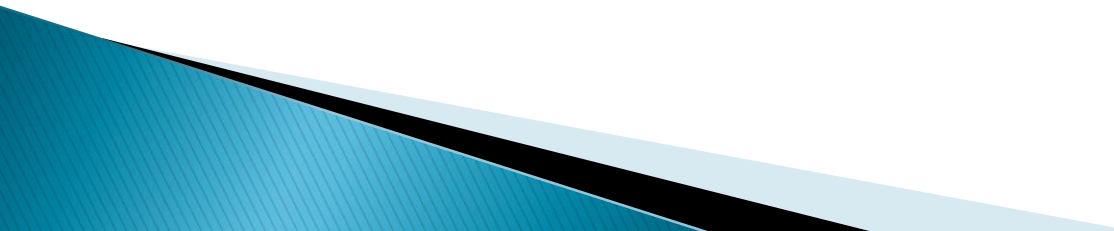# ICH Youth Committee FY2018 HUD CoC Program Funding Competition

The Community Partnership
For The Prevention
of Homelessness

Key Terms

- Continuum of Care Program
- Project Application
  - Renewal
  - Reallocation
  - Bonus
- Consolidated Application
- Project Ranking
- Justification Letter
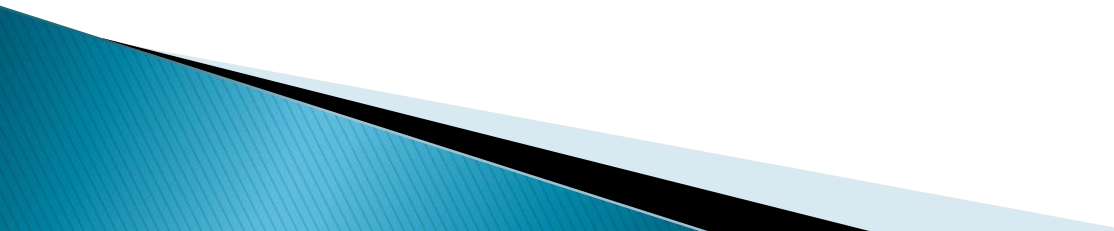- Match
- Opening Doors
- Homeward DC
- Solid Foundations

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- The HUD Continuum of Care (HUD CoC) Program is the primary federal funding source of homeless services:
  ◦ The District's portfolio of HUD CoC Program grantees is predominantly PSH, with some RRH, and priority population TH (i.e. youth).
  ◦ About $21 million in HUD CoC funding is renewed annually.
- The competitive application process requires that each jurisdiction, nationwide submit a **Consolidated Application** that speaks to the CoC's collective work on federal & local priorities and goals.
- Each HUD CoC Program-funded project *within* the continuum must also complete a **Project Application** to renew funding.
- In many (but not all) competition cycles there is also an opportunity establish new programs through **reallocation** or **Bonus opportunities**.
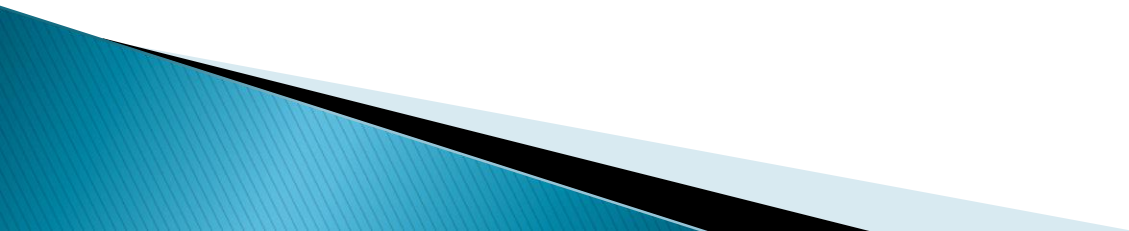
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▸ The Community Partnership, as the **Collaborative Applicant**, submits the Consolidated Application on behalf of the District and is the direct recipient of new HUD CoC Program grants.

▸ The DC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), is the **CoC Board** and approves the application, sets priorities for funding, and conducts the ranking.

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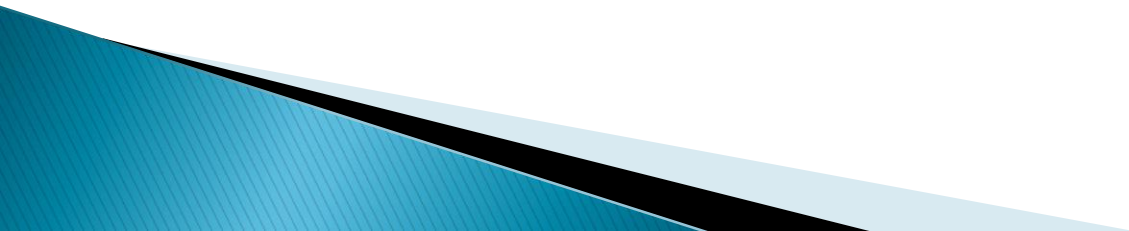
TIMELINE

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- June 20, 2018: CoC Competition Notice Released
- June 25, 2018: DV providers informational meeting
- June 28, 2018: Youth Committee informational meeting
- June 29, 2018: Community Meeting
- July 6, 2018: Providers renewing grants notified of their Preliminary Ranking in Project Listing
- July 10–12 & July 16–18 2018: TCP will host NOFA Q&A Sessions,
- July 31, 2018:
  ◦ Justification letters due
  ◦ Proposals for Bonus Project due to TCP
  ◦ Renewal Applications Due to TCP
  ◦ Reallocation Applications Due to TCP
- August 14, 2018:
  ◦ Final Project Applications Submitted – applications not received by 8/14 cannot be included in the consolidation application!
  ◦ TCP will Notify Providers of the CoC Board's Decisions about Inclusion in Consolidated Application, Final Ranking in the Project Listing, and Decisions about Bonus Project Proposals
- September 18, 2018: Final Consolidated Application Submitted to HUD

BONUS FUNDING OPPORTUNTIES

Bonus Opportunities

This NOFA includes two opportunities to apply for new funding to bring **NEW** programs online:

- Permanent Housing Bonus, and
- Domestic Violence Bonus

The CoC Ranking Committee will select one project application to submit for the Permanent Housing Bonus project as well as at least one Domestic Violence Bonus project. Both will be included in the Consolidated Application and if awarded will be renewable thereafter:

- TCP's Role: To solicit applications for both Bonus opportunities.
- ICH's Role: Assemble a Ranking Committee that will select the applications and rank them along with the renewing projects.

Permanent Housing Bonus

There is an estimated $1.2 million available for the Permanent Housing Bonus. (Exact amount and term will be determined by HUD shortly) The CoC will Determine the amount of the new funding to pursue under this opportunity.

Permanent Housing Bonus funds must be used to create **NEW** programs, **cannot be used to fund existing programs**.

Project types eligible for funding via the Permanent Housing Bonus are:
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint TH and RRH

Joint TH and RRH

Joint TH and RRH was a program type established in last year's competition.

This project type includes two existing program components– transitional housing and rapid rehousing–in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
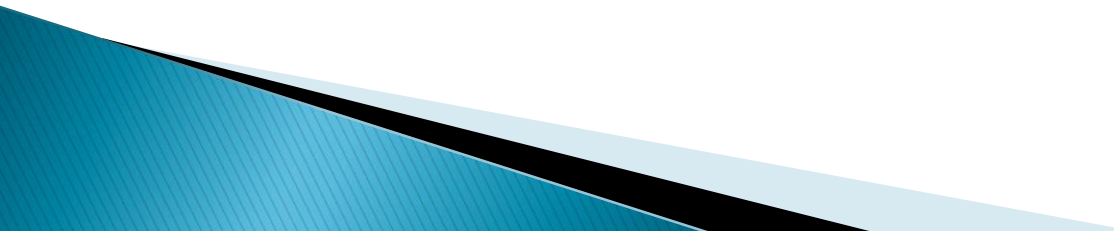
Domestic Violence Program Bonus

HUD has made available funding for programs to provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The CoC has two processes of determining the amount of pursue under this opportunity and will notify providers shortly.

Domestic Violence Bonus funds must be used to create **NEW** programs, <u>and may not be used to fund existing programs</u>.

New project types the CoC is seeking to establish is via the Domestic Violence Program Bonuses are:
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint TH and RRH

PROJECT APPLICATION THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

Background

Pursuant to Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the FY2018 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition FR-6200-N-25, the CoC has established minimum threshold requirements that all project applications must meet to be included in the District's Consolidated Application. Thresholds have been developed in accordance with HUD guidance, including:

I.   Project Alignment with Homeward DC and/or Solid Foundations & Opening Doors
II.   Matched and Leveraged Resources
III.   Consistency with the Policy Priorities

The CoC Ranking Committee will review applications prior to final submission and reject those that the CoC Board determines do not meet the minimum threshold requirements.

I. Project Alignment with Homeward DC/Solid Foundations and Opening Doors

The CoC Board must consider whether or not renewal projects help the CoC meet the goals, objectives, and milestones in *Opening Doors: Homeward DC/Solid foundations;* projects that do not help the CoC achieve these goals, objectives, and milestones may be rejected for inclusion in the Consolidated Application and/or reallocated to create new programming that better meets the needs of the CoC.

II. Matched and Leveraged Resources

HUD and the CoC intend for all projects to have diverse funding streams to ensure projects are not overly-reliant on any one source and can continue operations should there be a delay in grant execution. Therefore, all project applications must meet minimum match requirements as stated in 24 CFR 578.73.

III. Consistency with Priorities

This NOFA sets the following program priorities, as established by *Opening Doors*:

1. Create a systemic response to homelessness
2. Strategically allocate resources
3. End homelessness among all persons
4. Use a Housing First approach

Every project application is required to:

- State by name the policy priority/ies the project supports;
- Explicitly state how the project will operate in support of the stated policy prioity/ies.

Any project application that does adequately address consistency with the stated policy and program priorities will be rejected by the CoC and not included in the District's Consolidated Application.
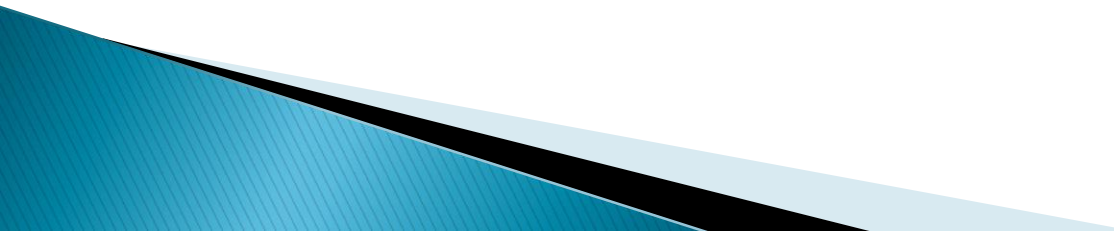
PROJECT RANKING

Ranking Process

- Renewing projects will be ranked using program data from June 2017 – May 2018
    - Data was pulled on the date the Competition was announced – note that this was <u>after</u> all providers received HMIS data quality reports AND provider report cards which would have alerted agencies to items to correct in their HMIS data.
    - Indicators the ranking committee will consider are the same as those reported on in the report cards developed by the ICH Data and Performance Management Committee for the Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) process which was launched in <u>May 2016</u>.
- All Bonus applications will be ranked along side renewals and will be prioritized by the Ranking Committee based on the competitiveness of the applications.

Ranking Process – Ranking Committee

- Committee of non-conflicted ICH members are convened to review the data that informed the preliminary ranking, justification letters, etc. to determine final ranking.
- Committee decides which of the general performance indicators that they will consider and how they will weight each when making their final ranking decisions.
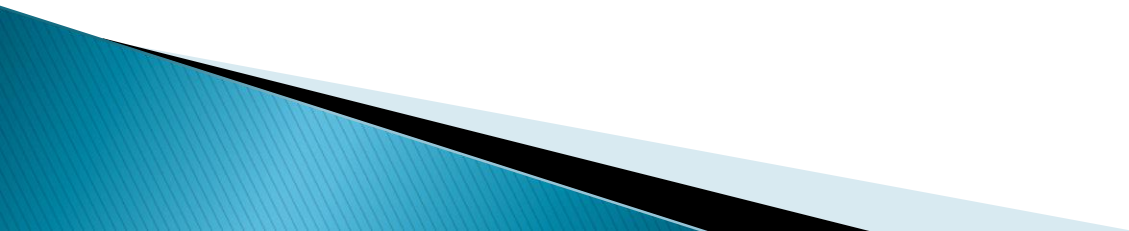
Program Justification

Providers will submit letters of justification to help inform the Ranking Committee's decision making.

Letters will be submitted with a brief coversheet to outline the program type, match sources, and other information needed for ranking.
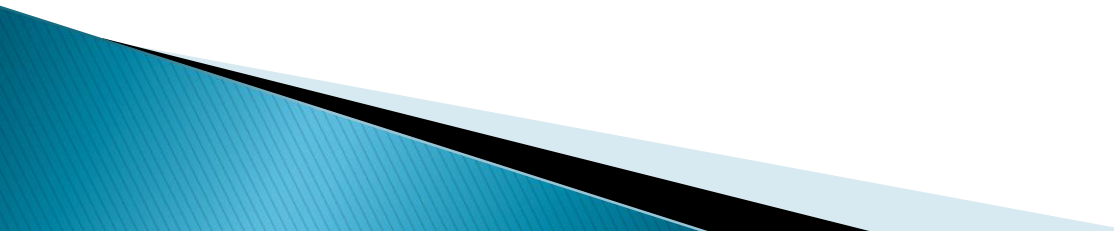
TCP will provide the coversheet and a document outlining what should be included in the letters.

Coversheets and letters of justification must be submitted electronically to TCP by 07/31/2018. Applications will not be considered complete without this submission.

RESOURCES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Resources and Additional Information

- Community Meeting on the CoC NOFA process **this Friday**, June 29, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE

- July 10–12 & July 16–18 2018: TCP will host NOFA Q&A Sessions
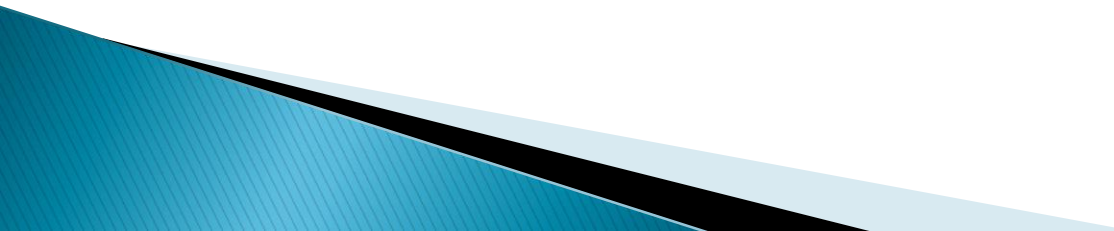
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- Opening Doors – The Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness: https://www.usich.gov/opening-doors
- Homeward DC – The District's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness: http://ich.dc.gov/page/homeward-dc-ich-strategic-plan-2015-2020
- HUD Rapid Rehousing Overview: https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf
- HUD Rehousing as a Model and a Best Practice: https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-rapid-re-housing-as-a-modeland-best-practice/
- HUD Rapid Rehousing for Youth: https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessnessassistance/resources-for-homeless-youth/rrh-models-for-homeless-youth/
- HUD Rapid Rehousing for Survivors of Domestic Violence: http://www.endhomelessness.org/files/2680_file_Home_Free_Best_Practice_Writ e_Up.pdf
- USICH Rapid Rehousing Overview: https://www.usich.gov/solutions/housing/rapid-rehousing
- USICH The Core Principles of Housing First and Rapid Rehousing: https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/webinar-core-principles-of-housing-firstand-rapid-re-housing
- USICH Rapid Rehousing Training Tools: https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/rapid-rehousing-online-training-parts-1-and-2

Resources and Additional Information

- HUD Housing First in Permanent Supportive Housing: https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Housing-First-PermanentSupportive-Housing-Brief.pdf
- USICH Implementing Housing First in Permanent Supportive Housing: https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Implementing_Housing_First_in_Permanent_Supportive_Housing.pdf
- HUD Coordinated Entry Policy Brief:
- https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Coordinated-Entry-PolicyBrief.pdf
- HUD Creating a Systemic Response to Homelessness: https://www.hudexchange.info/news/coc-competition-focus-creating-a-systemic-response-to-homelessness/
- HUD Ending Youth Homelessness: https://www.hudexchange.info/news/coc-competition-focus-fy-2016-policy-priority-to-end-youth-homelessness/
- USICH Preventing and Ending Youth Homelessness: A Coordinated Community Response: https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Youth_Homelessness_Coordinated_Response.pdf
- HUD NOFA Page: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2018-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices
- TCP NOFA Page: http://community-partnership.org/providers/nofa
- TCP's Policy on Serving Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Clients: http://community-partnership.org/_literature_126519/Transgender_Gender_Nonconforming.mp3

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