Balance of State Continuum of Care
2015 NOFA Competition
New Project Applicant Meeting

Webinar: October 6, 2015 / 1:00 pm
Webinar login information was sent directly to agencies
that submitted a proposal outline or notice of intent.

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DISCLAIMER

❑ This is a GENERAL overview of the CoC Program and Application (for eligible new projects to be scored and ranked under Georgia's BoS CoC competition).

❑ Applicants are responsible for reading the NOFA, regulations, and other related information as it is released on HUD's web site, HUD Exchange to see program and eligibility requirements. (https://www.hudexchange.info)

2015 Balance of State CoC Process – To Date

❑ HUD released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) (9/17/15)

❑ The Standards, Rating & Project Review Committee (9/25/15) established and the Balance of State CoC Board (9/29/15) approved:

  ❑ The 2015 Georgia BoS CoC NOFA Competition Policy, Process, Application Documents/Scoring Criteria, and Other Materials for the NOFA including
    ❑ Program priorities according to type (Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, etc.)
    ❑ Reallocation process
  ❑ Updates to the 2015 BoS CoC Review Application – New Applicant documents
  ❑ Scoring Criteria for the project application reviews

❑ New PSH and RRH application released (9/30/15)

Six Policy Priorities Highlighted in NOFA

- ❑ **Strategic Resource Reallocation**
  - ❑ Comprehensive Review of Projects, Mainstream Resources, Partnerships, Transitional Housing

- ❑ **Ending Chronic Homelessness**
  - ❑ Increase units, Target beds and units to chronically homeless, Align with CPD 14-012 Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

- ❑ **Ending Family Homelessness**
  - ❑ Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Explore Affordable Housing, Permanent Housing Subsidies, Permanent Supportive Housing

- ❑ **Ending Youth Homelessness**
  - ❑ Coordinating with youth specific providers, Identify and serve unsheltered youth, Serving victims of human trafficking, Homeless youth RRH model

- ❑ **Ending Veteran Homelessness**
  - ❑ Prioritizing Veterans, Veterans who are not being served by VA programs, Coordination

- ❑ **Using a Housing First Approach**
  - ❑ Remove Barriers, Rapid Placement into Housing, Voluntary Services, Coordinated Assessment System, Client-centered Service Delivery, Prioritizing Households Most in Need, Inclusive Decision Making

BoS CoC NOFA Priorities and Policies

❑ Strategic Resource Reallocation
  ❑ Underspending projects subject to reduction or reallocation
  ❑ Continued emphasis on partnerships and mainstream resources
  ❑ Transitional Housing renewal projects are being incentivized to resubmit as a new PSH or RRH
    ▪ Currently funded TH projects will be awarded bonus points if they do not submit the TH project for renewal, but instead submit a new PSH or RRH project that covers the same coverage area (at minimum)
    ▪ If the agency submits more than one new project, they will need to identify which new project they want the points will be applied to
  ❑ PSH and RRH (new and renewals) projects will be prioritized over renewal TH projects that still submit
  ❑ The new project is not a guarantee, nor is the renewal TH, if they opt not to relinquish it

BoS CoC NOFA Priorities and Policies (continued)

- ❏ Ending Chronic, Veteran, & Family Homelessness
    - ❏ Prioritization of 85% of non-dedicated PSH beds for people who are chronically homeless (Renewal PSH)
    - ❏ New PSH and RRH projects for individuals and families
    - ❏ Bonus points for projects that prioritize veterans

- ❏ Housing First Model
    - ❏ Bonus points for PSH and RRH that utilize the HF Model
    - ❏ Bonus points for projects that commit to low-barriers models
    - ❏ Applications scored through a HF/low-barrier lens

- ❏ Permanent Housing Priority - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) continue to be the focus of this funding source
    - ❏ PSH & RRH projects are the BoS CoC priority

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFA and BoS CoC Responses (continued)

- ❑ HUD NOFA - Tiered Approach
    - ❑ Tier 1 = top 85% of funding available to the CoC
    - ❑ Tier 2 = remaining 15% of funding available to the CoC <u>and</u> amount equal to 15% of funding available to the CoC for bonus PSH and RRH projects
- ❑ In response
    - ❑ BoS CoC scoring aligned with HUD scoring
        - ❑ Bottom 15% of renewal projects subject to reallocation, provided there are adequate new project applications
            - ❑ Due to need for RRH, BOS CoC anticipates funding more new RRH projects, over PSH
    - ❑ BoS CoC ranking priorities
        - ❑ Renewal PSH and RRH
        - ❑ HMIS
        - ❑ Coordinated Assessment
        - ❑ New PSH and RRH
        - ❑ TH
- ❑ Permanent Housing Bonus Projects
    - ❑ HUD will provide additional guidance by October 9, 2015
    - ❑ BoS CoC will apply for bonus project funding, provided appropriate

Additional BoS CoC NOFA Priorities and Policies (continued)

- ❑ All agencies with TH should have submitted Notice of Intent of Renewal or Modification

- ❑ New applicants should have submitted a proposal outline to indicate their intention to apply for a new project

- ❑ No late new applications will be accepted

- ❑ Projects that were recently awarded for the first time and projects that were recently transferred will be in hold-harmless status and will receive the median performance points for like applications

- ❑ All applications must pass a threshold review to move forward to the scoring portion. Threshold factors include, but are not limited to:
  - ❑ Organizational and Financial Capacity
  - ❑ Past performance, if applicable
  - ❑ Lack of match or leverage dollars
  - ❑ Use of HMIS (or HMIS compatible system, if a DV provider)
  - ❑ Incomplete or late (for new projects) applications
  - ❑ Ineligible populations, activities, location, etc.
  - ❑ Failure to obtain Certificate of Consistency (Local Approval)

2015 Balance of State CoC Process – Going Forward

- October 2 and October 6, 2015 - Informational Webinar for BoS CoC Competition Policy, renewal TH applicants, and materials from the webinar posted

- October 5, 2015 – Proposal Outlines for new PSH or RRH projects, **and** Notice of Intent to Apply or Reallocate for renewal TH projects due.

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- October 13, 2015 - Review Applications for renewing TH projects, as well as all required copies and supplemental documents, due by 2:00 pm.

- October 13, 2015 – Addendum document for renewal PSH and RRH projects due by 2:00pm.

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- November 18, 2015 – CoC application submitted to HUD.

2015 HUD NOFA Competition

- ❏ As in past years, the application process is a two step process
  - ❏ Review Application and Addendum for project ranking
    - ▪ Mailed or dropped off at DCA (with all required attachments)
      - ▪ Application and Addendum due no later than 2:00pm, October 14, 2015
    - ▪ Applications will be scored and ranked by an application review subcommittee
  - ❏ HUD Application in *E-SNAPS*
    - ▪ This is required for ALL project applications
    - ▪ Must be complete, with all required attachments, no later than 2:00pm, October 19, 2015

Eligible New Projects

❑ Funds for new projects will be available as a result of the reallocation of funding from existing projects. As HUD has stated, the focus of this funding is permanent housing. Therefore, there are two types of new project applications that will be accepted:

❑ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

❑ Rapid Re-Housing project (RRH)

Program and Project Applications

Project Size

- Average proposal size for new PSH or RRH project will depend on the area & coverage of proposed program
  - Average size of a large regional or metro area application to be approximately $250,000
  - Average size of a smaller program in southern or rural parts of the State must be a minimum of $100,000
  - New PSH or RRH applications submitted to replace one or more existing TH project(s) that covers either the same coverage area, or another priority coverage area, can request up to the replacement project amount if it exceeds the average proposal amounts listed.

PSH Project Application - HUD Threshold

Permanent Supportive Housing (permanent housing for people that are chronically homeless and have a disability)

- ❑ Must be 100% dedicated for individuals and families who are chronically homeless
- ❑ Project Applicant in good standing with HUD
- ❑ Demonstrate plan for rapid implementation of program
- ❑ Demonstrate connection to mainstream service systems
- ❑ Participate/agree to participate in CoC's Coordinated Assessment System
- ❑ Must administer programs or activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified homeless with disabilities

Eligible Expenses for New PSH Projects

- Rental Assistance (see § 578.51 for full guidance)
  - 25% Match Requirement
  - Fair Market Rent (FMR) to rent individual units to provide housing (based on FMR for location)
  - Utility allowance included in FMR
- Leasing (see § 578.49 for full guidance) – Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance
  - No Match Requirement
  - Can lease individual units to provide housing
  - Based on Fair Market Rent for location
  - No utilities unless they are included in the actual rent amount
- Operating Costs (see § 578.55 for full guidance) – Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance
  - 25% Match Requirement
  - Utilities to support Leasing (IF utilities not covered in rent)
  - Furniture
  - Equipment
- Supportive Services (see § 578.53 for full guidance)
  - Eligible Service Costs Limited (see NOFA)
  - 25% Match
- Administrative Costs (§ 578.59)
  - Up to **7%** of Grant Amount (limited this year)
  - Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on Continuum of Care requirements; and environmental review
  - Administrative costs <u>cannot</u> be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under § 578.43 through § 578.57
- HMIS (see § 578.57 for full guidance)
  - Fees, Data entry
  - Other

Please see full CoC Interim Regulations at:
https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule_FormattedVersion.pdf

RRH Project Application - HUD Threshold

- For individuals and families who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters

- Project Applicant in good standing with HUD

- Demonstrate plan for rapid implementation of program

- Demonstrate connection to mainstream service systems

- Participate/agree to participate in CoC's Coordinated Assessment System

Eligible Expenses for New RRH Projects

- Rental Assistance (see § 578.51 for full guidance)
  - 25% Match Requirement
  - Fair Market Rent (FMR) to rent individual units to provide housing (based on FMR for location)
  - Utility allowance included in FMR
- Supportive Services (see § 578.53 for full guidance)
  - Eligible Service Costs Limited
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Project Quality

❑ Whether type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of program participants

❑ Whether type and scale of the supportive services fit the needs of program participants

❑ Whether the specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain mainstream benefits meet the needs of participant

❑ Whether program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs

Match and Leveraging Requirements

- The recipient or subrecipient must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources for eligible costs.

- Match must be for eligible activities within the same category
  - HMIS dollars are not eligible match for Supportive Service Costs

- Examples of Eligible Sources of Cash Match include:
  - Applicant/Project Sponsor's own cash
  - Federal government grants/contracts (excluding CoC funds)
  - State and local government grants/contracts
  - Private grants or contributions

- Examples of Eligible Sources of Non-cash Match include:
  - In-kind donations
  - Volunteer time
  - Donated services
  - Donated Property

- For the project application in *E-Snaps*, agencies should submit FORMAL documentation (list those in application), and this documentation will be required at technical submission.

- CoCs that have 100 percent participation in leveraging from all project applications (including only those communities that have commitment letter(s), submitted with application, that are dated within 60 days of the CoC application deadline) and that have at a minimum 150 percent leveraging will receive the maximum points.

Match and Leveraging Documentation

❑ All project applications are required to have documentation dated within 60 days of the NOFA deadline (that means between September 19, 2015 and November 18, 2015) in order for the commitment to count for match or leverage.

❑ While match and leverage can be either cash or in-kind, please note that submitting only in-kind sources may call into question the strength and fiscal capacity to administer the project.

❑ Designated match and leveraging cannot be duplicated across applications.

Eligible Populations

Populations Served Through Continuum of Care

Homeless Individuals & Families

- Originally from the streets or emergency shelters

- Homeless Verification - A household is homeless if <u>you can prove with adequate documentation</u>.

- All families served by new PSH or RRH projects MUST meet HUD definition of homelessness and agencies MUST complete/provide homeless verification on ALL people served.

- Example of Documentation format on DCA ESG web page at <u>http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/specialneeds/programs/ESGGranteesOnly.asp</u>

- Families with children include ALL families with children.

- Equal access.

New Permanent Supportive Housing Chronically Homeless

❑ PSH Projects MUST serve 100% Chronically Homeless Individuals or Families.
   ❑ Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or emergency shelter; and
   ❑ Continuously unsheltered or in a shelter for at least 1 year, or this is the 4th separate occurrence of this living situation in the past 3 years; and
   ❑ Head of household can be diagnosed with a specific disability (see page 53 of CoC Interim Regulations).

❑ An individual who was chronically homeless at entry into an institutional facility (hospital, jail, etc.) remains chronically homeless at exit, if the institutional stay is <u>less</u> than 90 days.

❑ <u>2015 Georgia Balance of State Point-in-Time Count</u>:
   ❑ 844 Chronically Homeless **Individuals** (97.5%)
   ❑ 22 Chronically Homeless Families (2.5%)

Definition of Disability
(as it relates to Chronically Homeless)

- ❑ Can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability (page 53, CoC Interim Rule).

- ❑ In general, the disability is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration; substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and is of such a nature that ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.

Homeless Verification

❑ A person is Chronically Homeless if <u>you can prove with adequate documentation</u>.

❑ All individuals served in New PSH projects MUST meet HUD definition of chronic homelessness and agency MUST complete/provide homeless verification on ALL persons served.

❑ Example of documentation format on DCA S+C web page at <u>http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/specialneeds/programs/ShelterPlusCare_GranteesOnly.asp</u>

❑ HUD Guidance at <u>https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Notice-CPD-14-012-Prioritizing-Persons-Experiencing-Chronic-Homelessness-in-PSH-and-Recordkeeping-Requirements.pdf</u>

New Rapid Re-Housing Projects

❑ New Rapid Re-housing projects created through reallocation may serve individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and families coming from the streets or emergency shelters or persons fleeing domestic violence or other persons who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless; however, these program participants must meet the all other criteria for this type of housing (i.e., individuals and household with children who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelter).

❑ Homeless Verification also required.

Examples of Persons NOT Eligible

- Persons in Transitional Housing
- Persons housed or with resources for housing
- In housing paying excessive rent, in substandard or overcrowded housing
- Living long-term with immediate family, relatives or friends
- Living in a congregate living facility (other than a shelter)
- Living in a hospital or institution (for > 90 days) where the institution has a policy that requires housing placement at discharge
- Youth or adults in state custody

Grant Requirements

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Applicants are expected to HUD's CoC Interim Regulations and the 2015 CoC NOFA to ensure ability to comply with ALL requirements which include, but are not limited to:

- Match
- Leveraging
- Homeless Verification
- Disability Verification (if applicable)
- HMIS Participation
- Collaboration with McKinney Education Liaison (if appli.)

- Site Control
- Environmental Review
- Technical Submission
- Annual Performance Report
- Support Service Provision
- Certifications listed in NOFA
- Program Eligibility
- Etc…

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan

❑ Local Consolidated Planning Jurisdiction will need to review project application to determine if proposed project is consistent with their Consolidated Plan . Con Plan jurisdictions within the BoS CoC are:

❑ Albany

❑ Brunswick

❑ Dalton

❑ Gainesville

❑ Hinesville

❑ Macon-Bibb County

❑ Rome

❑ Valdosta

❑ Warner Robins

❑ Cherokee County

❑ Clayton County

❑ Gwinnett County

❑ Henry County

❑ All other cities and counties fall under the State's Consolidated Planning jurisdiction.

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan (continued)

- ❑ CoCs must submit Certificate for all grantees in a jurisdiction combined in **one** form (and submit certifications in CoC Application)
- ❑ Renewal projects providing housing in a different county than last year need to let DCA know
- ❑ Tina will email local Consolidated Plan representatives and cc Renewal Project Applicants
- ❑ In order to go forward in the application process and be included in the CoC application to HUD, local jurisdictions need to review/approve all projects

2015 NOFA Educational Assurances

❑ Project Applicants must demonstrate that project has established policies and practices consistent with the laws related to the provision of educational and related services to individuals & families experiencing homelessness; and

❑ Projects serving families must demonstrate in application that a staff person has been designated to ensure that children are enrolled in school and receiving educational services, as appropriate (can include early childhood programs such as Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and McKinney-Vento education services); and

❑ Must address non-compliance (if applicable).

❑ BoS CoC Educational Policy to be released for CoC and ESG funded projects.

State Executive Order 12372

- ❑ The State of GA is no longer operating the Clearinghouse.

- ❑ DCA's guidance is to select "b. Program subject to…but has not been selected for review." and then do not enter a date.

- ❑ The Notice is located at: http://opb.georgia.gov/state-clearinghouse

HUD's detailed instructions on addressing the 'State Executive Order 12372' requirements within the Project Application is located within the project applicant guide on page 8.

HMIS Participation

❑ Mandated by HUD through Continuum of Care Process

❑ All non-DV agencies participating in the Balance of State CoC must actively participate in Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) through use of Pathways COMPASS- ROSE

    ❑ DV agencies need to participate in the APRICOT system

❑ Data is reported to HUD on an annual basis through Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)

  ❑ This AHAR data is used by Congress to determine future funding levels

❑ Data used by Continuum and Statewide for planning

Georgia BoS CoC HMIS Policy

- ❑ Enter all consenting clients into HMIS
  - ❑ Authorization for HMIS should be attempted for all clients
- ❑ ENROLL and DISCHARGE clients in a timely manner
- ❑ Comply with current privacy and security standards
- ❑ DCA staff monitor compliance with policy through:
  - ❑ Site Visits
  - ❑ System Utilization Reports
- ❑ Family Violence Agencies are to use and submit HUD APRs from the ALICE/APRICOT MIS
- ❑ The most recent BoS CoC HMIS Policy and BoS CoC Data Requirements can be found on DCA Website
  - ❑ http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/HousingDevelopment/programs/CoCApplicantsandGranteesOnly.asp
  - ❑ http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/specialneeds/programs/hmis.asp

Annual Performance Report

❑ Must report to HUD annually on the performance of the project

❑ Particularly interested in:

   ❑ Increasing Housing Stability

   ❑ Increased Income

❑ Report is based on data from HMIS and is reported through E-SNAPS

Overall System Performance

FY2015 NOFA - Increased Emphasis on Performance

❑ Continuums Scored on System Performance
  ❑ Reduction in Number of Homeless Individuals and Families (PIT)
    ■ And Progress Ending Veteran, Family, Youth, Chronic Homelessness
  ❑ Reduction in Number of First Time Homeless
  ❑ Length of Time Homeless
  ❑ Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention
  ❑ Returns to Homelessness
  ❑ Jobs and income growth
  ❑ Thoroughness of Outreach

❑ HMIS Data
  ❑ Annual data should come directly out of HMIS
  ❑ Point-in-Time data should come directly out of HMIS
  ❑ Project performance measured in HMIS (and data quality)
  ❑ CoC System Performance measured in HMIS

Application Scoring

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❑ There is one scoring criteria document for each type of New Project. The scores from this documents will make up the total score for each renewal project application.

❑ *2015 Georgia Balance of State New PSH Scoring Form*

or

❑ *2015 Georgia Balance of State New RRH Scoring Form*

All New Project Threshold

❑ Agency meets HUD's eligibility criteria

❑ Agency demonstrates adequate capacity to carry out grant (with proper documentation).

❑ Project meets eligible costs or activities requirements.

❑ Project sufficiently demonstrates eligible populations will be served.

❑ Project shows required match & sufficient commitments for leveraging to implement project.

❑ Agency does not have serious compliance or performance issues on current projects.

❑ Project demonstrates adequate impact or cost effectiveness.

❑ Other, as identified by reviewers.

2015 New RRH Project Scoring
(130 Possible Points)

- Agency Capacity – 20 points
- Homeless and RRH Experience – 20 points
- Leasing, Rental Assistance, Services, & HMIS Experience – 5 points
- Program Description – 7 points
- Estimated Schedule (project implementation timeliness) – 6 points
- Harm Reduction & Housing First – 6 points
- Rental Assistance Procedure – 6 points
- Educational Liaison – 5 points
- Permanent Housing Stability (services) – 5 points
- Increase in Employment &/or Income (services) – 5 points
- Supportive Services – 5 points
- Prioritization – 10 points
- Housing Stability Performance Measures – 3 points
- Income Performance Measures – 3 points
- Budget – 10 points
- Project Match – 5 points
- Project Leveraging – 9 points

2015 New RRH Project Bonus Scoring (60 Possible Points)

- ❑ Retooling TH to RRH – 30 points
    - ❑ Only applicable if a renewal TH project is relinquished
    - ❑ If an agency that relinquishes a TH project applies for more than one new project, only one new application would get the points
- ❑ Targeting Veterans in BoS Counties not designated to be served by SSVF Grantees - 15 points
- ❑ Targeting underserved areas – 5 points
- ❑ Housing First – 10 points

Combined 2015 New RRH Project Scoring (190 Possible Points)

❑ 190 total possible points
  ❑ 130 possible points – Project Application Score
  ❑ 60 possible points – Bonus Score

❑ Please note – all new projects will be ranked against each other
  ❑ The total PSH points differ than the total RRH possible points, but percentages will be factored to determine final ranking placement

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- Agency Capacity – 20 points
- Homeless and PSH Experience – 20 points
- Leasing, Rental Assistance, Services & HMIS Experience – 5 points
- Program Description – 7 points
- Harm Reduction & Housing First – 6 points
- Prioritization of Chronically Homeless – 6 points
- Estimated Schedule (project implementation timeliness) – 6 points
- Educational Liaison – 5 points
- Permanent Housing Stability (services) – 5 points
- Increase in Employment and/or Income (services) – 5 points
- Supportive Services – 5 points
- Prioritization – 10 points
- Housing Stability Performance Measures – 3 points
- Income Performance Measures – 3 points
- Budget – 10 points
- Project Match – 5 points
- Project Leveraging – 9 points

2015 New PSH Project Bonus Scoring (55 Possible Points)

- Retooling TH to PSH – 30 points
  - Only applicable if a renewal TH project is relinquished
  - If an agency that relinquishes a TH project applies for more than one new project, only one new application would get the points
- Targeting Veterans in BoS Counties not designated to be served by SSVF Grantees or Veterans not eligible for VA programs - 15 points
- Housing First – 10 points

Combined 2015 New PSH Project Scoring (185 Possible Points)

❑ 185 total possible points
- ❑ 130 possible points – Project Application Score
- ❑ 55 possible points – Bonus Score

❑ Please note – all new projects will be ranked against each other
- ❑ The total RRH points differ than the total PSH possible points, but percentages will be factored to determine final ranking placement

Overall HUD CoC Scoring

❑ As in past years, HUD looks not only at the individual project applications but at the CoC, as a whole.

  ❑ Coordination and engagement

  ❑ Project Ranking, review and capacity

  ❑ HMIS

  ❑ Point-in-Time Count

  ❑ System Performance

  ❑ Performance and Strategic Planning

  ❑ Bonus Points

Other Highlights of HUD CoC Scoring

- ❏ Housing First

- ❏ Low Barrier Projects

- ❏ Prioritization of Chronically Homeless for PSH

- ❏ Prioritization of Families and Unaccompanied Youth

- ❏ Severity of Needs in project review, ranking and selection

- ❏ Prioritization of Veterans

Application Process

Application Process & Timeline

(just to reiterate!)

- October 5, 2015 – Proposal Outlines for new PSH or RRH projects, and Notice of Intent to Apply or Reallocate for renewal TH projects due.

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Review Application Packet

- Application Packages Due to be in DCA's office for scoring on **October 14, 2015 (by 2:00 pm) to include:**
  - Five (5) copies of the Review Application (New PSH or New RRH) including Match/leveraging documentation, & the Addendum
  - One (1) copy of 501(c)(3) documentation (if applicable)
  - One (1) copy Board Member list
  - One (1) copy Financial audit
  - One (1) copy Current IRS Form 990 in each package

- Packages must contain a complete response

- MUST be received by October 14th

- Then HUD Application due in e-snaps on October 19th

Review Application Packet

❑ Mail or drop off materials to:

    Georgia Department of Community Affairs

    Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing

    60 Executive Park South, NE

    Atlanta, GA 30329

    Attn: Tina Moore/CoC Application

E-Snaps Information

E-SNAPS Submission

- ❑ In addition to the review application (and supporting materials) that need to be completed for each project, agencies MUST complete and submit CoC Project Application electronically in E-SNAPS
  - ❑ https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/
- ❑ This must be completed by October 19, 2015
- ❑ There will be a general review of the submissions for completeness and accuracy and agencies will be expected to make any required corrections no later than November 12, 2015
- ❑ Failure to complete the *e-snaps* portion of the application process and/or failure to respond and make the necessary corrections may result in a project not being included in the BoS CoC application to HUD
- ❑ Applicant Profiles should have current certifications (Addendum).

E-SNAPS Submission (continued)

- ❑ Read ALL directions
    - ❑ https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources

- ❑ Questions about the *e-snaps* application should go to HUD through Virtual Help Desk ("Ask a Question")
    - ❑ https://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/my-question/

- ❑ Please remember that online systems can freeze up and slow down with excessive traffic
    - ❑ Do not wait until the last minute

E-SNAPS Attachments (pages 37-38 of the HUD NOFA)

- ❑ Each project application must include
  - ❑ Project application charts, narratives, and attachments
  - ❑ SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
  - ❑ SF-424 Supplement , Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Applicants (non-profits only & survey is voluntary)
  - ❑ Documentation of Applicant <u>AND</u> Subrecipient Eligibility
  - ❑ Applicant Certifications
  - ❑ HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report must be attached for each project
  - ❑ SF-LLL – Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)
  - ❑ Applicant Code of Conduct
  - ❑ HUD-50070 – Certification of a Drug-free Workplace
- ❑ It is the responsibility of the agency to ensure that the correct forms are updated and that the policies outlined are adhered to.
- ❑ Submit whether or not the e-*snaps* summary requests them (the NOFA does).

Other HUD Requirements for Project Applicants (pages 34-35 of the HUD NOFA)

- Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
- Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity
- Debarment and Suspension
- Delinquent Federal Debts
- Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights
- Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-income Persons (Section 3)
- Real Property Acquisition and Relocation
- Conducting Business in Accordance with Core Values and Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct
- Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities
- Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation
- Environmental Requirements
- Drug-Free Workplace
- Safeguarding Resident/Client Files
- Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 209-282) (Transparency Act), as amended
- Lead-Based Paint Requirements

Questions

- ❏ E-Snaps & CoC Competition Resources:
  - ❏ https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources
- ❏ E-SNAPS & CoC Program questions can be directed to HUD staff through the HUD Exchange Ask A Question (AAQ) Helpdesk
  - ❏ https://www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/my-question/
- ❏ General CoC/Application submission questions
  - ❏ Tina Moore
    - ■ (404) 327-6870
    - ■ Tina.moore@dca.ga.gov

A Few More Resources

❑ 2015 Continuum of Care NOFA & CoC Competition page

  ❑ https://www.hudexchange.info/news/the-fy-2015-coc-program-competition-is-now-open/

❑ CoC Interim Regulations

  ❑ https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/

❑ HUD Exchange

  ❑ https://www.hudexchange.info/

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