

BACKGROUND

Fairfax County’s Continuum of Care (CoC) is seeking applications for new projects for inclusion in the CoC’s Application for the 2019 HUD CoC Program funds. HUD’s CoC Program Competition is an annual process and each year Fairfax County’s CoC (VA-601) competes with other continuums across the country to secure federal funding to end homelessness. Fairfax County’s CoC encourages applications from all eligible applicants regardless of whether the entity is currently receiving HUD funding or has ever received CoC funding. Technical assistance will be provided to ensure this funding opportunity is accessible. Proposed projects must meet all requirements and regulations of the CoC Program Rule¹ and the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)² for the 2019 HUD CoC Program Competition.

APPLICATION DUE DATE(S)

- New Project Application(s) are due via e-mail to jamie.ergas@fairfaxcounty.gov by **4:00 pm on August 8th**.
- New Project Applicants present (10-15 minutes) to the CoC Committee on **August 16th**.
- If selected, a draft is due to OPEH on **August 26th** prior to 4:00 p.m. and the final application must be submitted in e-snaps on **August 29th** prior to 4:00 p.m.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

As stated in Section I.D of the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition NOFA, approximately \$2.3 billion is available in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition NOFA, including up to \$50 million available for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects, described in Section II.B.3 of the NOFA. HUD determines the amount that each CoC is eligible to apply for, which is shared via the CoC Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Report (ARD).³ The following is a brief overview of the amount available to Fairfax County’s CoC in the 2019 HUD CoC Program Competition as well as the eligible project types. Proposed projects can apply for a part of OR all of the Bonus of DV Bonus funding.

	Bonus	Reallocation	Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus
Amount	\$449,843	\$15,000	\$408,538
Eligible Project Types (more detailed outline below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) ○ Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) ○ Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) ○ Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) ○ Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) 	Must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that meet the HUD definition of homeless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) ○ Joint TH and PH-RRH (TH-RRH) ○ Supportive Services Only (SSO-CE)
Funding Combination Options	The Bonus funding <i>cannot</i> be combined with Renewal funding or Reallocation funding at this time. This must be a NEW project.	The Reallocated funding <i>should</i> be combined with eligible Renewal projects to EXPAND an existing project.	The DV Bonus <i>can</i> be combined with eligible Renewal projects but does not need to be; it can be a NEW project. The DV Bonus <i>cannot</i> be combined with Reallocation or Bonus funding. Minimum Request must be \$25,000.

¹ CoC Program Rule (https://www.onecpd.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule_FormattedVersion.pdf)

² Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2019 HUD CoC Program Competition (<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5842/fy-2019-coc-program-nofa/>)

³ Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Report (ARD) (<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2019-CoC-Program-Estimated-ARD.pdf>)

DESCRIPTION OF ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- Permanent Supportive Housing is permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently. All PSH projects must exclusively serve people that are experiencing literal homelessness as defined by HUD.
- According to the NOFA, CoCs may create new PSH projects that meet the requirements of the DedicatedPLUS⁴ or where 100% of the beds are dedicated to chronic homelessness.
- Budget line items can include rental assistance or leasing and operations, supportive services, and administrative costs. Agencies must provide a 25% cash or in-kind match for all funding including rental assistance, excluding leasing. The match must be used for items that are eligible expenses according to HUD regulations.

Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

- Rapid Rehousing provides time limited term rental assistance, case management and optional supportive services, a type of permanent housing meeting the requirements of 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii). All RRH projects must exclusively serve people that are experiencing literal homelessness as defined by HUD.
- Budget line items can be short-term (up to 3 months) or medium-term (for 3 to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services and administrative costs. Leases must be exclusively in the client's name and their portion of the rent must be paid directly to the landlord. The entire RRH budget, including rental assistance must be matched by a 25% cash or in-kind agency contribution. The match must be used for items that are eligible expenses according to HUD regulations.

Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)

- The Joint TH and PH-RRH component project includes two existing program components – transitional housing and permanent housing-rapid rehousing – in a single project to serve individuals experiencing homelessness, including individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. All Joint TH-RRH projects must exclusively serve people that are experiencing literal homelessness as defined by HUD.
- A Joint TH and PH-RRH component project must be able to provide both components, including the units supported by the transitional housing component and the tenant-based rental assistance and services provided through the PH-RRH component, to all participants. Participants can utilize services for up to a total of 24 months.
- Budget line items can be leasing of a structure or units and operating costs to provide transitional housing, short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance on behalf of program participants to pay for the rapid rehousing portion of the project, supportive services and administrative costs. Agencies must provide a 25% cash or in-kind match for all funding including rental assistance, excluding leasing. The match must be used for items that are eligible expenses according to HUD regulations.

Supportive Services Only (SSO-CE)

- 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 survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

⁴ Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2019 HUD CoC Program Competition (<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5842/fy-2019-coc-program-nofa/>)

GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

Coordinated Entry	The Project must commit to accept all clients through the Fairfax County CoC's Coordinated System, utilize HMIS or the comparable DV database, and comply with all federal and local expectations of HUD CoC Program grantees.
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. Applications shall only be considered from project applicants in good standing with HUD, which means that the applicant does not have any open monitoring or audit findings, history of slow expenditure of grant funds, outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon, or history of serving ineligible program participants, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes.
Eligible Localities	Projects must be located within Fairfax County's CoC.
Expansion Projects	Expansion is the process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area. For the new expansion project to be selected for conditional award the renewal project application must also be selected for conditional award. DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the expansion project is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3. For projects that are expanding their current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit three project applications: (1) the renewal project application that will be expanded; and (2) a new project application with just the expansion information; and (3) a renewal project application that incorporates the renewal and new expansion activities and the combined budget line items for the renewal and the new expansion.
Grant Terms	Applicants may apply for a one-year grant term. Awarded projects may be renewable through subsequent annual CoC funding competitions.
HMIS	Projects, except those operated by victim service providers as defined by HUD, must agree to enter client data into the CoC's HMIS. Excepted projects by victim service providers must enter data into the Domestic Violence Homeless Database.
Housing First with Service Participation Requirements	Projects must maintain a commitment to a Housing First philosophy, which is summarized in the NOFA (PG 6). Service participation requirements may be implemented once a person has been stably housed to work towards important outcomes (e.g., employment, increased income, reduced substance use, and strengthened social connection). This is intended to allow projects with flexibility, without penalty, to use service participation requirements after people have been stabilized in housing (consistent with 24 CFR 578).

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

The CoC Committee of the Governing Board of the Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness will consider the following factors in selecting a project to be included in the CoC application to HUD:

- The proposed Projects must meet all requirements and regulations of the Interim CoC Program Rule and the NOFA for the FY19 CoC Competition.
- Need in the community addressed by the project; ability of the project to improve homeless system performance
- Demonstrated experience of the organization in successfully implementing similar projects
- Number of homeless persons the project will serve and range and depth of the services that will be provided
- Experience operating Housing First programs
- If the proposed project is intended to serve victims of domestic violence, previous performance of the applicant in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes
- Commitment to the CoC's Coordinated System and serving those prioritized by the CoC's policies and procedures
- Capacity of organization to implement and operate new program
- Overall quality of the application

PROCEDURE FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

- Applicants will be notified of the timeframe for the CoC Committee presentation on **August 16th**.
- Applicants will be notified if they are/are not chosen to submit an application to HUD as part of the 2019 Competition.
- The applicant/s selected will be required to fill out a new project application in e-snaps⁵ as part of the competition. A draft is due to OPEH on **August 26th** prior to 4:00 p.m. and the final application must be submitted in e-snaps on **August 29th** prior to 4:00 p.m.
- The project will be ranked as part of the CoC-wide ranking process. *Inclusion of the project application in the Collaborative Application does not guarantee funding.* Decision on funding of all projects will be made by HUD and announced by HUD at a later date.

⁵ E-snaps is the web-based system HUD uses for the CoC competition. All applicants whose projects are selected by the CoC for inclusion in the final application for HUD, will need to submit applications in e-snaps. The CoC will notify applicants at a later date of whether their applications have been selected and of the deadline for submission of applications in e-snaps.