**2019 CoC NOFA**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**AND WEEKLY NOTICES**

**July 22, 2019**

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| **TOPIC** | **DETAIL** | **RESPONSE** |
| Project Applications  Funding | Does an organization have to use self-reallocation (voluntarily reduce funds from one of its projects in order to apply for an expansion grant? | No. You do not need to "self-reallocate" your own renewal funds to apply for expansion.  Expansion projects will be funded from overall reallocation.    Based on the renewal intent forms received, our CoC has at least $430,000 available for reallocation. |
| Project Applications  Housing First Requirements | The 2019 NOFA changes the Housing First requirements. Will the local requirement change? | Although the NOFA allows for projects to require some services after the participant(s) are stably housed, low barrier entrance and outcome requirements have not changed.  Programs that receive state funds should also note that the state definition and requirements have not changed.  Requiring treatment or services that are related to a person’s disability (such as substance use disorder or mental health conditions) are still prohibited by federal regulation.  As a result, no major change in local requirements will be implemented at this time.  See NAEH Steven Berg’s comments:  [..\NAEH by Steven Berg.docx](../NAEH%20by%20Steven%20Berg.docx) |
| Project Scoring  Employment | The local summary for this year’s NOFA mention a new emphasis on employment. Will this year’s scoring change? | Increased income (from employment or other resources) has been part of local scoring for a few years. Please anticipate that local scoring will reflect HUD’s emphasis in the form of bonus points for certain employment / training activities. |
| Project Eligibility and Funding  Expansion  Project Eligibility and Funding  Expansion  *(continued)* | How do we apply for expansion of a renewal project?  How do we apply for expansion of a renewal project?  *(continued)* | HUD has updated how projects apply for expansion. There are three (3) parts to expansion applications: two (2) renewal packets and one new packet.  Step 1: the original renewal as a “Stand-alone Renewal” project application that contains the activities and budgets from the current grant agreement. Indicate that this is part of an expansion effort. The project name of the stand-alone renewal project application should match the project name on the 2019 GIW you verified in April. (Project “ABC”.  Step 2: Submit a “Stand-alone New” project application, the same as any new project application, containing the activities and budgets for the new expanded portion of the project that is being added to the renewal. *The name for this stand-alone new project application should have the same name as the stand-alone renewal project with the addition of “Expansion” at the end* (e.g., ABC Expansion)  Step 3: Submit a “Combined Renewal Expansion” project application that contains the combined activities and budgets from both the Step 1: “Stand-alone Renewal” and the Step 2: “Standalone New” project application(s). The name for this combined renewal expansion project application should match the project name on the 2019 GIW with the addition of “Combined” at the end (e.g., ABC Combined).  Use this link for more details:  <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2019-Renewal-Project-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf> |
| Project Ranking Consolidated Projects | We’re considering consolidating two (2) renewal projects.  For the local competition, is it true that each of these two projects would be scored and ranked *separately* (i.e. not ranked as a single consolidated project)? Based upon page 8 of the NOFA, HUD would consolidate the two projects only if both are approved/ranked above the funding threshold. | For consolidated projects, the original projects are each scored, then an average score places the consolidated project in our local rank order.   HUD then instructs applicants about which project name and grant term a consolidated project will use as the "surviving" project.  This is typically the project with the earliest operating year start date.  See details at:  <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Consolidating-Eligible-Renewals-for-FY-2019-CoC-Program-Competition.pdf> |
| e-SNAPS Application | Our agency has had staff changes. How do we update the Project Applicant Profile? | Please see detailed instructions at  <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2958/instructions-for-updating-the-project-applicant-profile/>  If you have challenges with the process, contact your assigned NOFA TA (Deme Hill or Pat Leslie) |