
FY18 CoC Program NOFA Summary

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On June 20, 2018, HUD published its [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2018 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#). Additional notices and sections of the NOFA (e.g., [FY18 CoC Registration](#)) have been released previously and are found online.

This summary highlights some of the areas that are new this year; however CoCs and project applicants are strongly encouraged to review not only the NOFA and related e-snaps application components such as the detailed instructions, but also the [CoC Program interim rule](#) and other competition materials (FAQs and NOFA related broadcasts) that will be made available on the [HUD Exchange website](#).

KEY DATES

TASK	DATE
✓ Project Applications submitted to CoC	No later than August 19, 2018 (Sunday) (30 days before the application deadline)
✓ Project Applicants notified by CoC of acceptance, rejection or reduction of project application	No later than September 3, 2018 (Monday) (15 days before the application deadline)
✓ Post CoC Consolidated Application to website and Notify stakeholders: CoC Application and Priority Listing	No later than September 16, 2018 (two days) before CoC submission to HUD
✓ Submit to HUD Deadline	September 18, 2018, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

The application components are available through [e-snaps](#) and the instructional guides are available on the [HUD Exchange](#). All CoC Consolidated applications must be submitted from a Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the CoC online through [e-snaps](#) by the HUD established deadline.

The process for submitting the CoC Consolidated Application includes three-parts:

1. *FY18 CoC Application* (formerly known as Exhibit 1)
2. *FY 18 Project Application(s)* (formerly known as Exhibit 2 and includes new and renewal applications)
3. *FY18 CoC Priority Listing*

CoC Application Scoring Criteria

The NOFA includes very comprehensive information about how the application will be scored and how each point is allocated. CoCs and project applicants are strongly encouraged to review the NOFA carefully.

The CoC application will be scored out of 200 points this year.

1. CoC Coordination and Engagement = 48 points (increased by 5)
2. Project Capacity, Review and Ranking = 29 points
3. HMIS = 13 points
4. Point-in-Time Count = 6 points
5. System Performance = 56 points (increased by 7)
6. Performance and Strategic Planning = 48 points (decreased by 12)

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7. CoC Merger BONUS points = 25 points

CoC Application Attachments

- 1C-5. PHA Administration Plan–Homeless Preference
- **1C-5. PHA Administration Plan–Move-on Multifamily Assisted Housing Owners' Preference (NEW)**
- **1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Tool (NEW)**
- 1E-1. Objective Criteria–Rate, Rank, Review, and Selection Criteria (e.g., scoring tool, matrix)
- 1E-3. Public Posting CoC-Approved Consolidated Application
- 1E-4. CoC's Reallocation Process
- 1E-5. Notifications Outside e-snaps– Projects Accepted (same but separate attachment area)
- 1E-5. Notifications Outside e-snaps– Projects Rejected or Reduced
- 1E-5. Public Posting–Local Competition Deadline (same but separate attachment area)
- 2A-1. CoC and HMIS Lead Governance (e.g., section of Governance Charter, MOU, MOA) (combined #6 and #10 from FY17)
- 2A-2. HMIS–Policies and Procedures Manual
- 3A-6. HDX–2018 Competition Report
- 3B-2. Order of Priority–Written Standards
- **3B-5. Racial Disparities Summary ((NEW)**
- 4A-7.a. Project List–Persons Defined as Homeless under Other Federal Statutes (if applicable)

Project Listing Attachments –

- HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with Consolidated plan dated between May 1, 2018 and September 18, 2018.
 - One form per project applicant for each jurisdiction with all applicable projects listed.

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NEW ITEM and KEY CHANGES TO FY18 NOFA

Scoring and Funding New Items and Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC Coordination and Engagement total increased by 5 points to be 48 • System Performance total increased by 7 points to be 56 • Performance and Strategic Planning decreased by 12 points to be 48 • UFA Costs raised to 2 percent of FPRN or \$750,000, whichever is less
CoC Application Content Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CES and DV – clarified that safety, planning and confidentiality protocols are required • PHA – Added move-on strategy language • CES – question added to determine scope, outreach, assessment and participation • Racial Disparities – Applicants must identify the steps they will take to ensure that traditionally marginalized populations (such as racial and ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities) will be able to meaningfully participate in the planning process and question added regarding CoC assessment of issue and current or future plans to address • Project Objective Criteria – Added specific DV project criteria to evaluate based on the deter they improve safety for the population they serve • Removed measure to increase PSH beds as reported on the HIC • Removed measure to increase family RRH beds • Written Standards updates – Ensure inclusion of an emergency plan compliant with VAWA and youth prioritization standards • Veteran Homelessness – Added specific measure to decrease unsheltered Veterans who are homeless by at least 5% • Various question narrative questions reworded and clarified
CoC Application Key New Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence survivor data and unmet need (1C-4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f) • Move On Strategy to affordable housing narrative (1C-5b) • Anti-discrimination policy and training revised narrative and addition of charts (1C-6 and 6a and 3B-2.3) • Coordinated Entry System Implementation (1C-8) • Inclusive and transparent project review and Consolidated Application checklist (1E-3) • Standalone question about first time homeless (3A-1), returns to homelessness (3A-4) • Racial Disparity Assessment (3B-5) • New attachments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PHA Plans - Move-on multifamily assisted housing owner's preference ○ Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Tool ○ Racial Disparities Summary (if applicable)

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Project Application New Items and Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Expansion of Allowable Uses for Bonus Funding</u> – Bonus funding may be used for HMIS or SSO-CE grants.• <u>Combining Reallocation and Bonus Funding</u> – One project application may utilize both reallocation and bonus funds in the same project• <u>DV Bonus Projects</u> - funding is available for up to 10% of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (RPRN) for no more than 3 grants per CoC under as a DV Bonus (see DV Bonus below for more details)• <u>Transition Grants</u> – Project applicants can transition an existing renewable component (e.g., TH) to another component (e.g., RRH) if the recipient is the same, the project application wholly eliminates one or more projects to create a transition grant, no more that 50% of budget is used for originally funded component, and the CoC consents. See NOFA page 20 for more technical details.• <u>Consolidations</u> – Renewals may consolidate two or more renewal projects (but no more than four) in to one project application during the application process. Applicant should check with HUD FO about eligibility to consolidate. Projects must have same recipient, be for the same component and be in good standing with HUD. <i>Note: A renewal TH and a renewal RRH may not be combined to be a TH-RRH project.</i> Consolidated grants require submission of a separate renewal application for each grant proposed to be consolidate and an application for the new consolidated grant with combined budget and information from all grants being combined.• <u>New Human Trafficking Eligibility Clarification</u>- People who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking are eligible under Category 4 of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 if one of the following circumstances exists.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Either taken place within the individuals or family's primary night-time residence○ Make the individual or family afraid to return to their primary night-time residence; and the has no other residence; or○ The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing• <u>VAWA Compliance</u> – Each CoC need to have established an emergency transfer plan and update written standards to reflect the process• <u>Joint TH-RRH</u> (p.36) – Budget example providing guidance about how to ensure resources from TH participants to move on at their own pace. May be demonstrated by RRH portion be twice as many units as TH portion. (Example only)• <u>Environmental Requirements</u> – Leasing projects where tenants choose their own unit are now only required to do CENST review instead of CEST review. One form maybe completed for the entire project instead of a form for every unit.
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PROJECT APPLICATIONS

There are seven types of project applications allowed during the FY18 NOFA. They are:

- Renewal projects
- New Reallocation funding projects
- New Bonus funding projects
- New Reallocation and Bonus funding projects
- New Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects
- CoC Planning projects (*Collaborative Applicant only*)
- UFA projects (*Collaborative Applicant only*).

Basic Requirements for Project Application Process

- CoCs must ensure a fair and inclusive process for soliciting projects. As part of the solicitation projects, CoCs must establish local deadlines; compliance with these deadlines will be considered when the application is scored. (*See Key Dates chart on first page*)
- All accepted, accepted and reduced and rejected project applications must be notified in writing outside of the e-snaps system by the CoC. Accepted and reduced and rejected must indicate the reason(s) for the action.

Project Application Attachments – New and Renewal

- Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility
- Applicant Code of Conduct – verify if listed on [HUD website](#), if not listed attach updated file that is in compliance with 2 CFR 200 requirements to project application
- The following are listed as attachments in the NOFA but are now built into e-snaps
 - SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (*built into e-snaps*)
 - SF-424 Supplemental, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities (*built into e-snaps*)
 - Form HUD-2880 Applicant/Recipient Disclosure dated between May 1, 2018 and September 18, 2018 (*built into e-snaps*)
 - SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (*built into e-snaps*)
 - Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace (*built into e-snaps*)
 - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.
- Transition Projects and Consolidation Projects additional attachments
 - A copy of the most recently awarded project application

Funding for New and Renewal Projects

- Projects will be funded in the following order until no more funds are available:
 - CoC Planning projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
 - UFA Cost projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
 - Projects fully in Tier 1 that pass eligibility and threshold review
 - DV Bonus projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
 - Projects in Tier 2 in order of point value that pass eligibility and threshold review.

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- Project applications that straddle Tier 1 and Tier 2 selected using the above criteria for Tier 1 and Tier 2. The portion of the project in each Tier will be evaluated separately and project feasibility of the Tier 1 portion will be reviewed if the Tier 2 project portion is not funded.
- CoCs that receive a higher score have a better chance of being awarded projects ranked in Tier 2.

	Amount	Selection Criteria
Tier 1	94% of CoC ARD calculated as sum of renewal project listing total funds and total reallocated project funds (NEW)	Projects in this tier will be conditionally selected based on CoC score ranked from highest to lowest.
Tier 2	Difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD plus any amount available for the permanent housing bonus (not the DV Bonus projects)	Projects in this tier will be conditionally selected by assigning a point value to each new and renewal project using a 100-point scale. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>CoC Score</i>: up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score receive on the CoC application• <i>CoC Project Ranking</i>: up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project application. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity (1-x) where x is the ration of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2.• <i>Commitment to Policy Priorities</i>: up to 10 points for how the permanent housing project commits to applying the Housing First model.

Renewal Projects

- Renewal project applications can request only 1 year of funding.
- Eligible renewal projects requesting rental assistance will be permitted to request a per-unit amount less that the FMR, based on actual rent costs per unit.
- Total request for each renewing project cannot exceed the ARA approved by HUD for that project
- CoCs can request renewal funding for:
 - CoC Program, SHP and S+C projects that have a signed grant agreement and will expire in calendar year 2018
 - S+C renewals project that were awarded prior to FY02 and are expected to run out of funds in calendar year 2018, and have never applied for renewal funding
- S+C Project-Based projects renewing for the first time are allowed to indicate a higher number of units than approved in the original application if applicant works with HUD FO to document leases.
- PSH renewals may choose to change a project to 100% DedicatedPLUS.

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Bonus Funding

- CoCs can request up to 6% of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) for new Bonus project(s) provided it has demonstrated the ability to reallocate lower performing projects and demonstrated that all project applications are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance.
 - HUD issued a report containing the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rate Need (PPRN), Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) and Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- CoCs can choose to submit one or more projects for the Bonus, but the total amount requested by all the Bonus projects cannot exceed 6% of the CoCs' FPRN.

Reallocation Funding

- CoC may shift funds in whole or part from existing renewal projects to create one or more new projects.

Bonus and reallocation projects may be one of the following types:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with 100% of beds designated to DedicatedPLUS (see definition in chart)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with 100% of beds dedicated to people experiencing chronic homelessness
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) (see criteria below), or
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) project (see criteria below).
- Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project; or
- Supportive Services Only (SSO-CES) project specifically for a coordinated assessment system.
- Bonus and renewal projects may create new projects or expand renewal projects to add capacity to increase units and/or serve more people.

CoC Planning

- Up to 3% of the FPRN or \$1,250,000, whichever is less, is available for CoC planning projects

UFA Costs

- Up to 2% of the FPRN or \$750,000, whichever is less, is available for UFA costs for approved CoCs

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding

- CoCs can request up to 10% of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (RPRN) for new PH Bonus projects.
 - HUD issued a report containing the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rate Need (PPRN) and Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- Projects must be between \$50,000 and \$5,000,000 and 1-year grant term.
- CoCs may apply for one of each of the following types of projects up to three projects per CoC.
 - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) (see criteria below),
 - Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) project, or
 - SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems (SSO-CE)

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- DV Bonus funds may apply to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to DV to dedicated additional units, beds, persons served or services to this population
- DV Bonus projects must be ranked on the New Project Listing
- Projects will be chosen based on CoC Application score and response to specific question in the application on a 100-point scale
 - RRH and Joint TH-RRH:
 - CoC Score – up to 50 points in direct proportion to the CoC Application score
 - Need for Project – up to 25 points based on ability to quantify the need for the project, the extent of the need, and how the project will fill the gap(1C-4 and sub questions)
 - Quality of the Project Applicant – up to 25 points based on previous performance of applicant in serving population AND their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes
 - SSO – Coordinated Entry:
 - CoC Score – up to 50 points in direct proportion to the CoC Application score
 - Need for the Project – up to 50 points based on the extent to which the CoC is able to demonstrate the need for a CES that better meets the needs of survivors of DV AND how the project will fill the need

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New Project Funding Opportunity	Eligible Project Types	Eligible Participant Populations
<p>Bonus Funding</p> <p><i>(Available amount set by HUD and funding may be used by one or more projects)</i></p> <p>AND</p> <p>Reallocation Funding</p> <p><i>(Available amount dependent on CoC reallocations and funding may be used by one or more projects)</i></p>	<p>PSH</p> <p>Rapid Re-Housing</p> <p>Joint TH and RRH</p> <p>Dedicated HMIS</p> <p>SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems</p>	<p>PSH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% beds dedicated to people experiencing chronically homeless OR 100% bed designated as DedicatedPLUS <p>DedicatedPLUS projects - 100% of beds are dedicated to serve individuals with a disability and families in which one adult or child has a disability¹ that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiencing chronic homelessness Residing in TH that will be eliminated and were experiencing chronically homelessness at TH entry In place not meant for human habitation, shelter or safe haven BUT were experiencing chronic homelessness AND had been in permanent housing (PH) project within last year and were unable to maintain housing placement Residing in TH funded by Joint TH-RRH component project AND were experiencing chronically homelessness prior to entering the project In place not meant for human habitation, shelter or safe haven for at least 12 months in the last 3 years BUT has not done so on four separate occasions In a Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program AND met one of the above at initial intake to the VA homeless assistance system <p>RRH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residing in places not meant for human habitation or emergency shelter Fleeing DV or other persons meeting criteria of paragraph (4) of definition of homelessness In a TH project to be eliminated In TH funded by a TH-RRH Receiving services through VA-funded homeless assistance program AND met one of the above at initial intake to the VA homeless assistance system

¹ DedicatedPlus projects allow either the adult or child in the household to have the qualifying disability

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New Project Funding Opportunity	Eligible Project Types	Eligible Participant Populations
		<p><u>JOINT TH-RRH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including people fleeing domestic violence • Residing in places not meant for human habitation or emergency shelter • Fleeing DV or other persons meeting criteria of paragraph (4) of definition of homelessness • In a TH project to be eliminated in FY17 • In TH funded by a TH-RRH • Receiving services through VA-funded homeless assistance program AND met one of the above at initial intake to the VA homeless assistance system
<p>Domestic Violence Bonus</p> <p><i>(Available amount set by HUD and funding may be used by three projects in three different component types)</i></p>	<p>Rapid Re-Housing</p> <p>Joint TH and RRH</p> <p>SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems for People Experiencing DV</p>	<p>All projects types dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in paragraph (4) at 24 CFR 578.3</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Must follow a Housing First approach</p>