

20187 Iowa Balance of State CoC
~~FINAL DRAFT~~ Application, Ranking & Reallocation Plan

Approved For Review by the Iowa Council on Homelessness
On August 4 July 20, 20187

The Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) is inviting applications for the 20187 CoC Competition. ~~Information is~~~~Details are~~ below.

For all items, agencies should refer to the definitions, eligibility rules, and other guidance in HUD' 2018 CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA): <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5719/fy-2018-coc-program-nofa/>.

Questions may be emailed to **CoC Committee Co-Chairperson, Tim Wilson, at tim@homeforwardiowa.org**, **Executive Committee Chairperson, Karin Ford, at Karin.ford@idph.iowa.gov**, or Iowa Finance Authority staff, Amber Lewis, at amber.lewis@iowa.gov.

Comment [LA[1]]: What is the appropriate level (or willingness) of Tim's involvement at this point? Is there another acting chair or co-chair willing to help?

• **New "Bonus" Projects**

- New project applications are invited for Permanent Supportive Housing for the chronically homeless (or "Dedicated PLUS"), Rapid Rehousing (RRH) for individuals or families, or Joint TH and PH-RRH Transitional Housing & RRH (Joint TH-RRH).
- ~~Carefully review project definitions and eligibility criteria in the 2017 CoC NOFA: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5419/fy-2017-coc-program-nofa/>~~
- Approximately ~~\$480,60348,941~~ may be available to fund one or more new projects. This is the amount of the CoC's "Permanent Housing Bonus ~~available to the CoC.~~"
- **A brief Statement/Letter of Intent is requested, but not required, by August 11 July 27, 20187**, to amber.lewis@iowa.gov. Please include the project type and the approximate amount that will be requested.
- **Applications due Wednesday Friday, August 1525, 20187**. Utilize the application form provided.
- After review, selected projects will be notified on or about August 24 September 5, 20187.
- **Approved projects must submit the online e-snaps application by September 7, 2018.**
- ~~, and will then be required to submit an application in the online e-snaps system, due September 15, 2017.~~
- New Projects will be scored on a scale of 100 points. Selected New Projects scoring 90 points or above will be ranked at 90 points in the current Renewal Ranking (below any renewals scoring 90 points). Selected New Projects scoring below 90 points will be ranked at their actual score in the current Renewal Ranking.

Comment [LA[2]]: Is the same scoring/ranking system for new projects appropriate this year?

• **New "DV Bonus" Projects**

Comment [LA[3]]: This is new from HUD this year. The CoC doesn't have to allow it, but it's an option.

- o New project applications are invited for consideration for HUD's new "DV Bonus" this year. Eligible project types include one each of Rapid Rehousing, Joint TH-RRH, and SSO for DV Coordinated Entry.
- o A qualifying DV Coordinated Entry project must demonstrate the need for a Coordinated Entry system in the CoC that better meets the needs of survivors, and how the project will implement policies, procedures, and practices that better equip the CoC to meet these needs.
- o Approximately \$801,005 may be available to fund up to one each of the projects described above. This is the amount of the CoC's "DV Bonus."
- o A brief Statement/Letter of Intent is requested, but not required, by July 27, 2018, to amber.lewis@iowa.gov. Please include the project type and the approximate amount that will be requested.
- o Applications due Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Utilize the application form provided.
- o After review, selected projects will be notified on or about August 24, 2018.
- o Approved projects must submit the online e-snaps application by September 7, 2018.
- o New DV Projects will be scored on a scale of 100 points.....XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Comment [LA[4]: What is the appropriate scoring and ranking system for these projects? If ranked as described above for regular new bonus projects, the large amount of eligible DV bonus funds could significantly lower the rankings of a number of renewal projects into Tier 2, where they are much more vulnerable to loss of funding.

It should be understood that "Bonus" and "DV Bonus" amounts from HUD do not necessarily guarantee any new funding. These amounts expand the total amount of funding possible in Tier 2. But HUD rarely funds projects at the bottom of Tier 2, and certainly not in any recent years for the Iowa Balance of State CoC. For any project to be competitive for funding (renewal or new), it has to be ranked higher, and it's the same overall "pot" of money available for both.

• **Voluntary Reallocation of Renewal Projects:**

- o A ~~very~~ similar process will be followed as the past two years; renewal projects wishing to voluntarily reallocate may submit a New Project application for the same funds; the renewal funds from their reallocation project will be "reserved" for them, as long as certain requirements are met.

~~The ranking of such projects will remain the same as the original Renewal Project ranking.~~

- o All or a portion of funds may be voluntarily reallocated.
- o ~~The new project is subject to CoC review. If approved, it may be submitted to HUD for consideration. If not approved, the applicant may choose instead to submit the original renewal application, if one was submitted.~~
- o If approved for reallocation, agencies may choose to pursue a "Transition Grant," according to the rules of the NOFA.

Comment [LA[5]: New this year.

- o ~~The ranking of voluntary reallocation projects will remain the same as the original Renewal Project ranking, unless the agency did not submit a renewal project application for the eligible renewal project. In this case, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.~~
- o ~~The new project is subject to CoC review. If approved, it may be submitted to HUD for consideration. If not approved, the applicant may choose instead to submit the original renewal application.~~
- o A brief Statement/Letter of Intent is requested, but not required, by August 11 July 27, 2018, to amber.lewis@iowa.gov. Please include the name of the project that may be reallocated, the amount that will be reallocated, and the new project type.
- o Applications due Wednesday Friday, August 15, 2018. Utilize the application form provided.
- o After review, approved projects will be notified on or about August 24 September 5, 2018.
- o Approved projects must submit 7, and will then be required to submit an applithe online e-snaps eation in the online e-snaps system, due application by September 7 15, 2018.

Comment [LA[6]: This is the case with one agency this year. May merit consideration of how to handle this new situation.

• **Renewal Projects:**

- Preliminary Initial Renewal Project scores and rankings were recommended approved by the CoC Executive Committee and submitted for Council review on June 28 August 4, 2017. These will be final, pending the results of any appeals.
- These rankings are subject to change based on New Project scores, reallocations, and appeals. But they provide an idea of where things stand so far.
- The last-ranked lowest-scoring Renewal Project (scoring 66/100 points) is recommended by the CoC Committee for full reallocation (elimination) in this competition. This is the Humility of Mary Shelter, Service Coordination through Collaboration for Permanent Housing project Family Alliance for Veterans of America, Permanent Supportive Housing project.
- Renewal Project applications in e-snaps due Friday, August 25 Wednesday, August 15, 2017.
- Certifications of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD Form 2991) due August 25 August 15, 2017. See instructions sent by email on 7/27/17. Email to amber.lewis@iowa.gov.
- Agencies with two or more Renewal Projects of the same project type may also consider if they fit HUD's criteria to submit these projects as one Consolidated Project, described in the NOFA. If so, projects may pursue this option, following HUD's provided instructions.

Comment [LA[7]: New this year.

• **Involuntary Reallocations and Other Ranking Information:**

- Involuntary Reallocations will be made for unspent funds. Unspent funds will be determined according to projects' 2017 Renewal Project Applications.
- As described in the Renewal Projects section above, the CoC Committee recommends full reallocation of the last-ranked Renewal Project.
- Reallocated funds from the two sources above will be made available first for Renewal Project Expansion (described below). If funds remain, they will be added to the amount available for New Projects.

Comment [LA[8]: Will need to review these to determine if any amounts were unspent.

Also, how about agencies that were operating new projects, and unspent funds were due to delays getting the projects started? Are they exempt from this?

Comment [LA[9]: This is according to the recommendation initially made by the CoC Committee prior to the renewal project scoring. Is this still the committee's recommendation?

• **Renewal Projects Expansions:**

- HUD is allowing renewal project expansions for the second first time this year.
- Renewal Projects (excluding HMIS) that were required to submit an entire project application (excluding projects with only partial operating years that only submitted partial applications) and that scored higher than 90 points on the 2017 Iowa CoC Renewal Applications will be eligible to apply for 10% in additional funds to expand the project. These agencies/projects are eligible: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX HACAP Housing First RRH, CHI PH, Shelter House RRH, Humility of Mary Shelter PSH for Chronically Homeless, CVFF Turning Point RRH, and YWCA Clinton RRH.
- Review expansion project requirements in the 2017 CoC NOFA: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5419/fy-2017-coe-program-nofa/>.
- For interested agencies, Letter of Intent due August 11, July 27, 2017. Utilize the form provided.
- If approved, projects will be notified on or about August 24 September 5, 2017.
- Approved projects must submit the online e-snaps application by September 7, 2018.
- , and will then be required to submit an application in the online e-snaps system, due September 15, 2017.

Comment [LA[10]: Last year was the first time HUD allowed expansion projects; up to that point, many renewal projects had been operating for many years, never eligible to expand project or request additional funding.

May merit consideration whether this policy should continue this year, or be modified. If this is continued each year, this will over time consolidate funds in fewer and fewer high-scoring projects.

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