

## FY 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition NOFA – Highlights

NOFA Topic	
<b>Local Competition Deadlines</b>	<p>Highlight: The CoC Program Competition NOFAs requires that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Project applicants must submit their project applications</b> to the CoC no later than <b><u>30 days</u></b> before the application deadline; and</li> <li>2. <b>CoCs must notify</b>, in writing and outside of e-snaps, no later than <b><u>15 days before the application deadline</u></b> all applications whether their project applications are included as part of the CoC Consolidated Application submission.</li> </ol>
<b>Policy Priorities</b>	<p>Highlight: HUD policy priorities still focus on the following: 1) ending homelessness for all persons; 2) creating a systemic response to homelessness, 3) strategically allocating and using resources, and 4) use of a Housing First approach.</p>
<b>System Performance</b>	<p>Highlight: HUD system performance measures will be scored based on CoC system-wide performance related to reducing homelessness within the CoC as reported to HUD via HDX comparing FY 2016 information to FY 2015 information. Points will be considered based on the information reported to HDX.</p>
<b>Tier 2</b>	<p>In FY 2017 HUD increased the emphasis and impact of project rating over the 2016 competition by eliminating Project Type as a scoring factor. Emphasis on Housing First continues.</p>
<b>New projects created through reallocation or housing bonus</b>	<p>Types of new project applications permitted through the reallocation process are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Permanent Supportive Housing projects that are 100 percent dedicated for chronically homeless individuals and families or meet requirements of DedicatedPLUS (see below);</li> <li>2. Rapid Rehousing projects that serve individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth who meet the specific criteria outlined in the NOFA;</li> <li>3. Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects (see below);</li> <li>4. HMIS (reallocation only); and</li> <li>5. Coordinated Entry (reallocation only).</li> </ol>
<b>DedicatedPLUS</b>	<p>NEW: DedicatedPLUS is a permanent supportive housing project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serve individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability, including unaccompanied homeless youth, that at intake are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3;</li> <li>2. Residing in a <u>transitional housing project that will be eliminated</u> and the household meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which they entered the transitional housing project;</li> </ol>

<p><b>DedicatedPLUS cont.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe haven; but the household experiencing chronic homelessness had been <u>admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project (RRH) within the last year</u> and were unable to maintain a housing placement;</li> <li>4. Residing in <u>transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project</u> and who were experiencing <u>chronic homelessness prior to entering the project</u>;</li> <li>5. Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or emergency shelter for at <u>least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions</u>; or</li> <li>6. Receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs(VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.</li> </ol> <p>Applicants may use DedicatedPLUS when creating a new project application through reallocation or bonus.  <b>NOTE:</b> Opting for this change may impact our overall CoC score in the future in its impact on the number of dedicated CH beds.</p>
<p><b>Joint TH and PH RRH Component Project</b></p>	<p><b>NEW:</b> The Joint TH and PH-RRH component includes two existing program components—transitional housing and permanent housing-tenant based rapid rehousing—in a single project. A project must be able to provide both transitional housing units and tenant based rental assistance. This new component projects is not intended to replace transitional housing projects that have been reallocated or lost funding. At a minimum, projects must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a Housing First approach and a client-driven service model. Participants cannot be required to participate in treatment or services to receive assistance.</li> <li>• Have low-barriers to entry and accommodate people with possessions, partners, pets, or other needs.</li> <li>• Incorporate client-choice by helping participants find permanent housing based on their unique strengths, needs, preferences, and financial resources. Participants choose when they are ready to exit the crisis housing portion of the project and move to permanent housing. Providers assist participants with this move.</li> <li>• Provide or connect participants to resources that help them improve their safety and well-being.</li> <li>• Target and prioritize people experiencing homelessness with higher needs and who are most vulnerable.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Projects are expected to: enhance system performance and with clear performance benchmarks; to prioritize people with high needs, especially unsheltered with long or multiple episodes of homelessness, higher barriers to exiting homelessness, and are more likely to be victims of violence or harm. All projects must pass project quality threshold specified in the NOFA and threshold requirements including: project capacity, prior performance, and past experience.</p>