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FY2021 HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE

Program Office: Community Planning and Development Funding Opportunity

Title: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Continuum of Care Program Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants

Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6500-N-25

Due Date for Collaborative Applications: 11/16/2021, 8 PM Eastern Time, via esnaps

Please note – Changing Homelessness is designated as the Collaborative Applicant, (referenced as CHI-CA) and responsible for submitting the FL-510’s community application. FL-510 is made up of Clay, Duval and Nassau Counties and is often referenced as the Northeast FL Continuum of Care (NE FL CoC).

Program Description. The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program ([24 CFR part 578](#)) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Authority. The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act), and the CoC Program rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule). The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 funds were authorized by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94, approved December 20, 2019). The FY 2021 funds were authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, approved December 27, 2020). The renewal and replacement of YHDP grants is authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

The entire 2021 NOFO can be found at [HUD Exchange](#) and on the [CHI website](#). If you have a specific question, please review the [FAQs on the HUD Exchange](#) and if you don’t find the answer you’re seeking, you can go to [HUD Ask A Question \(AAQ\)](#).

Please note the contents of this overview represents excerpts and highlights from the HUD NOFO and other supporting materials. The FY2021 HUD CoC NOFO and the CoC Program rule 24 CFR part 578 supersedes our analysis.

AVAILABLE FUNDS

- **Approximately \$2.656 billion is available** in this FY 2021 CoC Program Competition NOFO , including up to \$77 million available for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects (of which \$50 million is carried over from FY 2020) and approximately \$77

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million for non-competitive Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program renewal and replacement expiring grants

- **HUD requires that all project applications submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY 2021 CoC Priority Listing as part of the CoC Consolidated Application must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked or rejected by the CoC.** All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order.

FL-510 Funding (FL-510 includes Clay, Duval and Nassau Counties)

- Preliminary Pro Rata Need - \$6,343,700
- Est. Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) - \$5,618,059
- Tier 1 - \$5,618,059 (total amount of all eligible renewal projects)
- (New) CoC Bonus - \$317,185
- (New) DV Bonus - \$951,555 (FY 2020 and FY 2021)
- CoC Planning - \$190,311, only available to Collaborative Applicant

TIMELINE (EST)

- Bidder's Conferences
 - Thursday, September 9th, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
 - Friday, September 10th, 3:30 to 5:00 pm
- **Local Applicants submit e-snaps applications**
 - **Wednesday, September 29th, 11:59 pm, end of day**
- CHI-CA shares error notifications with applicants
 - Friday, October 1, end of day
- **Local Applicants required to correct and resubmit applications**
 - **Friday, October 8th, end of day**
- CHI-CA shares applications with Ranking and Scoring Committee
 - Thursday, October 14th, end of day
- Ranking and Scoring Committee meets to finalize scores and rank projects
 - Thursday, October 21st, 1:30 pm
- CHI-CA will notify all applicants of accepted and ranked or reject applications
 - Tuesday, October 26th, end of day
- CHI-CA will submit final application and publish on website
 - Friday, November 12th, end of day
- HUD's Due Date is November 16th, 8 pm

HUD'S HOMELESS POLICY AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES (PAGE 9 OF HUD NOFO)

1. Ending homelessness for all persons
2. Using a Housing First approach
3. Reducing unsheltered homelessness
4. Improving system performance

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5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
6. Racial equity
7. Persons with lived experience

NEW FOR FY 2021 (PAGE 7 OF HUD NOFO)

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, approved December 27, 2020) amended title IV section 435 of the Act to allow Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) to be Collaborative Applicants, eligible entities, or sub-recipients of the CoC Program in addition to amending title IV section 401 to add the terms “Formula Area” and “Indian Tribe.”
- Using the Housing First model to prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing without service participation requirements or preconditions is returning in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition.
- HUD will incentivize CoCs that create projects that coordinate with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide permanent housing and rapid rehousing services.
- HUD increased the number of points in Section VII.B.1.g of this NOFO related to CoC coordination with Public Housing Agencies.
- HUD revised its evaluation of racial disparity from the FY 2019 CoC Program NOFO to place focus on racial equity and increased the number of points in Section VII.B.1.o of the NOFO related to whether people of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance or positive outcomes, whether racial or ethnic disparities are present, and whether CoCs and homeless providers identified barriers that led to these disparities and have taken steps to eliminate these barriers to improve racial equity.
- A new category has been added to Section VII.B of this NOFO to promote inclusion in the local planning process of current and former homeless persons with lived experience to:
 - a. address homelessness;
 - b. determine how local policies may need to be revised and updated;
 - c. participate in CoC meetings and on committees as stakeholders;
 - d. provide input for decisions; and e. provide input related to the local competition process
- Determining the impact of COVID-19 as CoCs faced challenges due to the outbreak of COVID-19 affecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness in congregate and non-congregate shelter or housing as well as increased risks for individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

RANKING AND SCORING

HUD requires CoCs to review and rank projects submitted by project applicants, except CoC Planning, having them fall into two Tiers based on financial threshold. All projects must pass HUD’s eligibility and threshold requirements to be funded, regardless of priority.

TIER 1

- Equal to 100% of the combined Annual Renewal Amounts (ARD) for all projects eligible

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for ARD for all other projects eligible for renewal

- Tier 1 projects will be conditionally selected from the highest-scoring to the lowest-scoring CoCs – provided projects pass eligibility and threshold requirements
- If there is insufficient funding, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately

TIER 2

- Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of ARD, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for, but does not include YHDP, CoC Planning (if applicable) or projects selected with DV Bonus funds
- Projects in Tier 2 are less likely to be funded
- Each Tier 2 project will be scored using 100-point scale based on three factors (same as 2019)
 - CoC Score – up to 50 (of 100) points awarded in direct proportion
 - CoC Project Ranking – up to 40 points (of 100) based on project ranking
 - Commitment to Housing First – 10 points (of 100)

CoC Priority Listing. All project applications are ranked with unique number, New (reallocated, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus) and Renewal, in order of priority and identify any project applications rejected by the CoC; and (b) four project listings for non-ranked project applications, YHDP renewal, YHDP replacement, CoC planning, and UFA Costs (if applicable)

- Collaborative Applicants will also be required to certify there is a demonstrated need for all ranked permanent housing renewal projects and these projects comply with program requirements and appropriate standards of housing quality and habitability on the Renewal Project Listing. For more information on the CoC Priority Listing, see Section VI.E.3 of this NOFO.

HUD Funding Process. HUD will continue the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding process and HUD will establish each CoC's Tier 1 and Tier 2 amounts based on the total amount of funds requested by eligible renewal project applications on the Renewal Project Listing combined with the eligible renewal project amount(s) that were reallocated as listed on the reallocation forms in the CoC Priority Listing.

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LOCAL APPLICANTS

Eligible project applicants are nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments, and public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be sub-recipients of grant funds. **Furthermore, to be eligible for funding applicants must meet all HUD statutory, regulatory and threshold requirements.**

Applications are submitted via e-snaps and all applicants must use this platform.

- DUNS/SAM Registrations
 - All project applicants must have a DUNS number and an active SAM registration (Sam.gov).
 - If you are a NEW project and have not signed up for e-snaps, you must let CHI know when you've completed your registration so that we can add you and your project
- Codes of Conduct
 - All applicants must have a current HUD-approved Code of Conduct.
 - CHI verified that all current Renewal projects have an updated Code of Conduct as required
 - If you are a new project applicant you will need to include your Code of Conduct in e-snaps
- Match
 - Applicants that intend to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much, needs to be a current match letter. See 578.73, 25%
- Housing First
 - If an applicant indicates that it uses a Housing First approach, then – if awarded – the project must operate as Housing First
- Environmental Requirements
 - Scattered site projects (categorized in 24 CFR 58.35(b)(1)) both tenant-based rental assistance and tenant-based leasing projects where program participants choose their own unit. Previous guidance was only for tenant-based rental assistance. The Exempt/CENST is only required for each project, not every unit.
- Project Applicant Resources
 - Are you new to the HUD CoC NOFO program?
 - If so, make sure you have a [DUNS Number and SAM Registration](#), first.
 - Create your [Project Applicant Profile](#).
 - [e-snaps 101 Toolkit](#) includes the resources to “Get Started, Navigate and Apply for Project Funds.
 - HUD Exchange – [Apply for Project Funds](#)

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- [New Project Application Resources](#) provides the Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guide.
- [Renewal Project Application Resources](#) details the Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guide.

NEW PROJECTS – MUST SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT | DUE SEPTEMBER 22ND

- **New Projects Created through Reallocation or Bonus**
 - PH-PSH supportive housing projects
 - PH-RRH projects
 - Joint TH & PH-RRH component projects
 - HMIS for the costs of 24 CFR 578.37 carried out by HMIS Lead
 - Supportive services projects (SSO – Coordinated Entry)
- **New Projects for DV Bonus**
 - PH-RRH projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3
 - Joint TH & PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section III.B.2.q of this NOFO dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3
 - Supportive service only-coordinated entry project 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

RENEWAL PROJECTS

- **Eligible for renewal for FY 2021** – Listed on the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)
- **Other important info**
 - **Per UNIT Cost**
 - Applicants are permitted to request a per-unit cost less than the FMR – if the actual rent per unit under lease is less than the FMR. This is to reduce the number of projects that request rental assistance having large unspent balances at the end of the year.
 - If less than FMR, applicants must provide copies of the leases to establish actual rents
- **Consolidations**
 - HUD encourages the consolidation of eligible renewal grants

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- New for the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition, grant recipients have the option to consolidate up to ten of their eligible renewal projects into one grant
 - **Consolidation Projects (Coming Soon)**
- **Expansion Projects** The process by which a renewal project submits a new project application to expand its current program by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants. Applicant must submit separate Renewal and New Project application and both must be ranked with unique numbers
 - **Expansion Projects (Coming Soon)**

Solo Applicants. Eligible project applicants that attempted to participate in the CoC planning process in the geographic area in which they operate, that believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner, may submit a solo project application to HUD and may be awarded a grant from HUD by following the procedure found in 24 CFR 578.35. Solo applicants must submit their solo project application in e-snaps to HUD by 8:00 PM EST, on November 16, 2021. See Section X.C of this NOFO for additional information regarding the Solo Applicant appeal process.

HOW HUD EVALUATES APPLICATIONS

HUD will consider an applicant's past performance in managing funds. Items HUD may consider, but are not limited to:

1. Ability to account for funds
2. Timely use of funds
3. Timely submission and quality of reports
4. Meeting program requirements
5. Meeting performance targets established in grant agreement
6. Applicant's organizational capacity, including staffing structures and capabilities
7. Timelines for completion of activities and receipt of promised matching or leveraged funds
8. The number of persons to be served or targeted for assistance

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COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

1. Collaborative Applicant

- a. CoC plan with all charts and narratives completed as applicable
- b. All required attachments
 1. CoC Review, Scoring and Ranking Procedures
 2. CoC Public Notice
 3. CoC Review and Ranking Process
 4. Notification to Project Applicants
 5. Notification of Ranked Project Applications
 6. PHA Administrative Plan
 7. Coordinated Entry System Assessment Tool
 8. Leveraging Healthcare Resources
 9. Projects to Serve Persons Defined as Homeless

2. Project Applications

- a. Project application, charts, narratives and attachments
- b. Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility
- c. Applicant Code of Conduct
- d. HUD Required Forms is built into esnaps
 1. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
 2. SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities
 3. Form HUD-2880, Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility
 4. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying
 5. Form HUD-50070, Cert for Drug-Free Workplace
 6. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
 7. Applicant Certifications

3. Priority Listing

- a. Project reallocation forms
- b. New Project Listing
- c. Renewal Project Listing
- d. UFA Costs Project Listing (NA)
- e. CoC Planning Project Listing
- f. YHDP Renewal Project Listing
- g. YHDP Replacement Project Listing
- h. Form HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan