

Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency Program

INTRODUCTION

Introductions



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Who are you?

In FY18, HUD awarded approximately \$28.9 million to 112 grantees.

HUD received over 200 applications

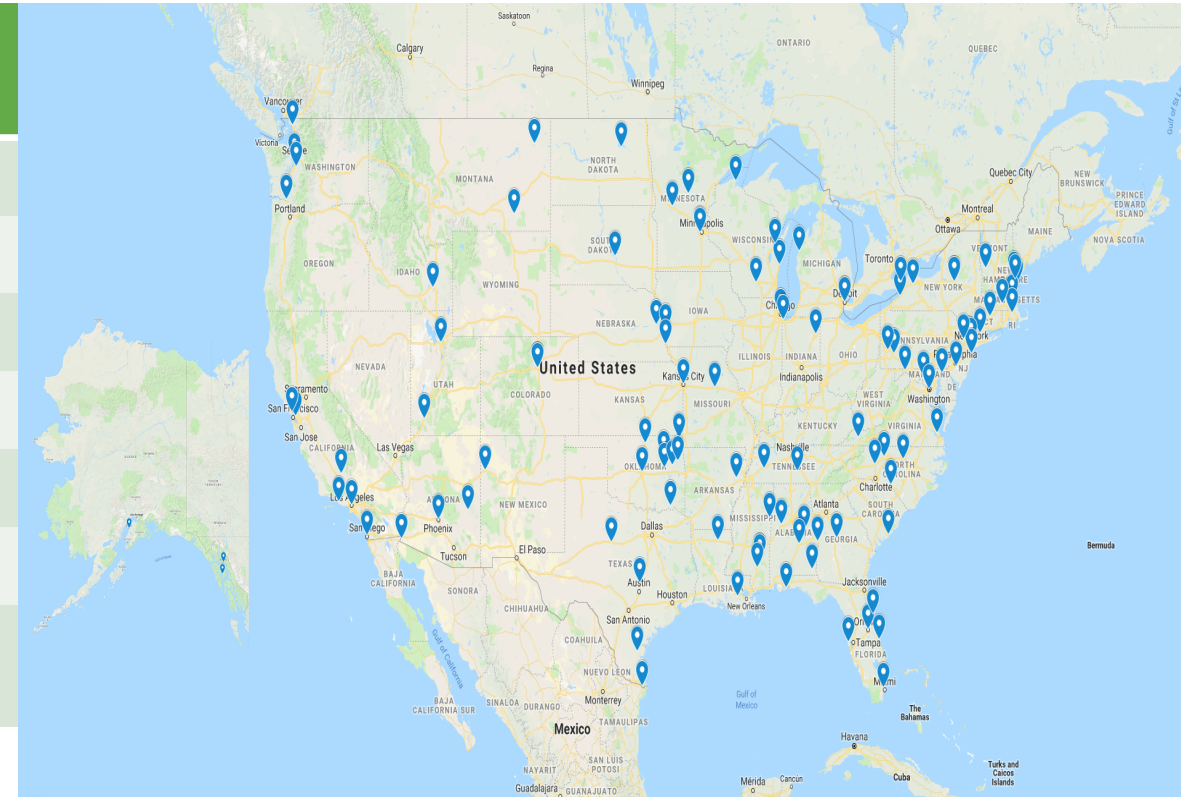
FY18 grantees join over 250 grantees with active grants

	Amount Funded	Number of Awards	Total Renewal Amount	Total New Amount
2018	\$28,891,751	112	\$16,383,119	\$12,508,632

Applicant Type	Number of Awards	Total Amount Awarded
Resident Association	12	\$2,640,974
Public Housing Authorities	73	\$19,833,072
Tribes	19	\$4,304,681
Non- Profit Organizations	8	\$2,113,298

Other Interesting Facts

Areas of Need	Total Number of FY18 Grantees
Education	64
Financial Literacy	93
Health & Wellness	69
Employment	74
<i>Elderly and/or Disabled</i>	52
<i>Reentry</i>	7
<i>Substance Abuse</i>	14



ROSS Overview



What is ROSS?

ROSS is designed to assist residents of Public and Indian housing make process towards self-sufficiency.

In the case of elderly/disabled residents, the Service Coordinator links them to supportive services which enables them to age/remain in place.



What is ROSS

This program works to promote the development of local strategies o coordinate the use of assistance under the Public Housing and NAHASDA program with public and private resources, for supportive services and resident empowerment activities.



How may you achieve?

Self-sufficiency is an individual's ability to support their household by maintaining financial, housing, and personal/family stability.

To achieve self-sufficiency, an individual move along a continuum towards economic independence and stability; such movement is facilitated by state of well being that enables and supports achievement of personal goals



ROSS-SC Core Functions



Services to Be Coordinated

ROSS-SC serving Families

- Childcare Services
- Adult Basic Education/Literacy Classes
- Highschool Diploma/ GED Program
- Job Training Skills
- Financial Literacy
- Health Care Coordination
- Nutritional Courses
- Employer Linkage and Job Placement
- Career Advancement and Planning Programs
- Transportation
- Expunging, sealing, or correcting criminal records or securing certificates of rehabilitation, dependent on state jurisdiction
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Civil Legal Assistance

ROSS-SC serving Elderly/Disabled Residents

Assist residents with aging in place

- Assisting with activities of to daily living
- Meal services meet nutritional needs
- Personal emergency response resources
- Disability service counseling

Program Outcomes

Education:

- Positive percent change in educational attainment of residents.
- Percent increase in number of workable adults with no high school diploma enrolled in GED class and/or
- Workable adults enrolled in adult continuing education.

Health & Wellness:

- Positive percent change in educational attainment of residents.
- Percent increase in number of workable adults with no high school diploma enrolled in GED class and/or
- Workable adults enrolled in adult continuing education.

Reentry and/or Substance Abuse:

- Positive change in barriers removed leading to employment and health and well-being.
- For residents with drug/alcohol dependency, positive percent change in number of residents receiving treatment.

Education:

- Positive change in employment.
- Positive increase in resident earned income.
- Positive Change in earnings at or above living wage

Financial Literacy:

- Positive increase in resident net worth.
- Positive increase in credit score.
- Increase in number of residents with no bank accounts opening bank accounts.

Elderly/Disabled:

- Positive change in number of barriers removed leading to stability in health and well-being
- Positive change in number of barriers removed to maintain housing stability

Eligible Use of Funds



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Salary/Fringe Cost

- Used to pay for salary/fringe of ROSS-SCs.
- Coordinators must be paid the amount recommended for salary/fringe.

Training/Travel Cost

- For Program Development and Professional Development of ROSS-SC.
- All training/travel associated with ROSS-SCs must be approved by HUD **before incurring cost**.
- Training amount increased.

Administration Cost:

- Administrative staff support.
- Local transportation by the SCs
- Tracking and evaluation.
- Purchase of office furniture or office equipment and supplies.
- Purchase of hardware and software to support ROSS participants.
- Program outreach, printing and postage.
- Lease or rental of space for program activities. Please see conditions in FY18 NOFA

Ineligible Use of Funds

Funds may not be used for any activities other than salary/fringe of ROSS-SCs and related administrative, training/travel cost

Funds may not be used to pay the salary of an FSS Coordinator

ROSS funds cannot be used to hire or pay a Contract Administrator

Administrative funds may only be used to support the ROSS program. A grantee's Central Office cost may not use ROSS administrative funds to cover other grantee's cost.



Rental Assistance Demonstration

ROSS-SC grantees may not serve units that received a CHAP Commitment prior to the FY18 ROSS application deadline.

If families live in units that received a CHAP commitment after the application deadline, the ROSS-SC may continue to serve those families.

However, if the units convert from public housing to another form of rental assistance prior to the start of the grant term (3/18/2019), those residents cannot be served.



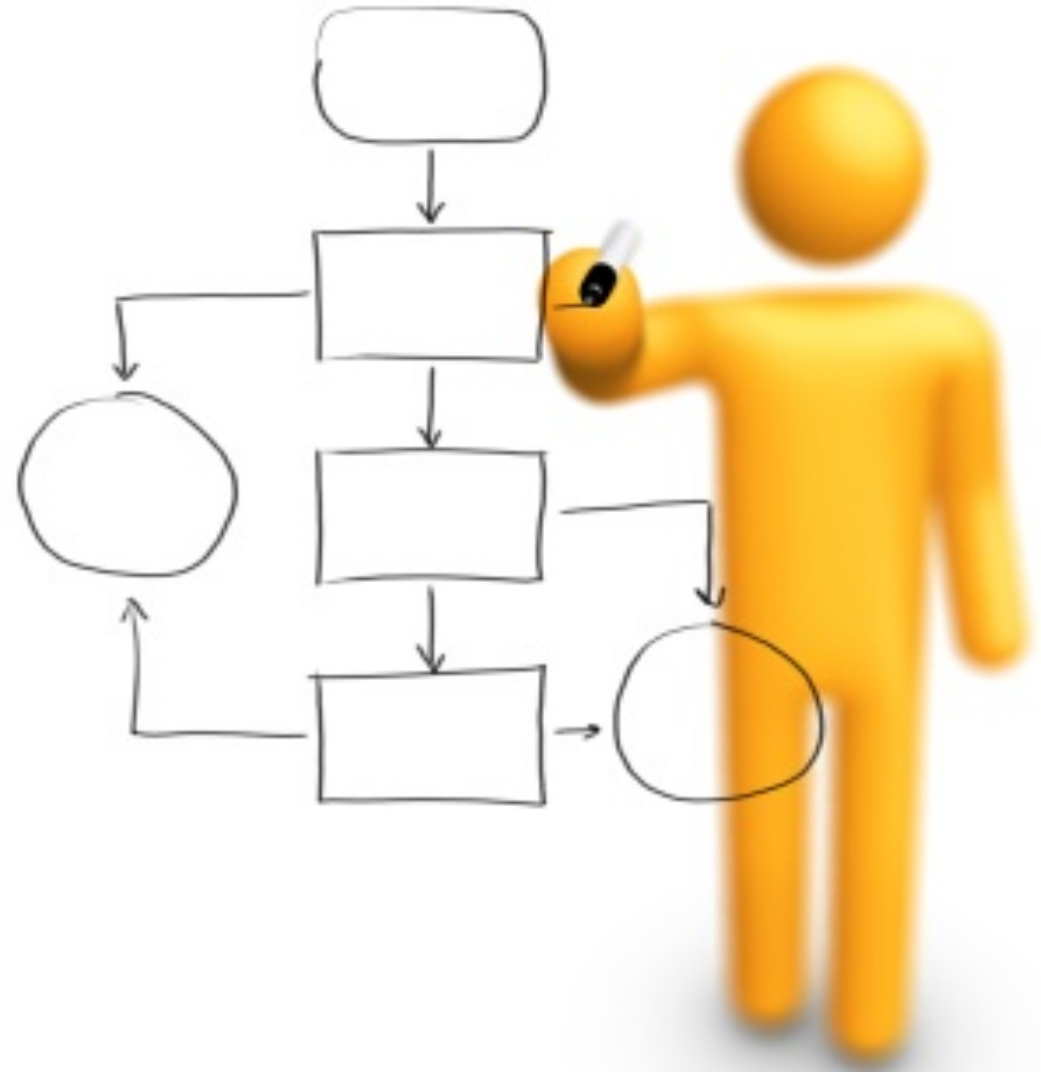
Elderly/Disabled Service Coordinator (EDSC)

PHAs that are currently eligible to receive annual funding under the EDSC program will forgo eligibility for future EDSC funding if the grantee applied to serve elderly/disabled through FY18 ROSS program.

If you applied to serve elderly and/or disabled residents and receive EDSC funding, please contact ROSS-PIH@hud.gov asap.



Program Administration



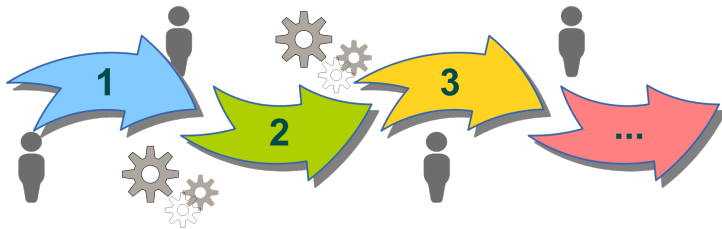
Grant Term

The term of the FY18 ROSS grant is 36 months beginning on March 18, 2019. This will not change even if a grantee has a prior ROSS-SC grant

The grant term is the period during which HUD will review the grantee's performance reporting in the Standard for Success data collection tool and other relevant information needed to evaluate the grantee's performance.

Grantees cannot expend FY18 ROSS grants until they have exhausted their prior ROSS-SC grant funds (or requested recapture).

If the Grantee's program has not implemented the ROSS-SC grant within **60 days from the start of the grant term** the Grantee must report by letter to the appropriate HUD field office.



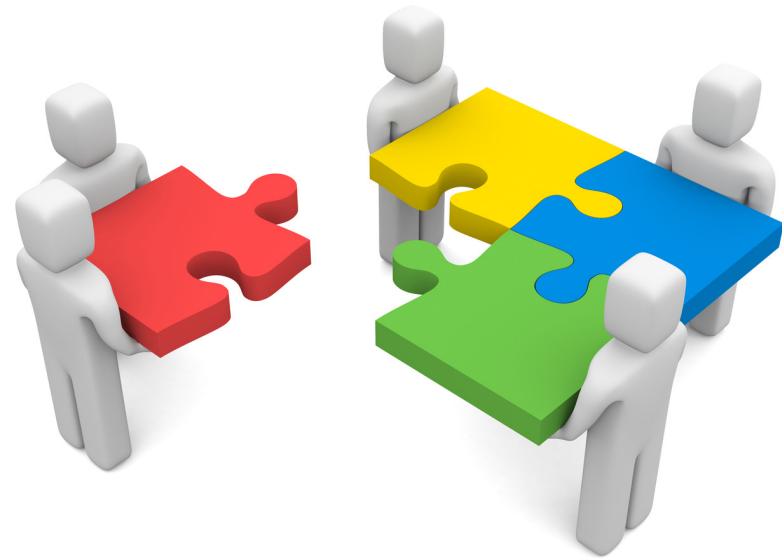
Match

The required match is 25% of total requested ROSS funds.

The purpose of the match is to ensure your ROSS program includes committed partners who are able to address the needs of residents.

Grantees must maintain at least a 25% match throughout the entire grant term

Grantees can update match partners throughout the grant



Contract Administrator



Who is required to have a Contract Administrator?

- Troubled PHAs
- Resident Associations

Contract Administrators must assure that the financial management system and procurement procedures fully comply with 2 CFR Part 200.

Contract Administrators must also assist grantees in meeting HUD's reporting requirements.

ROSS-SC grant funds must not be used to pay contract administrators.

Contract Administrators are expressly forbidden from accessing HUD's Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) and submitting vouchers on behalf of grantees.

Non Profit Status



501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status or Incorporated Nonprofit Status is required of all Resident Association and Nonprofit Organization grantees.

The Nonprofit status must remain in good standing through the entire grant term.

Funds Draw Down

Payments of grant funds shall be made only through electronic funds transfer using e-LOCCS.

Initial drawdown cannot be earlier than the start date of the grant term.

Costs cannot be reimbursed for activities undertaken prior to the start of the grant term, unless prior written approval from HUD is provided. Please see grant agreement for exceptions.



Funds Draw Down

The Grantee may not draw down grant funds until:

1. HUD has received and approved any certifications and disclosures
2. All pre-conditions listed in the Notice of Award, Grant Agreement, the NOFA, or award letter is met.
3. The grantee has a user name and password from HUD in order to access grant solutions to accept the award.
4. Grantees obtained access to LOCCS. If your agency does not currently have LOCCS access, we encourage you to begin the process as soon as possible. Should you not get LOCCS approval in sufficient time, you could potentially face a lapse in availability funding.

Unexpended FY15 Balances

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Further Guidance will be given to renewal grantees with overlapping grant terms



Program Evaluation



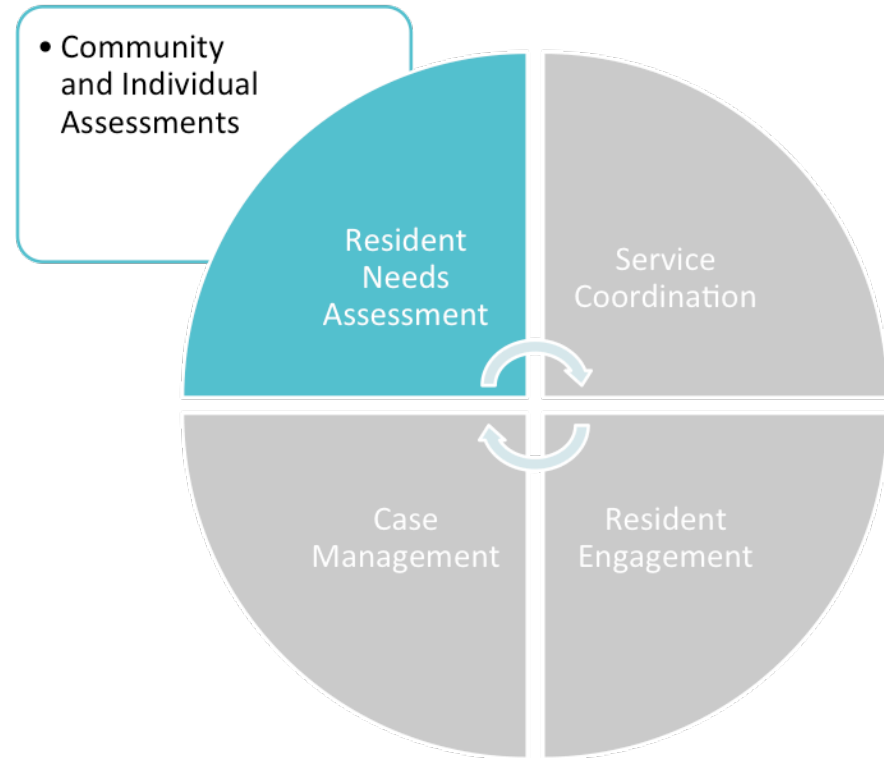
Achieving Results

HUD requires all grantees to develop performance and outcome measures that are:

focused on residents achieving economic and housing self-sufficiency,

reducing or eliminating dependency on any type of subsidized housing or welfare assistance,

In the case of elderly/disabled residents assisting them to continue to live independently/



Reporting Tool

HUD will not require submission of the Logic Model to evaluate performance

Grantees will be part of the Standard for Success Pilot Program.

This data collected through this pilot program may be used to evaluate performance of grantees



Standards for Success (SfS)

Web Links:

Standards for Success Resource Page

www.hudexchange.info/programs/standards-for-success/

GrantSolutions inForm Log In Page

www.grantsolutions.gov

Standards for Success (SfS) Overview

Referred to interchangeably as SfS, the SfS Pilot, the pilot, the framework

Standardized reporting framework for HUD discretionary-funded programs

- Incrementally implemented across HUD programs

The framework's three main tenets are:

- Standardization of data elements
- Alignment of reported data elements to higher-level agency goals
- Utilization of record-level (individual service recipient-level) reports
 - HUD does not receive any personally identifiable information (PII)

Standards for Success (SfS)

FY 2019 Data Collection and Reporting Dates

Activity	Date
Data Collection Start Date*	October 1, 2018
Data Collection End Date	September 30, 2019
Report Submission Due Date	October 30, 2019

***Data Collection Start Date for new FY18 ROSS grants will be the start date of your grant's period of performance.**

Standards for Success (SfS)

Standards for Success Contacts

Please refer to the following resources for additional assistance:

Help Resource	Subject Area	Email	Phone
HUD Standards for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General questions regarding HUD Standards for Success• Feedback submissions regarding HUD Standards for Success	AskGMO@hud.gov	
GrantSolutions inForm Help Desk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical issues or questions using the GrantSolution inForm tool• Requests for GrantSolution inForm:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ user account access◦ account usernames◦ account password reset	help@grantsolutions.gov	(202) 401-5282 or (866)-577-0771
Pangea Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions regarding AASC Online• Questions regarding FamilyMetrics	support@pangeafoundation.org	
HUD Program Office ROSS Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions specific to your HUD program	HUD Field Office Directory ROSS-PIH@hud.gov	

Standards for Success (SfS) Data Elements

Data Element Name	Data Element Description	Response Options
Grant Number	The unique number identifying the grants as listed in award document.	The unique number identifying the grant.
Grantee DUNS Number	The unique, non-indicative identifier issued by D&B and used by sam.gov to verify business entity.	The 9-digit DUNS number assigned to the grantee's business. Omit dashes (-).
Grant Appropriation Fiscal Year	The year of appropriation for the Federal funds awarded.	The year of appropriation in a YYYY format.
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number	The 5-digit CFDA number for the grant award.	The CFDA number in a XXXXX format. Omit the period (.).
Reporting Period Beginning Date	The begin date for the reporting period.	The beginning date for the reporting period in YYYY-MM-DD format.
Reporting Period End Date	The end date for the reporting period.	The ending date for the reporting period in a YYYY-MM-DD format.

Standards for Success (SfS) Data Elements

Data Element Name	Data Element Description	Response Options
License or Certificate Attainment Code	Individual's attainment of a vocational/occupational license or certificate while receiving grant-funded services. The license or certificate must have been attained between the start and the completion or termination of grant-funded services.	1 = Occupational skills license. 2 = Occupational skills certificate. 3 = Other license or certificate recognized by state. 4 = Individual did not attain a license or certificate. 88 = Individual refused. 99 = Individual does not know.
Degree Attainment Code	Individual's attainment of a degree while receiving grant-funded services. The degree must have been attained between the start and the completion or termination of grant-funded services.	1 = High school diploma/ GED. 2 = AA or AS diploma. 3 = BA or BS diploma. 4 = Other degree. 5 = No degree attained 88 = Individual refused. 99 = Individual does not know
Employment Status Code	Individual's employment status during the prior month, including, the date of collection. An individual is considered "employed" if he or she did any work for pay during the last month even for just for a few hours)	1 = Employed 2 = Not employed at any time in the last month and actively seeking work. 3 = Not employed at any time in the last month and not actively seeking work. 88 = Individual refused. 99 = Individual does not know.
Employment Type Status Code	The type of employment, classified as full-time or part-time.	1 = Full-time worker employed in the last month. 2 = Part-time worker employed in the last month. 88 = Individual refused. 99 = Individual does not know

Standards for Success (SfS)

Reporting Tools

There are currently four options in which participants can record and submit their Standards for Success to HUD:

- ▶ **GrantSolutions inForm**

- ▶ **American Association of Service Coordinators (AASC) Online**

- ▶ **FamilyMetrics Software**

- ▶ **Other case management system**

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Reporting Dates

Grantees must submit annual reports by:

- 10/30/19 (Year One Annual Report)
- 10/30/20 (Year Two Annual Report)
- 10/30/21 (Year Three Annual Report)
- 04/01/22 (Final Report)

Annual Reports include:

1. Financial Reports (HUD SF-425)
2. Data using Standard for Success reporting tool.

Each year, HUD may determine the Grantee's progress based upon a comparison between the Grantee's performance reported in the Standards for Success tool with other ROSS grantees. HUD may also use Year 1 and Year 2 reports as baseline data to determine progress of the grantee's program.



Reporting Dates

If a grantee has a FY14 ROSS grant that has a grant term (period of performance) that ended before 3/18/2019, **that grantee will need to submit a complete FY15 Logic Model** and other required materials in their annual report. Their data should reflect a 36-month report period.

If a grantee has a FY15 ROSS that has a grant term (period of performance) that will end after 3/18/2019, **that grantee will need still need to submit a FY15 Logic Model** with their annual report that has data up to 3/17/2019. These grantees will start to report in the Standard for Success tool on 3/18/2019.

If a renewal grantee has used Family Metrics or AASC Online to report their FY15 ROSS performance data, they may still use Family Metrics or AASC Online reporting tool.



Next Steps



Next Steps

1. Read the FY18 ROSS NOFA and Grant Agreement
2. Talk with your local Field Office or area ONAP grant administrators
3. Hire ROSS-SCs
4. Sign up for ROSS Mailing List:
<https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=ROSS-Service%20Coordinator&list=ROSS-SC-L>
5. Check out the ROSS webpage on hudexchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/ross/>
6. Stay tuned for some exciting webinars and other trainings.

Contact Information

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Questions

