



FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA: Strategies for Success Webinar

Questions and Answers from July 22, 2016 webinar

1. **Are UFA and planning grants tiered and ranked?**
 - A. UFA and planning grants are not ranked or tiered, which means that CoCs should seize the opportunity to apply for additional planning dollars.
2. **How do CoCs which are not state or municipalities demonstrate that they are implementing strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness? We're a non-profit without the ability to write laws or influence the decisions of elected officials.**
 - A. We understand that CoCs and other stakeholders don't always have control over their jurisdictions' policies and practices related to the criminalization of homelessness. CoCs should partner with and take steps to educate community leaders regarding constructive alternatives to criminalization. For more information, visit [Searching Out Solutions: Constructive Alternatives to the Criminalization of Homelessness](#).
3. **Our program wants to reallocate to from Transitional Housing to Permanent Supportive Housing program. We would like to target unaccompanied youth and their children (if applicable). Can this population be considered chronically homeless?**
 - A. Yes, they can be considered chronically homeless if they meet [HUD's definition](#). A Permanent Supportive Housing project dedicated to serving people experiencing chronic homelessness may target youth. To understand how to prioritize youth in these projects, see HUD's [Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing](#).
4. **Please confirm that new Transitional Housing projects will not be funded in the FY16 CoC Competition, even if focus on youth or domestic violence populations, and even through reallocation.**
 - A. Correct, CoCs may not apply for new Transitional Housing regardless of population.
5. **HEARTH requires case management at minimum of once per month for rapid re-housing participants. Are rapid re-housing projects still able to be considered Housing First since case management is required by statute?**
 - A. Yes, rapid re-housing can be considered Housing First, and *should* operate using a Housing First response. While case management may be required to be *offered* to program participants, it is not required that participants accept these services. Program participation should not be dependent upon the acceptance of case management or other services, regardless of program type. For more information, visit [Core Principles of Housing First and Rapid Re-housing webinar](#).
6. **Can new Supportive Services Only (specifically for the development of coordinated entry) be granted for the development of regional coordinated entry teams in a Balance of State that already has a statewide coordinated entry project?**
 - A. Yes, you can create more than one coordinated entry program through the reallocation process by reallocating to Supportive Services Only.

- 7. Our CoC has fully reallocated all Transitional Housing into new Permanent Supportive Housing and has also created new coordinated entry projects. It is difficult for us to reallocate more funding. Will HUD take this into consideration?**
 - A. The focus of the Competition is to ensure that high performing and effective programs that contribute to an end to homelessness are funded, regardless of whether that happens through reallocation or the funding of renewals.
- 8. Is there a limit to the amount/percentage of planning funding that can be used to pay for a coordinated entry project?**
 - A. No, there is no limit.
- 9. Does a CoC have to reallocate in order to create the coordinated entry project?**
 - A. To create new coordinated entry projects, a CoC must reallocate funds to Supportive Services Only in this Competition.
- 10. Is a de-funded HMIS project from the FY15 Competition eligible to apply for new HMIS dedicated project in the FY16 Competition?**
 - A. Projects that applied for funding in a previous competition but were not selected are generally not eligible to apply in a later competition. However, if you have questions about a particular project, please use HUD's Ask A Question (AAQ) feature.
- 11. Can Transitional Housing projects for youth be ranked in Tier 1?**
 - A. Yes, any project can be ranked in Tier 1. However, you should ensure that all projects ranked in Tier 1 are high-performing, efficient, and meeting the needs of people in the community.
- 12. We have a Transitional Housing program with 75% of units dedicated to survivors of domestic violence; however, that program's occupancy has been low. Should they consider reallocating some of those funds?**
 - A. In addition to assessing the performance of projects, CoCs should assess the need within the community to determine whether or not to reallocate projects. CoCs should consider whether or not there are alternative programs in the community readily available to meet the needs of this population should that program be reallocated. For more information, visit [A Guide to Reviewing Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Projects within the CoC Competition](#).
- 13. Is a new Permanent Supportive Housing project worth up to 5% of ARD or FPRN?**
 - A. New Permanent Supportive Housing projects are worth up to 5% of the CoC's FPRN (Final Pro-Rata Need).
- 14. Will leveraging letters be required for project applications in e-snaps this year?**
 - A. No, letters demonstrating that programs have leveraged other funding sources are not required for the FY16 Competition.