

Notice of Funding Availability

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will soon open the competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) funding cycle. It is anticipated that 2017 cycle will allow each local CoC to submit one new bonus project. Lee County's estimated maximum award for a new project is **\$80,000**. The bonus project must be:

- new permanent supportive housing project(s) that serve chronically homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3; OR
- rapid rehousing project(s) for homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, or fleeing domestic violence situations or other persons who meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness (24 CFR 578.3); OR
- joint transitional housing (TH) and rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) project(s) for homeless individuals and families. These projects will provide low-barrier, temporary housing while individuals and families quickly move to permanent housing with a seamless program design. If funded, HUD will limit eligible costs as follows:
 - capital costs (i.e. new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition), leasing or 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.

Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that assist program participants must be able to provide both transitional housing assistance and rapid rehousing assistance to each program participant.

Projects must meet all CoC Program and HUD requirements.

Details of the requirements may be found here:

CoC Program Eligibility Requirements:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-eligibility-requirements/>

CoC Program Laws, Regulations, and Notices:

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

2017 CoC Funding Competition:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2017-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

Projects will be ranked by HUD on the following criteria: the need in the local CoC, adherence to a Housing First model, performance, leverage of mainstream resources, and leverage of additional resources. These factors will be taken into consideration by the designated Ranking and Review Committee. In addition, the Ranking and Review Committee will prioritize projects from agencies active in the Lee County CoC. **The top ranking project will be the only project submitted to HUD for funding.**

Project Submission Guidelines

To submit a project for consideration, submit all of the information listed below in PDF or Word Format **by email by Monday, May 1, 2017** to Jeannie Sutton, Grants Coordinator, at jsutton@leegov.com . If selected for participation in the funding competition, a full application will be required. Any questions can be directed to Jeannie Sutton at jsutton@leegov.com or by phone at 239-533-7958.

1. Agency Information, including agency name, contact person at agency, phone number, and email address.
2. Project location(s), including street address(es), city, and zip code(s). For rapid re-housing projects, define the number of units and any anticipated target areas to be identified.
3. Project summary, including target population served (individuals, households with children, and/or youth), number of new permanent housing units created or number of households to be rapidly re-housed, utilization of the Housing First model, and project completion time frame.
4. Project budget, including all applicable line items. CoC funded projects require a 25 percent match. The project budget must include detail of matching funds. Provide a separate detail of leveraged funds or in-kind resources (funds or in-kind resources being contributed to the project over and above the 25 percent match amount).
5. Describe the agency's experience working with the homeless, including a narrative on previous or current CoC funded projects, including performance measures and meeting objectives.
6. Describe how the project will address case management needs.
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