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RATING AND REVIEW PROCEDURE FY21

The FY2021 NOFO has been announced. The funding available is \$990,155 based on our annual renewal demand, there is \$92,697 available for a CoC bonus project, and \$278,090 available for a DV Bonus. An informational meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, September 16, 2021, 2:00pm-4:00pm. The NOFO should be read thoroughly by agencies seeking renewal of existing projects and those wishing to apply for funding. The NOFO and helpful resources can be found on the HUD Exchange website. <https://racinecoc.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/FY-2021-CoC-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf>; [View Grant Opportunity https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335322](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335322)

This year we will be using the same Rating and Ranking Tool we released in 2019. Persons wishing to submit a **new or renewal application must submit their application in e-snaps no later than Sunday, 11:59:59 PM, October 03, 2021**. 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 and RE-ALLOCATION

A project can voluntarily re-allocate regardless of scoring. A project must meet the thresholds established by the CoC. The threshold categories are found on the rating and ranking tool. If a renewal project does not meet the thresholds it will be asked to re-allocate funds. If it does not voluntarily agree to such, it will undergo involuntary re-allocation. A renewal project may be permitted to apply with conditions if it is a priority project type and there are no other projects to take its place. A new project will be rejected if it does not meet the threshold. 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 exits to other PH, 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 PSH and RRH projects are ranked at the top of Tier 1. HMIS and CE are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 as these are crucial needs to the effective operation of the CoC and should not straddle or be in Tier 2. However, it is possible that a PSH or RRH could be a straddle project if the CoC finds it would better serve the entire CoC to preserve other funding in Tier 1.

A new bonus project(s) will be ranked at the bottom of the project listing which will be ranked in 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.

Rating and ranking tool will be posted on the www.racinecoc.org website .