

HUD Homeless Assistance Funding Local Competition Open

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced the availability of Continuum of Care funds to assist homeless persons and families in the City of Hagerstown and Washington County, Maryland (CoC MD-512). In addition to the \$487,371 available for renewal and reallocation projects for our CoC region, HUD has set aside funding for CoC planning grants as well as to conduct a national competition for new Bonus projects. Although the available amount of funding is expected to be sufficient to fund anticipated eligible renewal projects in the CoC FY 2017, HUD will continue to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects in two tiers. Tier 1 is equal to 94% of the CoC's FY 2017 Annual Renewal Demand of \$487,371. Tier 1 projects will be funded first with Tier 2 projects being funded as determined by HUD.

Project applications submitted to the CoC for consideration will be reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the CoC. All projects approved by the CoC, except applications for new Bonus Funding or CoC Planning requests – which are considered separately -- will be ranked by the Recipient Approval and Evaluation Committee of the CoC and this committee will establish which projects fall within Tier 1 versus Tier 2 via a scored ranking process. Ranking criteria that will be applied to renewal and reallocation applications will be posted on this website by 4pm on Friday, August 18, 2017. Results of the ranking process will be posted after applicants are notified of their application status.

A project application must be completed in e-snaps by project applicants for CoC planning, new projects created through reallocation, new Bonus projects, and renewal project requests. **Project applications must be submitted via e-snaps no later than 2pm on Friday, August 25th.** Late applications will not be considered for funding. Project application information and requirements can be found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2017-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>. Project applications must be submitted online via HUD's website, e-snaps. A report that lists each CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Tier 1 amount, CoC planning, and Bonus Funding amounts have been posted to the HUD Exchange website at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2017-CoC-Program-Estimated-ARD-Report.pdf>.

Notification of project acceptance or rejection by the CoC will be provided in writing by Friday, September 8th. Eligible project applicants that attempted to participate in the CoC process in the geographic area in which they operate and which believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner may submit an application to HUD and may be awarded a grant from HUD by following the procedure found in 24 CFR 578.35. Solo applicants must submit their project application to HUD by 7:59:59 p.m. eastern time, September 28, 2017, which must include the CoC's notification of rejection of the project in the local competition as an attachment to the Solo Applicant's project application.

For questions about this notice or the CoC application process, please contact:

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