

DEDICATED BEDS & DEDICATEDPLUS

RESOURCES

CONSULT THE CoC RULE:

CoC Program Interim Rule

– 24 CFR 578.3 Definitions:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2017-title24-vol3/xml/CFR-2017-title24-vol3-part578.xml#seqnum578>

RESOURCES ON THE HUD EXCHANGE

CoC Program NOFA –

consult the competition web page under which the grant was funded:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2018-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notice>

2018 Competition Guidance

<https://www.hudexchange.info/news/fy-2018-coc-competition-focus-dedicatedplus-explaining-the-new-strategy-for-ending-chronic-homelessness/>

Chronic Homelessness Resources Page – with links to: Flowchart, webinars, rules, and guidance:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-chronic-homelessness/>

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SUMMARY

To help end chronic homelessness, CoC Program NOFAs in recent years have encouraged and required recipients and subrecipients to dedicate their Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project beds to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness. These are called *Dedicated beds*. An additional category of targeting, known as *DedicatedPLUS*, introduced in the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition, allows recipients and subrecipients to serve highly vulnerable individuals and families who may not currently be experiencing chronic homelessness.

Information about these categories may be found in the CoC Program NOFA. Carefully review the NOFA under which the project grant was funded. [See sidebar for related resources.](#)

BEDS DEDICATED TO CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES (DEDICATED BEDS)

A PSH bed dedicated specifically for use by chronically homeless individuals and families within a CoC's geographic area. Dedicated beds must be reported as specifically for chronically homeless persons in the CoC's Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and the permanent housing project application. When a participant exits the project, another chronically homeless participant must fill the bed unless there are no chronically homeless persons located within the CoC's geographic area. This concept only applies to PSH projects.

DEDICATEDPLUS PROJECT

In the FY 2017 (CoC) Program Competition HUD introduced the concept of DedicatedPLUS PSH which allows recipients to serve some households who are highly vulnerable but not currently experiencing chronic homelessness. This concept was carried forward into the FY 18 competition.

CoCs responded to HUD steps that sought to ensure that CoC Program-funded PSH was serving households with the highest levels of need to end chronic homelessness including adopting an order of priority for dedicated and non-dedicated PSH, tightening the definition of chronic homelessness with new universal recordkeeping requirements, and providing incentives through the CoC Program Competition that encouraged CoCs to dedicate or prioritize more of their PSH.

As a result of these shifts, CoCs dedicated many of their PSH units to people experiencing chronic homelessness. To respond to challenges communities were having connecting some of their most vulnerable neighbors who either did not yet meet the definition of chronic homelessness or who likely met the definition of chronically homeless, but for whom adequate third party documentation was not available, HUD introduced the concept of DedicatedPLUS.

The FY 17 and FY 18 CoC Program NOFA provided guidance to communities on how to identify highly vulnerable people who would be eligible for that year's DedicatedPLUS-funded units. It is anticipated that future NOFAs will also provide guidance for units funded out of those NOFAs. As such, all CoC DedicatedPLUS programs must closely review the NOFA under which the program and units are funded to target eligible persons for DedicatedPLUS units.