



RFP for 2021 HUD Continuum of Care Competition

HOPE Connections, Collaborative Applicant for the HUD Homeless Continuum of Care in Northwest Louisiana, is accepting applications for CoC Renewal Project in the eSNAPS system and Letters of Intent for New/Bonus Permanent Housing Projects and DV Bonus Projects.

Due date is Friday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m. for the following:

Renewal Projects submitted in eSNAPS

Letter of Intent and attachments for New/Bonus Projects to Christa Pazzaglia at christa@nwlahope.org

Bonus Projects available as new/expansion projects

- Domestic Violence Rapid Rehousing Project for individuals/families experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the amount of \$370,597.
 - Applicants must describe how participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing: New projects applying for DV Bonus funds must tailor the description to include how survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in paragraph (4) at 24 CFR 578.3 will be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing that addresses their particular needs, including safety, and includes trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches.
- Permanent Housing Bonus Project for Rapid Rehousing or Permanent Supportive Housing in the amount of \$199,991.
 - This can be used for new projects that utilize healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This must be demonstrated through a written commitment from a health care organization that the value of assistance being provided is at least 25% of the funding being requested for the project will be covered by the healthcare organization. A formal written agreement must be provided that includes the value of the commitment and the dates the healthcare resources will be provided.

Other relevant information:

- HUD CoC Projects have a 25% match requirement for all line items except leasing which has no match requirement.
- Applicants can request up to 10% in Administrative Funds.
- Applicants must be members of the HOPE Homeless Coalition.
- Projects that are awarded will be required to pay 3% of their award amount minus administrative funds as a fee for Service to HOPE Connections.
- Existing and new HUD CoC Projects are required to enter data directly into and produce all reporting out of the LSNDC Homeless Management Information System database.

- HUD CoC Projects are required to utilize the Coordinated Assessment Project for all referrals.

Preliminary selection of projects locally does not guarantee award by HUD; it only gives the applicants the opportunity to submit application to HUD. Applicants should expect to learn which project(s) will be allowed to submit electronically to HUD by Thursday, October 28th. HUD generally makes award announcements in January/February.

HUD Priorities

HUD has identified the following policy priorities in the 2021 NOFA (page 9):

- Ending homelessness for all persons
- Use a Housing First Approach
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- Improving System Performance
- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
- Racial Equity
- Persons with Lived Experience

Local Priorities

The HOPE Scoring/Ranking Committee has identified the following local priorities that are applicable to eligible uses of CoC funds:

- Maximize dollars available to the CoC to effectively address homelessness.
- Prioritize projects that enable and assist with the essential functions of the CoC, including participation in HMIS data collection, coordinated entry, and CoC general membership and CoC Board.
- Prioritize projects that demonstrate strong performance in permanently housing homeless households.
- Prioritize high performing projects that meet both HUD priorities and local needs by improving the CoC's outcomes and reducing homelessness, projects that are utilizing HUD funding in a timely way, and projects that meet the needs of and are appealing to people experiencing homelessness.
- Prioritize projects that provide permanent housing.

Renewal Projects

Scoring/Ranking Elements:

- Performance measures including:

length of stay	exits to permanent housing
returns to homelessness	new or increased income/earned income
- Serves high-need populations including:

% of participants accepted with no income	% of participants with multiple disabilities
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- Project effectiveness:

% of participants referred through Coordinated Assessment Project
% of participants reviewed through Housing Placement Committee prior to program discharge

Costs are within 5% of average CoC cost per positive housing exit for project type
% of participant survey answers that indicate Housing First Model is being implemented
% project utilization rate
Participant housing type preference

Extra points will be awarded to renewal projects for the following:

(10 points) Projects that serve more than 90% individuals categorize themselves as 100% Dedicated (Screen 3C), meaning that units are 100% dedicated to those who are chronically homeless (Screen 4B)

OR

(10 points) Projects that serve more than 10% families categorize themselves as HousingPLUS (Screen 3C), but dedicate the units for individuals to those who are chronically homeless (Screen 4B)

(10 points) Projects that select 3 or more disabilities on the Participant Subpopulation screen, with one of these being Physical Disability (Screens 3B and 5B)

The HOPE CoC Scoring/Ranking Committee reserves the right to reallocate low scoring projects according the CoC Governance Charter.

Agencies reserve the right to request reallocation to all or part of their existing projects.

New/Expansion DV and Bonus Permanent Housing Projects

Your application must be formatted as outlined below. Proposals that are not submitted in the following format will not be reviewed. This section shall not exceed four pages in a 12-inch font. To be considered for funding, each Letter of Intent will be scored as follows:

Legal name of agency: _____

Agency address: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell number of submission contact: _____

Tax ID Number: _____ DUNS Number: _____

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

Email Address: _____

I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of the Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name of Authorized Representative

Email Address

Experience

- (10 Points) Describe agency experience working with the proposed sub-population to be served and experience with the proposed housing type.
- (15 points) Describe agency experience with the Housing First approach.
 - Must demonstrate that there are not pre-conditions to entry, allowing entry regardless of untreated mental illness, current or past substance abuse, income, marital status, familial status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, and criminal history when allowable by law
 - Must demonstrate that the project uses best practice approaches to address issues that could jeopardize housing and/or project participation and that project participation is terminated only in the most severe cases
- (10 points) Describe agency experience in utilizing Federal funds

Design of Housing and Supportive Services

- (30 points) Describe the following:
 - How will the type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families)

- What is the plan to assist participants to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and appropriate for their needs
- How will the type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants ensure successful retention in permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source
- How will participants be assisted in obtaining mainstream resources (including Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, etc.)
- How will participants be assisted to increase employment and/or income to maximize their ability to live as independently as possible
- Describe the agency understanding of the performance benchmarks expected by HUD

Timeliness

(10 points) Describe the plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the program will begin housing the first program participant. Provide a schedule of proposed activities 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after grant is awarded.

Financial

- (5 points) Project is cost-effective in relation to projected cost per person served.
- (5 points) Submit a copy of your agency's most recent financial audit.
- (15 points) Provide a total project budget including all sources of funding that will be used for the project on the attached form, ensuring that HUD funded line items are reasonable and allowable. Identify sources of match.

<p>Housing Type</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Supportive Housing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Rehousing</p> <p>Population Served</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Survivors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chronically Homeless</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Families with Children</p>	<p>Grant Term* (Check only one box)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Year</p> <p>Is this proposal an expansion of an existing project?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Proposed Activities	HUD Funding Requested	Cash Match (25%)	Totals
1. Rental Assistance			
2. Leasing			
3. Supportive Services			
4. Operations			
5. Subtotal lines 1 through 4			
6. Administrative Costs (Up to 10%)			
7. Total Request		Total Cash Match	Total Budget (HUD Request + Cash Match)