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2018 CoC NOFA
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
AND WEEKLY NOTICES
June 25, 2018

TOPIC	DETAIL	RESPONSE
Rating and Ranking Data Sources	What Data Sources will be used for 2018 Rating and Ranking?	The HUD Tool recommends certain data sources for rating. This year the process will rely more heavily on data sources in the HUD Data Exchange (such as Systems performance reports) and reports already verified by the agencies and already submitted to HUD (such as HIC, PITC, AHAR) The process is very data-driven using standardized reports rather than the series of RTFH custom reports that agencies have found problematic over the past two years.
Rating and Ranking Benchmarks	Some of the benchmarks in the HUD Universal Tool are not realistic for our CoC. Will there be any adjustments to the HUD benchmarks?	The Rating and Ranking(R&R) group will look at the actual local performance in comparison with the HUD benchmarks, our existing local Standards and recommend benchmarks based on performance this assessment.
Rating and Ranking Project Scoring	With all the changes, How can I tell how my project will score**?**	Aggregate APRs have been distributed, so potential applicants can see how their projects compare with the other projects in the CoC in the same housing project type. A test version of the HUD Tool as it is adapted for our CoC will be made available to the agencies.

Rating and Ranking Benchmarks	After the local benchmarks are added to the tool, will the community have an opportunity to change them**?**	The CoC is using actual aggregate data(averages and medians) to help set benchmarks. The benchmarks are set in the tool, the Board will receive a report and will be asked to approve the methods that were used to adjust the HUD universal tool. We do not anticipate them to delve into each individual benchmark but it's their authority to do so.
Rating and Ranking Benchmarks	The HUD Tool uses exits to permanent housing as part of the calculation of costs. This is different from prior years. How will this be managed for PSH programs which are supposed to keep people housed and so you may not have any exits? Will the project be penalized?	The benchmark for renewals is being set at the adjusted average cost per bed proposed in the 2017 application which is then further adjusted for the percentage performance for all projects in that housing type. The projects housing success rate will be used to determine calculate the cost per successful outcome. For PSH the successful outcome includes persons who have been retained or have exited to other permanent housing. As a result, PSH projects are not penalized for a lack of exits.
Rating and Ranking Data Sources	What time period will be used for the Annual Performance Report data?	HUD uses the prior federal fiscal year in performance reports in HDX and the CoC NOFA. The local process Will also use this period for APRs. The las Federal FY was Oct. 1,2016- Sept. 30, 2017. To capture the data for that period, the APR will use Oct. 1,2016 –Oct. 1, 2017.
Required Documents	We are supposed to submit evidence of our agency's registration with SAMS. But this year they require a notarized document even for renewals. We submitted our request and letter several weeks ago and have not had a response. What should we do?	The SAMs system is engaged in a major update. Submit your request and notarized letter before the local due date and upload a copy of those documents in the SAMS / DUNS dropbox. (Do not upload to your individual agency dropbox) When you are able to verify that SAMS has updated your file, upload the verification into the SAMS / /DUNS dropbox and notify your NOFA Technical Assistant.

Rating and Ranking Priorities	How will CoC NOFA priorities be determined? Will they be changed from last year?	The Evaluation Advisory Committee will be addressing priorities at its next meeting. The CoC NOFA influences the annual priorities. These factors will help generate recommendations to the Board. The R & R group has compiled the current housing capacity of the CoC at the subregional level based on the HIC (which organizations have already confirmed to RTFH during the first quarter of the year.). The subregional HIC information will help identify our current capacity by housing project type and household type. Currently, population priorities have two major influences –(1) the HUD CPD notice of priorities which we have to answer to in the CoC application. We get points for proving we've adopted the HUD priorities for use of HUD funds and (2) local priorities established by the Board. The Board previously adopted two priority lists: one is for the type of projects they prioritize for funding and the second is for priorities of the type of clients who should get placed into those projects. This is where the capacity data may be useful.
NOFA Time Line	When do we expect the NOFA to be released?	We now know that the NOFA due dates and other requirements. A Calendar of due dates and activities has been prepared and will be available on the RTFHSD.org website.
NOFA Technical Assistance	I have more questions about the CoC Application. How do I get these answered?	Please share your questions with the agency designated Points of Contact (POCs) and the 2018 NOFA Technical Assistant assigned to your organization. Questions that are shared by more than one organization will be included in the Weekly update and Frequently Asked Questions documents in the

		NOFA section of the RTFHSD.org website.
Rating and Ranking Data Sources	The HMIS 'open system' uses the date of the last entry to calculate data timeliness. This means that the data timeliness report is inaccurate.	NOFA Scoring had multiple purposes in the past. Some items, (eg data timeliness) can now be shifted to monitoring and do not need to be included in the Scoring process. This year, the intent is to focus on the items required or recommended in the HUD tool.
Rating and Ranking Data Sources	When will APRs be generated for scoring?	RTFH staff will be generating APRs the week of June 25th. Please see additional information distributed to your Agency Point of Contact
NOFA Technical Assistance	I'm frustrated with communications about the NOFA. I've sent question by email but have not had a reply.	Communications for the 2018 NOFA process will flow through emails to the designated agency points of contact (POCs) and by notices posted on the RTFHSD website. If you are not and agency approved POCs, please consult with those persons or look at postings on the website.