DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Funds in the FY 2013 – FY 2014 Continuum of Care Program Competition

OVERVIEW INFORMATION

A. Federal Agency Name: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development.

B. Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Funding Availability for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program.

C. Announcement Type: Continuation Announcement.

D. Funding Opportunity Number: The funding opportunity number is **FR-5800-N-30.**

The OMB Approval number is 2506-0112.

E. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 14.267.

F. Deadline: The deadline for submitting applications to HUD for the FY 2014 Component of the FY 2013-2014 Continuum of Care Program Competition (CoC Program Competition) is **7:59:59 p.m. eastern time, October 30, 2014**. Applicants will be required to complete and submit their applications in *e-snaps* at www.hud.gov/esnaps. See Section VI of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice for application submission and timely receipt requirements.

The application process for funding under the FY 2014 Component of the CoC Program Competition is referred to in this notice as the FY 2014 Application Process, and this notice, which announces availability of FY 2014 funds under the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition is referred to as the FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

G. For Further Information: HUD staff will be available to provide general clarification on the content of this Notice of FY 2014 Funds. HUD staff cannot assist applicants in preparing their applications to submit for funding.

1. **Local HUD CPD Field Office.** Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the local HUD CPD Field Office, a directory of which can be found at www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/staff/fodirectors/index.cfm.

2. **Training and Resources.** Continuums of Care (CoCs) and project applicants that need assistance completing the applications in *e-snaps* or understanding the program requirements under the CoC Program may access the CoC Program interim rule (24 CFR part 578),[1] training materials, and program resources via the HUD Exchange at www.hudexchange.info.

[1] The CoC program regulations were established by an interim rule published on July 31, 2012, at 77 FR 45422.

3. **The HUD Exchange Ask A Question (AAQ).** CoCs, Collaborative Applicants, and project applicants that require information and technical support concerning this Funding Notice and the applications in *e-snaps* may submit an electronic inquiry via the HUD Exchange AAQ at www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/. The AAQ is accessible 24 hours each day. Starting 2 days prior to the application deadline for FY 2014 funds, the AAQ will respond only to emergency technical support questions up to the deadline of 7:59:59 p.m. eastern time. Applicants that are experiencing technical difficulty should contact the AAQ immediately for assistance and document their attempts to obtain assistance.

H. General Section Questions. The Notice of FY 2013 Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD's FY 2013 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs (General Section) is applicable to the FY 2014 funding made available under the CoC Program Competition. The General Section can be found at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail. The Notice of FY 2014 Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD's FY 2014 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs does not apply to funding made available under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

Questions regarding the General Section should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Management, Grants Management and Oversight Division at (202) 708-0667 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments can access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

I. Additional Overview Information

1. **Available Funds.** Approximately $1.83 billion is available in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice under the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition. HUD may add to this amount any available funds that have been carried over or recaptured from previous fiscal years. All of the requirements in the FY 2014 Application Process, including requirements for the project applications and the CoC Priority Listing as well as the total amount of funding available are contained in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

   Although the available amount of funding is expected to be sufficient to fund anticipated eligible renewal projects in the FY 2014 funding process, HUD will continue to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects in two tiers. Tier 1 is equal to the CoC's FY 2014 ARD approved during the FY 2014 CoC Registration process less 2 percent. Please see Section II.B.8. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice for additional detail.

   HUD will set aside approximately $40 million for a Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus (PSH Bonus) to create new dedicated permanent supportive housing to serve the chronically homeless. While all CoCs approved in the FY 2014 CoC Registration process may apply, priority will be given to those CoCs that have a high need in relation to chronic homelessness as described in Section II.C. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

2. FY 2014 Application Process.

On November 22, 2013, HUD published the *Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition* (FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA).[2] Collaborative Applicants submitted a FY 2013 - FY 2014 CoC Application to HUD for the FY 2013 Component of the 2013–2014 CoC Program Competition and the score applies to funding for both fiscal years. On July 18, 2014, HUD required Collaborative Applicants from each CoC to complete a modified registration.[3] Collaborative Applicants whose registration was approved by HUD during the FY 2014 Registration Process should proceed to apply for funding under the FY 2014 Application Process.

a *Collaborative Applicant.* As part of the FY 2014 CoC Registration Process, CoCs were required to designate a Collaborative Applicant that would be responsible for submitting the CoC Priority Listing, as described in Section VI.C. of this FY 2014 Funding Notice on behalf of the CoC. Collaborative Applicants will not be able to access the CoC Priority Listing in *e-snaps* if the CoC does not have an approved FY 2014 CoC Registration. The Collaborative Applicant approved by HUD during the modified FY 2014 CoC Registration Process must be the same entity that submits the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing with attached project applications, reallocation forms, and all additional required attachments. CoCs should not attempt to change Collaborative Applicants during the FY 2014 Application Process without HUD's prior approval. HUD will approve Collaborative Applicant changes after the modified FY 2014 CoC Registration process under circumstances that include:

(1) an error made by the Collaborative Applicant when entering the Collaborative Applicant's name in the CoC Applicant Profile;

(2) the Collaborative Applicant chosen by the CoC is no longer in business;

(3) the Collaborative Applicant withdrew; or

(4) the CoC withdrew the Collaborative Applicant.

In cases where the CoC needs to change the Collaborative Applicant approved during the modified FY 2014 CoC Registration Process,[4] the CoC must notify the local HUD CPD field office in writing stating the reason for the Collaborative Applicant change. The notice to HUD must provide documentation of the CoC's approval of the change (e.g., a copy of the meeting minutes, to include the date and attendees).

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[2] This NOFA can be found at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=2013-2014cocnofa.pdf.

[3] The FY 2014 CoC Registration can be found at www.hudexchange.info/resource/3888/fy2014-coc-program-registration-notice/.

[4] Unless otherwise stated, all references to "registration" in this notice refer to the modified registration process described in Section I.B.2.a. of the 2013-2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA, and found at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/coc (please see page 7).

b *Project Applicants.* Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program are identified in Section V.A.

c *Geographic Area Changes from FY 2013 CoC Registration.* As stated in the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA, no geographic area changes from the FY 2013 CoC Registration are allowed for the FY 2014 Application Process. Therefore, HUD will not permit any geographic area changes through an amendment to FY 2014 CoC Registration.

d *Changes to Approved FY 2014 CoC Registration.* If a CoC with an approved FY 2014 CoC Registration failed to include an eligible renewal project on the CoC's FY 2014 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) during the modified FY 2014 CoC Registration, the CoC will have the opportunity to amend its FY 2014 GIW to add the missing eligible renewal project. Similarly, any projects that were previously included on the GIW, where it is determined that they are no longer eligible for renewal in FY 2014, must be removed. Any changes to the FY 2014 GIW after CoC Registration must be approved by the local HUD CPD field office, in consultation with HUD Headquarters, within 7 days–grace period as described in Section II.B.4. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice–after the date that the FY 2014 project applications and CoC Priority Listing are made available in *e-snaps*.

The due date of final HUD approval for FY 2014 GIW changes is **September 22, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.,** local time of the applicant. Collaborative Applicants will be required to attach the final HUD-approved FY 2014 GIW that contains the final FY 2014 ARD to the CoC Priority Listing. HUD will not consider any changes that would increase a CoCs ARD to the FY 2014 GIW following the 7-day grace period. However, if an ineligible project is included on the CoC's GIW HUD will reduce the CoC's ARD by an amount equal to the amount of the ineligible award amount.

3. Additional Information Regarding the FY 2014 Application Process.

The requirements for applying for FY 2014 funds are contained in the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Additional information and requirements related only to the FY 2014 Application Process are included in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. To ensure that all submission requirements and deadlines are met, applicants should read both the FY 2013 - FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA and the information contained in this FY 2014 Funding Notice Funding Notice. The information below includes requirements specific to the FY 2014 Application Process as well as important reminders that were included in the FY 2013 - FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA:

a CoC Score. The score received for the FY 2013 - FY 2014 CoC Application will apply to the award of FY 2014 funding. This means that projects will be selected following the eligibility and selection priorities outlined in Section VII.A. of this FY 2014 Funding Notice in order based on that score. PSH Bonus projects will be selected according the criteria outlined in Section II.C. of this FY 2014 Funding Notice.

b Approved FY 2014 CoC Registration. In order to apply for FY 2014 funds, a CoC must have an approved modified FY 2014 CoC Registration which established its FY 2014 Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) and FY 2014 ARD.

c FY 2014 Project Applications. Project applicants must submit project applications for FY 2014 funds in *e-snaps.* In FY 2014, project applicants may request funds for: CoC planning costs; Unified Funding Agency (UFA) costs for HUD designated UFAs only; renewal projects eligible for FY 2014 funds; and new projects which include:

(1) New reallocated projects, which can be either:

(a) new permanent supportive housing projects created through reallocation where all beds will be dedicated for use by the chronically homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3; and/or

(b) new rapid re-housing projects created for households with children who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters.

(2) Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus. HUD has set aside approximately $40 million for Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus projects. See Section II.C. this FY 2014 Funding Notice for more information.

d FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing. With the submission of the CoC Priority Listing as described in Section VI.C. of this FY 2014 Funding Notice, the Collaborative Applicant provides HUD with the priority rank order for each approved project, which HUD will follow to select projects based on the selection priorities outlined in Section VII.A.2. of this this FY 2014 Funding Notice.

e HUD will conduct an eligibility and threshold review of ranked projects for all CoCs that submit the CoC Priority Listing by the application submission deadline.

f HUD intends to issue one funding announcement for both new and renewal projects.

g The deadline for submitting applications to HUD for FY 2014 funding under the CoC Program Competition is **7:59:59 pm eastern time, October 30, 2014**.

4. **Eligible Costs**. Provisions at 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 identify the eligible costs for which funding may be requested for the CoC Program. HUD will reject any requests for ineligible costs.

5. **Match.** 24 CFR 578.73 describes match requirements.

6. **Requirements.** The following requirement applies to funding available under the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA and this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice:

DUNS number and SAM. Project applicants are required to register with Dun and Bradstreet to obtain a DATA Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, if they have not already done so, and complete or renew their registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR)/System for Award Management (SAM) per the FY 2013 General Section, III.C.2.b. and c. HUD will not enter into a grant agreement with an entity that does not have a DUNS Number or an active SAM.

7. **Local Competition Deadlines.** Provisions at 24 CFR 578.9 require CoCs to design, operate, and follow a collaborative process for the development of an application in response to a NOFA issued by HUD. As part of this collaborative process, CoCs should implement internal competition deadlines to ensure transparency and fairness at the local level.

   The CoC should have a process in place that allows the CoC to notify all project applicants no later than 10 days before the application deadline regarding whether their project applications would be included as part of the CoC Priority Listing submission.

   Any project applicant that submitted a project that was rejected by the CoC must have been notified in writing, outside of *e-snaps*, with an explanation for the decision to reject the project(s). Project applicants whose project was rejected may appeal the local CoC competition decision to HUD by submitting a Solo Application in *e-snaps* directly to HUD prior to the application deadline of **7:59:59 pm eastern time on October 30, 2014**. The CoC's notification of rejection of the project in the local competition must be attached to the Solo Application. If the CoC fails to provide written notification, outside of *e-snaps*, the Solo Applicant must attach a statement that the CoC did not provide the Solo Applicant written notification of the CoC rejecting the project in the local CoC competition.

8. **CoC Transparency**. The CoC should have in place a process to make the CoC Priority Listing available on its website to its community for inspection and to notify community members and key stakeholders that the listing is available. If the CoC does not have a website, the CoC should post this information to a partner website within the CoC (e.g., county/city website). The process must be conducted in a manner that is accessible for persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency.

9. **CoC Review of Project Applications.** HUD strongly encourages each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal projects submitted to HUD in the FY 2014 Application Process. It has been HUD's experience that many project applications contain information that results in conditions on the grant, or for more serious infractions, a project being rejected. Deficient project applications prolong the review process for HUD, which results in delayed funding announcements, lost funding for CoCs due to rejected projects, and delays in funds to house and assist the homeless whom we serve. Specifically, CoCs should closely review information provided in each project application in order to ensure that:

   a all proposed participants will be eligible for the project component type;

   b the proposed activities are eligible under the CoC Program interim rule;

   c each project narrative is fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all of the criteria for that question included in the detailed instructions;

   d the data provided in various parts of the project application are consistent; and

   e all required attachments correspond to the attachments list in *e-snaps*, that they contain accurate and complete information, and that they contain a current date.

FULL TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT

I. Funding Opportunity Description.

Program Description: The 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 re-house the homeless while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

A. Authority: The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act), and the CoC Program regulations are found in 24 CFR part 578 (the CoC Program interim rule). The FY 2014 funds for the CoC Program were authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113-76, approved January 17, 2014) (the "FY 2014 HUD Appropriations Act").

B. Summary of the FY 2014 Application Process: The FY 2014 Application Process is administered under the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program NOFA and CoC Program interim rule. Applicants should review and follow the steps as outlined below to ensure that project applications are complete and submitted on time. Documents referenced in this section can be found on the HUD Exchange at www.hudexchange.info.

1. Collaborative Applicants must have completed and successfully submitted the FY 2013 CoC Registration, the FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Consolidated Application as well as completed and successfully submitted a modified FY 2014 CoC Registration. The modified FY 2014 CoC Registration established the CoC's FY 2014 Preliminary PPRN and FY 2014 ARD amounts, and allowed Collaborative Applicants to apply to HUD for UFA designation. During this modified registration process, changes in claimed geography from the FY 2013 CoC Registration were not allowed.

2. The FY 2014 Project Applications. A project application must be completed by project applicants for CoC planning, UFA costs, new projects created through reallocation, new PSH Bonus projects, and renewal project requests. Project applications submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked or rejected by the CoC. All projects approved by the CoC, except applications for new PSH Bonus Funding, must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order which will establish which projects fall within Tier 1 versus Tier 2, as described in Section II.B.8. in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. The purpose of this two-tiered approach is for CoCs to clearly indicate to HUD which projects are prioritized for funding. CoCs that received a higher score on the FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application are more likely to be awarded projects ranked in Tier 2.

3. The FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing. The CoC Priority Listing, as described in Section VI.C. of this FY 2014 Funding Notice, allows CoCs to assign a unique rank to the projects in order of priority and identifies any project requests rejected by the CoC. The Collaborative Applicant will not be able to complete the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing correctly until all Project Applications have been submitted by the project applicants to the CoC.

CoCs will not be required to rank new PSH Bonus projects within the two tiers; instead, all CoCs must assign a rank value of '999' to any project application being submitted for bonus funding. Specific instructions are included in Section II.C. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

C. FY 2013 - FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA. CoCs and applicants should read the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA in its entirety in conjunction with this FY 2014 Funding Notice in order to ensure a comprehensive understanding of all requirements. It is also necessary to read the CoC Program interim rule to ensure compliance with CoC Program requirements. This FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice frequently makes reference to citations from the CoC Program interim rule (24 CFR part 578). Finally, applicants should review the FY 2013 General Section of the NOFA, published on July 23, 2012, and the FY 2013 General Section Technical Correction, published on October 13, 2012.

D. Policy Priorities. CoCs should consider the policy priorities established in the FY 2013 - FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA in conjunction with local priorities to determine the ranking of all projects. See Section II.A. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice for more information on HUD's homeless policy priorities.

II. HUD's Homeless Policy and Program Priorities

A. Policy Priorities. Below are the HUD policy priorities that were included in the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA. CoCs should continue to prioritize project applications that address these goals in the FY 2014 Application Process.

1. **Strategic Resource Allocation.** Each CoC must comprehensively review all existing projects within its geographic area, using CoC-approved scoring criteria and selection priorities, to determine the extent to which each project is still necessary and addresses the listed policy priorities in this FY 2014 Funding Notice. Funds for projects that are determined to be underperforming, obsolete, or ineffective should be reallocated to new projects that are based on proven or promising models.

2. **Ending chronic homelessness**.

   a. *Increasing Beds*: In order to increase the number of beds specifically for the chronically homeless and work towards the goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2015, CoCs will be able to apply for new projects created through reallocation for permanent supportive housing (PSH) that propose to exclusively serve the chronically homeless–which includes individuals and households with children–as defined in 24 CFR 578.3, as part of its comprehensive strategy to end chronic homelessness. Chronically homeless and permanent supportive housing are defined in 24 CFR 578.3. Consistent with the interim rule, the chronically homeless includes individuals and families who have a qualifying disabling condition who have been homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe haven for 1 year continuously or over a period of four occasions in the past 3 years. It is important to point out that persons in transitional housing **are not** considered to be chronically homeless even if they met the criteria prior to entering the transitional housing program.

b. *Targeting*: The chronically homeless should be given priority for non-dedicated PSH beds as vacancies become available through turnover. PSH renewal projects serving specific disabled subpopulations (e.g., persons with mental illness or persons with substance abuse issues) must continue to serve those groups, as required in the current grant agreement. However, the chronically homeless within the specified subpopulation should be prioritized for entry.

c. *Housing First* is a model of housing assistance that is offered without preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements, and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals. Research shows that it is effective for the chronically homeless with mental health and substance abuse disorders, resulting in fewer inpatient stays and less expensive interventions than other approaches. Permanent Supportive Housing projects should use a Housing First approach in the design of the program.

3. Ending family homelessness.

a. Rapid Re-housing is a model of housing assistance that is designed to assist the homeless, with or without disabilities, move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Rapid re-housing assistance is time-limited, individualized, and flexible, and is designed to complement and enhance homeless system performance and the performance of other homeless projects. While it can be used for any homeless person, preliminary evidence indicates that it can be particularly effective for households with children.

b. CoCs may apply for new projects created through reallocation for rapid re-housing to serve homeless households with children. Rapid re-housing projects must serve households with children living on the streets or in emergency shelter.

4. Removing Barriers to CoC Resources.

a. CoCs should review system and project level eligibility criteria to identify and remove barriers to accessing services and housing that are experienced by homeless individuals and families.

b. *Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System:* Centralized or coordinated assessment is a key step in assessing the needs of the homeless requesting assistance and matching the needs of those households to the most appropriate housing and service options. The CoC Program interim rule requires the implementation of a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

c. *Transitional Housing*: HUD recognizes that transitional housing can be an effective tool in many communities for addressing the needs of specific subpopulations–such as homeless youth, domestic violence survivors, and the homeless with substance abuse issues. However, recent research shows that transitional housing is generally more expensive than other housing models serving similar populations, it is often more service-intensive than most homeless households need, and that the criteria for entry into many transitional housing programs are so rigorous that transitional housing beds are under-utilized because homeless households cannot overcome the barriers to entry. HUD is strongly encouraging CoCs and recipients to carefully

review the transitional housing models within the geographic area for cost-effectiveness, performance, and for the number and type of criteria used to determine eligibility for the program and determine if rapid re-housing may be a better model for the CoC's geographic area.

d. *Prioritizing Households Most in Need*: CoCs should prioritize those who are identified as most in need (e.g., those who have been living on the street the longest, homeless households with children living in unsheltered situations, those that are considered most medically vulnerable) for placement into appropriate housing. The *Notice CPD-14-012: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status* provides guidance to CoCs and project applicants that receive permanent supportive housing funds in which eligible households should be served in all CoC Program-funded permanent supportive housing.

5. Maximizing the use of mainstream resources.

a. HUD strongly encourages CoCs and project applicants to ensure that they are maximizing the use of all mainstream services available. While the CoC Program interim rule allows for the payment of certain supportive service costs and Supportive Services Only projects, it is more efficient for CoCs to use mainstream resources where possible and use HUD funds for housing-related costs. CoCs should proactively seek and provide information to CoC Program recipients within their geographic area about mainstream resources and funding opportunities.

b. CoCs should be actively preparing for implementation of the Affordable Care Act by determining how these funds may be used by CoC Program recipients to serve the homeless. While this will vary by state, CoCs should also be encouraging project recipients to participate in enrollment and outreach activities to ensure eligible households take advantage of new healthcare options.

6. Building partnerships.

a. CoCs should proactively seek to engage in partnerships with Public Housing Agencies (PHA) within their geographic area. HUD encourages CoCs to partner with PHAs, for example, to create homeless preferences or adopt strategies to assist current program participants to access PHA housing resources as they become ready to do so. CoCs and PHAs are encouraged to read and use the following HUD Notice (PIH 2013-15) published June 10, 2013: *Guidance on housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness through the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs.*

b. CoCs should assess the extent to which philanthropy plays a role within the community. CoCs and project recipients should consider how to engage with philanthropic organizations in a way to maximize resources and increase progress towards ending homelessness.

7. Other Priority Populations: While new funding opportunities through reallocation will only be available for the chronically homeless and homeless households with children,

HUD also expects CoCs to consider the needs of other homeless populations that may be prevalent in the CoC's geographic area, especially the needs of veterans and their families (Section VII.A.1.k. of the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program NOFA) and unaccompanied youth (Section VII.A.1.i. of the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program NOFA).

a. *Veterans*: CoC Program funded projects should, to the extent possible, prioritize veterans who are ineligible for VA services and their families. CoCs should work closely with the local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and coordinate CoC resources with VA-funded housing and services (e.g., HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)).

b. *Homeless Youth*: CoCs should be able to identify and describe the needs of homeless youth within the geographic area and the current programs designed to serve this population, including performance.

B. CoC Program Implementation. Notwithstanding the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA, which stated that HUD would not consider requests for new funding outside of the reallocation process, HUD will be awarding approximately $40 million of FY 2014 funds for a Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus. The following list highlights important information that applicants should consider as they are preparing the FY 2014 Project Application(s). This is not an exhaustive list of considerations or requirements–all applicants and CoC stakeholders should carefully review the CoC Program interim rule for comprehensive information.

1. HUD will not consider requests for new funding outside of the reallocation process, CoC planning, UFA costs, and the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus.

2. HUD has set aside $40 million to conduct a competition for projects in CoCs that have been determined to have a high-need in relation to chronic homelessness. Projects awarded under this bonus must exclusively serve the chronically homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3. It is important to point out that persons in transitional housing **are not** considered to be chronically homeless even if they met the criteria prior to entering the transitional housing program.

3. Through the reallocation process:

a. CoCs may create new permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by the chronically homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3. Persons coming from transitional housing are not eligible.

b. CoCs may create new rapid re-housing projects for homeless households with children who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelters. Rapid re-housing projects created through reallocation may include in part or whole, victims of domestic violence; however, these participants must meet all other criteria for this type of housing (i.e., household with children who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelter). Persons coming from transitional housing projects are not eligible.

4. Any changes to the FY 2014 GIW after the modified FY 2014 CoC Registration must be approved by the local HUD CPD field office, in consultation with HUD Headquarters,

within the 7 day grace period after the publication of this FY 2014 Funding Notice. The due date of final HUD-approval for changes to the FY 2014 GIW is **September 22, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. local time**. Collaborative Applicants will be required to attach the HUD-approved FY 2014 GIW that contains the final HUD-approved FY 2014 ARD to the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing. HUD will not consider any changes that would increase a CoCs ARD to the FY 2014 GIW following the 7-day grace period. If an ineligible project is included on the CoC's GIW, HUD will remove the ineligible project from the GIW, which will result in the CoC's ARD being reduced by the amount of the ineligible project application. It is crucial that CoCs ensure the final FY 2014 GIW is accurate and only lists those renewal projects that are eligible for renewal in FY 2014. In order to be eligible for renewal in FY 2014, a project must have an executed grant agreement by December 31, 2014 and have an expiration date in Calendar Year (CY) 2015 (between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015).

5. Eligible renewal projects requesting rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the Fair Market Rent (FMR), based on the actual rent costs per unit. This change will help to reduce the number of projects receiving rental assistance that have large balances of unspent funds remaining at the end of the operating year. Renewal project applicants must ensure that the amount requested will be sufficient to cover all eligible costs as HUD cannot provide funds beyond what is awarded through the competition. Project applications for rental assistance cannot request more than 100 percent of the published FMR. New project applications must adhere to 24 CFR 578.51(f) and must request the full FMR amount per unit. See Section III.H.1. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice for additional information regarding FMR adjustments for projects receiving funds for rental assistance.

6. HUD will allow new reallocated projects to request funding for 1 year to facilitate implementation of CoC strategies to reduce gaps in permanent housing. Any new reallocated projects requesting capital costs (i.e., new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation) are not eligible for 1-year requests and HUD will increase the grant term to 3-years if they are submitted for 1-year terms.

7. CoCs will be required to rank all projects, except Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Projects, submitted by project applicants in *e-snaps*: renewal, new projects created through reallocation, CoC planning, and UFA cost projects. All CoCs must assign a rank value of '999' to any project application being submitted for Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus funding. HUD will not review any project that is rejected by the CoC. CoCs may only submit: one application for CoC planning costs; one application for UFA costs, if designated by HUD as a UFA; and one Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project. The applicant for CoC Planning and UFA costs must be the Collaborative Applicant.

8. HUD will continue the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding process. Tier 1 is equal to the CoC's ARD amount approved in Registration, less 2 percent. Tier 2 is the amount between a CoC's Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD, plus any approved amounts for CoC planning and UFA costs. The Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus will be administered as a separate national competition and will therefore not be subject to the Tier1/Tier 2 process.

9. HUD intends to issue one funding announcement in FY 2014 for all projects, including new projects created through reallocation, new Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus projects, renewal projects, CoC planning, and UFA costs.

C. Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus. Ending chronic homelessness is the first goal of *Opening Doors.* The original goal was to end chronic homelessness by 2015, however, due to insufficient appropriations and the lack of targeting at the local level, the goal has been extended. The 2015 President's Budget requests the estimated resources that would be needed to end chronic homelessness in 2016. In order to make significant progress towards meeting this goal, and in accordance with Section 428(d) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, HUD is setting aside approximately $40 million for a Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project competition. All projects created with these funds must exclusively serve the chronically homeless. While any CoC with an approved 2014 CoC Registration may apply for these bonus funds, HUD will prioritize those CoCs with the highest need in relation to chronic homelessness.

The Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus is based on two overarching criteria: CoC need and project quality. In addition to the criteria below, projects must also meet the project eligibility threshold criteria outlined in Section V.E.2.d. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

1. Threshold Requirements.

a. To be considered for funding, each Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project application must:

(1) Propose to serve 100 percent chronically homeless individuals and families;

(2) Provide scattered-site leasing or tenant-based rental assistance; or, if the applicant can provide a deed or long-term lease demonstrating site control for a building or units where evidence of site control exceeds the requested grant term, and where the building or units are ready to be occupied no later than 6 months after the award of funds, the applicant may instead request operating costs or project-based rental assistance;

(3) Be submitted by a project applicant that is in good standing with HUD, which means that the project applicant does not have any open monitoring Findings, or history of slow expenditure of grant funds;

(4) Request no less than 70 percent of total program funding (not including funds for administration) for leasing, rental assistance, or operating costs. No more than 30 percent of the total program funding may be used for supportive services costs and the types of supportive services for which the funding may be used is limited to the following: assistance with moving costs (24 CFR 578.53(e)(2)), case management (24 CFR 578.53(e)(3)), food (24 CFR 578(e)(7)), housing/search and counseling services (24 CFR 578.53(e)(8)), life skills (24 CFR 578.53(e)(10)), outreach services (24 CFRR 578.53(e)(13)), transportation (24 CFR 578.53(e)(15)), and utility deposits (only if these are not included in rental/lease agreement) (24 CFR 578.53(e)(16)). All other eligible supportive services costs under the CoC Program interim rule are not eligible costs under this Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus;

(5) Demonstrate a plan for rapid implementation of the program; the project narrative must document how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant within 6 months of the award;

(6) Demonstrate a connection to mainstream service systems; and

(7) Be a current participant or agree to participate in the CoC's coordinated assessment system, which must already be implemented prior to HUD executing a grant agreement.

b. Each CoC may only submit **one** Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project application. The Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project application must be approved by the CoC in *e-snaps*. All Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project applications must be assigned a rank number of "999" by the Collaborative Applicant which will allow the project to be submitted for consideration by HUD, and will ensure that it is selected outside of Tier 1 and Tier 2 ranking process. Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus projects that are selected for funding will be eligible (subject to the availability of appropriations and the terms of future NOFAs) for renewal as a permanent supportive housing project on an annual basis following the initial expiration of this original award. The project must continue to exclusively serve the chronically homeless unless there are no persons meeting those criteria located in the CoC's geographic area.

2. Scoring - HUD will use the following rating criteria to score and select Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Applications.

a. CoC Need–60 points–For the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus competition, each application will be awarded a relative need score (defined as need in comparison with other CoCs) based on the following data:

(1) the number of chronically homeless reported in the 2013 Point-in-Time count;

(2) the number of dedicated permanent supportive housing beds available with the CoC from any funding source, dedicated for use by chronically homeless as reported on the 2013 Housing Inventory Count; and

(3) the extent to which the CoC has prioritized existing permanent supportive housing beds/units not currently designated for the chronically homeless.

HUD has calculated the need score for each CoC, and has published that information for applicants as in the Appendix of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. Need scoring is based on a sliding scale, with the CoCs with the highest relative need in the U.S. receiving the full 60 points, and CoCs with lower relative need receiving points in four additional groupings, as follows:

Need Level	Need Score
Extreme High Need	60 points
High Relative Need	45 points
Medium Relative Need	30 points
Medium-Low Relative Need	15 points
Low Relative Need	0 points

b. Project Quality–40 points–Each application will be scored on the overall quality of the project, and the extent to which the applicant can clearly demonstrate the following:

(1) Prioritizing Highest Need (10 points). Applicants may receive up to 10 points based on the extent to which the project applicant demonstrates that it will first serve the chronically homeless according to the order of priority established in Section III.A. of *Notice CPD-14-012: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status*. To receive full points, the applicant must clearly describe the system it currently uses to determine severity of need for the chronically homeless, its process for prioritizing persons with the most severe needs, and the outreach process used to engage chronically homeless persons living on the streets and in shelter.

(2) Housing First (10 points). Applicants may receive up to 10 points based on the extent to which the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project will follow a Housing First model. To receive full points, the applicant must demonstrate it has experience in operating a successful housing first program, and clearly describe a program design that meets the definition of Housing First as described in Section III.A.3.d. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. Applicants must ***BOTH*** check the box in the project application indicating a Housing First model, ***and*** include relevant and clear descriptions in the project description narrative contained in *e-snaps*.

(3) Mainstream Services (10 points). Applicants may receive up to 10 points based on the extent to which the project is fully leveraging mainstream resources for supportive services. To receive full points, applicants must demonstrate the leveraging of Medicaid resources available in the applicant's state. Applicants will receive up to 10 points as follows:

(a) Applicants may receive up to 5 points for demonstrating that specific activities are in place to identify and enroll all Medicaid-eligible program participants, regardless of whether the project applicant's state is participating in Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act; and

(b) Applicants may receive up to 5 points for demonstrating that the project includes Medicaid-financed services, including case management, tenancy supports, behavioral health services, or other services important to supporting housing stability. Project applicants may include Medicaid-financed services either by the recipient receiving Medicaid coverage payments for services provided to project participants or through formal partnerships with one or more Medicaid billable providers (e.g., Federally Qualified Health Centers). No points will be awarded for Medicaid-financed health services provided in a hospital setting. Where projects can demonstrate that there are barriers to including Medicaid-financed services in the project, applicants will receive up to 5 points under this paragraph for demonstrating that the project leveraged non-Medicaid resources available

in the CoC's geographic area, including mainstream behavioral health system resources such as mental health or substance abuse prevention and treatment block grants or state behavioral health system funding.

(4) Leveraging (5 points). Applicants may receive up to 5 points based on the extent to which the project will leverage additional resources to develop a comprehensive project that meets the needs of the chronically homeless and ensure successful program outcomes. To receive full points, applicants must demonstrate, with a written commitment, that the cash or in-kind value of leveraged commitments is at least 200 percent of the total request to HUD. Leveraging commitment letters must be attached in *e-snaps* to the project application.

(5) CoC Score from FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application (5 points). Applicants may receive up to 5 points based on the CoC's score from the FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application as follows:

(a) CoC Score 126-156= 5 points
(b) CoC Score 106-125= 4 points
(c) CoC Score 86-105= 3 points
(d) CoC Score 66-85= 2 points
(e) CoC Score 46-65= 1 point
(f) CoC Score less than 45 points = 0 point.

3. Maximum Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Amount. The maximum amount that CoC may request for the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project is 15 percent of the CoCs Final Pro Rata Need or $10 million, whichever is less.

D. FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application Scores. CoCs were awarded scores on the CoC Application for both FY 2013 and FY 2014 funds, based on the criteria described in Section VII.A. of the FY 2013 - FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA. The following two items were scored based on information included in the project application, and therefore projects will be required to continue meeting these criteria for both FY 2013 and FY 2014 operating years:

1. If the CoC was awarded bonus points in the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition for limiting administrative requests to 7 percent of each project budget request, no projects within the CoC may request more than 7 percent for administrative costs in FY 2014. HUD will reduce any administrative costs requests that exceed 7 percent in those CoCs that received the bonus points for the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition score.

2. If the CoC was awarded points for the extent to which the CoC had adopted a housing first approach in its permanent supportive housing project, all projects that had indicated that it was following a Housing First approach in the FY 2013 Project Application must continue to do so for the FY 2014 renewal grant operating year as well.

E. Project Capacity. HUD expects project applicants to adhere to all of the requirements in the Act and the CoC Program interim rule, as well as any additional requirements within published NOFAs. The CoC Program interim rule was published July 31, 2012, and became effective August 31, 2012, and was effective for grants beginning with those awarded in the FY 2012 CoC Program Competition.

Too many project applications received by HUD include compliance issues that result in HUD issuing conditions that must be satisfied before the execution of the grant agreement. The large number of compliance issues that HUD identifies in project applications delays HUD in awarding funds in the competition and results in the inefficient use of limited administrative resources. These compliance issues need to be addressed by the project applicant prior to submission of the project application to the CoC, and by the CoC prior to submission of the project applications to HUD. Even though HUD's past practice has been to condition awards, it is within HUD's authority to instead reject project applications, including renewal applications, rather than issue conditions. HUD does not intend to continue the practice of issuing conditions.

Therefore, project applicants, and CoCs as part of their local competition process, are **strongly advised** to review all CoC Program project applications for FY 2014 funds to ensure compliance with the CoC Program requirements. Where deficiencies are identified, the CoC should work with the project applicant to revise the project application prior to submission to HUD to ensure that the project will operate in compliance with the Act, the CoC Program interim rule, and any applicable NOFA requirements.

III. Continuum of Care Program Requirements

The CoC Program interim rule at 24 CFR part 578 details the requirements with which grants awarded under this competition must comply. Regulatory citations are provided below so that applicants can refer to specific areas of the CoC Program interim rule for details.

A. Definitions and Concepts. The definitions and concepts contained in this section include terms that are important for all applicants to understand in order to complete the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing and project applications in *e-snaps* on behalf of the CoC.

1. **Definitions from 24 CFR 578.3.** The following terms are defined in 24 CFR 578.3. Applicants must refer to the CoC Program interim rule for the definitions contained in this section.

   a. *Annual Renewal Amount (ARA)*
   b. *Applicant*
   c. *Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System*
   d. *Chronically Homeless*
   e. *Collaborative Applicant*
   f. *Continuum of Care*
   g. *Consolidated Plan*
   h. *Homeless*
   i. *Permanent Housing*
   j. *Permanent Supportive Housing*
   k. *Private Nonprofit Organization*

l. *Program Participant*
m. *Project*
n. *Subrecipient*
o. *Transitional Housing*
p. *Unified Funding Agency*

2. **CoC Program NOFA Definitions.** The following terms are not found in 24 CFR part 578, but are used in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice to define concepts that pertain specifically to the FY 2014 Application Process.

   a. *Consolidated Plan Certification.* The statutory form in which a state or local official certifies that the proposed activities or projects are consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan and, if the applicant is a state or unit of local government, that the jurisdiction is following its Consolidated Plan.

   b. *Housing Inventory Count (HIC).* A complete listing of the community's HUD and non-HUD funded beds dedicated to the homeless.

   c. *Project Applicant.* An applicant designated by the CoC to carry out activities related to a specific project(s) as defined in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes Collaborative Applicants that apply for CoC planning funds and, if designated, UFA costs funds.

   d. *Rapid Re-housing.* A type of permanent housing meeting the requirements of 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii).

3. **Concepts.** The concepts contained in this section are important for all applicants to understand in order to complete all parts of the FY 2014 Application Process. These concepts are used throughout this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice:

   a. *Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) (24 CFR 578.17(b)(2)).* The total amount of all the CoC's projects that will be eligible for renewal in the FY 2014 Application Process. A separate ARD will be established for each year of funding under this FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA. It is the sum of the annual renewal amounts of all projects within the CoC's geographic area eligible to apply for renewal in the FY 2014 Application Process, before any required adjustments to funding for leasing, rental assistance, and operating line items based on FMR changes.

   b. *Beds Dedicated to the Chronically Homeless.* The total number of permanent supportive housing beds in the CoC's geographic area that are dedicated specifically for use by the chronically homeless, per 24 CFR 578.3, as reported in the CoC's Housing Inventory Count (HIC). For permanent supportive housing beds, when a participant exits the program, the bed must be filled by another chronically homeless participant unless there are no chronically homeless persons located within the CoC's geographic area. This concept only applies to permanent supportive housing projects.

   c. *High Performing Communities.* As described in Section III.G. of the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA, HUD will not designate any High Performing Communities under the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition.

d. *Housing First.* A model of housing assistance that is offered without preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements, and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals.

e. *Non-Dedicated Permanent Supportive Housing Beds.* Permanent supportive housing beds within a CoC's geographic area that are not currently dedicated specifically for use by the chronically homeless. CoCs and projects are strongly encouraged to prioritize the chronically homeless in non-dedicated permanent supportive housing beds as they become available through turnover. This concept only pertains to permanent supportive housing projects.

f. *Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus.* The Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus will be available to CoCs to apply for funding to create new permanent supportive housing projects that will exclusively serve the chronically homeless. See Section II.C. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice for scoring criteria and eligibility requirements.

g. *Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN).* The amount of funds a CoC could receive based upon the geographic areas HUD approves as included in the CoC. To determine the homeless assistance need of a particular jurisdiction, HUD will use the formula set forth 24 CFR 578.17(a). Each year, HUD publishes the PPRN for each jurisdiction. A CoC's PPRN is determined by adding the published PPRN of each jurisdiction located within the HUD-approved CoC geographic area.

h. *Reallocation.* Reallocation is when a CoC shifts funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. New projects created through reallocation must meet the requirements set forth in Section II.B.3. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice and the project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD in Sections V.E.2.d. and V.E.2.e. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. In the FY 2014 Application Process, reallocation can only be used to create new permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless or rapid re-housing to serve homeless households with children coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters.

B. Establishing and Operating the CoC. 24 CFR 578.5 and 24 CFR 578.7 detail the requirements for the establishment of a CoC and its operations.

C. CoC Geographic Area. 24 CFR 578.5 requires representatives from relevant organizations within a geographic area to establish a CoC to carry out the duties within the geographic area. The boundaries of identified CoC geographic areas may not overlap, and any overlapping geographies are considered Competing CoCs. For the FY 2014 funding process, there are no Competing CoCs.

D. Planning Duties of the CoC. Planning duties for CoCs are detailed in 24 CFR 578.7.

E. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. The definition of Centralized or Coordinated Assessment can be found at 24 CFR 578.3. Provisions at 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8) detail responsibilities of the CoC with regard to establishing and operating such a system. CoCs may use planning costs to design and plan for the implementation of a centralized or

coordinated assessment system. These systems help communities assess the needs of program participants and effectively match the homeless with the most appropriate resources available to address their particular needs.

F. CoC Program Components. Provisions at 24 CFR 578.37 state that CoC funds may be used for projects under five program components: permanent housing (including rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing); transitional housing; supportive services only; HMIS; and in some cases, homelessness prevention. Homelessness prevention is a component to be included in future CoC Program Competitions through the implementation of High Performing Communities (HPC), since only designated HPCs may carry out homelessness prevention activities through the CoC program. Therefore, the four components that will be funded in the FY 2014 Application Process are:

1. Permanent Housing;

2. Transitional Housing;

3. Supportive Services Only; and

4. HMIS.

The components are fully described at 24 CFR 578.37.

G. Collaborative Applicant. HUD will only review CoC Priority Listing submitted from the Collaborative Applicant that has been designated by the CoC to submit the CoC Priority Listing with project applications attached on behalf of the CoC. The Collaborative Applicant must complete the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing, as described in Section VI.C. of this FY 2014 Funding Notice, including the approval and ranking or rejection of project applications. The Collaborative Applicant is the only entity that may apply to HUD for CoC planning costs and for UFA costs if the Collaborative Applicant is designated to apply as an UFA applicant.

H. Competing CoCs. For the FY 2014 funding process there are no Competing CoCs.

I. CoC Maximum Award. The process for determining a CoC's maximum award amount is detailed in 24 CFR 578.17(b). HUD is required to adjust awards for leasing, operating, and rental assistance budget line items based on changes to the Fair Market Rents (FMR). All adjustments for each fiscal year appropriation will be made prior to award announcement. HUD will make these adjustments as follows:

1. Funds awarded for rental assistance will be adjusted in one of two ways:

a. Funds awarded for rental assistance in all new projects and all renewal projects requesting the FMR will be adjusted by applying the FMR in effect at the time of application submission to HUD, including in the cases where the FMR for a specific area has decreased from the previous year.

b. Funds awarded for rental assistance for renewal projects that request less than FMR, that is, a per-unit amount based on the actual rent costs per unit, will be increased based on the average increase in FMR amounts within the CoC's geographic area, weighted for population density. In the event that the FMR for a specific area decreased from the previous year, project applicants will not receive an award that exceeds the FMR after adjustment. If the FMR for the project applicant's area

decreased from the previous year, the project will be awarded the lesser amount of the per-unit amount requested by the project applicant, based on the actual rent costs per unit, or the FMR after adjustment.

2. Funds awarded for operating and leasing in permanent housing projects will be increased based on the average increase in FMR amounts within the CoC's geographic area, weighted for population density. Because leasing and operating costs do not decrease relative to rent amounts for specific units (e.g., operating costs for 10 units that have rents of $500 are likely the same as for 10 units that have rents that are $450) adjustments to leasing and operating line items will not include decreases if FMRs decrease in the geographic area. The operating and/or leasing budget line items in these projects will remain the same as in the most recent grant agreement or grant agreement amendment.

IV. Award Information

A. Amount Allocated. Approximately $1.83 billion of FY 2014 funds is available for funding. Carried over or recaptured funds from previous fiscal years, if available, may be added to this amount. Although the available amount of funding is expected to be sufficient to fund anticipated eligible renewal projects in the FY 2014 funding process, HUD will continue to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects in two tiers. Tier 1 is equal to the CoC's FY 2014 ARD approved during the FY 2014 CoC Registration process less 2 percent. Additionally, HUD will make available approximately $40 million for a Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus to exclusively serve chronically homeless persons as defined in 24 CFR 578.3.

B. Distribution of Funds. The *distribution* of funds will depend largely on HUD selection priorities and CoC locally determined priorities, overall demand, and renewal eligibility.

1. *Renewals.* Awards made under the CoC Program, Supportive Housing Program (SHP), and Shelter Plus Care (S+C) are eligible for renewal for FY 2014 funds if they have a grant agreement that expires in Calendar Year (CY) 2015 (the period between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015). These projects are renewable under the CoC Program Competition as set forth in 24 CFR 578.33 to continue ongoing leasing, operating, supportive services, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administration costs. Grant agreements for FY 2013 funds must be executed by December 31, 2014 in order to be eligible for renewal. If a project application is submitted for FY 2014 funds where the grant agreement for FY 2013 funds is not executed by December 31, 2014, HUD will deobligate any funds awarded for FY 2014.

Applicants that were eligible under the SHP and S+C programs but are no longer eligible under the CoC Program, will continue to be eligible for renewal of leasing, operating, supportive service, rental assistance, HMIS and project administration costs under 24 CFR 578.33(d)(1), so long as their project continues to serve the same population and the same number of participants or units in the same type of housing as identified in their most recently amended grant agreement signed before August 30, 2012. No new Safe Haven projects will be funded; however, existing Safe Haven projects may be renewed to continue to carry out activities that are eligible costs under Subpart D of the CoC Program interim rule.

2. *Grant terms.* The initial grant term for new project applications created through reallocation and new projects created through the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus may be 1-year, 2-years, 3-years, 4-years, 5-years, or 15-years. However, the following exceptions apply:

a. Any new project created through the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus that requests tenant-based rental assistance may request a 1-year, 2-year, 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year grant term.

b. Any new project created through the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus that requests scattered-site leasing–either leasing costs only or leasing costs plus other costs (e.g., supportive services, HMIS, etc.) may only request up to a 3-year grant term.

c. Any new projects created through the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus that requests project-based rental assistance or sponsor-based rental assistance, or operating costs may request up to a 15-year grant term; however, the project applicants may only request up to 5 years of funds. Funding for the remainder of the term is subject to availability and applicants must apply for additional funds at such time and in such manner as HUD may require.

d. Any new project application created through reallocation that includes leasing–either leasing alone or leasing costs plus other costs (e.g. supportive services, HMIS, etc.)–may only request up to a 3-year grant term.

e. Any of the following new projects created through reallocation may request 1-year, 2-year, 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year grant terms with funding for the same number of years: operating costs, supportive services only, HMIS, and project administration.

f. Any new project applications created through reallocation that requests new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation must request a minimum of a 3-year grant term and may request up to a 5-year grant term.

g. Any new projects created through reallocation requesting project-based rental assistance or sponsor-based rental assistance, or operating costs may request up to a 15-year grant term; however, the project applicants may only request up to 5 years of funds. Funding for the remainder of the term is subject to availability and applicants must apply for additional funds at such time and in such manner as HUD may require.

h. If an applicant requests funds for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation in addition to requesting funds for operating, supportive services, or HMIS, the funding will be for the 3 years requested, and the grant term will be 3 years plus the time necessary to acquire the property, complete construction, and begin operating the project. HUD will require recordation of a HUD-approved use and repayment covenant (a form may be obtained from the local HUD CPD field office) for all grants of funds for new constructions, acquisition, and rehabilitation.
(24 CFR 578.81)

i. All renewal project applications, including rental assistance, and CoC planning costs, are limited to 1-year grant terms and 1-year of funding.

j. All new CoC planning or UFA costs applications are limited to 1-year grant terms and 1-year of funding.

V. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible Project Applicants. (24 CFR 578.15) Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments, and public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

B. Renewal Projects. Awards made under the CoC Program, SHP, and S+C programs are eligible for renewal for FY 2014 funds if they are currently in operation and have a signed grant agreement with HUD which will expire during Calendar Year (CY) 2015 (the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015).

1. HUD will not select renewal projects for an award for FY 2014 funds in the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition unless the grant agreement has been signed by both HUD and the recipient, and the project meets one of the following additional eligibility requirements:

a. Any CoC Program, SHP, or S+C grants awarded in a preceding competition that expires in CY 2015.

b. Any S+C grant awarded prior to FY 2002 for which funding is expected to run out in CY 2015, and which has never applied for renewal funding.

c. Any SHP or S+C grant originally awarded in the FY 2008 Homeless Assistance Programs Competition and, notwithstanding the expiration date, that has funds expiring in CY 2015 or later and has not been renewed in a previous competition. Funds for these grants will no longer be available after September 30, 2015. The Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) requires that all draws for the grants awarded in the FY 2008 Homeless Assistance Programs Competition be made no later than September 22, 2015. Funds from these expiring grants will be recaptured and returned to the U.S. Treasury and will no longer be available for expenditure, even if the end date established in the grant agreement is beyond September 30, 2015. Recipients are prohibited from accelerating their spending rate to spend down funds by September 22, 2015. Local HUD CPD field offices will monitor draws for affected grants to ensure that funds will be drawn only to reimburse the affected recipients for actual costs incurred in accordance with the project budget on, or before, the LOCCS availability of funds deadline. Grants awarded in the FY 2008 Homeless Assistance Competition are not eligible for renewal in the CoC Program Competition if they expired, or are expiring, in CY 2014 (time period from January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014), were not renewed in a previous competition, or were not approved for extension into CY 2015. Grants awarded in the FY 2008 Homeless Assistance Programs Competition that have an expiration date beyond CY 2015 **must** apply for renewal in the FY 2014 funding process. The only exception is for any grant awarded as Shelter Plus Care that included rehabilitation that has a 10-year grant, which will expire in FY 2017.

2. The total request for each renewing project may not exceed the ARA approved by HUD for that project. Because funds for acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation may not be renewed, grants being renewed whose original expiring award included those

funds may only renew leasing, supportive services, rental assistance, operating, and HMIS, costs and may not exceed 10 percent in administrative costs. For information on Annual Renewal Amount, see Section III.A.1.a. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

3. HUD will recapture grant funds remaining unspent at the end of the previous grant period when it renews a grant.

4. HUD encourages the consolidation of appropriate renewal grants when the grants are with the same recipient, have the same component and expire in the same year. However, projects that have not yet been consolidated must submit separate project applications for individual renewal grants. Where a recipient intends to consolidate renewal grants, this action can be accomplished by the local HUD CPD field office at the point of renewal grant agreement execution. Projects that have outstanding audit findings or that are poor performers cannot be consolidated. Further, any grant that applied to move from SHP leasing to rental assistance in the CoC Program Competition cannot be consolidated. This paragraph does not apply to CoCs that are designated by HUD as a UFA, since UFAs will enter into a single grant agreement with HUD for the entire geographic area.

5. Shelter Plus Care projects renewing for the first time under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice are allowed to indicate a higher number of units than approved in the original application on the GIW during the modified FY 2014 CoC Registration process. However, in order for HUD to approve this increase, the applicant must have provided their local HUD CPD field office with copies of all executed leases to support the higher number of units. This must have been completed prior to Registration as the increase in units affected the project's ARA. HUD will consider the number of documented units under lease at the time of GIW submission the maximum number of units eligible for renewal in the FY 2014 Application Process.

C. New Projects.

1. The only new projects that a CoC may apply for are new projects created through reallocation, Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus projects, CoC planning, and UFA costs (if applicable).

2. In order to expend funds within statutorily required deadlines, applicants funded for sponsor-based and project-based rental assistance must execute the grant agreement and begin providing rental assistance within 2 years. However, HUD strongly encourages all rental assistance to begin within 12 months of award. Applicants that are unable to begin rental assistance within the 12 month period should consult with the local HUD CPD field office.

3. All applicants must meet statutory deadlines regarding the obligation of grant funds as stated in the 2014 HUD Appropriations Act. All subrecipients must meet applicant eligibility standards as described in Section V.A. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. HUD will review project subrecipient eligibility as part of the threshold review process. Project applicants are required to submit documentation of subrecipients' eligibility with the application.

D. Matching. 24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements.

E. Other Project Eligibility Requirements.

1. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements. To be eligible for funding under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice, project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the Act and CoC Program interim rule. Project applicants can obtain a copy of the Act and the CoC Program interim rule on the HUD Exchange or by contacting the NOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 (1-800-483-8929).

2. Threshold Requirements:

a. *Ineligible Applicants.* HUD will not consider an application from an ineligible project applicant, including an application submitted for CoC planning funds or UFA costs from an applicant other than the Collaborative Applicant.

b. *DUNS Number Requirement.* All project applicants seeking funding under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice must have a DUNS number and include the number in the Standard Form 424 (SF-424). The SF-424 must be submitted along with the project application in *e-snaps.* See Section III.C.2.b. of the FY 2013 General Section for additional information

c. *Active Registration in CCR/ SAM.* All project applicants seeking funding under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice must have an active CCR/SAM registration. HUD will not issue a grant agreement for awarded funds to a project applicant until an active CCR/SAM registration has been verified. See Section III.C.2.c. of the FY 2013 General Section for additional information.

d. *Project Eligibility Threshold.* HUD will review all projects to determine if they meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If HUD determines that the applicable standards are not met for a project, the project will be rejected from the competition. Any project requesting renewal funding will be considered as having met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless information to the contrary is received (e.g., monitoring findings, results from investigations by the Office of Inspector General, etc.). Approval of new and renewal projects is not a determination by HUD that a recipient is in compliance with applicable fair housing and civil requirements.

(1) Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the CoC program interim rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).

(2) Project applicants and potential subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant/subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of other federal funds.

(3) Project applicants must submit the required certifications as specified in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

(4) The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, and the project application must clearly establish eligibility of project applicants. This includes the following additional eligibility criteria for certain types of projects:

(a) The only persons who may be served by any non-dedicated permanent supportive housing beds are those who come from the streets, emergency shelters, safe havens, institutions, or transitional housing.

(i) Homeless individuals and homeless households with children coming from transitional housing must have originally come from the streets or emergency shelters.

(ii) Homeless individuals and homeless households with children with a qualifying disability who were fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and are living in transitional housing are eligible for permanent supportive housing even if they did not live on the streets, emergency shelters, or safe havens prior to entry in the transitional housing. As participants leave currently operating projects, participants who meet this eligibility standard must replace them.

(iii) Persons exiting institutions where they resided for 90 days or less and came from the streets, emergency shelter, or safe havens immediately prior to entering the institution are also eligible for PSH.

(b) The only persons who may be served by dedicated or prioritized permanent supportive housing beds are chronically homeless persons as defined in 24 CFR 578.3. Importantly, persons in transitional housing **are not** considered to be chronically homeless even if they met the criteria prior to entering the transitional housing program.

(c) Rapid Re-housing projects originally funded to serve individuals and families coming from the streets or emergency shelters, must continue to do so. Persons coming from transitional housing are not eligible.

(d) New Rapid re-housing projects created through reallocation must serve households with children coming from the streets or emergency shelters and may include in part or whole, victims of domestic violence; however, these participants must meet the all other criteria for this type of housing (i.e., household with children who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelter). Persons coming from transitional housing projects are not eligible.

(e) Projects originally funded as part of the FY 2008 Rapid Re-Housing for Families Demonstration must continue to adhere to the following requirements:

i. must serve households with dependent children residing on the streets or emergency shelters;

ii. no more than 30 percent of the total eligible program activities may be used for supportive services, including case management;

iii. eligible supportive services are limited to housing placement, case management, legal assistance, literacy training, job training, mental health services, childcare services, and substance abuse services;

iv. eligible housing activities include leasing only; and

v. continue to participate in and provide requested information to HUD for evaluation.

(f) Renewal projects originally funded under the Samaritan Housing Initiative must continue to exclusively serve the chronically homeless, unless there are no chronically homeless within the CoC geographic area. CoCs should not hold units vacant, but instead should prioritize other vulnerable and eligible households.

(g) Renewal projects originally funded under the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus in previous years must continue to serve the homeless population in accordance with the respective NOFA under which it was originally awarded.

(h) Renewal projects that indicated they would prioritize chronically homeless persons in beds that become available through turnover in non-dedicated permanent supportive housing projects must continue to do so.

(5) The project must be cost-effective, including costs of construction, operations, and supportive services with such costs not deviating substantially from the norm in that locale for the type of structure or kind of activity.

(6) Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning costs and, if applicable, UFA costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient cannot disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.

(7) Project applicants must administer their programs or activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified homeless with disabilities. This means that programs or activities must be offered in a setting that enables the homeless with disabilities to interact with others without disabilities to the fullest extent possible.

e. *Project Quality Threshold.* HUD will review all new Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus and new project applications created through reallocation to determine if they meet the following project quality threshold requirements with clear and convincing evidence. Any project requesting renewal funding will be considered as having met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless

information to the contrary is received (e.g., monitoring findings, results from investigations by the Office of Inspector General, etc.). These projects are required to meet the requirements outlined in this section of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. The housing and services proposed must be appropriate to the needs of the program participants and the community. A determination that a project meets the project quality threshold is not a determination by HUD that a recipient is in compliance with applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements.

(1) To be considered as meeting project quality threshold, new project applications created through reallocation and new projects created through the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus must receive at least 5 points based on the criteria below. New project applications that do not receive at least 5 points will be rejected.

- **(a)** Whether the type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the program participants (1 point);
- **(b)** Whether the type, scale, location of the supportive services, and the mode of transportation to those services fit the needs of the program participants (1 point);
- **(c)** Whether the specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of the program participants (1 point);
- **(d)** Whether program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (1 point);
- **(e)** Whether program participants are assisted to both increase their incomes and live independently using mainstream housing and service programs in a manner that fits their needs (1 point);
- **(f)** Whether at least 75 percent of the proposed program participants come from the street or other locations not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, or safe havens (1 point); and
- **(g)** Whether amenities (e.g., grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.) are accessible in the community (1 point).

(2) To be considered as meeting project quality threshold, the Collaborative Applicant's application for new CoC planning funds must receive at least 3 points based on the criteria below. Applications that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected. Applications for UFA costs are not subject to a threshold review, as UFA status was determined as part of Registration.

- **(a)** The proposed planning activities that will be carried out by the CoC with grant funds are compliant with the provisions of 24 CFR 578.7 (2 points); and
- **(b)** The funds requested will improve the CoC's ability to evaluate the outcome of both CoC Program-funded and ESG-funded projects (2 points).

(3) Additionally, HUD will assess all new projects for the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards. To be considered as meeting project quality threshold, all new projects must meet all of the following criteria:

(a) Project applicants and potential subrecipients must have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grant(s), as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients, regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings;

(b) For expansion projects, project applicants must clearly articulate the part of the project that is being expanded. Additionally, the project applicants must clearly demonstrate that they are not replacing other funding sources; and

(c) Project applicants must demonstrate they will be able to meet all timeliness standards per 24 CFR 578.85. Project applicants with existing projects must demonstrate that they have met all project renewal threshold requirements of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. HUD reserves the right to deny the funding request for a new project, if the request is made by an existing recipient that HUD finds to have significant issues related to capacity, performance, or unresolved audit/monitoring Finding related to one or more existing grants. Additionally, HUD reserves the right to withdraw funds if no APR is submitted on the prior grant.

f. *Project Renewal Threshold.* A CoC must consider the need to continue funding for projects expiring in CY 2015. Renewal projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice or they will be rejected from consideration for funding. When considering renewal projects for award, HUD will review information in LOCCS; Annual Performance Reports (APRs); and information provided from the local HUD CPD Field Office, including monitoring reports and A-133 audit reports as applicable, and performance standards on prior grants, and will assess projects using the following criteria on a pass/fail basis:

(1) Whether the project applicant's performance met the plans and goals established in the initial application as amended;

(2) Whether the project applicant demonstrated all timeliness standards for grants being renewed, including that standards for the expenditure of grant funds have been met;

(3) The project applicant's performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living and record of success, except HMIS-dedicated projects are not required to meet this standard; and

(4) Whether there is evidence that a project applicant has been unwilling to accept technical assistance, has a history of inadequate financial accounting practices, has indications of project mismanagement, has a drastic reduction in the population served, has made program changes without prior HUD approval, or has lost a project site.

HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject a funding request from the project applicant for the following reasons:

(a) Outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon;

(b) Audit finding(s) for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory;

(c) History of inadequate financial management accounting practices;

(d) Evidence of untimely expenditures on prior award;

(e) History of other major capacity issues that have significantly affected the operation of the project and its performance;

(f) History of not reimbursing subrecipients for eligible costs in a timely manner, or at least quarterly; and

(g) History of serving ineligible program participants, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes.

g. *Resolution of Outstanding Civil Rights Matters Threshold.* In order for a project application to be eligible for rating and ranking by HUD, the project applicant and the proposed subrecipient must meet the civil rights threshold requirements in Section III.C.2.d. of the FY 2013 General Section.

h. *Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.* For each applicant that is not a State or unit of local government, the applicant must submit a certification by the jurisdiction in which the proposed project will be located that the applicant's application for funding is consistent with the jurisdiction's HUD-approved consolidated plan. The certification must be made in accordance with the provisions of the consolidated plan regulations at 24 CFR part 91, subpart F. Form HUD-2991 must be used and must list all new projects created through reallocation, CoC planning, UFA costs, and renewal projects within the jurisdiction that are consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

For a project applicant that is a State or unit of local government, the jurisdiction must certify that it is following its HUD-approved Consolidated Plan.

3. Other HUD Requirements. The list below highlights requirements contained in the FY 2013 General Section (and in other regulations) that is especially important for CoCs and project applicants to review in detail. This is not an exhaustive list of all HUD requirements. All of the requirements of the FY 2013 General Section apply to the CoC Program, except as otherwise specified in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

An applicant may access the General Section of HUD's FY 2013 NOFA and the General Section Technical Correction at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/2013gensec. Note that the General Section of HUD's FY 2013 NOFA is critical and must be carefully reviewed to ensure an application can be considered for funding, with the exception of reference to the www.grants.gov application process and other exceptions specifically listed in this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. The CoC Program

uses an electronic system outside of www.grants.gov called *e-snaps*. Notification of the availability of the application will be released via HUD's websites located at www.hud.gov and www.hudexchange.info. To sign up for HUD's CoC Program email-based listserv, go to https://www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist/.

a. *Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.* See 24 CFR 578.93 for specific requirements related to Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

b. *Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity.* See the *Federal Register* dated February 1, 2012, Docket No. FR 5359-F-02 and Section III.C.3.g. of the General Section.

c. *Debarment and Suspension.* See Section III.C.2.e. of the FY 2013 General Section. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that all subrecipients are not debarred or suspended. (24 CFR 578.23((3)(c)(4)(v)

d. *Delinquent Federal Debts.* See Section III.C.2.g. of the FY 2013 General Section.

e. *Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights.* See Section III.C.3.a. of the FY 2013 General Section.

f. *Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).* See Section III.C.3.c. of the FY 2013 General Section.

g. *Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-income Persons (Section 3).* See Section III.C.3.d. of the FY 2013 General Section.

h. *Real Property Acquisition and Relocation.* See Section III.C.3.i. of the FY 2013 General Section.

i. *Conducting Business in Accordance with Core Values and Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct.* See Section III.C.3.j. of the FY 2013 General Section.

j. *Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities.* See Section III.C.3.k. of the FY 2013 General Section.

k. *Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation.* See Section III.C.3.m. of the FY 2013 General Section.

l. *Environmental Requirements.* Notwithstanding provisions at 24 CFR 578.31 and 24 CFR 578.99(a) of the CoC Program interim rule, and in accordance with Section 100261(3) of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 404), activities under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice are subject to environmental review by a responsible entity under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58.

(1) For activities under a grant to a recipient other than a State or unit of general local government that generally would be subject to review under part 58, HUD may make a finding in accordance with 24 CFR 58.11(d) and may itself perform the environmental review under the provisions of 24 CFR part 50 if the recipient objects in writing to the responsible entity's performing the review under part 24 CFR part 58.

(2) Irrespective of whether the responsible entity in accord with 24 CFR part 58 (or HUD in accord with 24 CFR part 50) performs the environmental review, the recipient must supply all available, relevant information necessary for the

responsible entity (or HUD, if applicable) to perform for each property any required environmental review. The recipient also must carry out mitigating measures required by the responsible entity (or HUD, if applicable) or select alternative property.

(3) The recipient, its project partners, and their contractors may not acquir, rehabilitate, convert, lease, repair, dispose of, demolish, or construct property for a project under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice, or commit or expand HUD or local funds for such eligible activities under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice, until the responsible entity (as defined by 24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)) has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) have been approved or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the property. HUD will not release grant funds if the recipient or any other party commits grant funds (i.e., incurs any costs or expenditures to be paid or reimbursed with such funds) before the recipient submits and HUD approves its RROF (where such submission is required).

m. *Drug-Free Workplace.* See Section III.C.3.q. of the FY 2013 General Section.

n. *Safeguarding Resident/Client Files.* See Section III.C.3.s. of the FY 2013 General Section.

o. *Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 209-282) (Transparency Act), as amended.* See Section III.C.3.u. of the FY 2013 General Section.

p. *Lead-Based Paint Requirements.* For housing constructed before 1978 (with certain statutory and regulatory exceptions), CoC Program recipients must comply with the requirements of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4801, *et seq.*), as amended by the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851, *et seq.*); and implementing regulations of HUD, at 24 CFR part 35; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 745, or State/Tribal lead rules implemented under EPA authorization; and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration at 29 CFR 1926.62 and 29 CFR 1910.1025.

VI. Application and Submission Information

A. Application Package. The FY 2014 Application Process only applies to the completion of the CoC Priority Listing, which includes reallocation forms, required attachments, and project applications. The submission summary in *e-snaps* provides the list of elements required to complete each type of project application and the CoC Priority Listing. A Collaborative Applicant will not be able to submit the CoC Priority Listing and required attachments to HUD until all required parts are completed, including the review of project applications and either accepting and ranking or rejecting. Once available, the CoC Priority Listing and project applications may be accessed at www.hud.gov/esnaps.

B. Content and Form of Application Submission. The FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application submitted by Collaborative Applicants applied to 2 years of funding, including FY 2014 funds. Therefore, the Collaborative Applicant will only submit Project Applications for the

project(s) that the CoC listed on its Priority Listings, and the Priority Listings which contain all project applications submitted to the CoC for funding consideration that are either ranked or rejected.

C. CoC Priority Listing. The CoC Priority Listing must be submitted by the Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the CoC. The CoC Priority Listing will include the following parts, all of which will be submitted electronically either through *e-snaps* or as an uploaded attachment (for more information see the Training on *e-snaps* at www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources/) to be considered for funding:

1. The FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing, including:

a. Reallocation forms (if applicable) that indicate the eligible renewal projects that are being reallocated in whole or part to create new permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 or rapid re-housing for households with children coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters;

b. Ranking of all project applications approved by the CoC to be submitted to be submitted with every project assigned a unique rank number that include the following Project Lists:

(1) New Project Listing–those new project applications created through reallocation and new Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project applications;

(2) Renewal Project Listing;

(3) CoC Planning Project Listing; and

(4) UFA Costs Project Listing.

c. All required attachments, including:

(1) Form HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan. For each applicant that is not a State or unit of local government, the applicant must submit a certification by the jurisdiction in which the proposed project will be located that the applicant's application for funding is consistent with the jurisdiction's HUD-approved consolidated plan. Form HUD-2991 must be used and must include a list of all projects submitted for funding on the CoC's Priority Listings;

(2) Final HUD-approved GIW; and

(3) List of all permanent supportive housing projects that will prioritize the chronically homeless in non-dedicated beds as they become available in order to meet the CoCs prioritization goal for 2014 that was indicated in the FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application by the Collaborative applicant, using the template provided at www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/fy-2013-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/.

2. FY 2014 Project Application(s), including, for each project application:

a. Project application charts, narratives, and attachments;

b. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;

c. The SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application is for private nonprofit applicants only and completion/submission of this survey is voluntary;

d. Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility–all project applicants must attach documentation of eligibility–subrecipient eligibility must also be attached to the project application;

e. Applicant Certifications;

f. Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report must be attached for each project. Form HUD-2880 must include the correct amount of HUD assistance requested and must be dated no earlier than June 1, 2014;

g. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying of Activities (if applicable);

h. Applicant Code of Conduct. The Code must be attached in *e-snaps* or on file with HUD at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/conduct; and

i. Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace dated no earlier than June 1, 2014.

3. Solo applicants–eligible project applicants that attempted to participate in the CoC planning process in the geographic area in which they operate, that believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner–may submit an application to HUD and may be awarded a grant from HUD by following the procedure found in 24 CFR 578.35. Solo applicants must submit their project application to HUD by **7:59:59 p.m. eastern time, October 30, 2014,** which must include the CoC's notification of rejection of the project in the local competition as an attachment to the Solo Applicant's project application. If the CoC fails to provide written notification, outside of *e-snaps*, the Solo Applicant must attach a statement that the CoC did not provide the Solo Applicant written notification of the CoC rejecting the project in the local CoC competition.

4. The General Section of HUD's FY 2013 NOFA contains certifications that the applicant will comply with fair housing and civil rights requirements, program regulations, and other federal requirements, and (where applicable) that the proposed activities are consistent with the HUD-approved Consolidated Plan of the applicable State or unit of general local government.

D. Submission Dates and Times.

1. Application Deadline Date

a. Completed CoC Priority Listing with approved and ranked or rejected project applications must be submitted to HUD on or before **7:59:59 p.m. eastern time on October 30, 2014.**

b. Provisions at 24 CFR 578.9 require CoCs to design, operate, and follow a collaborative process for the development of an application in response to a NOFA issued by HUD. As part of this collaborative process, CoCs must implement internal competition deadlines to ensure transparency and fairness at the local level.

The CoC should have notified all project applicants no later than 10 days before the application deadline regarding whether their project applications would be submitted as part of the FY 2014 Application Process. Any project applicants that were rejected by the CoC must be notified in writing, outside of *e-snaps*, with an explanation for the decision to reject the project application.

c. All applicants may access the HUD Exchange Ask A Question (AAQ) any time prior to 7:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time, on the application submission deadline date for FY 2014 funds. Applicants that are experiencing technical difficulty should contact the AAQ immediately for assistance and document their attempts to obtain assistance. HUD strongly encourages CoCs to allow ample time to resolve any technical difficulties that might be encountered during the submission of the application to HUD. Applicants should not wait until the final minutes before the application submission deadline to submit CoC Priority Listing.

d. In order for the CoC Priority Listing to be considered complete and properly submitted for review by HUD in the FY 2014 Application Process, the Collaborative Applicant must submit the entire CoC Priority Listing with project applications by the submission deadline which includes: the CoC Priority Listing and the project applications on behalf of the CoC. Note that the "**Submit**" button will not be available on the Submission Summary of the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing until all required parts of the listings, including accepting and ranking with a unique rank number or rejecting project applications have been completed. Collaborative Applicants should review the Submission Summary form carefully to ensure that no sections state "Please Complete."

e. Collaborative Applicants must print a copy of the Submission Summary form from the CoC Priority Listing before closing their internet browser after the CoC Priority Listing have been submitted to HUD. This is the Collaborative Applicant's receipt of submission and proof of compliance with the application deadline. HUD will not give funding consideration to any Collaborative Applicant whose CoC Priority Listings are determined to be late and that are unable to provide HUD with a record of submission that verifies the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing were submitted prior to the application deadline date and time.

f. HUD strongly suggests that applicants use the "Export to PDF" functionality of *e-snaps* to print a hard copy of all submission documents for their records. This can be completed prior to or after submission.

E. Intergovernmental Review. Not Applicable.

F. Funding Restrictions. Not Applicable.

G. Other Submission Requirements

1. **Waiver of Electronic Submission Requirements**. The regulatory framework of HUD's electronic submission requirement is the final rule established in 24 CFR 5.1005. CoCs seeking a waiver of the electronic submission requirement must request a waiver in accordance with 24 CFR 5.1005. HUD regulations allow for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement for good cause. For the Continuum of Care Program

Competition, HUD is defining good cause as follows:

a. there are no computers that could be used by applicants and/or the Collaborative Applicant that are newer than 5 years old anywhere within the CoC's geographic area; or

b. there are no computers that could be used by applicants and/or the Collaborative Applicant anywhere within the CoC's geographic area; or

c. there is no internet access that could be used by applicants and/or the Collaborative Applicant anywhere within the CoC's geographic area.

HUD will grant waivers only at the CoC level and not at the individual project applicant level, and only to CoCs that were approved by HUD during the required CoC Registration process.

If the waiver is granted, the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs' response will include instructions on how many copies of the paper application must be submitted, as well as where to submit them. CoCs that are granted a waiver of the electronic submission requirement will not be afforded additional time to submit their applications. Therefore, Collaborative Applicants seeking a waiver of the electronic submission requirement on behalf of the CoC should submit their waiver request with sufficient time to allow HUD to process and respond to the request. Collaborative Applicants should also allow themselves sufficient time to submit the application on behalf of the CoC so that HUD receives the application by the established deadline date. For this reason, HUD strongly recommends that if a Collaborative Applicant finds it cannot submit its application electronically and must seek a waiver of the electronic grant submission requirement, it should submit the waiver request to the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs no later than 30 days after the publication date of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. To expedite the receipt and review of each request, Collaborative Applicants may fax their written requests to Ann Marie Oliva, Acting Director at (202) 401-0053. If HUD does not have sufficient time to process the waiver request, a waiver will not be granted. Paper applications received without a prior approved waiver and/or after the established deadline will not be considered.

VII. Project Review and Selection Process

A. Review, Rating, and Ranking. HUD will conduct a threshold review for project applicants and project applications. For new Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus projects and new projects created through reallocation, the review process will consider applicant and sponsor eligibility and capacity, project eligibility, and project quality as part of the threshold review. The renewal project threshold review will consider applicant and sponsor capacity and eligibility. The renewal project threshold reviews are explained in Section V.E.2. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice, which covers eligible applicants and projects.

1. *Threshold Review: Applicant and subrecipient eligibility, capacity, and quality.* HUD will review project applications to determine whether applicants and subrecipients meet the eligibility and capacity thresholds, and whether the projects meet the eligibility and project quality thresholds detailed in Section V.E.2.d and V.E.2.e. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice If HUD determines these standards are not met, the project will be rejected from the competition. If a new project receives sufficient points to pass the

project quality threshold review described in Sections V.E.2.e.(1),(2), or (3) of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice, as applicable, but does not meet one or more of the criteria within the rating factors, then HUD may place conditions on the grant award and the applicant must demonstrate that the criteria will be met before HUD will sign a grant agreement with the applicant for the project. If an applicant is unable to demonstrate that the project quality threshold criteria are met within the time frame specified by HUD, then HUD reserves the right not to award funds to the applicant and add those funds to the funds available for the next competition.

2. *Conditional Selection and Adjustments to Funding.* Once projects are determined to have passed threshold review, HUD will use the following order of selection priorities to select eligible projects for funding in the FY 2014 Application Process, CoCs that received a higher score on the FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application have a better chance of being awarded projects ranked in Tier 2, depending on the availability of carryover or recaptured funds to be used in the FY 2014 Application Process.

Using the selection priorities, HUD will select projects from the CoC's Priority Listings until no additional funds are available. HUD will select lower ranked projects from the CoC Priority Listing above higher ranked projects, consistent with these selection priorities.

Within the rank order established by the CoC on the Priority Listings, HUD will first select projects from Tier 1 in the following order by CoC score:

1. renewal permanent housing projects, RRH and PSH;

2. new PSH projects created through reallocation for 100 percent chronically homeless;

3. new rapid re-housing projects created through reallocation for homeless households with children;

4. renewal safe havens;

5. renewal transitional housing;

6. CoC planning costs;

7. UFA costs;

8. SSO projects for centralized or coordinated assessment system;

9. renewal HMIS;

10. all other renewal supportive services only projects, and

11. any project application submitted by the CoC that was not included in the HUD-approved GIW.

Within the rank order established by the CoC on the Priority Listings, HUD will then select projects from Tier 2 with any remaining available funds in the following order by CoC score:

1. renewal permanent housing projects, RRH and PSH;

2. new PSH projects created through reallocation for 100 percent chronically homeless;

3. new rapid re-housing projects created through reallocation for homeless households with children;
4. renewal safe havens;
5. renewal transitional housing;
6. CoC planning costs;
7. UFA costs;
8. supportive services only projects for centralized or coordinated assessment;
9. renewal HMIS;
10. all other renewal supportive services only projects; and
11. any project application submitted by the CoC that was not included in the HUD-approved GIW.

HUD will select projects in order of the selection priorities, and within each selection priority by FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC score, and for each CoC in order of the FY 2014 CoC Priority Listing, until there are no more available funds. For each selection priority, HUD will select all of the projects for a higher scoring CoC, in order of the CoC's Priority Listings, before selecting projects from the next highest scoring CoC, in order of that CoC's Priority Listings; HUD will move down through the CoCs by FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC score before continuing to the next selection priority, or until there are no more available funds.

3. *Permanent Supportive Housing Program Bonus Selection*. HUD will fund approximately $40 million in Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus projects based on the overall score for each project application as described in Section II.C.2. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. Projects that do not meet the project eligibility or project quality thresholds as described in Sections V.E.2.d. and V.E.2.e. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice will not be eligible for funding. HUD will select projects based on the total score (CoC Need + Project Application Score) described in Section II.C.2. of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice, moving down the list of Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus projects until there are no more available funds.

HUD will break ties among projects with the same total score by comparing scores received by the projects for each of the following rating criteria, in the order shown: CoC Need, Prioritizing Highest Need, Housing First, Mainstream Services, Leveraging, and CoC Score from the FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application.

B. Adjustments to Funding. HUD may adjust the selection of competitive projects as follows:

1. The FMRs used in calculating award amounts will be those in effect at the time the of application submission deadline.

2. *Geographic Diversity.* HUD has determined that geographic diversity is an appropriate consideration in selecting homeless assistance projects in the competition. HUD believes that geographic diversity can be achieved best by awarding grants to as many CoCs as possible. To this end, in instances where any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa do not have at least one funded CoC, HUD reserves

the right to fund eligible project(s) with the highest total score in the CoC.

3. *Funding Diversity*. HUD reserves the right to reduce the amount of a grant, if necessary, to ensure that no more than 10 percent of assistance made available under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice will be awarded for projects located within any one unit of general local government or within the geographic area covered by any one CoC.

4. If HUD exercises a right it has reserved under this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice, that right will be exercised uniformly across all applications received in response to this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice.

C. Corrections to Deficient Applications. HUD will exercise the authority for curing deficiencies as stated in the General Section of HUD's FY 2013 NOFA, if needed, on a consistent and uniform basis for all CoCs and applicants. Additionally, HUD reserves the right to respond to unanticipated system defects, ambiguities, and technical difficulties in application submissions in *e-snaps* through a flexible implementation of its authority to cure application deficiencies through written inquires seeking clarification and additional information (also known as callbacks). Upon proper publication in the *Federal Register*, HUD reserves the right to extend the competition deadline for good cause.

VIII. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

1. **Action on Conditionally Selected Applications**. HUD will notify conditionally selected applicants in writing. HUD may subsequently request conditionally selected applicants to submit additional project information–which may include documentation to show the project is financially feasible; documentation of firm commitments for match; documentation showing site control; information necessary for HUD to perform an environmental review, where HUD determines to do so in accordance with 24 CFR 58.11(d); a copy of the organization's Code of Conduct; and such other documentation as specified by HUD in writing–to the application, that confirms or clarifies information provided in the application. HUD will require the submission of the additional project information no later than 30 days after the date of the letter for such information, except as otherwise provided in 24 CFR 578.21(c). If an applicant is unable to meet any conditions for fund award within the specified time frame, HUD reserves the right not to award funds to the applicant and add those funds to the funds available for the next competition.

2. **Applicant Debriefing**. See the General Section of HUD's FY 2013 NOFA for applicant debriefing procedures.

3. **Appeals Process**. Applicants may appeal funding decisions only as provided in 24 CFR 578.35.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

1. Administrative and Other Program Requirements

a. Federal agencies are required to measure the performance of their programs. HUD captures this information not only from monitoring visits and APRs, but also on the data gathered in annual competitions. HUD's homeless assistance programs are

being measured in FY 2014 by the objective to "end chronic homelessness and to move the homeless to permanent housing." HUD has chosen six indicators which directly relate to the CoC Program. These six indicators, as described below, were collected in the FY 2013/FY2014 CoC Application:

(1) The creation of new PSH beds for the chronically homeless;

(2) The decrease in the number of the chronically homeless in the CoC's geography;

(3) The increase of employment of the homeless residing in or exiting HUD homeless assistance projects;

(4) The increase of the use of mainstream resources for the homeless residing or exiting from HUD homeless assistance projects;

(5) The percentage of turnover in CoC Program-funded PSH not dedicated to the chronically homeless that will be prioritized to serve the chronically homeless; and

(6) The percentage of households with children that are served in rapid re-housing that came from unsheltered locations.

b. *Procurement of Recovered Materials*. See Section III C.4.1. of the General Section of HUD's FY 2013 NOFA and the interim rule at 24 CFR 578.99(b) for further information.

c. Reference the General Section of HUD's FY 2013 NOFA for other administrative requirements.

2. Timeliness Standards. The FY 2014 HUD Appropriations Act requires HUD to obligate FY 2014 CoC Program funds by September 30, 2016. Obligated funds remain available for expenditure until September 30, 2021. However, HUD reserves the right to require an earlier expenditure deadline under a grant agreement. The applicant is expected to initiate the approved projects promptly in accordance with the requirements of this section of this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice. Grant terms, and associated grant operations, may not extend beyond the availability of funds. Applicants must plan accordingly and only submit applications that can start operations in a timely manner with sufficient time to complete post award process within the awarded grant term. In addition, HUD will take action if the grantee fails to satisfy the following timeliness standards found in 24 CFR 578.85.

3. Reporting

a. In accordance with program regulations at 24 CFR 578.103, applicants must maintain records and within the time frame required, make any reports, including those pertaining to race, ethnicity, gender, and disability status that HUD may require. CoC applicants may report this data as part of their APR submission to HUD. Also, recipients who expend $500,000 or more in 1 year in federal awards are reminded they must have a single or program-specific audit for that year in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133.

b. *Section 3 Reporting Regulations.* Pursuant to 24 CFR 135.3(a)(2), the Section 3 requirements apply to housing and community development assistance that is used for housing rehabilitation, housing construction and other public constructions.

Recipients of CoC Program funds must submit Form HUD-60002 to the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) at the time they submit their APR to the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs. This form may be completed electronically at www.hud.gov/section3. For more information on Section 3, see Section III.C.3.d. of the FY 2013 General Section Technical Correction.

c. Award notices may also include requirements for sub-award reporting in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Financial Assistance Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282) (Transparency Act) and Section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Pub. L. 110-417), referred to as "Section 872." See the General Section for further information.

IX. Agency Contacts

A. For Further Information. Individuals who are hearing or speech-impaired should use the Information Relay Services at 1-800-877-8339 (these are toll-free numbers). Recipients and individuals can use the locator at www.hudexchange.info to find contact information for the Collaborative Applicant and for the local HUD CPD Field Office serving the CoC's territory.

B. For Technical Assistance. HUD will make appropriate resources available for technical assistance related to *e-snaps*. Specifically, HUD will make available *e-snaps* AAQ at www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/. To address technical or other questions, local HUD CPD Field Office staff will also be available to help citizens identify organizations in the community that are involved in developing the CoC system. HUD staff and HUD contractors are prohibited from providing CoCs and project applicants with guidance that will result in a competitive advantage for any CoC or project applicant.

Following conditional selection of applications, HUD staff will be available to assist conditionally awarded applicants in clarifying or confirming information that is a prerequisite to the offer of a grant agreement by HUD. However, between the application deadline and the announcement of conditional selections, HUD is prohibited from and will not accept any information that would improve the substantive quality of a CoC's application pertinent to HUD's funding decision.

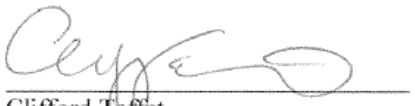
C. Satellite Broadcast, HUD will hold one or more informative broadcast(s) via satellite for potential applicants to provide guidance on the program and preparation of the application. HUD strongly recommends that applicants view these broadcasts, which will provide critical information on the FY 2014 Application Process. For more information about the date and time of the broadcast, individuals should consult the HUD website at www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm.

X. Other Information

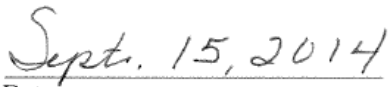
A. Paperwork Reduction Act. The information collection requirements contained in this document have been submitted for approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) and the OMB approval number is 2506-0112. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is prohibited from conducting or sponsoring, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control

number. Public reporting burden for the collection of information and grant administration is estimated to average 250 hours per annum per respondent for the application and grant administration. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data for the application, semi-annual reports and final report. The information will be used for grantee selection and monitoring the administration of funds.

B. Environmental Impact. A Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the environment has been made for this notice, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50 that implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)). The Finding of No Significant Impact is made available with the posting of the FY 2013 – FY 2014 CoC Program Competition NOFA and this FY 2014 CoC Funding Notice on HUD's "Funds Available" page at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail under the FY 2013 program link.



Clifford Taffet
General Deputy Assistant Secretary



Date

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Appendix
Continuum of Care (CoC) Need Score

As stated in Section II.C.2.a. of the FY 2014 CoC Program Funding Notice, each project application submitted for the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus competition will receive a relative need score based on the following CoC-level data for CoC in which the project will be located:

1. the number of chronically homeless reported in the 2013 Point-in-Time count;
2. the number of dedicated permanent supportive housing beds available with the CoC from any funding source, dedicated for use by chronically homeless as reported on the 2013 Housing Inventory Count; and
3. the extent to which the CoC has prioritized existing permanent supportive housing beds/units not currently designated for the chronically homeless.

The relative need score for each CoC is provided in the chart below:

CoC Number	CoC Name	FY 2014 CoC Need Score for Bonus
AK-500	Anchorage CoC	45
AK-501	Alaska Balance of State CoC	15
AL-500	Birmingham/Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby Counties CoC	45
AL-501	Mobile City & County/Baldwin County CoC	15
AL-502	Florence/Northwest Alabama CoC	0
AL-503	Huntsville/North Alabama CoC	30
AL-504	Montgomery City & County CoC	0
AL-505	Gadsden/Northeast Alabama CoC	0
AL-506	Tuscaloosa City & County CoC	0
AL-507	Alabama Balance of State CoC	0
AR-500	Little Rock/Central Arkansas CoC	45
AR-501	Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas CoC	15
AR-503	Arkansas Balance of State CoC	15
AR-504	Delta Hills CoC	0
AR-505	Southeast Arkansas	0
AR-512	Boone, Baxter, Marion, Newton Counties CoC	0
AZ-500	Arizona Balance of State CoC	30
AZ-501	Tucson/Pima County CoC	45
AZ-502	Phoenix/Mesa/Maricopa County Regional CoC	60
CA-500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	60
CA-501	San Francisco CoC	60
CA-502	Oakland/Alameda County CoC	60
CA-503	Sacramento City & County CoC	60
CA-504	Santa Rosa/Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC	60

CoC Number	CoC Name	FY 2014 CoC Need Score for Bonus
CA-505	Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC	60
CA-506	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties CoC	60
CA-507	Marin County CoC	45
CA-508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	60
CA-509	Mendocino County CoC	45
CA-510	Turlock/Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	45
CA-511	Stockton/San Joaquin County CoC	60
CA-512	Daly/San Mateo County CoC	60
CA-513	Visalia, Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	30
CA-514	Fresno/Madera County CoC	45
CA-515	Roseville/Rocklin/Placer, Nevada Counties CoC	45
CA-516	Redding/Shasta County CoC	45
CA-517	Napa City & County CoC	45
CA-518	Vallejo/Solano County CoC	60
CA-519	Chico/Paradise/Butte County CoC	60
CA-520	Merced City & County CoC	30
CA-521	Davis/Woodland/Yolo County CoC	45
CA-522	Humboldt County CoC	60
CA-523	Colusa, Glen, Lake, Tehama, Trinity Counties CoC	0
CA-524	Yuba City, Marysville/Sutter, Yuba Counties CoC	0
CA-525	El Dorado County CoC	0
CA-526	Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador Counties CoC	45
CA-600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	60
CA-601	San Diego City and County CoC	60
CA-602	Santa Ana/Anaheim/Orange County CoC	60
CA-603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	60
CA-604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	30
CA-606	Long Beach CoC	60
CA-607	Pasadena CoC	60
CA-608	Riverside City & County CoC	60
CA-609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	45
CA-611	Oxnard/San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC	60
CA-612	Glendale CoC	60
CA-613	Imperial County CoC	0
CA-614	San Luis Obispo County CoC	60
CO-500	Colorado Balance of State CoC	30
CO-503	Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative	60

CoC Number	CoC Name	FY 2014 CoC Need Score for Bonus
CO-504	Colorado Springs/El Paso County CoC	60
CT-502	Hartford CoC	45
CT-503	Bridgeport/Stratford/Fairfield CoC	45
CT-505	Connecticut Balance of State CoC	60
CT-506	Norwalk/Fairfield County CoC	45
CT-508	Stamford/Greenwich CoC	60
CT-512	City of Waterbury CoC	45
DC-500	District of Columbia CoC	60
DE-500	Delaware Statewide CoC	15
FL-500	Sarasota/Bradenton/Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	60
FL-501	Tampa/Hillsborough County CoC	60
FL-502	St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Largo/Pinellas County CoC	60
FL-503	Lakeland CoC	60
FL-504	Daytona Beach/Daytona/Volusia, Flagler Counties CoC	45
FL-505	Fort Walton Beach/Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	60
FL-506	Tallahassee/Leon County CoC	45
FL-507	Orlando/Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	60
FL-508	Gainesville/Alachua, Putnam Counties CoC	45
FL-509	Fort Pierce/St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin Counties CoC	45
FL-510	Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC	60
FL-511	Pensacola/Escambia/Santa Rosa County CoC	45
FL-512	Saint Johns County CoC	30
FL-513	Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC	45
FL-514	Ocala/Marion County CoC	15
FL-515	Panama City/Bay, Jackson Counties CoC	0
FL-516	Winterhaven/Polk County CoC	0
FL-517	Hendry, Hardee, Highlands Counties CoC	45
FL-518	Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee Counties CoC	30
FL-519	Pasco County CoC	60
FL-520	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter Counties CoC	15
FL-600	Miami/Dade County CoC	60
FL-601	Ft Lauderdale/Broward County CoC	60
FL-602	Punta Gorda/Charlotte County CoC	45
FL-603	Ft Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County CoC	45
FL-604	Monroe County CoC	60
FL-605	West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County CoC	60
FL-606	Naples/Collier County CoC	15

CoC Number	CoC Name	FY 2014 CoC Need Score for Bonus
GA-500	Atlanta Continuum of Care	60
GA-501	Georgia Balance of State CoC	30
GA-502	Fulton County Continuum of Care	0
GA-503	Athens/Clarke County CoC	30
GA-504	Augusta CoC	30
GA-505	Columbus-Muscogee/Russell County CoC	15
GA-506	Marietta/Cobb County CoC	30
GA-507	Savannah/Chatham County CoC	30
GA-508	DeKalb County Continuum of Care	0
GU-500	Guam CoC	60
HI-500	Hawaii Balance of State CoC	60
HI-501	Honolulu CoC	60
IA-500	Sioux City/Dakota, Woodbury Counties CoC	15
IA-501	Iowa Balance of State CoC	15
IA-502	Des Moines/Polk County CoC	30
ID-500	Boise/Ada County CoC	15
ID-501	Idaho Balance of State	15
IL-500	McHenry County CoC	15
IL-501	Rockford/Winnebago, Boone Counties CoC	45
IL-502	Waukegan/North Chicago/Lake County CoC	30
IL-503	Champaign/Urbana/Rantoul/Champaign County CoC	0
IL-504	Madison County CoC	0
IL-506	Joliet/Bolingbrook/Will County CoC	15
IL-507	Peoria/Perkin/Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford CoC	15
IL-508	East Saint Louis/Belleville/Saint Clair County CoC	0
IL-509	Dekalb City & County CoC	0
IL-510	Chicago CoC	30
IL-511	Cook County CoC	30
IL-512	Bloomington/Central Illinois CoC	15
IL-513	Springfield/Sangamon County CoC	15
IL-514	DuPage County CoC	30
IL-515	South Central Illinois CoC	0
IL-516	Decatur/Macon County CoC	15
IL-517	Aurora/Elgin/Kane County CoC	45
IL-518	Rock Island/Moline/Northwestern Illinois CoC	0
IL-519	West Central Illinois CoC	0
IL-520	Southern Illinois CoC	0

CoC Number	CoC Name	FY 2014 CoC Need Score for Bonus
IN-500	South Bend/Mishawaka/St. Joseph County CoC	15
IN-502	Indiana Balance of State CoC	30
IN-503	Indianapolis CoC	30
KS-501	Kansas City/Wyandotte County CoC	30
KS-502	Wichita/Sedgwick County CoC	15
KS-503	Topeka/Shawnee County CoC	30
KS-505	Overland Park/Shawnee/Johnson County CoC	0
KS-507	Kansas Balance of State CoC	15
KY-500	Kentucky Balance of State CoC	15
KY-501	Louisville/Jefferson County CoC	30
KY-502	Lexington/Fayette County CoC	15
LA-500	Lafayette/Acadiana CoC	15
LA-501	Lake Charles/Southwestern Louisiana CoC	0
LA-502	Shreveport/Bossier/Northwest CoC	30
LA-503	New Orleans/Jefferson Parish CoC	60
LA-504	Baton Rouge CoC	30
LA-505	Monroe/Northeast Louisiana CoC	0
LA-506	Slidell/Southeast Louisiana CoC	0
LA-507	Alexandria/Central Louisiana CoC	0
LA-508	Houma-Terrebonne/Thibodaux CoC	0
MA-500	Boston CoC	45
MA-502	Lynn CoC	45
MA-503	Cape Cod/Islands CoC	60
MA-504	Springfield CoC	60
MA-505	New Bedford CoC	45
MA-506	Worcester City & County CoC	30
MA-507	Pittsfield/Berkshire County CoC	15
MA-508	Lowell CoC	60
MA-509	Cambridge CoC	60
MA-510	Gloucester/Haverhill/Salem/Essex County CoC	60
MA-511	Quincy/Weymouth CoC	45
MA-513	Malden/Medford CoC	45
MA-515	Fall River CoC	45
MA-516	Massachusetts Balance of State (B0S) CoC	30
MA-517	Somerville CoC	45
MA-518	Brookline/Newton CoC	60
MA-519	Attleboro/Taunton/Bristol County CoC	15

CoC Number	CoC Name	FY 2014 CoC Need Score for Bonus
MA-520	Brockton/Plymouth City & County CoC	60
MD-500	Cumberland/Allegany County CoC	0
MD-501	Baltimore City CoC	60
MD-502	Harford County CoC	30
MD-503	Annapolis/Anne Arundel County CoC	45
MD-504	Howard County CoC	45
MD-505	Baltimore County CoC	60
MD-506	Carroll County CoC	30
MD-507	Cecil County CoC	30
MD-508	Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's Counties CoC	60
MD-509	Frederick City & County CoC	45
MD-510	Garrett County CoC	0
MD-511	Mid-Shore Regional CoC	15
MD-512	Hagerstown/Washington County CoC	30
MD-513	Wicomico/Somerset/Worcester County CoC	15
MD-600	Prince George`s County/Maryland CoC	45
MD-601	Montgomery County CoC	60
ME-500	Maine Balance of State CoC	15
ME-502	Portland CoC	45
MI-500	Michigan Balance of State CoC	0
MI-501	Detroit CoC	60
MI-502	Dearborn/Dearborn Heights/Westland/Wayne County CoC	0
MI-503	St. Clair Shores/Warren/Macomb County CoC	30
MI-504	Pontiac/Royal Oak/Oakland County CoC	15
MI-505	Flint/Genesee County CoC	0
MI-506	Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County CoC	15
MI-507	Portage/Kalamazoo City & County CoC	15
MI-508	Lansing/East Lansing/Ingham County CoC	15
MI-509	Ann Arbor/Washtenaw County CoC	60
MI-510	Saginaw City & County CoC	0
MI-511	Lenawee County CoC	0
MI-512	Grand Traverse, Antrim, Leelanau Counties CoC	15
MI-513	Marquette, Alger Counties CoC	0
MI-514	Battle Creek/Calhoun County CoC	0
MI-515	Monroe City & County CoC	0
MI-516	Norton Shores/Muskegon City & County CoC	15
MI-517	Jackson City & County CoC	0

CoC Number	CoC Name	FY 2014 CoC Need Score for Bonus
MI-518	Livingston County CoC	0
MI-519	Holland/Ottawa County CoC	0
MI-523	Eaton County CoC	0
MN-500	Minneapolis/Hennepin County CoC	45
MN-501	Saint Paul/Ramsey County CoC	45
MN-502	Rochester/Southeast Minnesota CoC	0
MN-503	Dakota, Anoka, Washington, Scott, Carver Counties	30
MN-504	Northeast Minnesota CoC	0
MN-505	St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC	15
MN-506	Northwest Minnesota CoC	0
MN-508	Moorhead/West Central Minnesota CoC	0
MN-509	Duluth/St. Louis County CoC	15
MN-511	Southwest Minnesota CoC	0
MO-500	St. Louis County CoC	30
MO-501	St. Louis City CoC	45
MO-503	St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren Counties CoC	30
MO-600	Springfield/Greene, Christian, Webster Counties CoC	15
MO-602	Joplin/Jasper, Newton Counties CoC	0
MO-603	St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties CoC	15
MO-604	Kansas City/Independence/Lee's Summit/Jackson County CoC	45
MO-606	Missouri Balance of State CoC	15
MS-500	Jackson/Rankin, Madison Counties CoC	45
MS-501	Mississippi Balance of State CoC	0
MS-503	Gulf Port/Gulf Coast Regional CoC	30
MT-500	Montana Statewide CoC	15
NC-500	Winston Salem/Forsyth County CoC	15
NC-501	Asheville/Buncombe County CoC	0
NC-502	Durham City & County CoC	30
NC-503	North Carolina Balance of State CoC	30
NC-504	Greensboro/High Point CoC	30
NC-505	Charlotte/Mecklenberg CoC	30
NC-506	Wilmington/Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender Counties CoC	15
NC-507	Raleigh/Wake County CoC	45
NC-509	Gastonia/Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln Counties CoC	30
NC-511	Fayetteville/Cumberland County CoC	60
NC-513	Chapel Hill/Orange County CoC	15
NC-516	Northwest North Carolina CoC	0

CoC Number	CoC Name	FY 2014 CoC Need Score for Bonus
ND-500	North Dakota Statewide CoC	15
NE-500	Nebraska Balance of State CoC	0
NE-501	Omaha/Council Bluffs CoC	30
NE-502	Lincoln CoC	45
NH-500	New Hampshire Balance of State CoC	45
NH-501	Manchester CoC	45
NH-502	Nashua/Hillsborough County CoC	15
NJ-500	Atlantic City & County CoC	60
NJ-501	Bergen County CoC	30
NJ-502	Burlington County CoC	30
NJ-503	Camden City/Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland Counties CoC	45
NJ-504	Newark/Essex County CoC	60
NJ-506	Jersey City/Bayonne/Hudson County CoC	60
NJ-507	New Brunswick/Middlesex County CoC	45
NJ-508	Monmouth County CoC	45
NJ-509	Morris County CoC	30
NJ-510	Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC	45
NJ-511	Paterson/Passaic County CoC	30
NJ-512	Salem County CoC	0
NJ-513	Somerset County CoC	30
NJ-514	Trenton/Mercer County CoC	30
NJ-515	Elizabeth/Union County CoC	30
NJ-516	Warren, Sussex, Hunterdon Counties CoC	30
NJ-518	Ocean City/Cape May County CoC	15
NM-500	Albuquerque CoC	60
NM-501	New Mexico Balance of State CoC	30
NV-500	Las Vegas/Clark County CoC	60
NV-501	Reno/Sparks/Washoe County CoC	45
NV-502	Nevada Balance of State CoC	15
NY-500	Rochester/Irondequoit/Greece/Monroe County CoC	30
NY-501	Elmira/Steuben, Allegany, Livingston, Chemung, Schuyle	0
NY-502	Auburn/Cayuga County	0
NY-503	Albany City & County CoC	45
NY-504	Cattaragus County CoC	0
NY-505	Syracuse/Onondaga County CoC	15
NY-506	Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie Counties CoC	0
NY-507	Schenectady City & County CoC	30

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NY-508	Buffalo/Niagara Falls/Erie, Niagara Counties CoC	30
NY-509	Oswego County CoC	15
NY-510	Ithaca/Tompkins County CoC	0
NY-511	Binghamton/Union Town/Broome, Otsego, Chenango, Cortla	0
NY-512	Troy/Rensselaer County CoC	30
NY-513	Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Yates Counties CoC	0
NY-514	Jamestown/Dunkirk/Chautauqua County CoC	0
NY-516	Clinton County CoC	0
NY-517	Orleans County CoC	0
NY-518	Utica/Rome/Oneida, Madison Counties CoC	15
NY-519	Columbia/Greene County CoC	0
NY-520	Franklin County CoC	0
NY-522	Jefferson/Lewis/St. Lawrence Counties CoC	15
NY-523	Glens Falls/Saratoga Springs/Saratoga, Washington, War	0
NY-600	New York City CoC	60
NY-601	Poughkeepsie/Dutchess County CoC	15
NY-602	Newburgh/Middletown/Orange County CoC	60
NY-603	Nassau, Suffolk Counties/Babylon/Islip/Huntington CoC	60
NY-604	Yonkers/Mount Vernon/New Rochelle/Westchester CoC	60
NY-606	Rockland County CoC	15
NY-607	Sullivan County CoC	45
NY-608	Kingston/Ulster County CoC	30
OH-500	Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC	45
OH-501	Toledo/Lucas County CoC	30
OH-502	Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC	15
OH-503	Columbus/Franklin County CoC	60
OH-504	Youngstown/Mahoning County CoC	15
OH-505	Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County CoC	0
OH-506	Akron/Barberton/Summit County CoC	45
OH-507	Ohio Balance of State CoC	15
OH-508	Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County CoC	15
OK-500	North Central Oklahoma CoC	0
OK-501	Tulsa City & County/Broken Arrow CoC	30
OK-502	Oklahoma City CoC	60
OK-503	Oklahoma Balance of State CoC	0
OK-504	Norman/Cleveland County CoC	15
OK-505	Northeast Oklahoma CoC	15

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OK-506	Southwest Oklahoma Regional CoC	0
OK-507	Southeastern Oklahoma Regional CoC	0
OR-500	Eugene/Springfield/Lane County CoC	45
OR-501	Portland-Gresham-Multnomah County CoC	60
OR-502	Medford/Ashland/Jackson County CoC	45
OR-503	Central Oregon CoC	30
OR-505	Oregon Balance of State CoC	30
OR-506	Hillsboro/Beaverton/Washington County CoC	30
OR-507	Clackamas County CoC	45
PA-500	Philadelphia CoC	60
PA-501	Harrisburg/Dauphin County CoC	30
PA-502	Upper Darby/Chester/Haverford/Delaware County CoC	30
PA-503	Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton/Luzerne County CoC	0
PA-504	Lower Marion/Norristown/Abington/Montgomery County CoC	15
PA-505	Chester County CoC	15
PA-506	Reading/Berks County CoC	30
PA-507	Altoona/Central Pennsylvania CoC	15
PA-508	Scranton/Lackawanna County CoC	0
PA-509	Allentown/Northeast Pennsylvania CoC	30
PA-510	Lancaster City & County CoC	15
PA-511	Bristol/Bensalem/Bucks County CoC	15
PA-512	York City & County CoC	15
PA-600	Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC	30
PA-601	Southwest Pennsylvania CoC	15
PA-602	Northwest Pennsylvania CoC	0
PA-603	Beaver County CoC	0
PA-605	Erie City & County CoC	0
PR-502	Puerto Rico Balance of Commonwealth CoC	45
PR-503	South/Southeast Puerto Rico CoC	45
RI-500	Rhode Island Statewide CoC	60
SC-500	Charleston/Low Country CoC	15
SC-501	Greenville/Anderson/Spartanburg Upstate CoC	15
SC-502	Columbia/Midlands CoC	30
SC-503	Myrtle Beach/Sumter City & County CoC	15
SD-500	South Dakota Statewide CoC	15
TN-500	Chattanooga/Southeast Tennessee CoC	15
TN-501	Memphis/Shelby County CoC	15

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TN-502	Knoxville/Knox County CoC	45
TN-503	Central Tennessee CoC	0
TN-504	Nashville/Davidson County CoC	60
TN-506	Oak Ridge/Upper Cumberland CoC	15
TN-507	Jackson/West Tennessee CoC	30
TN-509	Appalachian Regional CoC	30
TN-510	Murfreesboro/Rutherford County CoC	30
TN-512	Morristown/Blount, Sevier, Campbell, Cocke Counties CoC	15
TX-500	San Antonio/Bexar County CoC	60
TX-503	Austin/Travis County CoC	60
TX-600	Dallas City & County/Irving CoC	60
TX-601	Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County CoC	30
TX-603	El Paso City & County CoC	30
TX-604	Waco/McLennan County CoC	0
TX-607	Texas Balance of State (BoS) CoC	30
TX-611	Amarillo CoC	45
TX-624	Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counti	0
TX-700	City of Houston/Harris County	60
TX-701	Bryan/College Station/Brazos Valley CoC	0
TX-703	Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas CoC	45
UT-500	Salt Lake City & County CoC	30
UT-503	Utah Balance of State CoC	15
UT-504	Provo/Mountainland CoC	0
VA-500	Richmond/Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover Counties CoC	15
VA-501	Norfolk/Chesapeake/Suffolk/Isle of Wright, Southampton	30
VA-502	Roanoke City & County/Salem CoC	15
VA-503	Virginia Beach CoC	45
VA-504	Charlottesville CoC	15
VA-505	Newport News/Hampton/Virginia Peninsula CoC	45
VA-507	Portsmouth CoC	30
VA-508	Lynchburg CoC	0
VA-513	Harrisburg, Winchester/Western Virginia CoC	30
VA-514	Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania, Stafford Counties CoC	30
VA-521	Virginia Balance of State (BoS) CoC	15
VA-600	Arlington County CoC	60
VA-601	Fairfax County CoC	60
VA-602	Loudoun County CoC	30

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VA-603	City of Alexandria CoC	60
VA-604	Prince William County CoC	45
VI-500	Virgin Islands CoC	45
VT-500	Vermont Balance of State CoC	0
VT-501	Burlington/Chittenden County CoC	45
WA-500	Seattle/King County CoC	60
WA-501	Washington Balance of State CoC	45
WA-502	Spokane City & County CoC	15
WA-503	Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County CoC	30
WA-504	Everett/Snohomish County CoC	45
WA-507	Yakima City & County CoC	15
WA-508	Vancouver/Clark County CoC	45
WI-500	Wisconsin Balance of State CoC	15
WI-501	Milwaukee City & County CoC	45
WI-502	Racine City & County CoC	0
WI-503	Madison/Dane County CoC	45
WV-500	Wheeling/Weirton Area CoC	0
WV-501	Huntington/Cabell, Wayne Counties CoC	15
WV-503	Charleston/Kanawha, Putnam, Boone, Clay Counties CoC	0
WV-508	West Virginia Balance of State CoC	30
WY-500	Wyoming Statewide CoC	30