**2019 CoC NOFA**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**AND WEEKLY NOTICES**

**August 12, 2019**

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| **TOPIC** | **DETAIL** | **RESPONSE** |
| **NOTICE**  **Project Applications**  **APPLICANTS with Multiple NEW Project Applications** | It appears that the 2019 Local process will receive a record number of applications and the scores between projects could be very close.  There are protocols for placing projects with tied scores in rank order. In addition to these protocols, Applicants submitting two or more NEW project applications are advised to submit a statement to Dropbox indicating:  The order of priority for your projects and a brief (1-2 sentences) explanation as to why the project listed first is your priority. | **NOTICE**  Applicants submitting two or more NEW project applications are advised to submit a statement to Dropbox indicating:  The order of priority for your projects and a brief (1-2 sentences) explanation as to why the project listed first is your priority . |
| **Project Rating and Ranking** | What kind of partnerships / agreements qualify for the Employment Bonus points?  We have an employment counselor that is part of our CoC project that is funded through sources other than HUD is a matching funds letter stating this sufficient? | Is it a government or public provider?   The concept is to have expanded resources from public entities (or institutions) for employment beyond what the CoC Application provides - So evidence of public funding or resource outside the CoC (like Workforce Partnership, EDD, HHS, DOL, VA) that is not part of the application. |
| **NOTICE**  **Application Due Dates**  **Expansion Projects** | The expansion projects have three pieces. I know that the original was due on the 5th and the new application for the expansion but can we wait to complete the third component until we know how the other two are scored? | The original renewal was due August 5th and should have checked “yes” that it is part of an expansion. Originally we announced that the other two components are due on August 14th. Page two (2) of the HUD Guidance on Applying for Expansion Projects shows that the two component parts must be rated and ranked, but the third component is not ranked. There are special instructions for placing the combined document in the priority order using an “E” designation.  As a result: **EXPANSION Projects Applicants are notified that they must file the renewal and new expansion e- SNAPs application as originally announced on August 5th and 14th respectively but the applicant may choose to delay completing the third component that combines these until August 30, 2019.**  **(Note this is NOT true for Consolidated Application which also have multiple components and must file their applications by the renewal due date.)** |
| **NOTICE**  **Application Details** | Has the scoring changed from last year? How do we know what will be scored? | There are a number of documents on the RTFHD.org website NOFA page. Thresholds and rating categories, are listed; instructions and examples of attachments are posted watch for additional information.  Many of the rating factors are unchanged from 2018. The most significant changes for 2019 compared with last year are the emphasis on employment; the ability to award partial points on some performance measures; and use of the Simtech automated tool. Please review the NOFA page and refer to messages distributed to the official agency point of contact. |
| **Application Attachments** | I submitted an Intent to Submit Form for a new project. What documents do you need at this time? | A document titled*, Documents Needed for 2019 Applications* lists what is needed for various types of projects. Please review this carefully and also refer to prior notices to ensure you provide all required documents. |
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| **NOTICE**  **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHEDULE** | All new project application material must be uploaded into the appropriate project files in Dropbox by August 14th.  Due to the number of new project applications anticipated, NOFA TA on Wednesday, Aug. 14th will be limited to problems with technology (unable to access e-SNAPS, dropbox, e-SNAPS application malfunctions.  All other requests for assistance before Wednesday. TA response on Wednesday is subject to availability.  You may also refer to the more than 20 very detailed guides on the HUDHDX. info website on the CoC Resources page. | **NOTICE:**  **On Wednesday, Aug. 14th technical assistance from the NOFA TA Team will be limited to problems with technology (unable to access e-SNAPS, dropbox, e-SNAPS application malfunctions).** |