



The Continuum of Care  
For the City and County of Racine, U.A.

August 4, 2017

## **RATING AND REVIEW PROCEDURE FY2017**

The FY2017 NOFA has been announced. The funding available is \$831,676 based on our annual renewal demand, and there is \$90,477 available for a bonus project. Our first information meeting will be held at the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO), 2000 DeKoven Avenue, Racine, WI on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 9 am. The NOFA should be read thoroughly by both agencies seeking renewal of existing projects and those wishing to apply for funding. The NOFA and helpful resources can be found on the HUD Exchange website. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2017-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

This year we will be using the HUD Rating and Ranking Tool which can be found on the HUD Exchange website. Persons wishing to submit a renewal or new application must submit their application in esnaps no later than midnight on August 28, 2017. While the tool relies on past performance data primarily obtained from agency APRs the final ranking will include the CoC designated priorities which were determined by reviewing current CoC data and performance measures. New projects will be based on the designated priorities since they will not have submitted an APR.

### **THRESHOLD POLICY**

A project must meet the thresholds established by the CoC. The thresholds are those designated by HUD for the tool. If a project does not meet the thresholds a renewal will be asked to re-allocate, and if does not voluntarily agree to such, will undergo involuntary re-allocation. A new project will be rejected. If it is the only new project proposed and the funds would not be utilized, the CoC will permit the project to remedy any deficiencies and will then be included in the ranking process.

### **PRIORITIES**

The CoC has determined that in addition to the selected threshold criteria that the following are priorities: 1.) Chronically homeless, 2.) Persons fleeing domestic violence, 3.) Families with children, 4.) Youth 18 – 24, and Veterans. Additionally, a person with a disability will receive priority in any of these sub-population categories. These priorities were selected after a thorough review of CoC project data and the current Coordinated Entry list. A project proposing to serve chronically homeless individuals or families would be addressing the top priority of the CoC. Within that priority – domestic violence, families with children, youth 18 -24 and veterans would be ranked accordingly.

## **RATING SCORES**

The initial rating or ranking scores will be based on exit/retention of PH, returns to homelessness within 12 months of exit, new/increase in employment income, new/increase in non-employment income, persons served who are chronically homeless or meet one of the other priorities, HMIS data quality, HMIS data completeness, more than one disability, bed/unit utilization, participation in coordinated entry, Housing First and reduction of barriers, project cost reasonableness.

New projects will be rated primarily on how the project address priorities, reasonableness of the proposed project, participation in coordinated entry, Housing First and reduction of barriers.

## **FINAL RANKING**

The CoC has determined that any HMIS dedicated and Coordinated Entry SSO project should be ranking at the top of Tier 1 as these are crucial needs to the effective operation of the CoC. A new bonus project will be ranked at the bottom of the project listing which will likely be the bottom of Tier 2. While these are important proposals, the CoC believes that high scoring renewal project or re-allocation projects proposed by existing organizations with a good track record should be scored higher. New projects proposing 100% CH beds or DedicatedPLUS will be ranked in Tier 1, and should receive preference over projects that have few dedicated CH beds. However, it is the desire of the CoC to retain projects that perform well.

PLEASE SEE CHARTS

