

The FY 2017 HUD CoC NOFA was released July 14, 2017.

The NOFA changes each year as HUD considers new data, research and best practices, and looks to meet its priorities for the funds. For FY 2017:

- Tier 1 / Tier 2 ranking continues. Tiers are financial thresholds based on the value of the CoC annual renewal demand with set proportions for Tier1 and Tier 2 (the latter 7% in 2016, and 6% in 2017). Tier 1 is more certain to receive funding, and Tier 2 at a bit more risk.
- Each CoC is required to rate and rank each of its projects according to locally developed criteria. HUD will continue to apply its own selection which includes prioritizing permanent housing, as well as low barrier housing serving literally homeless households, performance, and strategic use of resources.
- Reallocation remains an option. New Permanent Housing projects can be created through defunding or reduction of existing projects. Projects can be (1) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects for chronically homeless, (2) Rapid Re-Housing serving homeless individuals and families who come directly from streets or shelter, or new models: (3) DedicatedPLUS Housing or (4) Rapid Rehousing / Transitional Housing.
- There is bonus funding. This funding is targeted to projects that further HUD strategic goals, with strong emphasis on housing first approaches. The same housing types are possible as under reallocation.

Financial Implications of the FY 2017 NOFA

Key Category	Amount	Definition
The "annual renewal demand" (ARD) for Seattle King County CoC	\$ 33,724,189	Base amount for which we are eligible to apply
The \$ proportion of the ARD that we are required to place in Tier 2 = 6% of ARD	\$ 2,023,451	Requires reallocation and/or strategic placement of existing projects in tier 2
The amount of bonus funds for which we are eligible to apply = 6% of ARD	\$ 2,023,451	Requires local process to identify eligible projects
The amount of CoC Planning dollars for which we are eligible to apply = 3% of ARD	\$ 1,011,726	Funds only available for CoC Planning
Total amount for which we are eligible	\$36,759,366	Total Priority Listing

Key NOFA Deadlines

Date	Element	Notes
August 28, 2017	Deadline for all local project applications to be submitted for CoC review	CoC must establish a deadline for receipt of local project applications no later than 30 days prior to NOFA deadline
September 11, 2017	Final decisions on projects to be renewed, reduced, eliminated or added to the application communicated	All potential applicants must be notified in writing of all funding decisions 15 days before the NOFA due date.
September 26, 2017	Consolidated Application and CoC Priority Listing posted on All Home Website	Bonus points for posting Application 2 days prior to NOFA due date.
NOFA DUE DATE: September 28, 2017	Submit final CoC Consolidated Application to HUD via esnaps.	Technical due date is September 28, 2017. Additional points available for completion two days earlier makes effective due date September 26, 2017

Continuum of Care Program Tiering

Projects must be placed strategically in Tier 2 to maximize the likelihood of securing funding and in the context of the funding values for CoC Program as re-affirmed by the All Home Coordinating Board.

In FY 2017, the Coc Program NOFA specifies the following scoring schema for projects placed in Tier 2:

Scoring Category	Score	Comments
CoC Score	50	Score proportionate to overall CoC score out of 200 (determined by HUD). This score will be the same for each of our applications, and unknown until HUD awards are announced.
Commitment to Housing First	10	PH – housing first TH and TH-RRH – low barrier, rapid placement, no service participation requirements or preconditions CEA / HMIS – automatic 10 points
Project Ranking	40	Score based on application amount and amount of Tier 2 funding already allocated (i.e. projects placed higher in the priority order).
TOTAL	100	

NOTE: In FY 2017 HUD increased the emphasis and impact of project rating over the 2016 competition by eliminating Project Type as a scoring factor.

TIER 2 PROJECT CATEGORIES

a. Realignment Projects

Realignment projects are projects changing their project model from Transitional Housing to an eligible Permanent Housing model. Any change would support System Goals and local values for this fund source. Under realignment, sponsoring agencies voluntarily close their programs, and funds are re-directed into permanent housing or permanent supportive housing by the same set of agencies.

b. Renewal Projects

Renewal Projects are projects currently funded by the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. The Seattle/ King County CoC is required to place a designated dollar amount in Tier 2. A number of renewal projects may be placed in tier 2 in order to cover any portion of the Tier 2 amount that is not otherwise reallocated from existing projects.

c. New Projects

For new projects only the following project types can be funded under the FY 2017 NOFA: (1) Permanent Supportive Housing (chronic or DedicatedPLUS), (2) Rapid Re-housing or transitional/Rapid Re-housing, (3) HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), (3) Coordinated Entry.

Reallocation projects

Reallocation projects are new projects made possible by funding that is redirected from current renewal projects.

Bonus Projects

The Seattle/ King County CoC is eligible to apply for bonus funding in an amount determined by HUD.