

2015 McKinney Continuum of Care Program NOFA

Due: November 20, 2015 7:59 PM (preferred: November 19, 7:59 PM)

Amount Available: \$ 1.89 billion

VT-500 Funding

Annual Renewal Demand:	\$2,727,529
85% of ARD:	\$2,318,399.65
Tier 1:	\$2,318,399.65
Tier 2:	\$409,129.35 + \$409,129.35 (<i>estimated PH bonus</i>) = \$818,258.70
Planning Grant:	\$81,826

1. Project Application Changes

- Attach leverage letters
- Housing First/low threshold questions

2. Housing First and low threshold projects

- Project applications are similar but have new questions that ask whether projects operate as Housing First or low threshold projects.
PH--Projects that commit to Housing First must actually operate as Housing First programs. **HUD goal: 75% of PSH should be Housing First.**
- SSO and TSH--Projects that commit to “low threshold” must actually operate as low threshold programs. **HUD goal: 75% of SSO and TH should be low threshold.**

3. Competitive Process: Two Funding Tiers

HUD will rank projects in two Tiers. Tier 1 projects will be funded. Tier 2 projects will be funded for those CoCs that score competitively. Scoring criteria includes:

- Numbers and strategies reported on system-wide performance goals;
- Implementation of coordinated assessment and prioritization priorities;
- Commitment to HUD policy priorities: ending veteran, youth, family, chronic homelessness by specified dates and rapidly rehousing families within 30 days;
- HMIS and PITC;
- Transparent ranking and evaluation process that includes documented process for strategic resource allocation (comprehensive project review and review TH for efficacy);
- Inclusive collaborative Board structure;
- Coordination with public housing authorities, Consolidated Planning process, and groups serving youth and victims of violence (*new questions about working with youth and victims of violence*);
- Reduction of barriers to project access and commitment to Housing First and low threshold projects;
- Collaboration with health care providers.

4. System-wide performance goals

- Reducing number of homeless people;
- Increasing the number of homeless people who transition to permanent housing; **HUD goal: 80% of people exiting SSO and TH should enter PH.**

- Maintaining formerly homeless people in permanent housing; **HUD goal: 80% of people in PSH should remain housed for at least 12 months.**
- Increasing permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless people-increase units and targeting; **HUD goal: 85% of non-dedicated PSH units should be prioritized for chronically homeless people.**
- Increasing rapid rehousing units;
- Describing strategies to decrease length of time homeless, reduce returns to homelessness, increase employment income and increase ties to mainstream employment resource providers.

5. Reallocation projects	Permanent Housing bonus projects
New PSH for 100% chronic homeless individuals or families	New PSH for 100% chronic homeless individuals or families
RRH for homeless individuals, families or youth coming from streets or emergency shelter	RRH for homeless individuals or families coming from streets or emergency shelter
RRH for people fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or other violence	RRH for people fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or other violence
SSO for centralized or coordinated assessment	
New HMIS carried out by HMIS lead	

6. Tiering

Tier One 85% of Annual Renewal Demand

Tier Two: (Difference between 85% Annual Renewal Demand and 100% Annual Renewal Demand) + Funds for PH bonus.

Planning Project is listed and included in applications separate from Tier 1 and 2. If a project request straddles Tier 1 and 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select Tier 1 amount and then use Tier 2 scoring process to make decisions about Tier 2 portion of the grant.

Scoring of Tier 2 Projects

1. **CoC Score:** Up to 60 points based on CoC score.
2. **CoC Project Ranking:** Up to 20 points depending upon the ranking of the project in the project list, calculated as follows: $20 \times (1-x)$ Where $x = (\text{total funding requests ranked higher by CoC in Tier 2} + \frac{1}{2}(\text{funding requested by project}) / \text{Total funding in Tier 2}$

- **Project Type:**

New and renewal PSH	10
Renewal Safe Haven	10
HMIS	10
SSO for Centralized/Coordinated Assessment	10
TH for homeless youth	10
Renewal TH (other than youth)	3
Renewal SSO	1

- **Project Commitment to Policy priorities**

PH Commitment to Housing First	up to 10
TH/SSO that are low barrier, prioritize rapid placement in housing	up to 10
HMIS	10
SSO-Centralized/Coordinated Assessment	10