

2018 Iowa Balance of State CoC DRAFT Application, Ranking & Reallocation Plan

*Stakeholder Comments Requested
July 9, 2018*

Comments are requested from stakeholders regarding the following Iowa Balance of State CoC **DRAFT** 2018 Application, Ranking, & Reallocation Plan. **Comments must be submitted by email to amber.lewis@iowa.gov, by Monday, July 16, 2018**, for consideration by the Continuum of Care Committee at an open public meeting on July 17, 2018.

Please especially note the comments included for some items; these are items that are either new or require specific decisions by the CoC.

The Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) is inviting applications for the 2018 CoC Competition. Information is 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/>.

- **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 Transitional Housing & RRH (Joint TH-RRH).
- Approximately **\$480,603** may be available to fund one or more new projects. This is the amount of the CoC’s “Permanent Housing Bonus.”
- **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.
- **Applications due Wednesday, August 15, 2018**. Utilize the application form provided.
- After review, selected projects will be notified on or about August 24, 2018.
- **Approved projects must submit the online e-snaps application by September 7, 2018**.
- 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.

- **New “DV Bonus” Projects**

- 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.
- 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

Comment [LA[1]]: This is from last year. Is the same scoring/ranking system for new projects appropriate this year, or something different?

Comment [LA[2]]: This is new from HUD this year. The CoC doesn’t have to allow it, but it’s an option.

implement policies, procedures, and practices that better equip the CoC to meet these needs.

- 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.”
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- New DV Projects will be scored on a scale of 100 points.....XXXXXXXXXXXX

Comment [LA[3]: 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:**

- A 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.
- All or a portion of funds may be voluntarily reallocated.
- 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.
- If approved for reallocation, agencies may choose to pursue a “Transition Grant,” according to the rules of the NOFA.
- 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, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.
- **A brief Statement/Letter of Intent is requested, but not required, by 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.
- **Applications due Wednesday, August 15, 2017.** Utilize the application form provided.
- After review, approved projects will be notified on or about August 24, 2018.
- **Approved projects must submit the online e-snaps application by September 7, 2018.**

Comment [LA[4]: New this year.

Comment [LA[5]: This is the case with one agency this year. May merit consideration of how to handle this new situation.

• **Renewal Projects for TH, PSH, & RRH:**

- Initial Renewal Project scores were approved by the Executive Committee on June 28, 2018. These will be final, pending the results of any appeals.
- The lowest-scoring housing Renewal Project (scoring 66/100 points) is recommended by the CoC Committee for full reallocation (elimination) in this competition. This is the Family Alliance for Veterans of America, Permanent Supportive Housing project.
- **Renewal Project applications in e-snaps due Wednesday, August 15, 2018.**
- **Certifications of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD Form 2991) due August 15, 2018.** 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[6]: New this year.

• **Renewal Projects for HMIS & Coordinated Entry:**

- Projects were scored and approved by the Continuum of Care Committee on 7/9/18.
- Projects will be approved and ranked according to the following: XXXXXXXXX

Comment [LA[7]: Need to consider how the scores for these projects relate to the scores for other project types, and if they will be approved and ranked according to the same criteria and number scale used for the housing projects.

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

- Involuntary Reallocations will be made for unspent funds, with some exceptions. Unspent funds will be determined according to projects' 2018 Renewal Project Applications.

Comment [LA[8]: Review reasons for unspent funds. Are exceptions appropriate to reallocating unspent funds, and if so, for which reasons?

Agencies with unspent funds include:

- City of Dubuque Phoenix Housing: \$7,573 unspent due to mid-year sponsor switch
- Friends of the Family NE: \$1,625 unspent
- Friends of the Family North RRH: \$59,368 unspent due to project being new
- Friends of the Family Turning Point: \$53,653 unspent due to 8-month delay in HUD contract
- YWCA Clinton: \$1,808 unspent

- 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[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?

Also, the initial recommendation from the CoC Committee pertained to the renewal project competition for housing projects (TH, PSH, and RRH). What about HMIS and Coordinated Entry project applications? How should these be considered in the ranking and reallocation decisions?

• **Renewal Projects Expansions:**

- HUD is allowing renewal project expansions for the second 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 2018 Iowa CoC Renewal Application will be eligible to apply for 10% in additional funds to expand the project. These agencies/projects are eligible: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
- Review expansion project requirements in the 2018 CoC NOFA.
- **For interested agencies, Letter of Intent due July 27, 2018.** Utilize the form provided.
- If approved, projects will be notified on or about August 24, 2018.
- **Approved projects must submit the online e-snaps application by September 7, 2018.**

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.

• **Other Information:**

- Projects that receive the same score will be ranked according to the following tie-breakers:
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Comment [LA[11]: What should these be?