

2016 HUD CoC Program Competition – General Information

HUD recently released the 2016 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. This year's competition contains many aspects similar to the last few competitions. Once again our CoC will be competing with others throughout the country to both maintain our current level of funding and hopefully receive additional funding as well.

One new aspect is the inclusion of performance measures for our entire homeless system. CoCs are now required to report on seven measures annually and will be awarded points based on completeness of data and progress on all measures. Reports depend on the work being completed on every level of the homeless system as well the accuracy of data entered into our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

For a brief summary see: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/system-performance-measures-in-context.pdf>

For more details see: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/system-performance-measures/>

Continuing in the 2016 Competition is the requirement that each CoC rank all project applications placing some projects in Tier 1 and some in Tier 2. Those in Tier 2 are at risk of not being funded. The number of projects receiving funding will rely primarily on the overall score of our Collaborative Application. This year each CoC must put 7% of their total renewal funding in Tier 2. For our CoC that equals approximately \$580,000. An additional amount equal to any new permanent bonus funding projects must also be placed in Tier 2. This will be an extremely difficult process as only permanent housing projects remain in our inventory; all are important and valued parts of our system. Regardless, a significant number will be placed in Tier 2. As all projects met the basic threshold during the monitoring and evaluation process there will be no projects reallocated during this cycle. The CoC Ranking Committee will meet to rank all projects.

The 2016 CoC Program competition includes the possibility of applying for a Permanent Housing Bonus. This remains an important resource for our homeless services delivery system. Our CoC is able to apply for \$414,000; this is an approximate amount which will be finalized when HUD releases each CoCs' Final Pro Rata Need. The Permanent Housing Bonus funding can be utilized to create one of the following two new project types: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) serving 100% chronically homeless individuals and/or families or Rapid Rehousing (RRH) serving individuals and/or families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter, as well as persons fleeing domestic violence situations. The NOFA states that no CoC will be eligible for the Permanent Housing Bonus funding "unless the CoC competitively ranks all projects based on how they improve system performance." The CoC Committee will meet to select a project or projects to apply for the Permanent Housing Bonus funding.