

**COC
COMPETITION
FY21 RECAP &
MOVING
FORWARD**

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Overview

Collaborative Application (FY21)

DV Bonus & New Projects (FY21)

Renewals (FY21)

CoC Competition (FY22)

Questions?

Changes from previous NOFO

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 amended title IV section 435 of the Act to allow Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) to be Collaborative Applicants, eligible entities, or subrecipients of the CoC Program in addition to amendment title IV section 401 to add the terms “Formula Area” and “Indian Tribe.”

- In 2021, Tribes and TDHEs will be eligible to apply for projects through existing CoCs only. Projects on trust land or reservations may be eligible if applicants obtain a certification that the projects are consistent with an approved Consolidated Plan.
- Applicants that propose to claim a reservation or trust land geographic area and to locate a project on a reservation or trust land must include a tribal resolution from the tribe authorizing the applicant to do so. Tribes do not need a resolution to claim their own land.

As required by the Appropriations Act, HUD will incentivize CoCs that create projects that coordinated with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide permanent housing and rapid rehousing services.

Changes from previous NOFO

HUD increased the number of points related to the CoC coordination with Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to:

- Add PHA-funded units to CoC coordinated entry
- Apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to people who are experiencing homelessness
- Prepare and submit joint applications for funding
- Established admission preference

HUD revised its evaluation of racial disparity

- Focus placed on racial equity and increased the number of points related to whether people of different races/ethnicities are less likely to receive assistance or positive outcomes, whether disparities are present and whether CoCs and homeless providers identified barriers that led to these disparities and have taken steps to eliminate these barriers to improve racial equity.

Changes from previous NOFO

A new category has been added to promote inclusion in the local planning process of current and former homeless persons with lived experience:

- Address homelessness
- Determine how local policies may need to be revised & updated
- Participate in CoC meetings & on committees as stakeholders
- Provide input for decisions
- Provide input related to the local competition process

Points were added related to how CoCs addressed challenges resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19 affecting people experiencing homelessness, including increased calls due to domestic violence, the need for additional assistance related to mainstream benefits and other assistance, and changes needed to the CoC's coordinated entry system

Points added for coordination with ESG recipient (DEHCR) regarding CARES Act funding and distribution

Areas in Need of Improvement

Engagement with organizations led by and serving Black, brown, Indigenous and other people of color

Engagement with organizations led by and serving LGBT persons

Engagement with Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated housing entities

Formalized partnerships with youth education providers, homeless liaisons, and school district staff

Formalized partnerships with early childhood service providers

Homeless preferences, moving on strategies, and joint applications with PHA

CoC-wide racial disparity assessment & development of strategies used to address racial equity

Active participation by people with lived experience

Ensuring that DV comparable databases collect the same data elements required in the HUD 2020 HMIS data standards

Collection of DV de-identified, aggregated SPM

Efforts around decreasing length of time homeless & reoccurrence; increasing exits to PH, income, & non-earned income

Coordination with housing and healthcare. No bonus points*

Seeking specific strategies, concrete examples, and thorough descriptions

Protocols implemented during COVID re: immediate safety needs (coalition and/or agencies)

Improved readiness for further public health emergencies (coalition and/or agencies)

Use of ESG CV funds

Coalition coordination with mainstream health (e.g. local and state health agencies, hospitals, clinics)

Coalition communication

How eligible people were identified for vaccinations (coalition and/or agencies)

How possible increases in domestic violence calls for assistance were addressed (coalition and/or agencies)

Addressing COVID

System Performance

First Time Homeless: Process, not actual risk factors

Length of Time Homeless: Process for identification and process of housing

Exits to/Retention of Permanent Housing: process of increasing rates of exit to PH from shelter

Returns to Homelessness: strategy to reduce rate of returns

Increasing Employment Cash:

- process of increasing income,
- mainstream employment organizations,
- promoting partnership & access to employment,
- working with public & private to provide meaningful education & training

Increasing Non-Employment Cash

- Process of increasing non-employment cash income
- Strategies to increase sources

DV Bonus – RRH Expansion Project

Total grant submitted = \$1,773,359

Total of 7 sub-recipients

- Newcap (expanding current grant) – NE/NWISH
- Golden House (expanding current grant) - Brown
- Solution Center - Winnebago land
- Family Services – Rock/Walworth
- New Horizon - Coulee
- Bolton Refuge - Dairyland
- In Courage - Lakeshore

If awarded, the grant would begin 10/1/22.

Bonus Project Applications

Total amount of grants submitted = \$591,120 (maximum bonus amount)

3 grants were selected based on data, narrative, and need

- Western Dairyland PSH - Dairyland
- House of Hope RRH expansion – Brown
- Pillars PSH expansion – Fox Cities

Renewal Applications

39 renewal grants were submitted = \$10,503,577

1 eligible renewal chose to voluntarily reallocate their grant (YWCA of La Crosse RRH – Coulee) = \$77,466

- Funds were used to submit an SSO CE Expansion grant in order to include Jefferson and East Central.

CoC Planning Grant submitted = \$354,672

CoC Competition FY2022

This Competition has not begun. Rumor is “Summer”

To prepare:

- Emphasis on Action Plans
- Working on items on slide 6
- Look for opportunities to write new projects leveraging other housing resources and/or healthcare partners

CoC Scoring Tool will be released for feedback in April

All material from the FY21 Competition can be found at:

<https://www.wiboscoc.org/2021-hud-coc-competition.html>

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