

Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus in HUD CoC Program for FY 2014: Strategies for Rapid Implementation

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Rapid Implementation

- Units created through the bonus are critical to achieving our goal of ending chronic homelessness in 2016
- HUD is requiring that bonus project applications must demonstrate a plan for rapid implementation
- Specifically, projects must be ready to provide housing to at least one participant within 6 months of award



Two Options

A. Scattered-site leasing

B. Site-based operating costs or project-based rental assistance

- Must demonstrate site control (term exceeding requested grant term)
- Units must be ready for occupancy within six months of award



Scattered-Site Strategies



- Consider projects operated by providers with a track record of securing apartments quickly
- Convene and engage landlords
- Consider opportunities in housing assisted by HUD Multifamily Programs (as long as there are no other tenant-based or project-based subsidies)



Strategies for Site-Based Units



- Approach local or state housing development agencies to identify supportive or affordable housing units already in development “pipeline”
- Expand the number of units with project-based subsidies
- If pipeline units have existing subsidy commitments, discuss whether CoC Program funds can free up those commitments for other projects



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