

Austin/Travis County HUD CoC Renewals FY2016

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FY2015 Awards

\$5,770,028 Total Award

\$249,001 Increases in Planning, rental assistance and leasing line items

Not Funded

- Salvation Army Transitional Housing (20 units)
- Bonus Project (Oak Springs)

Programs funded by the Continuum of Care (CoC) grant should:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending Homelessness
- Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers to rehouse homeless individuals and families rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness
- Promote access to effective use of mainstream programs
- Optimize self-sufficiency

CoC Funds can be used for

- Permanent Housing
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only
- HMIS
- Homelessness Prevention (If a High Performing Community)

2015 NOFA

- Emphasis on performance
- Want to see communities reallocating to create new permanent supportive housing projects that serve chronically homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth or rapid rehousing projects if not meeting performance measures

FY2016 NOFA

- In order for a COC to receive funding for a new project, other than through reallocation, the CoC must demonstrate that all project applications are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the COC's system performance.
- HUD CoC Program funding must prioritize those CoC's that have demonstrated a capacity to reallocate funding from lower performing projects to higher performing projects

FY 2016 NOFA

- Collaborative Applicant (ECHO) registration underway due May 11th
- GIW confirmation
- Renewal and new project applications due June 1
- NOFA release
- Tier 1 and Tier II still in effect

Austin/Travis County Renewal Process

- Agency component (5%)
- Local application (30%)
- Performance report card (60%)
- Presentation (5%)

FY2016 Administrative Costs & GIW

- Can request admin costs up to 10 percent of total project budget – can move from line items but not increase overall amount
- Can move funds out of rental assistance for admin costs but cannot reduce the number of units
- All changes have to be included in the FY2016 GIW or they will not be allowed
- GIW must have accurate budget line items and numbers of units

FY2016 Reallocation

- New PSH for chronically homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth
- New Rapid Rehousing for homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth
 - coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter or fleeing domestic violence
- New dedicated HMIS
- New SSO projects for coordinated assessment

FY2016 HUD Expectations

- **Mean length of homelessness** is fewer than 20 days
- Mean length of episodes of homelessness is at least 10 percent lower in the most recent reporting period (calculated using combined number of days individual is in place not meant for habitation, emergency shelter, safe haven, and transitional housing Oct 1, 2014-September 30, 2015)
- **Reduce returns to homelessness within 24 months** (calculated through HMIS)
- Fewer than 5% return to homelessness or there is a 20% reduction from the previous reporting period (September 30, 2012-September 30, 2013)
- **HMIS bed coverage** of at least 80% (2012-2015 did not meet for PH in 2015)

FY2016 HUD expectations

- 75% of Projects are low barrier (44%)
- % who remain permanently housed (93%)
- % who exit to permanent destination (80.1%)
- Null values are below 10% (54% destination and 11% head of household missing)
- Decrease veteran homelessness by 75% (15% reduction)

HUD Goals

- Reduce number of chronically homeless individuals (Increased in FY2015 application)
- Increase # of dedicated CH beds (Increased by 180)
- Increase RR units (increased by 9 in 2015)
- Reduce homeless households with children (reduced by 38 in 2015)
- Reduce # of unaccompanied youth (increased in 2015)
- Achieve mainstream benefits (88% in 2015)
- Increase income

HUD POLICY PRIORITIES

- Create a systemic response to homelessness
- Measure system performance
- Effective Coordinated Entry Process
- Promote Participant choice
- Plan as a system
- Make the delivery of homeless assistance more open, inclusive, and transparent
- Strategically allocate resources (using cost, performance and outcome data)
- Maximize mainstream and other community resources
- Review transitional housing projects – consider reallocation to rapid re-housing

HUD Policy Priorities

- **End chronic homelessness 2017** – target those with highest needs and longest histories of homelessness
 - Increase units
 - Improve outreach
- **End Family Homelessness 2020**
- **End Youth Homelessness 2020**
- **End Veteran Homelessness 2015**
- **Use a Housing First approach**

Other HUD guidance

- Consider moving from leasing to rental assistance
- Renewal projects limited to one year
- HUD must base an increasing share of the CoC score on performance criteria,
AND
- HUD must prioritize funding for COC's that have demonstrated the ability to reallocate resources to higher performing projects

Permanent Housing Bonus

- Up to 15% of FPRN \$865,504
- New PSH Projects that will serve 100% chronically homeless families and individuals, including youth experiencing chronic homelessness
- New rapid rehousing that will serve homeless individuals and families, including youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter, fleeing domestic violence situations

Definition of Chronically Homeless

Definition: chronically homeless includes individuals and families who have a head of household:

- a qualifying disabling condition
- who have been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe haven for 1 year continuously or over a period of four occasions in the past 3 years that totals at least 12 months. At least 7 nights separates occasions of homelessness
- Persons in transitional housing are not considered to be chronically homeless even if they met the criteria prior to entering the transitional housing program.

Components of Renewal Application

- Scope of project
- Type of housing
- Project Threshold
- Project Overview
- Service design
- Supportive services
- Healthcare
- Access to mainstream services
- Income
- Standard Performance measures
- Community Planning
- Client Focus
- Budget

Match

Match is 25% of all budget line items except leasing

Leverage

150% in leveraging expected

In local application document commitments

Written commitments within 60 days of application of cash or in-kind must be attached to esnaps and included in application

Timeline

May 4 – RFP Released renewal

May 6 – RFP released new

June 3– renewal and new applications due

June 21 – IRT Agency Presentations

June 28 – IRT preliminary
recommendations