

FY 2018

**Continuum
of
Care Program
Competition
Debrief**

**HUD's Office of Special Needs
Assistance Programs**



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- HUD will answer questions from the question pool in the second part of the webinar.
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- All Lines are muted

Funding Overview

HUD Awarded over \$2 billion

- **\$85 million** awarded to new PH projects through reallocation and PH Bonus
 - **\$29 million** increase in PSH
 - **\$56 million** increase in RRH
- CoCs reallocated 3.2% of their funding.

Policy Priorities

- 1. Ending homelessness for all persons**
- 2. Creating a Systemic Response to Homelessness**
- 3. Strategically Allocating and Using Resources**
- 4. Using a Housing first Approach**

Tier 1 and Tier 2–Overview

Tier 1

- 94% of CoC's ARD
- Projects are safe—if they pass eligibility and quality threshold review.

Tier 2

- Difference between Tier 1 and CoC's ARD plus any bonus projects (excluding DV Bonus projects and before adjustments to PH leasing, operating, and rental assistance BLIs based on changes to FMR).

Tier 2

Selection and Ranking

HUD awarded points to each new and renewal project application in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale:

CoC Score – Up to 50 pts

CoC Project Ranking - Up to 40 points

Commitment to Housing First - Up to 10 points

DV Bonus

Selection and Ranking

CoCs could apply for up to **10 percent of PPRN** or a minimum **\$50,000** whichever is greater, or **10 percent of PPRN** or maximum **\$5 million** whichever is less.

HUD used 100-point scale:

Rapid Rehousing/Joint TH and PH-RRH:

CoC Score—Up to 50 points

Need for Project—Up to 25 points

Quality of Project Applicant—Up to 25 points

SSO-CE:

CoC Score—Up to 50 points

Need for Project—Up to 50 points

DV Bonus

What HUD Awarded?

\$11 million—SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects

\$12 million—Joint TH-RRH Projects

\$25 million—RRH Projects

34 states—including rural, suburban, and urban
CoCs

Reallocation

- CoCs eliminated lower performing projects
- On Average, CoCs reallocated 3.2% of their resources

Joint TH &PH-RRH

- Combines the activities of a TH project with those of an RRH project in a single project
- 155 joint RRH-TH projects awarded in FY 2018 for \$50 million

Local Competition

- **CoCs should rank projects based on performance and need**
- **Projects in Tier 2 are at risk**
- **CoCs should review project applications**

Why CoCs Received Increased Funding?

CoCs with higher CoC Application scores:

- **Reduced homelessness** in their communities
- **Used performance criteria** to rank projects
- Used **Housing First** practices
- **Increased PSH** and **RRH** units
- **Reallocated** lower performing projects

Where Applicants Could Improve

Detailed Instructions Contain Very Useful Information–

- NOFA, regulations, guidance, and program requirements are the “**what**” is required.
- ***Detailed Instructions*** are the “**how to**” apply for CoC Program funds based on what is required.

Where Applicants Could Improve

- **Respond** to all parts of multipart questions.
- **Include Entire Response** (avoid referring to other questions, attachments, websites, other resources).
- **Make sure the response addresses the specific elements of the question**—if you don't understand the question, submit an AAQ.

Where Applicants Could Improve

Attachments–

- **Triple Check Attachments!** Make sure the attachments address the question (and that they are not blank).

Where Applicants Could Improve

Attachments–

- Attaching too much information may not be helpful.
- Applicants should only attach information **responsive to the question.**

Where Applicants Could Improve

Attachments–

- **Attach the scoring tool or matrix–HUD** carefully reviews to determine if CoCs used **performance criteria** to rate and rank projects–points.

Where Applicants Could Improve

Attachments—

- **Attach Final Documents**—not draft.
- **Attachments should include actual dates, not system generated dates**—*Detailed Instructions* included an example of how to capture evidence with a system-generated date.

Where Applicants Could Improve

Meet all timeliness requirements–

- **HIC** and **PIT** data in **HDX**
- **Local competition deadlines**–the local competition process must be completed **14 days before** the CoC Program Competition application deadline.

What to do about Grants not Funded?

- Extending Grants with funds remaining
- Grant Closeouts
- Helping program participants move out of projects or transfer to another option if necessary
- Restrictive Covenants (HUD Exchange)
- Work with the Field Office
- Request Technical Assistance

Questions?

