



# FY 2019

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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**CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)**

**THE HOMELESS COALITION OF THE ALABAMA GULF COAST**

**JULY 31, 2019, 3:00 PM**

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**the homeless coalition**

Serving Mobile and Baldwin  
Counties in Alabama

## 2 AUTHORITY

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- Continuum of Care – Authorized by Subtitle C of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381 – 11389) (the Act)
- The CoC Program Interim Rule found in 24 CFR 578 (the Rule)
- Funding authorized under the FY2019 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6 approved February 15, 2019) – FY2019 HUD Appropriations Act

### 3 COC PROGRAM

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The CoC Program is designed to assist individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families experiencing homelessness and to provide the services needed to help such individuals move into transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability. More broadly, the CoC Program is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness; improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness; improve data collection and performance measurement; and allow each community to tailor its programs to the particular strengths and challenges in assisting homeless individuals and families within that community.

## 4 COC ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

24 CFR 578.15, 24 CFR 5.100

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Include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local governments. Public housing agencies, as such termed is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. Tribes, tribal housing authorities, and for-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

## 5 IMPORTANT TO HUD

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**Coordinated Entry**  
**Demonstrated Performance**

## 6 COC THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

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- (1) Coordinated Entry Participation - Project must receive 100% of program participants through the Coordinated Entry Process or an approved alternative system for projects serving victims of domestic violence.
- (2) Housing First Model/Low-Barrier Implementation - Project must follow the Housing First Model and certify as such in the eSnaps project application form.
- (3) Documented, secured minimum match - All matching funds must be identified, and the commitment must be documented.
- (4) Applicant is active CoC participant – Sub-recipient agencies must be current members of the CoC General Membership.
- (5) Application is complete and data are consistent - All sections of the project application must be complete and agree in numbers and activities in all sections.
- (6) Data quality (for renewal projects only) must be at or above 90%.
- (7) Acceptable organizational audit/financial review.
- (8) Documented organizational financial stability - Financial structure, policies & procedures, and general ledger must demonstrate appropriate capacity for managing federal funds.

## 7 NOTED ITEMS

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- All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process. (Section II.10.f).
  - HUD requires each CoC to establish and operate a “centralized or coordinated assessment system” (referred to as “coordinated entry” or “coordinated entry process”) with the goal of increasing the efficiency of local crisis response systems and improving fairness and ease of access to resources, including mainstream resources. (CPD-17-01 Issued: January 23, 2017)
  - CoCs should use their Coordinated Entry process to promote participant choice, coordinate homeless assistance and mainstream housing and services to ensure people experiencing homelessness receive assistance quickly, and make homelessness assistance open, inclusive, and transparent.

# 8 PROGRAM COMPONENTS

## SECTION III.H

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The only components that will be funded in the FY2019 CoC Program Competition are:

1. Permanent Housing
  2. Transitional Housing
  3. Supportive Services Only
  4. HMIS
- In addition to funding projects that use these components, Collaborative Applicants may apply for projects that include the Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing components in a single project, a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project.



## 9 **ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES.....**

(SECTION V.B.3)

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1. CoC planning project – for Collaborative Applicants only
2. New Projects created through reallocation or CoC Bonus projects
  - Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects
  - Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects
  - Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH and RRH component) projects
  - Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS lead
  - Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system
3. New Projects for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus that are dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking
  - Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3
  - Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH and PH-RRH) component projects as defined in Section III C.2.n. of the 2019 NOFA
  - Supportive services only-coordinated entry project to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking

# 10 PERMANENT HOUSING

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Community-based housing without a designated length of stay, and includes both permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing. To be permanent housing, the program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year, which is renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long, and is terminable only for cause.

# II TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

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Housing, where all program participants have signed a lease or occupancy agreement, the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months or such longer period as HUD determines necessary. The program participant must have a lease or occupancy agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and cannot be extended.

## 12 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY - CE

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Project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

# 13 HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS) 24 CFR 578.57

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- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)** means the information system designated by the Continuum of Care to comply with the HMIS requirements prescribed by HUD.
- **HMIS Lead** means the entity designated by the Continuum of Care in accordance with the Interim Rule to operate the Continuum's HMIS on its behalf.

## 14 WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS CAN WE SUBMIT?

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- RENEWAL
- REALLOCATION
- CONSOLIDATION
- EXPANSION





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# *Renewal Projects*

## 16 RENEWAL PROJECTS

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A project that will be under grant agreement by December 31, 2019 and will have an expiration date in Calendar Year (CY) 2020 (between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020).



## 17 RENEWAL PROJECTS (CONT'D)

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The total request for each renewal project may not exceed the Annual Renewal Amount (ARA)

***Annual renewal amount*** means the amount that a grant can be awarded on an annual basis when renewed. It includes funds only for those eligible activities (**operating, supportive services, leasing, rental assistance, HMIS, and administration**) that were funded in the original grant (or the original grant as amended), less the unrenewable activities (**acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation, and any administrative costs related to these activities**).

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# "REALLOCATE"

- CoC's shift \$\$s in whole / part from existing eligible renewable projects to create one or more new project without decreasing the ARD.
- A new project may only use reallocated funds from eligible renewal project(s) that have previously been renewed under the CoC Program.



# “CONSOLIDATE”

## SECTION II.B.5

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Eligible renewal projects applicants can consolidate two or more eligible projects (not more than four) into one project application during the application process. To be eligible for consolidation, the projects must have:

- The same recipient and be for the same component; and will be funded in this competition only with FY 2019 funds (meaning no funds recaptured from prior years will be awarded to the project).
- Cannot have:
  - a. outstanding audit or monitoring findings;
  - b. outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears,
  - c. unresolved construction delays,
  - d. history of poor financial management or drawdown issues,
  - e. history of low occupancy levels, or lack of experience in administering the project type, or
  - f. or other capacity issues.
- Cannot combine TH and PH projects to form a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project. May use the reallocation process.

# 20 CONSOLIDATED PROJECTS REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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Renewal project  
application #1



Renewal project  
application #2



Consolidated  
project  
including  
budget items

# “EXPAND”

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SECTION III.C.J

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# EXPANSION PROJECTS

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**Units, beds, persons served,  
services provided to  
existing program  
participant**

**Increase current HMIS  
activities within the CoC's  
geographical area**

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) BONUS FUNDS (EXPANSION PROJECTS)

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- Funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project where the expansion project is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.
- Follows the same rules as a regular expansion project.
- Project applicants may expand an existing renewal project that is not currently dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that meet the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3 to dedicate additional beds, units, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants to this population.

# 24 EXPANSION PROJECTS REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

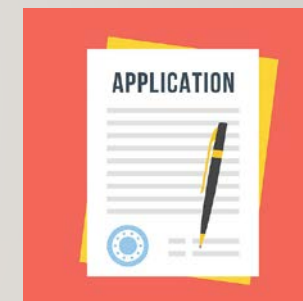
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Renewal  
project  
application



New project  
application  
with just the  
expansion  
information



A renewal project  
application that  
incorporates the renewal  
and new expansion  
activities and the combined  
budget line items



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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BONUS

## \$50M

SECTION V.3(4)

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- The Act provides up to \$50 million for “rapid re-housing projects and supportive services projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines are critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.” Except as provided in Section II.B.1.a of the NOFA, a CoC may apply for up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), or a minimum of \$50,000, whichever is greater, or a maximum of \$5 million, whichever is less, to create DV Bonus projects.
- A CoC may apply for the following types of projects that demonstrate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches:
  - a. Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH)
  - b. Joint TH and PH-RRH
  - c. SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Cannot combine DV Bonus \$\$s with any other type of funding. Remember, DV Bonus is a different set aside.

## 26 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COC BONUS AND THE DV BONUS?

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- CoC Bonus {\$184,978} – to create one or more PH-PSH, Joint TH & PH-RRH component, HMIS and SSO-CE. No cap on project limitation, cannot exceed CoC Bonus amount
- DV Bonus {\$311,089} – Designed specifically for new project applications to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. May submit multiple PH-RRH or Joint TH & PH-RRH component projects but only one new SSO-CE

## 27 HOUSING FIRST MODEL

(24 CFR 578.75(H))



*Providing Flexibility for Housing First with Service Participation Requirements.* The traditional Housing First approach has two basic parts: First, individuals are rapidly placed and stabilized in permanent housing without any preconditions regarding income, work effort, sobriety or any other factor. Second, once in housing, individuals never face requirements to participate in services as a condition of retaining their housing. The first part, placement into permanent housing without preconditions, is an important priority to ensure that federal funds are allocated to providers that serve the most vulnerable homeless individuals. The NOFA maintains the commitment to unconditional acceptance of individuals into housing, especially for people with a high degree of vulnerability. At the same time, allowing service participation requirements once a person has been stably housed may promote important outcomes (e.g., employment, increased income, reduced substance use, and strengthened social connection), so the NOFA also provides communities and programs with flexibility, without penalty, to use service participation requirements after people have been stabilized in housing (consistent with 24 CFR 578.75(h)).

## 28 MATCH

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The HEARTH Act allows for a new, simplified match requirement.

All eligible funding costs except leasing must be matched with no less than a 25% cash or in-kind match.

The match requirement in 24 CFR 84.23 and in 24 CFR 85.24 applies to administration funds, as well as Continuum of Care planning.

All match must be spent on eligible activities as required under subpart D of the Interim Rule.

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# NEW PROJECT APPLICATION INFORMATION

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- <https://hfal.org> See Resources - NOFA
- **New Project Proposal Form** (complete all sections)  
Submit with a cover letter signed by authorized official by Friday, August 23, 2019  
The Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast  
3929 Airport Blvd, Bldg 3, Ste. 200  
Mobile, AL 36609
- Reference Only - “New Project Applications Detailed Instructions” but do not submit in eSnaps!

## 30 APPLICATION PROCESS

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- Proposal Received by The Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf South by 4:00PM on Friday, **August 23, 2019**
- Proposals Reviewed / Accepted – Unaccepted / Ranked
- Notification of acceptance / unacceptance in writing by **August 31, 2019**
- Project applications will be input into eSnaps by Housing First staff after ranking is complete
- Await announcement of awards by HUD

## 3 | AVAILABLE FUNDING / DEADLINES

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\$2.3B  
\$50M (DV Bonus)

Applications to Homeless  
Coalition of the Gulf Coast  
Friday, August 23, 2019  
4:00 pm

## 32 IMPORTANT FAQs

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- Are DV projects ranked? Yes
- How many project applications can a CoC submit? One (1) SSO-CE, multiple Joint TH & PH-RRH projects provided that each is for at least \$25,000
- When consolidating a project why submit the renewal project? The multiple project application submission process protects project applicants and CoCs from permanently losing funding if HUD determines a consolidation project application is not eligible
- May a project applicant consolidate a first-time renewal project with a recurring renewal project? Yes, with the same component projects even if it is the first time one project will be renewed
- Can a renewal project already dedicating 100% of its beds to chronically homeless individuals & families become a DedicatedPLUS project? Yes as long as it adheres to all fair housing requirements outlined in 24 CFR 578.93. Projects awarded as DedicatedPLUS in previous CoC Program Competitions are required to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project in this competition



# 33 QUESTIONS?

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# 34 THE HOMELESS COALITION OF THE ALABAMA GULF COAST CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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