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Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (SW MN CoC) 2019 Local CoC Program Competition

Call for Projects*/
Anuncio de fondos disponibles**

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The Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (MN-511) is seeking project applicants for FY 2019 funding via the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program competition. HUD released its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY2019 Continuum of Care Program Competition (FR-6300-N-25) on July 3, 2019.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

This Call for Projects advises all potential applicants of the general requirements that must be met in any project application for consideration of submission to HUD through the Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (CoC) Local Competition.

For new projects, including expansions and transition grants: New projects applications are welcome from any eligible and qualified applicant, including organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. Draft Application submissions are due By Friday, August 9, 5 p.m. for the CoC Local Competition project reviews. E-snaps is the required online application system for the HUD CoC Program national competition.

For renewal projects: PDF file Draft applications are due by Friday, August 9, 5 p.m. to justinv@swmhp.org.

For more detail, please review the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY2019 Continuum of Care Program Competition (FR-6300-N-25) and the CoC Program Rule found in 24 CFR 578.

A. Funding Available

The SW MN CoC is eligible to apply for $1,077,534 for existing renewal projects and new projects created through reallocation. This amount is called the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). The CoC is also eligible to apply for approximately $32,326 for CoC planning, $53,877 in CoC bonus funds for new projects to serve any eligible population, and approximately $74,129 in bonus funding specifically to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless under HUD Homeless Definition Category 4.

All renewal funding is for grant terms of one year, with the exception of (except new projects and those that include acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction, which have three year terms).

B. Eligible Project Component Types for the Local Competition

In each funding round, HUD defines the types of projects that can be created with reallocated funds and CoC Bonus funds. Eligible program component types vary depending on the type of funding sought by the project. In addition, CoCs may limit or further define the new project component types eligible in the Local Competition based on needs and priorities for the homeless response system.

Projects seeking Renewal Funds
These funds are limited to the projects listed on the SW MN CoC 2018 Grant Inventory Worksheet (attached). Eligible project component types are those defined for each renewal project through the Grant Inventory Worksheet process. Projects seeking renewal funding may not change project component type or exceed the allowed funding levels by line item. Projects may reduce budget line items, which would be considered voluntary reallocation. The CoC can also eliminate or reduce funding for these projects (involuntary reallocation) in accordance with the CoC's reallocation policy. Such changes create a reallocation fund which can be used to fund certain types of new projects described below.

All other information regarding applicant eligibility, criteria, rating can be found in Section V of the NOFA on pages 24 – 40.

C. Scoring

Local Applications will be scored and ranked using the SW MN CoC's 2019 Ranking Form.

D. Matching Funds

24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements. Project applicants that intend to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for match.

F. Project Applications

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Required HUD national competition application (e-snaps) requirements for all projects:
- Complete, correct, and consistent Project Application, with complete and current Applicant Profile
- HUD required forms and attachments (in e-Snaps applicant profile and application)
- Project data as needed to complete the regional CoC Collaborative Application

F. Timeline

Date & Time	Event	Location	Notes
Tuesday July 30, 9:30 – 12:30	Open Lab: Starting Your Project Applications.	Redwood Falls County Courthouse Basement Computer Lab. 250 S Jefferson St, Redwood Falls	Get your project renewal application(s) started with guidance available.
By Friday, August 9, 5 p.m.	Project application first drafts due to Justin.	email PDF to justinv@swmhp.org	
By Friday, August 16, 5 p.m.	Initial feedback on project applications sent to app writers.	Email communication from Justin to applicants	Feedback from Justin and the MN Interagency Council on Homelessness.
By Friday, August 23, 5 p.m.	Project Application final drafts due to Justin.	email PDF to justinv@swmhp.org	If there are any remaining issues on final drafts, Justin will contact you.
Tuesday, August 27, 11:30 a.m.	Project Ranking Meeting	Marshall Lyon County Library	Justin, and other Project Performance and Review Committee Members.
Wednesday, August 28, Noon.	Applicants notified if their projects will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced.	Email communication from Justin to applicants	
Wednesday, September 4,	Final project applications submitted via eSnaps.	eSnaps	

11:59 p.m.			
Thursday September 12, 10 – Noon.	Voting on Project Ranking & Review of Application.	CoC Meeting in Willmar	
Monday, September 16, Noon.	CoC Project Applications, Project Ranking, Project Planning Application and CoC Collaborative **Application Submitted!**	eSnaps	Justin will do this part. (MCH Conference is September 17 & 18 in Rochester).
Monday, September 30, 7 p.m.	ABSOLUTE Deadline to HUD		

G. HUD Resources and Technical Assistance

- *e-snaps* Navigation and Application Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Ask A Question (AAQ)
- The FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Funding Availability Program Competition webpage