HUD’s Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs

FY 2021 Continuum of Care Program Competition Debrief
Housekeeping

• Participants can post questions during this webinar through the “Q&A” pane.

• HUD will answer questions from the question pool in the second part of the webinar.

• All Lines are muted
Funding Overview

HUD Awarded over $2.6 billion

- $257 million awarded to new PH projects through reallocation, DV Bonus, and CoC Bonus
  - $34 million increase in PSH
  - $84 million increase in RRH
Tier 1 and Tier 2—Overview

Tier 1

- 100% of CoC’s ARD
- Projects are safe—if they pass eligibility and quality threshold review.

Tier 2

- Difference between Tier 1 and CoC’s ARD plus any bonus projects (excluding DV Bonus projects and before adjustments to PH leasing, operating, and rental assistance BLIs based on changes to FMR).
HUD awarded points to each new and renewal project application in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale:

**CoC Score** – Up to 50 pts

**CoC Project Ranking** - Up to 40 points

**Commitment to Housing First** - Up to 10 points
CoCs could apply for up to **15 percent of PPRN** or a minimum **$50,000** whichever is greater, or **15 percent of PPRN** or maximum **$5 million** whichever is less.

HUD used 100-point scale:

**Rapid Rehousing/Joint TH and PH-RRH:**
- CoC Score—Up to 50 points
- Need for Project—Up to 25 points
- Quality of Project Applicant—Up to 25 points

**SSO-CE:**
- CoC Score—Up to 50 points
- Need for Project—Up to 50 points
DV Bonus
What HUD Awarded?

$4 million—SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects
$34 million—Joint TH-RRH Projects
$65 million—RRH Projects

149 CoCs in 42 states—including rural, suburban, and urban CoCs
Local Competition

- CoCs should rank projects based on performance and need
- Projects in Tier 2 are at risk
- CoCs should review project applications
Why CoCs Received Increased Funding?

CoCs with higher CoC Application scores:

• Reduced homelessness in their communities
• Used performance criteria to rank projects
• Used Housing First practices
• Increased RRH units
• Reallocated lower performing projects
Observation on When Scores are Below Average

• On average 75% of CoCs get full points on each question

• There are 2 main reasons CoCs score well below that for a given question
  1. The question itself is unclear
  2. CoCs aren’t doing the thing being asked about or don’t meet the criteria
Below Average: Unclear Question

• When a question is poorly worded CoCs tend to do universally poor
• Impact – because it impacts all CoCs the scores are simply low
• We will revisit the question next year
• Examples
  – 1C-16: Persons with Lived Experience–Active CoC Participation
  – 1D-7: Addressing Possible Increase in Domestic Violence
  – 1E-2 (element 5): Objective criteria for evaluating whether VSPs improved safety
Below Average: CoCs Don’t Meet the Criteria

• There are some questions that HUD must ask where HUD knows the overall score will be lower due to realities on the ground

• This is most common with performance and data questions

• Examples
  – 2A-5: Bed Coverage Rate
  – 2C-2 (the metric evaluation – as opposed to the narrative): Length of Time Homeless
Where Applicants Could Improve

• **Review the detailed instructions carefully** – they are intended to explain “how” to successfully respond to the questions.

• **Respond** to all parts of multipart questions.

• **Include Entire Response** (avoid referring to other questions, attachments, websites, other resources).

• **Make sure the response addresses the specific elements of the question**—if you don’t understand the question, submit a question to HUD.
Where Applicants Could Improve

- Attach all of the required documents and ensure they cover the requested content.
  - Ex. 1 – Dates should be actual dates (based on screenshots vs manually-entered dates)
  - Ex. 2 – question 1E-2 requires uploading an annual scoring document
What to do about Grants not Funded?

• Extending Grants with funds remaining
• Grant Closeouts
• Helping program participants move out of projects or transfer to another option if necessary
• Restrictive Covenants (HUD Exchange)
• Work with the Field Office
• Request Technical Assistance
Update Applicant Profiles Now

• If there has been any change to your collaborative applicant or project recipients please ensure you update your e-snaps profiles
• This saves time later and avoids potential deficiencies in your application
• Especially important to ensure your Unique Entity ID (UEI) is correct in e-snaps
Questions?