**NE MN CoC (504) Continuum of Care Governing Board**

**Overview of the FY 2018 Continuum of Care (CoC)**

**Program Competition NOFA**

**June 20, 2018**

* Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6200-N-25
* CFDA Number: 14.267
* <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2018-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>
* NE MN CoC Forms and Information available at: <http://www.neminnesotacontinuumofcare.org/>

**IMPORTANT PROJECT APPLICATION DATES & DEADLINES:**

* July 16, 2018 – Renewal Applicant Intent to Apply & Threshold forms due to CoC via email in PDF format by 5:00 PM. Email to Cara Lundquist (clundquist@live.com)
* July 27, 2018 – New Applicant Intent to Apply & Threshold forms due to CoC via email in PDF format by 5:00 PM. Email to Cara Lundquist (clundquist@live.com)
* TBD (August 1-9, 2018) – NOFA Application Lab
* August 10, 2018 – Project Draft Applications submitted to CoC via PDF for ranking
* August 24, 2018 – Project Applications notified of inclusion in CoC Collaborative Application
* September 10, 2018– Final Project Application edits submitted in eSnaps and PDF to CoC (Email to Cara Lundquist (clundquist@live.com))
* September 18, 2018 @ 5:59PM – Appeals to HUD if application rejected by CoC
* HUD CoC Consolidated Application Deadline: September 18, 2018 @ 5:59 PM. **Note:** *Project Applications must be submitted by the Project deadlines NOT the Consolidated Application deadline.*

**Highlights of the 2018 CoC NOFA:**

* **About $2.1 billion is available for the FY2018 CoC Program NOFA.** This funding may not be sufficient to fund all anticipated renewals.
* HUD will continue to allow CoCs to rank all projects, except CoC planning, and is requiring placing projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 is equal to the greater of the combined amount of Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) for all permanent housing and HMIS projects eligible for renewal up to $1,000,000 or 94 percent of the CoC’s FY 2018 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
* Project Applicants must abide by the CoC deadline, meet HUD eligibility criteria, request eligibly activities (listed under 24 CFR, part 578), adequately answer all questions, and attach all required documents to be considered eligible for funding.
* The CoC is required to rank projects in order of priority and identify projects rejected. Planning projects will not be ranked. Ranking is based on capacity, priorities, and performance. Reallocation should be strongly considered for underperforming projects. Projects with outstanding HUD audit findings, history of ineligible participants, evidence of untimely expenditures, or financial management concerns, may be eliminated from competition.
* Transition Grants: Project applicants can transition an existing renewable component (e.g. TH) to another component (e.g. PH-RRH). To take advantage of the transition grant, the project applicant must use the reallocation process to relocate the existing eligible renewal component to one of the eligible new project components: PH-PSH, PH-RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, dedicated HMIS, or SSO-CE. The term of the new grant must be for 1 year. A project applicant can transition more than one existing component provided the new project meets the following:
	+ is from the same recipient for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated; **and**
	+ the project applicant must provide the grant number(s) for the project(s) being eliminated to create the new project; **and**
	+ must attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application.
* Domestic Violence Bonus: Up to $50 million is available for the DV Bonus which will provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. A CoC may apply for up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), or a minimum of $50,000, whichever is greater, or a maximum of $5 million. A CoC may apply for one of each of the following types of projects which are limited to a 1-year funding request and must follow the Housing First approach:
	+ Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) Projects
	+ Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section II.C.3.m of this NOFA.
	+ SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) 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, and sexual assault or stalking.
* Consolidations: Eligible renewal project applicants will have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects into one project application dur the application process. To be eligible for consolidation, projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component; and they will be funded in this competition only with FY2018 funds (meaning no funds captured from prior years will be awarded to the project). HUD will not permit a transitional housing and a permanent housing project to consolidate to form a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and will not permit a transition grant to be consolidated with any other project.
* Renewal projects requesting RA may request a per-unit amount less than FMR based on actual rent costs and cannot request more than 100% FMR.
* Bonus projects can be created up to 6% of CoC FPRN (Estimated $25,869) for:
	+ New PSH serving 100% chronic homeless or meeting DedicatedPLUS criteria;
	+ New SSO for Coordinated Entry;
	+ New RRH serving individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth;
	+ New joint TH & PH-RRH
	+ New HMIS for the costs of 24 CFR 578.37 carried out by HMIS Lead.
* New reallocation projects may include:
	+ New PSH serving 100% chronic homeless or meeting DedicatedPLUS criteria;
	+ New SSO for Coordinated Entry;
	+ New RRH serving individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth;
	+ New joint TH & PH-RRH;
	+ New HMIS for the costs of 24 CFR 578.37 carried out by HMIS Lead.
* New DV Bonus projects may include:
	+ 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.C.3.m of this NOFA 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.
* Expansion projects can be requested under the bonus, reallocation or DV bonus in order to expand existing units in a project or serve additional persons, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects.

**Important links:**

* The entire 2018 NOFA can be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2018-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices> and on a link on the CoC website: neminnesotacontinuumofcare.org
* HUD Ask A Questions (AAQ): [www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/.](http://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/)

**Eligible Project 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.**

**HUD Homeless Policy and Program Priorities:**

* 1. Ending homelessness for all persons.
		1. Identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness.
		2. Measure performance based on data taking into account the challenges faced by all subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area.
		3. Comprehensive outreach strategy in place to identify and engage.
		4. Use data to understand the population and develop services tailored to their needs.
		5. Use the reallocation process to create new projects that improve the overall performance and better respond to the needs of person who are homeless.
	2. Create a systemic response to homelessness.
		1. Use system performance measures (SPMs) to determine how effectively they are serving people experiencing homelessness.
		2. Use Coordinated Entry to promote participant choice, coordinate services, ensure rapid access, and make homelessness assistance open, inclusive, and transparent.
	3. Strategically allocating and using resources.
		1. Use cost, performance, and outcome data to improve resources allocation to end homelessness.
		2. Review project quality, performance, and cost effectiveness.
		3. Maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources.
		4. Review all projects eligible for renewal in FY 2018 to determine their effectiveness in serving people experiencing homelessness as well as their cost effectiveness.
		5. Work to develop partnerships with PHA’s to work toward helping CoC Program participants exit permanent supportive housing through Housing Choice Vouchers and other available housing options.
	4. Use a Housing First approach.
		1. Prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing.
		2. Does NOT have service participation requirements or preconditions.
		3. Projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing.
		4. Measure to help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness.
		5. Engage landlords and property owners.
		6. Remove barriers to entry.
		7. Adopt client-centered service methods.