

Highlights of 2016 NOFA

- Deadline is September 14, 2016
- Tier 1 = 93% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) shown on the HUD approved GIW
- Tier 2 = difference between Tier 1 and the ARD plus any amount available for permanent housing bonus
- Bonus = maximum of 5% of Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN)
- CoCs cannot receive grants for new projects, other than through reallocation, unless the CoC competitively ranks projects based on how they improve system performance
- Possible new projects:
 - New PSH dedicated to chronic homeless (Bonus or reallocation)
 - News RRH to serve families and individuals coming directly from streets, shelters or fleeing DV (Bonus or reallocation)
 - SSO for Coordinated Entry (reallocation only)
 - HMIS (reallocation only)
- Up to two funding decisions (Tier 1 and 2) may be made
- CoC transparency: CoC must have in place a process to make all parts of the CoC Consolidated Application (which are the CoC Application and CoC Priority Listing with all project applications accepted and ranked, or rejected) available on its website to its community for inspection and to notify community members and key stakeholders that the CoC Consolidated Application is available.
- Changes in Tier 2 project scoring:
 - **50 points** based on CoC score
 - **35 points** based on ranking using the formula from last year except the formula now is: $35 \times 1-x$ where x is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2
 - **5 points:** Project type
 - **5 points:** permanent housing (new and renewal), HMIS or SSO for coordinated entry, safe haven, or TH exclusively serving youth
 - **3 points:** renewal TH
 - **1 point:** SSO (other than coordinated entry)
 - **10 points:** commitment to HUD's policy priorities
 - Low barrier
 - Prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing
 - No service participation or preconditions to entry
 - HMIS and SSO for coordinated entry automatically get 10 points
- Planning: maximum is 3% of FPRN or \$1,250,000 whichever is less; UFA costs set at 1.5% of FPRN or \$500,000, whichever is less
- Renewals one year grant term only; costs may NOT exceed the ARA specified in the GIW

- Any changes to the FY 2016 GIW after the final HUD approval process must be submitted for approval by the local HUD CPD Field Office, in consultation with HUD Headquarters. **Due date for final HUD approval for changes to GIW is July 22, 2016 by 5:00 p.m. local time.**
- Program income is now allowable to be used as a match
- Limitation on those who can be served in permanent supportive housing continues: only those coming from streets, shelters, safe havens, or TH may be served. If TH, must have originally come from streets or shelters. Eligible persons (those with disabilities) fleeing DV may also be served in PSH.
- Bonus and reallocated permanent housing will be evaluated according to the same criteria. They may only serve:
 - PSH: 100% of beds DEDICATED to chronic homelessness, individuals or families
 - RRH: may serve individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters or fleeing domestic violence situations or other persons who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness
- Renewal projects that committed to prioritize chronic homeless in beds that turnover must continue to do so.
- Incorporated changes to environmental review:
 - All scattered site projects where participants choose their own unit and are not restricted to units within a pre-determined specific project site or sites are categorized in 24 CFR 58.35(b)(1) as CENST. This now includes both tenant-based rental assistance and tenant-based leasing projects where participants choose their own unit
 - The Exempt /CENST form is only required for each project, not every unit
- System performance measures must be submitted in HDX and a report showing this must be included in the CoC application
- Required certifications and attachments **must be dated between May 1, 2016 and Sept. 14, 2016**
- Required timeframes:
 - Project Application. All project applications are required to be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before the application deadline.
 - CoC Notification to Project Applicants. The CoC is required to notify all project applicants no later than 15 days before the application deadline regarding whether their project applications will be submitted as part of the CoC Consolidated Application. Any project applicants that are rejected by the CoC must be notified in writing outside of e-snaps, with an explanation for the decision to reject the project application.
- **Best typo in NOFA:** “As stated in Section VI of this NOFA, it is imperative that all Collaborative Applicants meet the submission deadline of **September 14, 2016** at 7:59:59 p.m. eastern time.”
- **Scoring:**
 - **CoC Coordination and Engagement.** HUD will award up to **43 points** to CoCs that demonstrate coordination with other systems of care
 - Inclusive Structure and Participation. Up to **5 points**
 - Coordination with the Consolidated Plan, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Other Organizations. Up to **4 points**
 - Addressing the Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence. Up to **3 points**

- Public Housing Agencies. Up to **3 points**
- Discharge Planning. **2 points**
- Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Up to **3 points**
- Housing First and Reducing Barriers. Up to **12 points**
- Outreach. Up to **3 points**
- Criminalization. Up to **2 points**
- Rapid Rehousing. Up to **4 points**
- Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. Up to **2 points**
- **Project Ranking, Review, and Capacity.** HUD will award up to **30 points**
 - Objective Criteria and Past Performance. Up to **18 points**
 - up to 10 points will be awarded to CoCs that attach written documentation that clearly demonstrates the CoC uses objective criteria (e.g., project performance, monitoring results) in the review, ranking, and selection process for the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition
 - Up to 4 points are for demonstrating the consideration of past performance with CoC Program funds
 - Up to 4 points will be for the extent to which CoCs consider the severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants
 - Reallocating Projects. Up to **4 points** to CoCs that demonstrate the ability to reallocate lower performing projects to create new higher performing projects
 - demonstrate the CoC actively encourages new and existing providers to apply for new projects through reallocation
 - demonstrate the *CoC has cumulatively reallocated at least 20 percent of the CoC's ARD in the FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 CoC Program Competitions*
 - Ranking and Selection Process. Up to **3 points**
 - Recipient Performance Monitoring. Up to **4 points**
- **Homeless Management Information System.** HUD will award up to **18 points**
 - HMIS Governance. Up to **2 points**
 - HMIS Policy and Procedures. **3 points**
 - Housing Inventory Count (HIC). **1 point**
 - Bed Coverage. Up to **4 points**
 - Data Quality. Up to **4 points**
 - Required HMIS Reports. Up to **4 points**
- **Point-in-Time Count.** HUD will award up to **9 points**
 - PIT Count and Data Submission. Up to **3 points**
 - Methodology for Sheltered PIT Count. Up to **2 points**
 - Methodology for Unsheltered PIT Count. Up to **2 points**
 - Conducting an Effective Youth Count in 2016. Up to **2 points** to CoCs that took extra measures to identify youth in their PIT count
- **System Performance.** HUD will award up to **40 points**
 - Reducing the Number of Homeless Individuals and Families. Up to **7 points**

- the CoC will receive up to **2** of the 7 points for demonstrating a decrease in the number of sheltered homeless individuals and families in the 2016 PIT
 - the CoC will up to **5** of the 7 points for demonstrating a decrease in the number of unsheltered homeless individuals and families in the 2016 PIT
- Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless. Up to **2 points**
- Length of Time Homeless. Up to **7 points**
- Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. Up to **7 points**
- Returns to Homelessness. Up to **4 points**
- Jobs and Income Growth. Up to **4 points**
- System Performance Measures. Up to **10 points** for CoCs that attach a report generated from HDX that provides information for each of the required system performance measures as found in the System Performance Measures Introductory Guide
- **Performance and Strategic Planning.** HUD will award up to **60 points**
 - Ending Chronic Homelessness. HUD will award up to **15 points**
 - **3 points** will be awarded to CoCs that have adopted the order of priority in Notice CPD 14-012: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status as evidenced in the CoC's written standards
 - Up to **10 points** to CoCs that increase the total number of PSH beds (from any funding source) dedicated to ending chronic homelessness
 - Up to **2 points** to CoCs for reducing the number of chronically homeless individuals and families in the CoC, as reported by the CoC in the 2016 PIT
 - Ending Homelessness Among Households with Children. HUD will award up to **15 points**
 - Up to **3 points** to CoCs that prioritize households with children based on need
 - Up to **3 points** to CoCs based on the local plan to rapidly re-house households with children within 30 days of those families becoming homeless.
 - Up to **5 points** to CoCs for the implementation of a rapid rehousing model that will reduce the number of homeless households with children and demonstrated an increase in the number of rapid rehousing units available to serve families
 - Up to **2 points** to CoCs for ensuring emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing—permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects within the CoC do not deny admission to or separate family members when they enter shelter or housing.
 - Up to **2 points** to CoCs that demonstrate the total number of homeless households with children and youth, as reported in the 2016 PIT count compared to 2015 has decreased

- Ending Youth Homelessness. HUD will award up to **15 points**
 - Up to **5** points to CoCs for strategies that address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth and the existence of a proven strategy that addresses homeless youth trafficking and other forms of exploitation
 - Up to **5** points to CoCs that demonstrate an increase, as recorded in the HMIS data field “residence prior to entry” from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, in the number of unaccompanied homeless youth (up to age 24) served who were residing on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation prior to entering a homeless project.
 - Up to **3** points to CoCs that demonstrate a proposed plan to increase funding for unaccompanied youth homeless programs in Calendar Year 2017
 - Up to **1** point to CoCs that specifically describe how it collaborates with local education authorities and school districts in the geographic area
 - Up to **1** point to CoCs that demonstrate the extent to which youth service and education representatives and CoC representatives have participated in each other’s meetings over the past 12 months
- Ending Veteran Homelessness. HUD will award up to **15 points**
 - Up to **8** points to CoCs that demonstrate the total number of homeless veterans in the CoC, as reported in the 2016 PIT count compared to 2015, has decreased
 - Up to **4** points to CoCs that demonstrate a 75 percent reduction in the total number of homeless veterans and unsheltered homeless veterans, as reported in the 2015 PIT count, compared to 2010
 - Up to **3** points to CoCs that demonstrate they identify, assesses, and refers homeless veterans who are eligible for Veterans Affairs services and housing to appropriate resources such as HUD-VASH and SSVF
- **No** bonus points for early submission; **no** points for leveraging

Comparison of Scoring from NOFA	2015 NOFA Points	2016 NOFA Points
Coordination and Engagement	48	43
Project Ranking, Review and Capacity	26	30
HMIS	18	18
Point in Time Count	9	9
System Performance	38	40
Performance and Strategic Planning	60	60
Leverage	1	0
Bonus– early submission of complete application	3	0
Total	203	200