



July 21, 2017

Dear Homeless Coalition Member:

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced the NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) for FY 2017 funds for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program (CoC Application). At this time, the application process for new and renewal projects to be included in the Anne Arundel County's funding application under the Continuum of Care program is being announced as well. The Continuum of Care NOFA is an online application which will be coordinated by Arundel Community Development Services (ACDS). The complete application includes the Consolidated CoC Application as well as all renewal and new Project Applications. The Complete Consolidated CoC Application is due to HUD by September 28, 2017. Information about the FY2017 Continuum of Care Application is available on HUD's website at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2017-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

#### **Renewal Applications for Continuum of Care Funding**

ACDS will assume all previously funded agencies will be seeking renewal funds through this competition unless notified otherwise. ACDS staff will work with subrecipients seeking to renew their projects and will enter the renewal applications in esnaps. Draft renewal applications will be provided to subrecipients for review no later than August 11, 2017. All renewal applications will need to be finalized in esnaps by August 23, 2017. Please review information pertaining to renewal project applications at the HUD website: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2910/coc-project-application-instructions-for-renewal-projects/>

#### **New Applications for Continuum of Care Funding**

Anne Arundel County and Annapolis Coalition to End Homelessness (the Coalition) recognizes the critical need for additional affordable housing options for the homeless. New projects may be created by using funds made available through the reallocation of previously funded projects or through funds made available through the CoC competition's Permanent Housing Bonus (approximately \$134,362). New applications for funds (either generated from reallocated projects or the Permanent Housing Bonus) may only be used to create the following types of new projects:

- (1) CoCs may create new permanent supportive housing projects that meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.A.3.d. of this NOFA or new permanent supportive housing projects where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to chronic homelessness.
- (2) CoCs may create new rapid rehousing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who meet the following criteria:

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- (a) residing in a place not meant for human habitation;
  - (b) residing in an emergency shelter;
  - (c) persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless, including persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence situations;
  - (d) residing in a transitional housing project that was eliminated in the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition;
  - (e) residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project (see Section III.A.3.h. of this NOFA); or
  - (f) receiving services from a VA-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.
- (3) CoCs may create new Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section III.A.3.h. of this NOFA to better serve homeless individuals and families, including individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.
- (4) CoCs may create a new dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant, and that is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*. (*eligible project with reallocated funds*).
- (5) CoCs may create a new supportive services only project to develop or operate a new centralized or coordinated assessment system. (*eligible project with reallocated funds*).

If you are interested in applying for funds for a new program, please contact, Beth Brush at 410-222-3956 or [ebursh@acdsinc.org](mailto:ebursh@acdsinc.org) to obtain guidance on the application process. New applicants will need to submit narratives and budgets for New Projects to ACDS by August 9, 2017. ACDS staff will enter the narratives and budgets into the New Project Application in ESNAPS and submit a draft for review no later than August 16, 2017. Final applications will be due and need to be submitted in esnaps by August 23, 2017. Additional information about New Project is available on HUD's website at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2909/coc-project-application-instructions-for-new-projects/>

The Anne Arundel and Annapolis Coalition to End Homelessness Board of Directors is responsible for the review and ranking of all projects submitted as part of the Application for program performance as well as other defined criteria.

Please feel free to contact me directly at (410) 222-3956 or [ebursh@acdsinc.org](mailto:ebursh@acdsinc.org) if I can assist you with any questions you may have regarding the NOFA. I will do my best to keep you informed throughout this process. Additional Information will be posted on ACDS Website at [www.acdsinc.org](http://www.acdsinc.org) under Funding Opportunities Continuum of Care Grants.

Sincerely,



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