

June 21, 2018

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 2018 funds for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program (CoC Application). 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 18, 2018.

The FY2018 CoC Application outlines significant changes from prior years as well as provides new opportunities. Opportunities include allowing renewal projects to transition a new component, the possibility to consolidate grants, possibility to re-allocate funds from one project to create a new project, new funds targeted to providing housing to survivors of domestic violence, as well as, new bonus project funds.

KEY DATES

1. **Friday, July 13, 2018** – FY2018 CoC Application Planning Meeting
Time: 10:00 am
Place: ACDS, 2666 Riva Road, Suite 210, Annapolis, MD 21401
Purpose: Discuss FY2018 CoC Application changes, re-allocation policies and procedures; project review procedures, potential new projects, and establishment of FY 2018 CoC planning committee responsible for ranking and review.
Who: Projects applicants interested in submitting a CoC application in the FY2018 Competition, any interested Coalition Board and General members.
2. **Monday, July 23, 2018** – Renewal Projects notified by FY 2018 CoC Planning committee if re-allocation or consolidation is recommended.
3. **Friday, July 27, 2018** – Deadline for appeals by renewal project recommended for re-allocation or consolidation.
4. **Friday, August 10, 2018** – All new and renewal applications due to ACDS' office.
5. **Friday, August 17, 2018** – (tentative) Ranking and Review committee
6. **Wednesday, August 22, 2018** – Public Notification of applications selected to submission and ranking decisions.



Information about the FY2018 Continuum of Care Application is available on HUD's website at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2018-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>. Also, attached, please find a six page table highlighting What's New, Changes, and Highlights. It is important that you review and understand the FY2018 CoC NOFA and the changes so we can build the best application together.

Please feel free to contact Beth Brush at (410) 222-3956 or ebursh@acdsinc.org or myself, Janay Brunson, at (410) 222-3958 or jbrunson@acdsinc.org if we can assist you with any questions you may have regarding the FY2018 NOFA. We will do our best to keep you informed throughout this process. Additional Information will be posted on ACDS Website at www.acdsinc.org under Funding Opportunities Continuum of Care Grants.

Sincerely,

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