

2019 HUD CoC NOFA guidance

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**1. Performance-Based Decisions. Consistent with the requirements of the FY 2019 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 as outlined in Section VII.B.1.a of this NOFA;

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.**

**2. Prior to completing a new project created through the reallocation process or a CoC Bonus project, project applicants should consult with the CoC to determine which of these options will be available in the local CoC competition.**

**Total amount available through Reallocation: \$209,093**

**Maximum Amount for any one new project: \$110,000**

**In FY 2019 CoC Program Competition, CoCs may use the reallocation process to create:**

- new permanent supportive housing projects that serve chronically homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and families that must follow a Housing First Approach;
- new rapid re-housing projects for homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter or fleeing domestic violence that must follow a Housing First Approach;
- New Joint Transitional / RRH projects to better serve homeless individuals and families, including individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

New Projects:

(a) New PH-PSH projects must serve one of the following:

(i) persons who meet the definition of DedicatedPLUS (see Section III.C.2.g of this NOFA) in which case all units funded by the project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS; or

(ii) persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project.

(b) New PH-RRH and new Joint TH and PH-RRH projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3. Additionally, these projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).

**Bonus Projects: TBD (\$116,456 Based on last years allocation)**

**As stated in Section II.B.1 of this NOFA, the CoC must be able to demonstrate the ability to reallocate lower performing criteria to create new higher performing projects to be eligible to submit projects through the CoC Bonus process, also see Section II.B.1.c of this NOFA**

CoC's may submit Bonus grants up to allocated amount as determined by HUD for the CoC.

In FY 2019 CoC Program Competition, CoCs may use the **Bonus** process to create

- new permanent supportive housing projects that serve chronically homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and families that must follow a Housing First Approach;
- new rapid re-housing projects for homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter or fleeing domestic violence that must follow a Housing First Approach;
- New Joint Transitional / RRH projects to better serve homeless individuals and families, including individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- New Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant, and that is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in esnaps.

**In FY 2019 CoC Program Competition, CoCs may create New Projects for consideration for DV Bonus: TBD (\$194,094 Based on last years allocation)**

New projects that want to be considered for the DV Bonus, may be:

- new rapid re-housing projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that are defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3; or
- New Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section III.C.2.n of this NOFA dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that are defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3;

**Expansion Project:**

HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project (see Section III.C.2.j of this NOFA) under the DV Bonus, reallocation, and CoC bonus processes to expand existing projects that will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects.

- (a) Project applicants that intend to submit a new project application for the purposes of expanding an eligible CoC Program renewal project must:
  - (i) enter the grant number of the project that is eligible for renewal that the project applicant requests to expand on the new project application;
  - (ii) indicate how the new project application will expand units, beds, services, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS or SSO-Coordinated Entry projects, how the current activities will be expanded for the

CoC's geographic area; and

- (iii) ensure the funding request for the expansion grant is within the funding parameters allowed under the reallocation or bonus funding amounts available.

(b) Project applicants may expand an existing renewal project that is not currently dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that meet the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3 to dedicate additional beds, units, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants to this population.

**Consolidated Project:**

Eligible renewal project applicants will continue to 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. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted.

To be eligible for consolidation, the projects must have:

- the same recipient and be for the same component; and
- will be funded in this competition only with FY 2019 funds (meaning no funds recaptured from prior years will be awarded to the project).

HUD will not permit projects with the following characteristics to consolidate:

- a. outstanding audit or monitoring findings;
- b. outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears,
- c. unresolved construction delays,
- d. history of poor financial management or drawdown issues,
- e. history of low occupancy levels, or lack of experience in administering the project type, or f. or other capacity issues.