds through requesting:

- Expansion Funds: Renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations.
- Transition Grant: Use the reallocation process to transition an eligible renewal project from their original component to another eligible component through a new project application.

Please contact Courtney Myers-Keaton at [cmyers-keaton@hwmuw.org](mailto:cmyers-keaton@hwmuw.org) with questions related to the local applications.



## WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENT

# 2019 CoC Local Project Application Open

The Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness (Coalition) invites applications under HUD's FY 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition for renewal, new, and bonus projects at this time. The opening of this local competition for projects serving Kent County is in accordance with the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2019 Continuum of Care Program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Each year, the Coalition and its partner agencies must reapply for the funding that provides much of the housing available to end homelessness in Kent County. Most projects seek to renew their funding, in order to provide housing stability to those they serve. To do so, they must demonstrate their effectiveness through project performance. All information provided by these applicants will be posted on this page, available for public viewing.

Additionally, there are opportunities for new applicants to apply for HUD funding. This year, the Coalition is eligible to apply for a total of \$306,593 in general CoC bonus projects and a total of \$418,404 in domestic violence bonus projects. Additionally, all interested and qualified parties are invited to submit a new project application that will be reviewed and scored along with renewal projects. The ultimate goal of the Coalition is to fund projects that will house the most people, as quickly as possible, in the most effective manner possible.

Below you will find a detailed instructional document, relevant CoC policy documents, and application forms and scorecards that will be utilized to score project applications. Please review the instructional document carefully prior to submitting an application.

### Instructional and Policy Documents

FY 2019 Local Application Instructions: 2019 Local Application Instructions ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp\\_Instructions-FINAL.pdf](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp_Instructions-FINAL.pdf))

FY 2019 Funding Process Timeline: CoC 2019 Funding Process Timeline (<http://endhomelessnesskent.org/coc-program-competition-timeline/>)

CoC Reallocation Policy: Reallocation Policy ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Reallocation\\_Policy.pdf](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Reallocation_Policy.pdf))

### Renewal Project Forms

FY 2019 Renewal Application: 2019 LocalApp\_Renewal ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp\\_Renewal-FINAL-v2.docx](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp_Renewal-FINAL-v2.docx))

FY 2019 Renewal Application Scorecard: 2019 LocalApp\_Renewal\_Scorecard ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp\\_Renewal\\_Scorecard-FINAL.docx](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp_Renewal_Scorecard-FINAL.docx))

### New and Bonus Project Forms

FY 2019 New and Bonus Application: 2019 LocalApp\_NewBonus ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp\\_NewBonus-FINAL.docx](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp_NewBonus-FINAL.docx))

FY 2019 New and Bonus Application Scorecard: 2019 LocalApp\_NewBonus\_Scorecard ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp\\_NewBonus\\_Scorecard-FINAL.docx](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp_NewBonus_Scorecard-FINAL.docx))

## Infrastructure Project Forms

FY 2019 Infrastructure Project Application: 2019 LocalApp\_Infrastructure ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp\\_Infrastructure-FINAL.docx](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp_Infrastructure-FINAL.docx))

## Appeals Forms

CoC Appeals Policy: Funding\_Appeal\_Policy ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Funding\\_Appeal\\_Policy.pdf](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Funding_Appeal_Policy.pdf))

FY 2019 Appeals Application: 2019 LocalApp\_Appeals ([http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp\\_Appeals.docx](http://endhomelessnesskent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019LocalApp_Appeals.docx))

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(<http://mindutopia.com>)

pages 26-28 for detailed information. Domestic violence bonus projects are limited to 1-year grant terms.

## PROJECT REVIEW AND RANKING

All applicants/projects must meet basic eligibility and quality threshold requirements (see NOFA pages 33-40). The Coalition reserves the right to reject any application that is not consistent with the CoC Program Interim Rule and/or the FY 2019 NOFA.

### PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Local project evaluation criteria are guided primarily by relevant HUD policy priorities and Application Review Criteria identified in the FY 2019 NOFA. The specific criteria that will be used are reflected in the project applications and scorecards.

### PROJECT RANKING

Once applications are reviewed and scored using the above-described criteria, projects will be ranked by score and HUD Policy Priorities. Adjustments may be made to the rankings to:

- Maximize funds for projects identified in Tier I.
- Ensure adequate resources for system infrastructure by ranking HMIS and coordinated assessment/coordinated entry projects within Tier I.

If funded, domestic violence bonus projects will be pulled from the CoC's Priority Listing, and all projects ranked below them will move up one rank (as indicated in the NOFA on page 72). Consistent with last year's process, PH bonus projects will not be ranked higher than renewal projects.

### APPEALS

Applicants may appeal the scoring decision made by the Funding Review Committee. Appeals will be reviewed by an Appeals Panel, comprised of one member of the Funding Review Committee, one Steering Council member, CoC staff (non-voting), and recruited members from Continuums of Care outside of Kent County. For completing an appeal, applicants should use the Appeals Application and closely follow the guidelines outlined in the CoC's Funding Decision Appeal Policy; both documents are available on the Coalition's website. Appeals must be received by 5:00 PM, Thursday, September 5, 2019 for consideration.

### RESOURCES

Document Name	Document Link
CoC Website	<a href="http://endhomelessnesskent.org/">http://endhomelessnesskent.org/</a>

