

Continuum of Care – Things You Should Know

Since HUD has released the 2010 CoC Registration and Important Information Notice, I thought I would give you a quick run down of things you should know and new issues that HUD has been talking about so far...

- The new CoC application will not be released prior to July 1, 2010
- HUD anticipate announcements for 2009 competition to be released this summer
- This Winter the technical submissions and grant agreements for the 2009 competition will be executed. Also grant agreements for 2010 renewals will be executed
- Applicants awarded new S+C projects in the 2010 CoC Competition may request no more than the number of units awarded in the 2010 Competition when they apply for their first renewal
- This year, applicants for first time S+C renewals that are requesting more units than approved in original application must provide their local HUD office with copies of executed leases at the time of Grant Inventory Worksheet submission to support the number of units requested
- SHP renewal projects are limited to one year of funding
- There will be a permanent housing bonus – the bonus amount will be 15% of a CoC's pro rata or \$6 million, whichever is less
 - HUD strongly encourages CoC's to use at least a portion of available bonus funds to create a project that will serve disabled veterans
 - HUD strongly encourages CoC's to use at least a portion of available bonus funds to create a project that will serve chronic homeless
- Housing emphasis and leveraging will be on new projects only
- Renewal projects will have an expedited announcement again this year as they did last year
- By statute, projects awarded with FY 2004 money will expire at the end of FY 2011 and must request renewal in 2010. 2004 grants will have no funds available after 9/25/11.
- CoC's will need to demonstrate coordination with NSP, HPRP and any other HUD-managed ARRA programs – that that can show coordination may receive extra points during the CoC application process
- HUD is requiring four educational assurances as part of the 2010 CoC NOFA
 - Demonstration that CoC is collaborating with local education agencies to assist in the identification of homeless families as well as informing homeless families and youth of their eligibility for McKinney-Vento education services;
 - Demonstrate that the CoC is considering the educational needs of children when families are placed in emergency or transitional shelter and is, to the maximum extent practicable, placing families with children as close to possible to their school origin so as not to disrupt the children's education;

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- Demonstrate that their programs are establishing policies and practices that are consistent with, and do not restrict the exercise of rights provided by education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act, and other laws relating to the provision of educational and related services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and
- Demonstrate that programs that provide housing or services to families are designating a staff person to ensure that children are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate services within the community, including early childhood programs such as Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and McKinney-Vento education services.
- McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by HEARTH has a focus on performance outcomes, including measures that have not been reviewed by HUD under the current McKinney-Vento programs. HUD encourages CoC's to review the performance measures, which can be found at www.hudhre.info/hearth - below are just a few of the highlights...
 - Decreasing the number of homeless individuals and families
 - Decreasing the time that individuals and families remain homeless
 - Collaboration with local education authorities (for more information on this see previous bullet
 - Address needs of all relevant sub-populations
 - Incorporate comprehensive strategies for reducing homelessness
 - Set quantifiable performance measures
 - Identify specific funding sources for planned activities
 - Methodology of determining priority for project funding
 - Coordination with other Federal, State, local, private and other entities serving persons experiencing homelessness/risk of homelessness
 - Preventing family homelessness
- I encourage you to sign up for e-snaps notifications on HUD Homeless Assistance Program at <http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewJoin>

** If you are part of the BOSCOG – please read on...

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BOSCOC Specific Information

- HUD has stated that they will be considering an applicant' spending history on current grants in their review process. In order for the BOSCOC Steering Committee to have a grasp on this from the provider level, BOSCOC providers are requested to **email** (preferred) or fax COHHIO their drawdown reports from CY2009 by May 21, 2010. Those can be sent to coc@cohhio.org or 614-463-1060.
- BOSCOC providers do not need to worry about the CoC registration, Grant Inventory Sheets, housing inventory, or point in time count notifications that HUD is sending currently – it is handled at the BOSCOC Steering Committee level
- BOSCOC providers that submitted new project applications for this year's submission – we are starting to review, score and rank projects. Erica or Jonda will be contacting you sometime to set up a conference call in June to discuss your projects

BOSCOC local chairs – you will need to start collecting your meeting sign-in sheets so that you will be able to tell us who are members of your local CoC. You will need the following information:

Organization Name

Membership Type – Public Sector; Private Sector; Individual

Organization Type –

If Public Sector – choose one of the following: Law Enforcement; Local Government; Local workforce investment act boards; other (please specify); public housing agencies; school systems/universities; state government agencies

If Private Sector – choose one of the following: businesses; faith-based organizations; funder advocacy group; hospitals/med representatives; non-profit organization; other (please specify)

If Individual – homeless/formerly homeless

Organization Role – Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group; Authorizing Agency for Consolidated Plan; Attend Consolidated Plan planning meetings during past 12 months; Attend Consolidated Plan focus groups/public forums during past 12 months; Lead Agency for 10-year plan; attend 10-year planning meetings during past 12 months; none; primary decision making group

Subpopulations – SMI; SA; VET; HIV/AIDS; DV; Unaccompanied Youth; None

Service Provided to Homeless Persons and Families - Alcohol/Drug Abuse; Case Management; Child Care; Counseling/Advocacy; Education; Employment; Healthcare; HIV/AIDS; Law Enforcement; Legal Assistance; Life Skills; Mental Health; Mobile Clinic; Mortgage Assistance; Rental Assistance; Street Outreach; Transportation; Utilities Assistance; Not Applicable