



TX-503 Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care Program

FY 2019 NOFA Bidder's Conference

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FY 2019 CoC NOFA TX-503 Austin/Travis County

Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): **\$9,194,727**

Planning Grant **\$275,842**

Anticipated reallocation: \$0

➤ **CoC Bonus Amount:**

- 5% of CoC's Final PRN
- 25% of Preliminary PRN – ARD
- PPRN = **Up to \$459,736**

➤ **DV Bonus Amount:**

- **10% of CoC's Final PRN**
- **Preliminary = Up to \$ 618,090**

- CoC may submit more than one bonus project as long as amount does not exceed maximum bonus amount





Project Review & Ranking Process

1. All new project applications submitted through esnaps and Community Force reviewed by an Independent Review Team (IRT)
2. IRT reviews all project application submissions and provides project priority ranking (Tier 1 and Tier 2) according to NOFA policies, including the Review, Rating, and Ranking Policy and Procedures.
3. IRT presents ranking recommendations to Membership Council
4. Membership Council approves final ranking decision
5. CoC Collaborative Applicant (ECHO) submits final Community Application and Project Priority List to HUD

Organization	Project Name	Family Type	Target Population	# of Units	# of Housing Beds	Final Award
Transitional Housing						
SAFE Alliance	SAFE Transitional Housing	Adults with and without Children	DV	39	105	\$ 624,678.00
Transitional Housing Subtotal:				39	105	\$ 624,678.00
Permanent Supportive Housing						
Green Doors	Glen Oaks Corner	Single Parents with Children	DV Priority	6	16	\$ 85,166.00
Caritas of Austin	My Home	Adults without Children	None	133	133	\$ 1,619,715.00
Front Steps	Samaritan	Adults without Children	None	36	36	\$ 434,972.00
Integral Care	Fresh Start	Adults without Children	Severe Mental Illness	29	29	\$ 417,192.00
Housing Authority City of Austin	Onward	Adults with and without Children	Severe Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder, and/or HIV/AIDS	53	71	\$ 672,858.00
Housing Authority Travis County	Upward.	Adults with and without Children	Severe Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder, and/or HIV/AIDS	74	86	\$ 957,303.00
Permanent Supportive Housing Subtotal:				331	371	\$ 4,187,206.00
Rapid Rehousing						
SAFE Alliance (New DV Bonus Project for 2018!)	DV RRH	Adults with and without Children	DV	30	78	\$ 633,150.00
LifeWorks	Housing Opportunity for Youth	Single Youth	Youth	21	27	\$ 416,928.00
Salvation Army	Passages II	Families and Adults without Children	DV and Vulnerable Adults	23	61	\$ 596,462.00
Rapid Rehousing Subtotal:				74	166	\$ 1,646,540.00
Ending Community Homelessness Coalition	CoC Planning	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 171,880.00
Ending Community Homelessness Coalition	HMIS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 150,234.00
TOTAL 2018 Funding						\$ 6,780,538

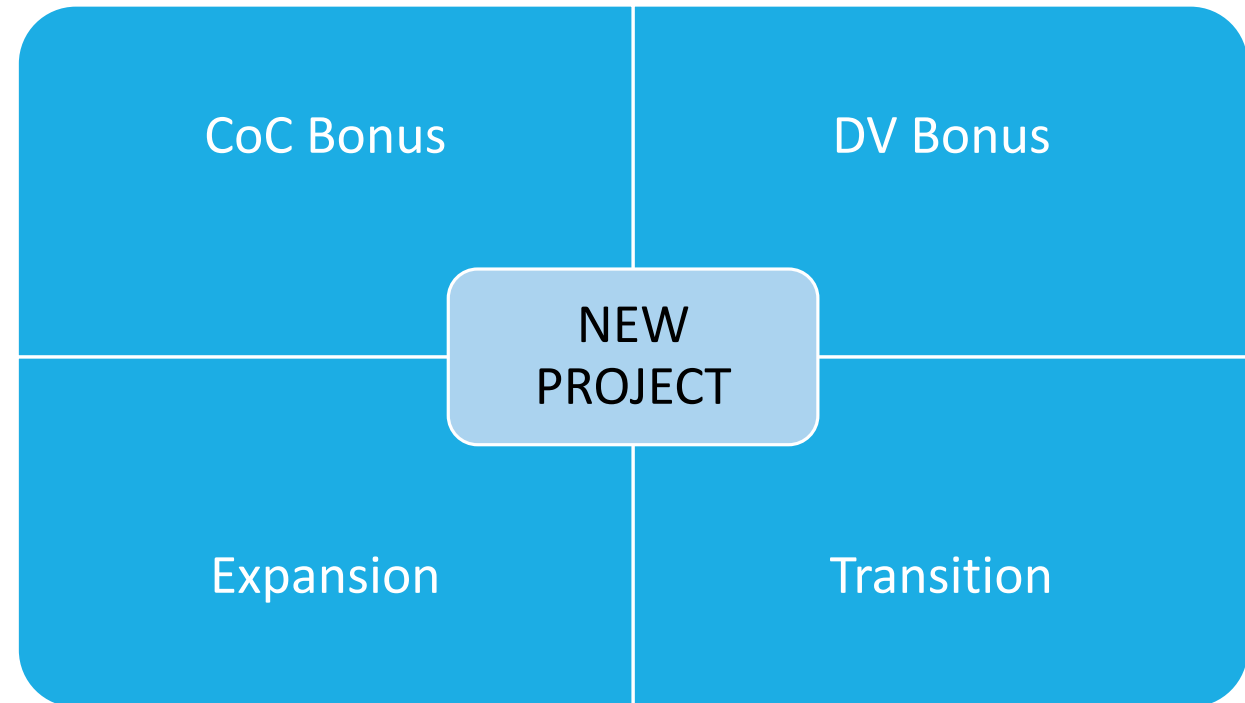
2018 Continuum of Care Projects



Eligible New Components

1. Permanent Housing -**Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**
2. Permanent Housing-**Rapid-Re-housing (RRH)**
3. **Joint Transitional Housing and Re-Housing (Joint TH and PH-RRH)**
4. **HMIS (dedicated)**
5. **Supportive Services Only (SSO)-Coordinated Entry**

Options: Creating NEW projects w/ eligible components





Expansion Project

The process by which a RENEWAL project applicant submits a NEW project application to expand its current operations.

Expand Operations: Adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing participants or expand HMIS activities.	Grant term of 1 year	Must Submit 3 applications: 1. Renewal 2. New 3. Combined Renewal & Expansion	Expanding Non-CoC Funded Project Cannot be used to replace state or local funds	Use Consolidated Ranking Process
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Expansion Continued - DV

CoC may apply to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that meet the definition of homelessness in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 to dedicate additional units, beds, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants to this population.



New Project: Transition Grant

Use reallocation to transition an eligible renewal project from their original component to another eligible component through a new project application.

Must wholly eliminate one or more projects AND use those funds to create the single, new transition grant.	Recipient of the eliminated renewal project & new project MUST be the same organization	Max grant term is 1 yr for the transition grant	No more than 50% of transition grant funds may be used for costs of eligible activities of the program component being eliminated.	New projects created are eligible for ongoing renewal	MUST have the consent of the Continuum of Care AND meet the standards outlined in Section III.C.3.t of the NOFA
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Domestic Violence Bonus



Following projects types are eligible the CoC for DV Bonus funding:

- 1) **Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)**
- 2) **Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH and PH-RRH)**
- 3) **Supportive Services Only –Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)**
 - CoC can only submit 1 new DV Bonus project for SSO-CE

 - Can apply for as many project types through RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH
 - Each project must be at least for \$25,000
 - DV Bonus projects are NOT allowed to be combined with Reallocated or CoC Bonus funds

****Survivors of human trafficking are eligible for services**

Special emphasis in application:

- Approaches: trauma-informed and victim-centered
- Safety Outcomes

DV Bonus projects not selected by HUD for DV specific funding will be considered for general bonus funding.

Resource: [Applying for DV Bonus Projects](#)



New: Consolidated Projects

Combine two or more eligible renewal projects may do so through the renewal project application and must ensure:

**FY 19 = No Projects are Eligible for Consolidation
in the Austin/Travis County CoC**

- BLIs for the consolidated project application submitted exactly match the sum of the BLIs for each of the individual projects as they appear on the GIW posted to the HUD Exchange;
- expiring grant numbers and operating start and end dates for the projects that are consolidating are provided;
- operating end dates end in CY 2020;
- are in good standing with HUD; and
- Must be same component type.

Ready to Apply!?!

Eligible Organizations

- Nonprofit organizations
- States and Local governments
- Public housing agencies
- For profit organizations are NOT eligible to apply for grants or to be sub-recipients of grants





Applicant Requirements

- Submit or be willing to submit data into HMIS or equivalent data management system (victim service providers only)
- Participate or be willing to participate in the Coordinated Entry Process (including entering in an MOU with the CoC)
- Participate in Continuum of Care Committee
- Participate in annual Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count
- Have an active SAM registration
- Provide recent financial audit

Membership Council: 2019 Funding Priorities for New/Bonus Funded Projects

All applicants are required to include a focus to address ethnic/racial disparities.

Applications for any New/Bonus funds for the 2019 Continuum of Care NOFA, will include an equal prioritization for meeting one of the following three categories.

1) *Intervention Types*

Projects that use one of the following interventions:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing Combination
- Rapid Rehousing

2) *Support current initiatives*

Projects that support one of the following efforts:

- End Youth Homelessness by 2020
- Pay for Success - Ending Chronic Homelessness

3) *Sub-populations*

Projects that serve one of the following subpopulations:

- Families
- Persons with Behavioral Health Needs
- Elderly
- Medically Fragile
- Youth
- Chronic Homelessness



New Project Proposals

- 12-month term (can request 18 months for start-up)
- Ensure alignment with community Needs and Gaps
- Identify target population (if any)
- Type of Housing and services that will be provided
- Identify how will connect clients with healthcare, mainstream (TANF, Medicaid, etc.) and employment services
- Identify how will partner with and leverage services of other organizations
- Identify how clients will access services – location of housing
- How program will help with housing location
- Alignment with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing



Existing HUD recipients

CoC BONUS Funds

Applicant must be in good standing with HUD

- No open HUD findings
- No history of slow expenditures
- Limited unexpended funds
- **Active Performance Improvement Plan: Must have Membership Council approval**

Eligible Program Participants

Homeless Definition

1. People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided (90 days or less).
2. People who are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled up situation, within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing. HUD had previously allowed people who were being displaced within 7 days to be considered homeless. The proposed regulation also describes specific documentation requirements for this category.
3. Unaccompanied youth and families with children and youth who are defined as homeless under other federal statutes who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition;
4. Individuals and families who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member.

Chronic Homeless Definition

An individual or head of household who meets the definition of “homeless individual with a disability” from the [McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the HEARTH Act](#) and has been living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven for the last 12 months continuously or on at least four occasions in the last three years *where those occasions cumulatively total at least 12 months; A break in homelessness is defined as 7 days.*

Youth

Youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant youth, where **no member of the household is older than 24**

DV

People fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking defined in 24 CFR 578.3

Homeless & Human Trafficking:

Persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3; and, therefore, the individuals may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC Program, subject to other restrictions that may apply. HUD considers human trafficking, including sex trafficking, to be “other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member” under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.



Permanent Supportive Housing

- Must select either **100% Chronic Homeless vs DedicatedPLUS**
- The Head of Household must have a **qualifying disability** and meet the criteria required as defined in 24 CFR 578.3
- **Target/Focus population**
 - Does not mean that your project exclusively serves that subpopulation(s), but that your project is uniquely equipped to serve them.
- **Supportive services** must be offered to all participants during the duration of enrollment in the program.
- Must receive referrals through **Coordinated Entry**
- **Housing First**



Dedicated Plus

PSH where 100% beds are dedicated to individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability (including unaccompanied homeless youth), that:

- at intake are chronically homeless; or
- were chronically homeless upon intake of to-be eliminated TH; or
- were enrolled (within the past 12 months) but unable to maintain placement at PH; or
- who are residing in Joint TH & PH-RRH and who were chronically homeless prior to entering project
- Resource: [Applying for DedicatedPlus Projects](#)



Rapid Re-housing

- Provides a combination of **Rental Assistance**, **Housing Location Services**, and **Case Management** to quickly move participants into Permanent Housing and increase independent and ongoing housing stability through community resources. Prioritizes housing individuals quickly using tenant based rental assistance.
- **Rental Assistance**
 - Short-term rental assistance (up to 3 months)
 - Medium /long-term rental assistance (4-24 months)
- **Supportive Services**
 - Supportive services up to **6 months after rental assistance stops**
 - **Monthly case management** meetings are required
- **Target/Focus population**
 - Does not mean that your project exclusively serves that subpopulation(s), but that your project is uniquely equipped to serve them.
- Must receive referrals through **Coordinated Entry**
- **Housing First**
- Best & Promising Practices:
 - Progressive Engagement, Critical Time Intervention, Problem Solving Therapy.

Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing



Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Project:

Combines two existing program components into a single project. Eligible costs are limited to:

- **Capital Costs** (ie new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition); leasing of a structure or units; and operating costs to provide transitional housing
- **Short or medium term tenant based rental assistance** on behalf of program participants to pay for the rapid re-housing portion of the project
- **Supportive services**
- **HMIS**, and
- **Project administrative costs**

Must be able to provide both transitional housing assistance and rapid re-housing assistance to each program participant, HUD will **require that programs can offer both types of assistance**, More guidance in the NOFA.

MUST have MORE RRH beds/units than TH

- More information can be found on the HUD Exchange: <http://bit.ly/2tulMDS>



Providing Flexibility to Housing First

Housing First Programs *will*:

- Persons move quickly into housing without preconditions
- Low Barrier admission – do not screen out based on
 - a. Having too little or no income
 - b. Active or history of substance abuse
 - c. Having a criminal record with exceptions to state-mandated restrictions
 - d. History of victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual abuse, childhood abuse)

Housing First Programs *will not* terminate from program for:

- Loss of income or failure to improve income
- Victimization
- Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project's geographic area

Change from Previous NOFA:

- Programs have flexibility, without penalty, to use service participation requirements after people have been stabilized in housing.



Project Budget

- All Budget Line Items (BLI) must be
 - Clearly written in e-snaps (see CoC New Project Application Detailed Instructions)
 - Must be in compliance with eligible expenses for project type (see CoC Program Interim Rule)

- When requesting Rental Assistance e-snaps will automatically calculate Fair Market Rental (FMR) amount per unit
 - If selecting SRO – please review guidance in NOFA

- Maximum 10% in administrative costs

Budget: Supportive Service BLI

The itemized budget screen includes 17 eligible costs (24 CFR 578.53(e))

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| 1. Assessment of Service Needs | 10. Life Skills |
| 2. Assistance with Moving Costs | 11. Mental Health Services |
| 3. Case Management | 12. Outpatient Health Services |
| 4. Child Care | 13. Outreach Services |
| 5. Education Services | 14. Substance Abuse Treatment Services |
| 6. Employment Assistance | 15. Transportation |
| 7. Food | 16. Utility Deposits |
| 8. Housing/Counseling Services | 17. Operating Cost* |
| 9. Legal Services | |

Not on this screen is “**Direct provision of services.**”

- If the service is being directly delivered, eligible costs under the specific supportive service includes:
 - The cost of labor or supplies, and materials incurred by the recipient or subrecipient in directly providing supportive services; and the salary and benefit packages of the recipient and subrecipient staff who directly deliver the services.
 - Staff overhead costs directly related to carrying out operating activities are eligible as part of those activities listed on the supportive services budget.

May only include “17. Operating Costs” (maintenance, repair, building security, furniture, utilities, and equipment) in the Supportive Services budget, if the costs are for a facility that is used to provide supportive services for program participants.



Budget: Match

- **Current commitments** at the time of project application, **covering the requested grant operating period** (i.e., grant term), and **NOT** based on projections.
- HUD expects the **amount(s) listed on this screen to be accurate**, with a **commitment letter(s) in place** that includes **at least** the same amount(s) as those listed in this screen
- Match contributions can be:
 1. Cash,
 2. In-kind, or
 3. A combination of both.
- Match must be **equal to or greater than 25 percent** of the **total grant** request, **including Administration costs**, but **excluding Leasing costs** (i.e., Leased Units and Leased Structures).
- Project applicants that include to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for match

HUD Threshold: Pass/Fail Standards



- Must meet eligibility program requirements described in CoC Program Interim Rule 24 CFR part 578 and provide evidence of eligibility
- Demonstrate financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the application and the capacity to administer federal funds
- Submit the required certifications and specified in FY19 NOFA
- Populations proposed must align with the CoC program interim rule
- Demonstrate cost effectiveness
- Must agree to participate in local Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) except for agencies required by the Violence Against Women Act to use a comparable system and share all required de-identified data to the HMIS system



Project Scores Based on

➤ Project Score Guide

- See New Project Score Guide posted on ECHO website.

See detailed application instructions for more information:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>



How to apply: E-SNAPS

- All interested applicants to complete project application in HUD's online ESNAPS system
- Read and follow Esnaps and Detailed Instruction Guides
 - Applicant Profile
 - New OR Renewal Project Application
- Complete Project Application and submit by local deadlines

Required Applicant Certifications



- HUD Approved Code of Conduct-all projects applicants must make sure the organization has a code of conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD.
- HUD 50070-Certification for Drug-Free Workplace
- SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, if applicable
- HUD Form 2880-Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update report



Timeline

1. **August 6** - New Project applications must be **completed** in e-snaps **and** Community Force
2. **September 9** - Final ranking approved by Membership Council
3. **September 12** –Deadline to appeal Membership Council Ranking for all projects



HUD Appeal Process

- Applicants also have appeal processes available through HUD, as outlined in 24 CFR 578.35

Applications for Housing and Services Project Funding
Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guide
Process for Completing Renewal Project Application Screens
New Project Application Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guide
YHDP Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guide: Not yet available
Project Application Appeal Process Navigational Guide for Solo Projects: Not yet available



Link w/ instructions will be updated on HUD Exchange



- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

HUD Exchange Resources



FY19 CoC Program Competition NOFA Notices:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2019-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices>

e-snaps Application Instructions:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

CoC Program Laws, Regulations and Notices:

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/>

CoC Program Toolkit

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/>

Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness:

- <https://www.usich.gov/opening-doors>

Rapid Rehousing Information:

<https://endhomelessness.org/rapid-re-housing-works>



TX-503 Resources

Austin/Travis County CoC's NOFA Competition Information:

- <http://www.austinecho.org>

TX-503 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-giw-reports/?filter Year=2019&filter State=TX&filter CoC=TX-503&program=CoC&group=GIW>

TX-503 Dashboard Reports

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-dashboard-reports/?filter Year=&filter State=TX&filter CoC=TX-503&program=CoC&group=Dash>

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Act:

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/affht_pt.html

Questions



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