Dear McKinney Grantee:

All McKinney renewal projects that have grants that will expire in CY 2018 must renew as part of the HUD FY2017 Continuum of Care Program Application process for 2018-2019 funding. According to our records, your project is one of those eligible for renewal.

Completion of the 2017 Intent to Apply signals the beginning of the 2017 CoC Program process and your intention regarding participation in this year’s CoC Program funded process. If your agency has multiple projects up for renewal, you must submit an “Intent to Apply” for each project. Submission of this form does not obligate you in any way, nor does it obligate Seattle and King County to include your project in the 2017 application to HUD.

Complete and return the 2017 Intent to Renew by Thursday, June 15, 2017 no later than 4pm.

☐ All Intent to Apply for Funding Forms are due on Thursday, June 15, 2017 no later than 4pm.

☐ An agency with multiple projects up for renewal, must submit an Intent to Apply for each project.

☐ FAILURE TO SUBMIT this completed form by the deadline will make your program ineligible for consideration in the community ranking process. This means that your project will not ranked in the local priority rank order.

Again, this year we do not know when HUD will release its 2017 Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) - it can be any time between now and Summer 2017, but as always our process is underway. We anticipate the Local CoC Program process to begin in early July. Similar to last year, the process will rely on Performance Data from the HUD Annual Progress Report (APR) and project efficiency information (eg., spending, occupancy HMIS data quality).

The FY 2017 Continuum of Care competition will continue to be a highly competitive funding opportunity. HUD has not released details of the forthcoming process, but expect them to press forward in a manner similar to FY2015. This means a rigorous review of current CoC Program investments, how well each adheres to CoC priorities and contributes to the collective impact on ending homelessness in Seattle King County.

We strongly urge you to review your programs and your data. Please let us know if you have questions or want to talk further about your project and plans for renewing.

We look forward to working with you during the 2017 McKinney renewal process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us as indicated below.
2017 Intent to Apply Form must be e-mailed to eileen.denham@seattle.gov  
By 4:00pm -- Thursday, June 15, 2017

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Please submit one CoC Renewal Intent Form for each CoC Program eligible for renewal in the 2017 CoC Process and return to Eileen Denham via the e-mail address eileen.denham@seattle.gov

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2. **Additional staff that should be included in general renewal process communications:**

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3. **Intent to Renew**

☐ **YES**  This Agency intends to apply for renewal of the grant identified above in the 2017 CoC Program process.

☐ **NO**  This Agency is choosing not to apply for renewal funding for the grant identified above and understands that it will not be included in the 2017 Seattle King County Continuum of Care Application.

☐ **Other**  This Agency is considering the option to reduce funding and would like to discuss this further.

☐ **Other**  This Agency is considering its renewal options and possible conversion to another housing model. We would like to discuss this further.

**Authorizing Signature/Title:**

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For any questions, please contact:

Eileen Denham, Seattle Department of Human Service
Phone (206) 684-0915
e-mail: eileen.denham@seattle.gov
We believe that HUD intends will continue its Tiering strategy for FY2017 which will require the CoC to again
place projects in either Tier 1 or Tier 2 based on HUD established amounts. These threshold amounts are
generally announced with the NOFA when its released.

A preview of HUD’s coming approach to the competition can be found in the FY 2016 CoC Program
Competition Recap published in SNAP In Focus at https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-fy-
2016-coc-program-competition-recap/. There will be continuing emphasis on the following at both the
individual program and overall system level:

- **Quality data and demonstrated performance at all levels** – both program and at the system level;
- Use of **Coordinated Entry for All** to prioritize and refer people who most need assistance and ensure
  all programs are engaged and participating;
- **Effective management of resources and reallocation** where necessary from lower performing projects
to the types of projects/practices most likely to reduce homelessness in the CoC; and
- **Reducing barriers to program entry** and utilizing a **housing first approach** to quickly move persons
  coming from streets or shelter to permanent housing.

The CoC Local Process will rely on Performance Data from HMIS and the HUD Annual Progress Report (APR) as
well as project efficiency measures, such as grant spending, timely reporting. Please review your data and
make sure it is complete and accurate.

All projects should be striving to deliver responsive programming that demonstrates positive outcomes for
clients. Like FY 2016, this means a rigorous review of current CoC Program investments, how well each project
aligns with and supports CoC priorities and contributes to the collective impact on ending homelessness in
Seattle King County.

There are risks and opportunity to consider as you prepare for the upcoming 2017 NOFA. You are strongly
urged to review your programs and your data and to keep the following in mind:

- Chronic Underspend: Projects that consistently underspend may want to voluntarily reduce their
  renewal grant.
- Better Fit with Other Resources: Projects may elect not to renew because other funding resources may
  present a better fit for the program model or Agency mission;
- Performance: Projects monitoring their own data may know they are unlikely to score well and want to
  consider future reallocation options.

Please let us know if you have questions or want to talk further about your project and plans for renewing.
Again, please let us know if you have any questions!

Your McKinney Team,

**City of Seattle contact:** Eileen Denham

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