



Requests for Applications for Inclusion in the 2019 Collaborative Application for HUD Continuum of Care Funding *SAN ANTONIO/BEXAR COUNTY Continuum of Care*

Invitation to Bid

The South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH) invites eligible organizations¹ to submit New or Renewal applications for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding to be included in the 2019 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 2020. Additionally, to be eligible for renewal, an existing grantee must enter into a contract with HUD for FY 2018 funding prior to December 31, 2019.

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

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.

Funding Amounts

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

- **\$554,461** in Bonus funding for new Permanent Housing projects (Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Joint Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing). 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.
- **\$1,108,922** in Domestic Violence Bonus funding for new projects designed to serve the DV population (eligible project types include: Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing, and Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry). DV bonus funds will be awarded based on the CoC score, need for the project, and capacity of the proposed provider of DV services.

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 2019 is \$9,399,583. Of that, \$8,866,107 is the sum in Tier 1. That level of funding is essentially assured to the CoC. The remaining \$533,476 plus any Bonus and

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



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.

Domestic Violence Bonus Projects

Applications may be submitted for a **Domestic Violence Bonus Project** in which all persons served are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or human trafficking. The following types of new projects may be submitted for the DV Bonus:

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:**

- **Renewal project applications packages** must be submitted to SARAH and in E-SNAPS no later than **6:00 p.m. CDT on August 12, 2019**. Any Applicant applying for a renewal grant must submit the application in E-SNAPS and the required documentation to the SARAH office by this date/time in order to receive full points in the competition.
- **New project applications** must be submitted to SARAH and in E-SNAPS no later than **6:00 p.m. CDT on August 15, 2019**. Any Applicant applying for a new grant must submit the application in E-SNAPS and the required documentation to the SARAH office by this date/time in order to receive full points in 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 expires 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 total budget must be fully consistent with the expiring grant. 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:
 - Permanent Supportive Housing where 100% of the beds are dedicated to serving chronically homeless households.
 - Rapid Rehousing projects serving categories 1, 2, and 4 of homelessness
 - Joint TH-RRH projects serving categories 1, 2, and 4 of homelessness
 - 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
 - Dedicated HMIS funding. Only the designated HMIS lead may apply for this funding as per HUD requirements.
 - DV Bonus
 - Rapid rehousing exclusively serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking that are defined as homeless
 - Joint TH-RRH projects exclusively serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking that are defined as homeless.



- Coordinated Entry for DV
 - Only one application from a CoC may be submitted for the coordinated entry DV; CoCs may request as many of the other application types as available DV funding permits provided that no project is for less than \$25,000.
- **Expansion Applications.** Grantees may apply to ‘expand’ existing renewal grants. In an expansion project, grantees will apply to serve additional homeless people, provide additional housing units for homeless people and/or provide additional supportive services to program participants. To apply for an expansion project, a grantee must complete at least three project applications: a renewal application to renew the existing grant, a new project application that fully specifies what is being expanded, and a renewal project application that combines the amounts requested in the initial renewal and new project applications. Should HUD approve the expansion project, the combined renewal application will take the ranked position of the renewal application.

New Concepts/Approaches for the 2019 Competition

- **Expanded definition for Youth:** Any youth-serving agency (an agency whose primary mission is to serve the population ages 24 and under) may apply for new funding to serve youth who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. This youth-related requirement supersedes any conflicting requirements under this NOFA or the COC Program rule.
- **Expanded participant eligibility for new RRH and Joint TH-RRH:** any new project created under this NOFA can serve Categories 1, 2, and 4 of homelessness

Additional Options (Renewal Applications Only)

- **Transition application:** An existing renewal application may be submitted as a ‘transition’ application – this is an option first introduced in 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:** 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.

Rating and Ranking of Projects

New and Renewal projects will be ranked in the Collaborative Application according to the rating score provided as part of the renewal evaluation process. For detailed information on the factors considered in the ranking and scoring of projects, please visit the SARAH website at <https://www.sarahomeless.org/funding-competitions/>. New and Renewal project applications will be reviewed by an Independent Review Team with subject matter expertise but no conflicts of interest with regard to the application.

Presentation and Question and Answer Session

The CoC will conduct an information session regarding this request for applications on July 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. CDT. Interested parties may access this session using the following information:

Follow this link from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/307376597>

You can also dial in using your phone:

United States: [+1 \(669\) 224-3412](tel:+16692243412)

Access Code: 307-376-597

A link to the 2019 NOFA Application Instructions can be found online on the SARAH website located at <https://www.sarahomeless.org/funding-competitions/>.

Information and Resources

All information required for this competition will be posted on the CoC website, found here: <https://www.sarahomeless.org/funding-competitions/>. 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.