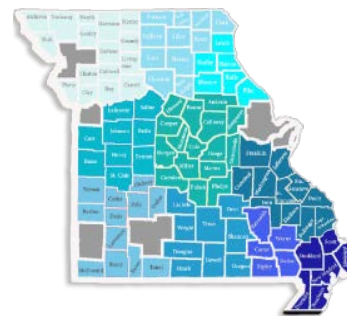# Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care

FY 2018 Priority and Ranking Training for New and Renewal CoC Programs– July, 2018

HUD and CoC Priorities, and Scoring

US Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2018 Notice of Funding Availability Priorities

1. Ending homelessness for all persons

2. Creating a systemic response to homelessness

3. Strategically allocating and using resources

4. Use a Housing First Approach

CoC Priorities Based on the NoFA

- Increasing RRH

- Increasing System Performance
  - Increasing Employment
  - Increasing Mainstream Benefits
  - Getting and Keeping People Housed!

Amounts of Funds Available

CoC Number and Name - MO-606 - Missouri Balance of State CoC

Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care (Mo-606)
Annual Renewal Demand   *$4,978,996*
Annual Renewal Demand at 94%   *$4,680,256*
CoC Planning   *$168, 530*
Bonus Funding   *$337,061*
DV Bonus   *$561,768*

CoC, Rank and Review Changes

- In June 2017, The CoC membership voted to create a new governance structure independent of the Missouri Governor's Committee to End Homelessness.

- A grants committee has been created, and will be assisting MHDC as the Collaborative Applicant in completing the Continuum of Care Process.

- The MoBoS has also created a Rank and Review Committee consisting of 5 members who do not receive funding.

Rank and Review

Rank and Review Members:

- Nick Foster, VAC Columbia Missouri (Returning Member)
- Sherrie Wohlgemuth, Community Resource Center(Returning Member)
- Jaime Abbott, City of Jefferson City (New Member)
- Staci Harrison, Sedalia/Pettis County United Way (New Member)
- Robyn Hudson, Tri-County Mental Health (New Member)

Data and System Performance

For the Purposes of performance based scoring during the Continuum of Care Competition, agencies will continue to be scored based on custom APR data reports from HMIS that are pulled at the time of submission for CoC System Performance Measures. The date range for this year's pull is 10/1/16 to 9/30/17. This coincides with the time frame that HUD is looking at when scoring the CoC on System Performance.

It is imperative that you are monitoring your data quality throughout the year. If you need any help in learning how to monitor data quality, please contact your representative with the Institute for Community Alliances.

System Performance Measures (Sys PM)

o Ensure common understanding of system intent and goals, along with projects that make up the CoC system

o Focus on measuring the cumulative impact of programs, not just individual impact

o Help CoC Gauge Progress toward preventing and ending homelessness

o Identify areas for improvement

o Meet HEARTH requirements

Severity of Need & Performance- Client Risk Score Report

Being used until we are able to generate CENI reports out of HMIS

The goal is to ensure that vulnerability, and need is taken into consideration when scoring

Looks at the following 5 factors and creates a score based on how many factors your clients show at entry:

1. Chronic Homelessness

2. Type of Living Situation (From streets, or in place not meant for habitation)

3. Disability type (Substance Use)

4. Disability Type (Mental Health)

5. Income received from any source in the past 30 days (No Income at entry)

Tiered Ranking Process

Tier One : Accepted if the project meets HUD Quality Threshold– 94% of Annual Renewal Demand

Tier Two: Based on Collaborative Application Scoring– The remainder of the amount plus and bonus funds

CoC Prioritization

Once all projects are scored, the Rank and Review Committee will make the following changes to the order based on the 2018 Policy on Program Prioritization.

Tier 1
1. Renewal Programs
2. New General RRH Program (Must be fully funded in T1)
3. New DV Bonus (Must be fully funded in T1)
4. HMIS(Must be fully funded in T1)
5. Renewal Program (Will more than likely straddle the Tier line, with a portion in Tier 1 and a portion in Tier 2)

Tier 2
1. Remainder of straddled program
2. Any additional renewals that were pushed down in rank due to addition of projects in Tier 1
3. Additional NEW RRH and DV Bonus programs until the list hits 106% of the ARD

HUD Scoring Method in Tier 2

For Tier 2 projects, HUD ranks all of the eligible projects that meet the threshold requirements based on the score below. After this is completed, HUD goes down the list and funds projects until they run out of money.

(1) **CoC Score**. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application; e.g., if a CoC received 100 out of 200 points on the CoC Application, the project application would receive 25 out of 50 points for this 12 of 84 criterion.

(2) **CoC Project Ranking.** Up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project application(s). To more evenly distribute funding across CoCs and consider the CoCs ranking of projects, point values will be assigned directly related to the CoCs' ranking of project applications. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity (1-x) where x is the ratio 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. For example, if a CoC is eligible to apply for projects totaling $500,000 in Tier 2 and applies for 5 projects ranked in Tier 2 of $100,000 each: the highest ranked project would receive 36 points and then the subsequently ranked projects would receive 28, 20, 12, and 4 points.

(3) **Commitment to Housing First**. Up to 10 points for how the permanent housing project application commits to applying the Housing First model. Transitional housing, Joint TH and PH-RRH component, safe haven, and SSO projects that are not for centralized or coordinated assessment can receive up to 10 points for how the project demonstrates that it is low-barrier, prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing, and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions to entry (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold). HMIS projects and SSO projects for a centralized or coordinated assessment system will automatically receive 10 points

HUD Scoring Method

There will most likely be one project that is straddling the Tiers

If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier. Using the CoC score and other factors described in Section II.B.10 of this NOFA, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

Reallocation Requirement

Consistent with the requirements of the FY 2018 Appropriations Act:

a. CoCs cannot receive grants for new projects, other than through reallocation, unless the CoC competitively ranks projects based on how they improve system performance;

b. HUD is increasing the share of the CoC score that is based on performance criteria; and

c. HUD will prioritize funding for CoCs that have demonstrated the ability to reallocate resources to higher performing projects.

Translation- If the COC does not have a policy, and act on that policy, they are not eligible for new funds in the competition. In previous years, bonus funds were only available if the CoC had reallocated on average 10% of the total renewal demand in the past 5 years.

Reallocation

Reallocation is a process that CoCs use to shift funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD.

The Number One NoFA Policy Priority:

CoCs should use the reallocation process to create new projects that improve their overall performance and better respond to their needs.

New Mechanisms This Year

Transition Grants

Consolidation Grants

Transition Grants

To create a Transition Grant the CoC must wholly eliminate one or more projects and use those funds to create the single, new transition grant. The following conditions must be met:

a. No more than 50 percent of each transition grant may be used for costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded;

b. transition grants in this Competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new program component; and

c. to be eligible to receive a transition grant, the renewal project applicant must have the consent of its Continuum of Care and meet the standards outlined in Section III.C.3.r of the NOFA.

Eligible transfer types: From PSH to Rapid Rehousing or Joint TH:RRH

Transition Grants Continued

- Similar to voluntary reallocation in the past, transitioning grants should not be a rushed process during the competition, and is one that your agency, your community, and the CoC need to consider.

- If interested, you will need to work with the CoC prior to the next competition in order to create a plan.

- This is only available IF the applicant for the new project is the same recipient for the old grant

- If awarded, It allows you to transition from your current grant type during that Fiscal year. The project will renew as the new type during the next competition.

- All remaining funds awarded must be used for eligible activities awarded under the new component.

Consolidation Grants

New in FY 2018, eligible renewal project applicants will have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects (but no more than four projects) into one project application during the application process

- If you are interested in this, you need to consult your designated Field Office as soon as possible

- You can do multiple sets of four projects, but each will require a separate grant consolidation

- It is unclear if grant consolidation is allowed across field offices. An AAQ has been submitted

- You will still need to submit separate renewal project applications for each of the grants. These will be reviewed and ranked separately, and if they are approved both at a CoC level in ranking, and awarded in the competition. If you consolidate as part of the project application process, it will be rejected by HUD.

If you are interested, please consult page 31 of the NoFA

Other Important Definitions

Definition of Chronic Homelessness

➢Is homeless or lives in a places not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or emergency shelter

➢ Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years

➢Can be diagnosed with on 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), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability

➢An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all other criteria above

➢A family with an adult head of household who meets all of the criteria whose family composition may have fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless

Dedicated and DedicatedPLUS

➢*DedicatedPLUS project.* A permanent supportive housing project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serve families in which one adult or child has a disability, including unaccompanied homeless youth, that at intake are:

➢(1) experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3;

➢(2) residing in a transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project;

➢(3) residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe haven; but the individuals or families experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project within the last year and were unable to maintain a housing placement;

➢(4) residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the project;

➢(5) residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions; or

➢(6) receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs(VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.

➢**Projects that were awarded as DedicatedPLUS in the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition are required to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition.**

Housing First

Housing First is a homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, thus ending their homelessness and serving as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life. This approach is guided by the belief that people need basic necessities like food and a place to live before attending to anything less critical, such as getting a job, budgeting properly, or attending to substance use issues. Additionally, Housing First is based on the theory that client choice is valuable in housing selection and supportive service participation, and that exercising that choice is likely to make a client more successful in remaining housed and improving their life.

Appeals

The purpose of the grievance procedure is to settle any grievance between an Applicant Organization and the Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care as quickly as possible to assure an efficient and fair competition.

1. Improper application of scoring, reallocation, and prioritization rules, regulations and procedures concerning participation in The Mo BoS CoC FY 2018 NOFA HUD Grant application process;

2. Violation of rules, regulations or procedures concerning the applicants rights to participate in The Mo BoS CoC FY 2018 NOFA HUD Grant application process;

3. The prioritization score assigned by the Rank & Review Committee given that the reasoning that the score is not inaccurate due to issues with data entry quality by the applicant.

Full policy and appeal form can be located on the Mo BoS CoC Website at
https://www.moboscoc.org/cocprograminfo.

Important Documents

Housing First- *The Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care has adopted a priority for Low Barrier and Housing First for all programs regardless of funding source.*

Data Policy- *For the purposes of performance based scoring during the CoC competition, agencies will be scored based on data reports frin HMIS that are pulled at the time of submission for CoC System Performance Measures for the date range of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017*

Grievance and Appeals Process- *outlines the process by which agencies can file a grievance if they are not put forward in the final CoC listing.*

Reallocation & Prioritization- *establishes the CoC's priority for creating and ranking new projects, including DV bonus projects.*

Approved Scoring Tools- *approved scoring tools to be utilized by the Rank & Review Committee.*
Scoring Matrix DV Bonus
Scoring Matrix Renewal
Scoring Matrix New Projects

Important Documents (Cont.)

Letter of Intent Template- *required for all projects to notify CoC of intent to apply for funds*

Grant Checklist Documents- *required for all projects*

DV Bonus
Renewal
New & Reallocation

Timeline

July 10	New & Renewal Project Training Columbia, MO (Encouraged New & Renewal Projects)
July 20	Letter of Intent (Required by both new & renewal project)
August 13	Project Applications Due to MHDC (Required new & renewal) Both In eSnaps & outside of e Snaps
August 13 & 15	Collaborative Applicant Review & Confirm eSnaps Information with agencies (required new & renewal)
August 22&23	Rank & Review (Project Applicants must make available a staff person to be open for questions and responses during this time period)
August 27	Final Project Listing Uploaded/ Notifications Sent to Agencies outside of eSnaps
August 28- August 31	Grievance Period after public posting
September 18	Final Submission of full CoC Application

Changes Needed in ESNAPS

o SF424, HUD 2880, HUD 50070, and SF-LLL are part of ESNAPS

o Beds dedicated to Chronic Homelessness

o Confirming Housing First

o Make sure any Issues and Conditions changes during the FY 2017 competition are added if you imported

o **"Specific Population Focus" – Only if you target a specific population for your program**

o Make sure that Supportive Services tabs are filled out

o **Make sure "Uses a single application form for four or more mainstream programs." is clicked if this is the case**

o Submit without changes option – You will not be able to use it this year if you have to change any of the above portions

ESNAPS Instructions and Additional Resources

Competition Information page: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2017-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/

ESNAPS Instructions: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources/#coc-program-competition--project-applicants

National Alliance to End Homelessness Information on best practices: https://endhomelessness.org/ending-homelessness/solutions/

DUNS Number Lookup: http://www.dnb.com/duns-number/lookup.html

NAEH Webinar (August 3, 2017) https://endhomelessness.org/event/webinar-fy-2017-continuum-care-nofa-whats-inside/

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