San Antonio/Bexar Continuum of Care – Requests for Applications for Inclusion in the 2018 Collaborative Application for HUD Continuum of Care Funding

Invitation to Bid

On behalf of the San Antonio/Bexar Continuum of Care, SARAH, the collaborative applicant, invites eligible organizations[1] to submit new or renewal applications for CoC funding to be included in the 2018 Collaborative Application to HUD. The only entities that may submit a renewal application are current HUD CoC grantees that have a grant with an end date in calendar year 2019. Additionally, to be eligible for renewal an existing grantee must enter into a contract with HUD for FY 2017 funding prior to December 31, 2018.

Any eligible organization may apply for new project funding. Eligible organizations include: nonprofit organizations, Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), or units of local government.

Funding Amounts

In order to fund **new projects**, the San Antonio/Bexar County CoC may apply for

- $659,120 in Bonus funding for new projects. How much of this bonus is obtained will be determined by the score of the CoC application and how bonus projects are ranked in the competition.

- Up to $1,098,533 may be applied for by projects seeking the DV Bonus. DV bonus funds will be awarded based on the CoC score, need for the project, and capacity of the proposed provider of DV services.

- Additional new projects may be created using reallocated funding – slightly over $842,000 in reallocated funding is available for 2018. Whether projects are funded through reallocation will be determined by the CoC score and how the projects are ranked in the competition.

Renewal funding

The total of all renewal grants in the CoC is the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). For the San Antonio/Bexar County CoC the ARD for 2018 is $8,867,223. Of that 94% or $8,335,190, is the sum in Tier 1. That level of funding is essentially assured to the CoC. The remaining 6% of the ARD ($523,033) plus any Bonus and DV Bonus funds applied for will constitute the amount of funding in Tier 2. Projects ranked in Tier 2 will be competitively funded in a national competition. The project ranking is determined by score.

Submission Deadlines:

All new and renewal applications must be completed using HUD's online application platform, the E-SNAPS system. **Applications must be submitted in E-SNAPS by the following schedule**:

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[1] Eligible organizations include nonprofit organizations and government entities including public housing agencies. Individuals and for-profit entities are ineligible to apply.

- **Renewal project applications** must be submitted in E-SNAPS no later than **5pm CDT on Monday, July 30, 2018. Additionally, renewal applicants must also submit the renewal package to SARAH by the July 30 deadline.**
- **New project applications** must be submitted in E-SNAPS no later than **8 pm CDT on August 3, 2018.**
- Applications posted after the deadline will automatically have 15 points deducted from their score; applications not correctly assembled or submitted late will also have 15 points deducted from their score.

Information and Resources

All information required for this competition will be posted on the CoC website, found here: https://www.sarahomeless.org/provider-resources/. Information posted on the website includes:

- The NOFA published by HUD and supporting information provided by HUD.
- The CoC's policies for review and ranking of new and renewal applications.
- CoC's policies regarding reallocation – including voluntary and mandatory reallocation.
- Scoring factors for the review and ranking of renewal applications.
- Scoring factors for new project applications.
- Links to resources available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in support of the competition.

Possible application types:

Eligible organizations may submit one or more of the following application types:

- **Renewal application**. Any organization with a CoC funded grant that is expiring in calendar year 2019 may submit a renewal application. The renewal application must be fully consistent with the information regarding the project in the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). The project component, numbers of units, numbers and types of persons served, and the specific budget line amounts must be fully consistent with the expiring grant. All renewal projects that have at least one full year of operational experience will be ranked in the competition according to the scores received in the renewal evaluation process. Projects that do not meet the minimum threshold score for renewal must either submit and obtain approval for a Project Improvement Plan or agree not to renew the grant and to reallocate the funding.

- **New project application**. New project applications may be for any of the eligible new project categories:
  - o Permanent Supportive Housing where 100% of the beds are dedicated to serving chronically homeless individuals.
  - o Rapid Rehousing projects serving individuals and families who are literally homeless (prior living situation was in shelters or unsheltered).
  - o Joint TH-RRH projects also serving the literally homeless. The TH component should consist of short-term crisis housing and the resources earmarked for the RRH component should be twice those designated for the TH component.

- o Supportive Services Only (SSO) to support the implementation of Coordinated Entry note as per CoC policy only the designated coordinated entry lead may apply for this funding
- o Dedicated HMIS funding. Only the designated HMIS lead may apply for this funding as per HUD requirements.

New Concepts/Approaches for the 2018 Competition

- **Transition application**. An existing renewal application may be submitted as a 'transition' application – this is a new option for the 2018 competition. A transition application will start the program year as one component (TH, for example) and through the course of the program year, the project will transition from that component to one of the eligible new project components. No more than 50% of the project funding may be used for the prior component and at the completion of the program year, the project will renew under the new component. A transition application may be the most effective way to accomplish a 'voluntary' reallocation where the grantee with funds to reallocate is also the planned grantee for the reallocated project. Grantees interested in the transition application process must contact and obtain approval from the CoC. Transition grants are new project applications and the grant must 'transition' to an eligible new project activity during the program year.

- **Consolidated Application**. Also new in 2018 a grantee with more than one grant with the same program component (e.g., RRH, PSH, TH) may consolidate those individual grants into a single grant. Up to four grants could be consolidated through this process. To submit a consolidated application, applicants must submit renewal applications for each project and a single new application that will include all the funding from the renewal applications. The totals of the budget line items in the individual renewal grants must each match the budget lines for the new project. If all the renewal grants are ranked so that each is funded by HUD, HUD will fund the new project in lieu of the renewal grants. Applicants interested in submitting a consolidated application must contact their HUD Field Office representative to confirm that the project is eligible for consolidation.

Domestic Violence Bonus Projects

New this year, applications may be submitted for a new type of bonus project: a **Domestic Violence Bonus Project** in which all persons served are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. The following types of new projects may be submitted for the DV Bonus – please note, all projects applying for the DV bonus are required to follow the Housing First model:

- Rapid rehousing exclusively serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless.
- Joint TH-RRH projects exclusively serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless.
- Coordinated Entry for DV

Only a single project of each type may be submitted as part of the Collaborative Application.

Rating and Ranking of Projects

Renewal projects will be ranked in the Collaborative Application according to the rating score provided as part of the renewal evaluation process. New project applications will be reviewed by an independent panel with subject matter expertise but no conflicts of interest with regard to the application. The new projects will be evaluated according to criteria set by HUD in the project rating tool found here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5292/project-rating-and-ranking-tool/ .

Invitation to organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding:

The CoC actively seeks applications from organizations that have not previously received HUD CoC funding. HUD places considerable requirements on grantees and the application process can be challenging. Organizations without CoC grant experience are invited to reach out to the CoC at: www.sarahomeless.org and request assistance in understanding program requirements or the application process. Requirements on eligible participants and activities are very stringent and organizations are encouraged to discuss potential projects and the application process.

Presentation and Question and Answer Session

The CoC will conduct an information session regarding this request for applications on July 19, 2018 at 1 pm CDT. Interested parties may access this session by e-mailing ContactSARAH@sarahomeless.org for a link to the webinar.