Federal Grant Recipient Monthly Call

September 2023



Today's Agenda

- CoC Program Updates
- CoC & ESG Written Standards
- Unsheltered Special NOFO
- Homelink Lead Update
- HMIS Lead Agency Update
- CoC Governance Updates
- Government Shutdown Implications



CoC Program Updates

- Announcement from HUD Local Field Office 9/26/23:
 - The Federal Audit Clearinghouse will transition from the U.S. Census Bureau to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) on October 1, 2023.
 - All submissions will need to be made through the new FAC hosted by GSA, including all single audits for entities with 2023 FYE dates.
 - Click here to access/bookmark the future GSA FAC site, and get updates about the transition.



CoC Program Updates

- CoC NOFO Competition
 - Consolidated Application due 9/28/2023
 - Thank you to our project applicants for submitting high-quality applications!
- Updated Site Visit Schedule Reminder
 - Bi-annual site visits Late Fall and Spring
 - Fall site visits will include NOFO debrief information, policy and procedure reviews (including grievance policy), CoC MOU execution, etc.
 - Spring site visits will include Housing First evaluations
 - We will reach out soon to schedule fall site visits



CoC Program Updates

- Updated Grant Spending Procedure Reminder
 - No longer required to submit eLOCCS spending tracking documents
 - We will be updating our forms and will let you know this fall if you will be required to submit proof of draws
- Update: New CoC Project The Salvation Army RRH DV Bonus starts 11/1/2023
- Welcome Stephanie Escobar as SARAH's new Technical Assistance Specialist! Continue to email Chelsey – we will inform you when to transition to emailing Stephanie



CoC & ESG Written Standards

- Grievance Appeal Policy
 - For grievances that need to be appealed to the CoC
 - Agency appeal Page 6 of Written Standards
 - Client appeal Page 11 of Written Standards
- NSPIRE (National Standards for Physical Inspection of Real Estate)
 - Updates to HUD's housing quality standards
 - Updated implementation date: October 1, 2024
 - HUD will be releasing additional guidance in the upcoming months to assist CoC & ESG projects with compliance.



Unsheltered Special NOFO

- As a reminder, this grant was awarded to our community in April and will bring in new permanent housing and street outreach/housing navigation resources. This includes expanded SSI/SSDI, Outreach, and Access to Recovery (SOAR) case managers
- Estimated start date for these new projects is 11/1/2023 1/1/2024
- Eligibility people with histories of unsheltered homelessness



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 - SARAH is conducting checks in HMIS and will reach out to users who need to update enrollment data.
 - Please be sure to update a client's address each time you complete the entry workflow.
 - Click here to read the full policy.



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- Self-Declaration for Housing Status of Youth Form
 - Implemented June 2023
 - Standard process for YHDP housing providers to document a youth and young adult's self-declaration of homeless status to ensure that eligible clients are being admitted into housing projects.
 - The form is to be completed by the housing provider at intake.
 - Skilled Assessors and YHDP providers have been trained on how to use this form, which can be accessed here.



- Training Framework Update
 - As a reminder, SARAH is leading the development of a Training Framework for community partners to have access to standardized training materials
 - Today is the last ad-hoc meeting.
 - The framework will be presented to the Homeless Response System Advisory Committee in October



HMIS Lead Agency Updates

- HMIS updating to the 2024 HUD HMIS Data Standards on Saturday, September 30th at 8 pm.
- We expect the system to be down for about 2 hours that night.
- The HMIS team will be monitoring tickets on Sunday, October 1st from 6 am 6 pm to ensure there are no major issues.
- HMIS users will receive news and warnings of any major issues via mass email.



CoC Governance Updates

- Homeless Response System Advisory Committee
 - September meeting agenda:
 - TBRA Bridge Projects (coming online 10/1/2023)
 - Homelink Prevention updates
 - Phase 2 of the Resource Placement Index
 - Next meeting is October 11, 2023, from 10 11:30 am
- HMIS and Data Advisory Committee
 - September meeting agenda:
 - HMIS Lead Monitoring
 - 2024 HMIS Strategic Plan
 - PIT Count Methodology
 - Next meeting is October 25, 2023, from 10:30 11:30 am



CoC Governance Updates

- CoC Membership Council Advisory Board Meeting
 - September agenda:
 - Discussion of 2024 Point-in-Time Count activities of the Council
 - Recommendation of 2 new members: Communities Under the Bridge and Center for Health Care Services
 - Next virtual Community Collaboration Call is October 25, 2023, at 9:30
 - Next full council meeting is November 28, 2023, from 2:30 4:00 pm
- Email <u>AzhaliaRamirez@sarahomeless.org</u> to be added or removed to any distribution lists

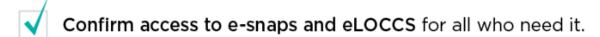


Government Shutdown Implications

- Congress has a deadline to enact a spending bill through the appropriations process by September 30th.
- This could impact TANF, food assistance, and rental assistance
- Click here for more information from the National Alliance to End Homelessness

HOMELESSNESS DOESN'T SHUT DOWN WHEN THE GOVERNMENT DOES

Top tips for federally-funded organizations to ensure the least amount of potential impact on people experiencing homelessness.



Review any grant-associated deadlines (not associated with the CoC competition).

Be patient with federal offices if they are slow to respond.

Check in with program participants and come up with a plan for how to support them in accessing public benefits.







Resources

- <u>Federal Grant Recipient Monthly Call Recordings and Slides</u> (posted the following week & sent out via email)
- September 2023 CoC Newsletter
- Homelink Helpful Resources One-Pager
- CoC and ESG Virtual Binders
- CoC and ESG Written Standards
- Housing Voucher information



Technical Assistance

- CoC, YHDP, Special NOFO
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- Homelink
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 - HMIS Help Desk, hmis@havenforhope.samanage.com
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Subscriptions

- CoC Newsletter
- Homelink Happenings Newsletter
- HMIS Newsletter
- HUD SNAPS Distribution List Funding Competitions
- HUD SNAPS Distribution List Program Information
- HUD Exchange

