

# **2010 Continuum of Care NOFA and Application Broadcast**

Office of Special Needs  
Assistance Programs

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# CoC Registration Overview

# 2010 CoC Registration Overview

- CoC Registration closed  
June 4, 2010
- All CoCs received notification of approval or disapproval of their registration by July 15, 2010
- CoCs that received approval have access to Exhibit 1 in *e-snaps*

# **Notice of Funding Availability**

# 2010 Notice of Funding Availability

- Published on HUD HRE ([www.hudhre.info](http://www.hudhre.info))
- CoCs will have until November 18, 2010, to complete and submit the 2010 Exhibit 1 application and Exhibit 2.

# Highlights and Major Changes in 2010



# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

- Two-step conditional awards announcement process:
  - **Fall 2010/Winter 2011**  
Expedited announcement for renewal projects (60 days after competition closes)

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

- **Winter 2011.** Grant agreements for renewal awards to be issued.
- **Spring 2011.** New project conditional awards announced and grant agreements and SHP Technical Submissions to be issued.

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

Applicants may only request one year of funding for SHP renewal projects

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

First time S+C renewals may continue to request up to the amount determined by multiplying the number of units leased, as approved on the final Grant Inventory Worksheet, by the applicable 2010 Fair Market Rent(s) by 12 months.

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

For 2010, first time S+C renewals requesting more units than approved in the original application must have provided their local HUD field office with copies of all executed leases at the time of Grant Inventory Worksheet(s) submission to support the number of units requested.

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

- Starting with this year's competition, the definition of Chronically Homeless Person has been expanded to include families with at least one adult member who has a disabling condition.
- The family must meet all the other standards for chronic homelessness in Section 4.d. of the NOFA, Definition and Concepts.

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

- In 2010 there will be a Permanent Housing Bonus. The bonus amount will be 15 percent of a CoCs PPRN or \$6 million, whichever is less.
  - May serve families or individuals
  - CoCs are encouraged to create permanent housing beds for disabled veterans
  - CoCs are encouraged to create permanent housing beds for the chronically homeless

*NOTE: CoCs can not use available PPRN to supplement PH Bonus Projects*

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

## Education Assurances

1. The CoC will be required to demonstrate that it is collaborating with local education agencies to assist in the identification of homeless families as well as informing these homeless families and youth of their eligibility for McKinney-Vento education services;



# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

## Education Assurances (cont.)

2. The CoC will be required to demonstrate that it is considering the educational needs of children when families are placed in emergency or transitional shelter.

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

## Education Assurances (cont.)

3. Project applicants must demonstrate that their programs are establishing policies and practices that are consistent with other laws relating to the provision of educational and related services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and,

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

## Education Assurances (cont.)

4. Project applicants must demonstrate that programs that provide housing or services to families are designating a staff person to ensure that children are enrolled in school and connected to the appropriate services within the community.

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

- To achieve greater geographic diversity, HUD will give selection priority to projects located 100 percent rural areas.
- HUD is reintroducing the HHN Reallocation process

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

- Housing Inventory Charts and Point-in-Time Count Data
  - CoCs submitted their 2010 data directly into the new HUD Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) web site in May, 2010
  - HUD will continue to score CoCs on this information as part of the application.

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

- Housing emphasis and leveraging will be calculated on eligible new projects only.
- CoCs will be required to address how they are coordinating with local HPRP resources.

# Highlights and Major Changes for 2010

**HUD encourages all projects to utilize the following programs as a source of leveraging:**

- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
- HUD-VASH
- any HUD-managed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) programs

# 2004 Grants

The 2004 Appropriation Act makes funds for all grants awarded in 2004 available for use early through until September 30, 2011.



# Key Concepts for 2010

# Overview of Concepts

- CoC Need Amounts
  - Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)
  - Hold Harmless Need (HHN)
  - Hold Harmless Merger Process
  - Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN)

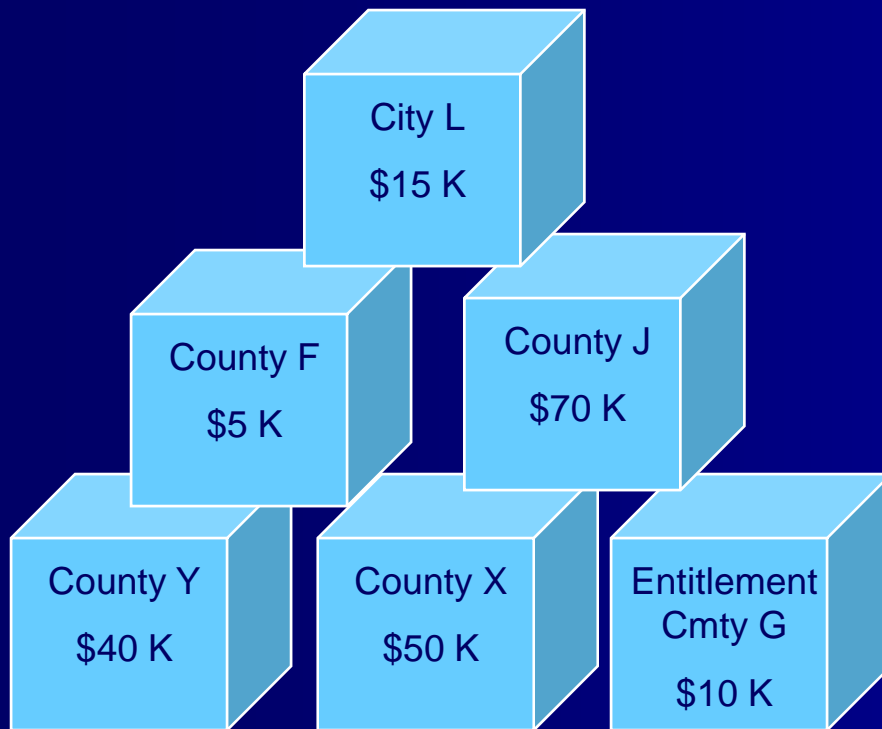
# Overview of Definitions

- HHN Reallocation
- Match
- Housing Emphasis

# Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)

- Each CoC jurisdiction has a Pro Rata Need amount based on CDBG formula: these are the *building blocks*.
- More building blocks means a larger PPRN = more planning resources.

# PPRN



## Calculating PPRN:

City L = \$15,000

County F = \$ 5,000

County J = \$70,000

County Y = \$40,000

County X = \$50,000

Cmty G = \$10,000

**PPRN = \$190,000**

# Hold Harmless Need Amount (HHN)

- Annual Renewal Amount (ARA)
- Total of ARAs for all SHP grants expiring January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011.

# Hold Harmless Merger Process

- The merged FPRN is based upon the FPRN of each original CoC
- Protects FPRN of merging CoCs that have at least one original CoC in PPRN and one original CoC in HHN

# Final Pro Rata Need Amount (FPRN)

- FPRN is the higher of PPRN or HHN amounts or the amount established by the Hold Harmless Merger calculation
- Includes:
  - New SHP, S+C, SRO within FPRN
  - SHP Renewals
- Does not include:
  - PH Bonus
  - S+C Renewals



# HHN Reallocation

- CoCs whose FPRN is based on their HHN amount or the Hold Harmless Need Merger calculation may use reallocation to create new PH or HMIS projects.
- New SHP projects may be for 1, 2 or 3 years.
- New SHP projects are awarded using the selection criteria for renewals detailed in the NOFA.
- New S+C applications must be for 5 or 10 years and new SROs for 10 years

# Match

The SHP and S+C program regulations address the scope of the match requirement and the responsibility of the recipient of the grant to ensure that the funds that the recipient uses to satisfy HUD's match requirements are not prohibited to be used for match under any statute that may govern the matching funds.

Reference: 24 CFR Part 582 and 24 CFR Part 583

# Housing Emphasis

- Relationship between funds for housing activities and supportive services
- Includes only eligible new project requests

# 2010 CoC Scoring

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- Exhibit 1 will be competitively scored on 100 point scale.
- Need is accounted for through the Pro Rata Need process.

# 2010 CoC Scoring

- CoC Housing, Services, and Structure: 14 points
- Homeless Needs and Data Collection: 26 points
- CoC Strategic Planning: 22 points

# 2010 CoC Scoring

- CoC Performance: 32 points
- Emphasis on Housing Activities: 6 points
  - Will be calculated on eligible new projects only
  - Do NOT need 100% housing activity to receive full points for this section

# **2010 Selection Priorities**



# 2010 Selection Priorities

- HUD's 2010 selection priorities provides preference, up to \$30 million, to applicants with projects proposing to serve 100 percent rural counties.
- HUD used the parameters in Section 491(k)(2)(A) and (B) of the HEARTH Act to define a county as rural.

# 2010 Selection Priorities

## Rural Continued

- To be eligible an applicant must propose to serve 100 percent rural counties and attach the Rural Housing Units Worksheet in its Exhibit 2.
- HUD encourages CoC who have counties defined as rural to take advantage of these selection priorities and propose projects that will serve underserved rural counties.

# 2010 Selection Priorities

- HUD will fund all eligible one-year S+C and SHP renewal projects.

# 2010 Selection Priorities

## Permanent Housing

- HUD will fund 30% of this year's appropriation for permanent housing projects in this order:
  - All eligible renewal SHP permanent housing projects.
  - Select eligible, new permanent housing projects within FPRN that propose to serve 100 percent rural counties, in rank order by CoC score.
  - Select eligible, new permanent housing projects within FPRN in rank order by CoC score.
  - Select eligible Permanent Housing Bonus projects, in rank order by CoC score.

# 2010 Selection Priorities

- HUD will fund for at least one year, lower-rated eligible dedicated HMIS projects.
- HUD will fund eligible Transitional Housing and Safe Haven projects that propose to serve 100 percent rural counties, in rank order by CoC score.
- HUD will competitively fund all remaining projects in rank order, by CoC.



# **Project Eligibility and Quality**

# Threshold Requirements for All Projects

HUD reviews for:

- Project eligibility
  - Does the project serve the correct population and meet quality threshold criteria?
- Applicant/sponsor eligibility
  - Are the applicant and sponsor eligible to receive the type of grant requested?



# Project Eligibility

**All grants must serve eligible populations as stated in the 2010 NOFA under Section III.A.I.**

# Applicant/Sponsor Eligibility

## Supportive Housing

- States
- Units of general local government
- Special purpose units of government, e.g., PHAs
- Private nonprofit organizations
- Community Mental Health Centers that are public nonprofit organizations

# Applicant/Sponsor Eligibility

## Shelter Plus Care

- States
- Units of general local government
- PHAs

# Applicant/Sponsor Eligibility

## Section 8 SRO

- PHAs
- Private nonprofit organizations

# Project Quality Reviews

## New Projects:

- Type and scale of housing
- Type, scale and location of services
- Access to services
- How the program assists clients to obtain and remain in PH
- Applicant experience and capacity

# Other Requirements

## Good Standing

New and renewal projects will not be funded if applicant has significant, long standing, unresolved audit, monitoring, or legal problems

# Use and Repayment Covenant Requirements

All awarded rehabilitation, new construction and acquisition projects will be required to have a HUD-approved 20-year use and repayment covenant.

# Fair Housing Requirements

- All grantees must comply with Fair Housing regulations.
- NOFA language on Fair Housing requirements reflect current regulations.



# *e-snaps:* Getting from NOFA to Application Submission

# What is *e-snaps*?

- Online application and grants management system for Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Programs
- Allows CoCs and project applicants to save work as they complete the application process
- Accessible via the internet at [www.hud.gov/esnaps](http://www.hud.gov/esnaps)

# Purpose & Benefits

- Streamlines process for awarding CoC grants to applicants
- Simplifies project application process for providers
- Provides project management system for both HUD and applicants
- Maintains information from year to year, reducing data entry

# **Exhibit 1/CoC Information**

# Import Data

It is important to note that if the CoC DID NOT select the import option during the CoC registration process then the 2009 Exhibit 1 information was not imported. There will not be an additional opportunity to import the CoC's Exhibit 1 information.

*It was a one time opportunity before submitting your 2010 CoC Registration.*

# Exhibit 1 in *e-snaps*

- Completed by CoC Lead Agency
  - CoC Lead/*e-snaps* registrant may add/delete other users to access Exhibit 1 for data entry
- CoC Lead Agency Contact must submit CoC application to HUD

# Exhibit 1 Overview

Similar to 2009 in design and information requested, the CoC will describe:

- Existing CoC Structure, membership services and decision-making process
- Existing Housing and Services
- HMIS Implementation and Progress

# Exhibit 1 Overview

Also similar in design and information requested in the 2009 competition, the CoC will describe:

- AHAR Participation
- Data Collection
- CoC Performance



# Exhibit 1 Overview

In 2010, there were some changes to questions throughout Exhibit 1. The primary changes are:

- HHN Reallocation
- New AHAR Questions
- 3 New Education questions
- 1 New Veteran population question
- Educational Assurances

# CoC Project Listings

- The CoC Project Listing will be the same as in 2009. It allows the COC to view Exhibit 2 applications
  - New projects: CoCs will be required to rank or reject every project.
  - Renewal projects: CoCs will be required to accept or reject every project.

**HUD will not review projects rejected by CoC or those that fall entirely outside of the CoCs FPRN and PH Bonus, where applicable.**

# CoC Project Listing

- The Project Listing Allows CoCs to:
  - View and sort submitted projects
  - Request changes/corrections to project applications (amendment process)
    - Project applicant makes changes and re-submits Exhibit 2 to CoC.

# CoC Project Listings

The CoC should continuously update its CoC Project Listings , but not rank or reject projects until it is prepared to submit the application to HUD.

The CoC will be unable to submit its application until it either ranks, approves, or rejects every project submitted to the CoC.

# Project Listing Reminders

- All projects accepted by the CoC must fall within the CoCs FPRN.
- HUD will not review any projects whose amounts fall completely outside of a CoC's FPRN or are rejected by the CoC.

# Funding Categories

- S+C Renewals
- SHP Renewals
- Permanent Housing Bonus
- New Projects within FPRN

# **Exhibit 2/ Project Information**

# Import Data

- One year renewal applicants that submitted an Exhibit 2 in 2009 will be able to import information from their 2009 Exhibit 2 into their 2010 Exhibit 2.
- Applicants should carefully review and update, as necessary, information brought forward into their 2010 project application.

e-snaps does not allow 2008 application information to be imported into 2010.



## Exhibit 2 in *e-snaps*

- Exhibit 2 will be available after the SF 424 is completed/updated and all projects are listed.
- The Project type, Program type and selected component will “drive” which screens the applicant sees for each project.

# Exhibit 2 – Changes/Corrections

- Applicants can make changes and corrections throughout Exhibit 2 until they have submitted the project to the CoC.

*Note: Forms do not have to be completed in one sitting.*

# Exhibit 2 – Consolidations

- An applicant may NOT consolidate during the application process.
- Consolidation must be approved by the local HUD field office prior to the submission of the Exhibit 2 application.
- For approved consolidation, the applicant must submit only one application that reflect the consolidation project information and budget amounts/units.

# Performance Measures

- All new and renewal projects – except for HMIS projects – must provide systematic indicators for evaluating the positive impact/success the project will have on clients and reducing homelessness in the community
- HUD requires all projects to include measures for: length of time in project, recidivism, movement to and stability in permanent housing, and job and income growth for persons that are homeless.
- Applicant may also indicate additional measures on which the project will chart success.

# Exhibit 2 Attachments

- Logic Model
- Non-profit Status Documentation for project sponsors
- PHA Letter (Sect. 8 SRO projects only)
- Rural Housing Units Worksheet

# Exhibit 2 – Budget Line Items

All renewal SHP project budget line items should reflect the amounts on the final Grants Inventory Worksheet (GIW) as approved by the HUD.

S+C renewals should match S+C GIW on unit count and bedroom distribution.

Additional changes should be reflected on the grant agreement as needed.

For renewal SHP projects reduced by the CoC through the HHN reallocation process, the total budget amount requested in the Exhibit 2 application must reflect the reduced amount as determined by the CoC.

# **Preparing for Implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by HEARTH**

# McKinney-Vento, as amended by HEARTH

On May 20, 2009, President Obama signed into law the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, which amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.



# McKinney-Vento, as amended by HEARTH

HUD suggests that CoCs begin considering the following HEARTH Act requirements in 2010 to prepare their communities for full implementation.

# McKinney-Vento, as amended by HEARTH

1) The HEARTH Act places an increased emphasis on HMIS and requires that all ESG recipients use HMIS.

# McKinney-Vento, as amended by HEARTH

2) HUD encourages CoCs to review the performance measures outlined in the HEARTH Act and begin to strategize about how the outcomes will be collected at the local level.

# McKinney-Vento, as amended by HEARTH

3) With the increased focus on performance, HUD strongly encourages CoCs that have applied but not been awarded grants in the past to consider merging.

# McKinney-Vento, as amended by HEARTH

4) Up-to-date information regarding the HEARTH Act, including a copy of the McKinney-Act amended by the HEARTH Act, can be found on the HUD HRE site.

# TRAINING AND RESOURCES

All HUD CoC application materials  
can be found on the HUD HRE Site:

<http://www.hudhre.info/>

For questions, use the HUD Virtual  
Help Desk located at:

<http://www.hudhre.info/>

# Resources Available for NOFA

- Visit [www.hudhre.info](http://www.hudhre.info) to:
  - Download a copy of the NOFA
  - Review the Supplemental Q & As
  - Review the NOFA webcast
  - View Frequently Asked Questions
  - Ask a question through the Virtual Help Desk