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Oahu's Continuum of Care

Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.

FY18 NOFA CoC RFP Question and Answer Sessions June 25 and 26, 2018

Q: What does the DV bonus project mean?

A: Up to \$50 million is available nationwide for the DV Bonus which will provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. PIC may apply for up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), totally \$586,863. See page 4 of the RFP.

Q: What are the differences between the 2018 Housing Bonus Project and the 2018 DV Bonus Projects?

A: The Housing Bonus Project for the CoC focuses on permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals with severe mental illness (SMI), and/or substance use disorder, and or over 65 with tri-morbidity. The FY 2018 HUD Appropriations Act provides up to \$50 million for "rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines are critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking." In the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition, CoCs are able to apply for a DV Bonus for PH-RRH projects, Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects, and SSO projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE). Described in Section III.C.3 of the NOFA.

Q: Is the new bonus project limited to serving populations other than survivors of domestic violence?

A: Correct, the new housing bonus project is for permanent supportive housing targeting chronically homeless individuals with severe mental illness (SMI), and/or substance use disorder, and or over 65 with tri-morbidity. See page page 4 of the RFP.

Q: What is the amount available for new projects?

A: The reallocation amount (between \$180,000 and \$500,000) plus \$544,833, for new PSH projects targeting chronically homeless individuals with severe mental illness (SMI), and/or substance use disorder, and or over 65 with tri-morbidity. See page page 4 of the RFP. The amount that is available for the DV Bonus is in addition to the Bonus Project and Reallocation amounts.

Q: A faith-based organization that helps recently incarcerated females, as well as people with tri-morbidity. Would they be able to apply for this RFP?

A: The new bonus projects allows eligible agencies pursuant to the NOFA and RFP to apply who will provide permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless clients with one or all of the following: severe mental illness (SMI), and/or substance use disorder, and or over 65 with tri-morbidity. See page page 4 of the RFP.

Q: For new projects, will they need to serve individuals and families?

A: The PIC Board of Directors did not limit project type based on families or singles but narrowed it down to permanent supportive housing for persons experiencing chronic homelessness, and with 1 of the 3 of factors listed above.

Q: Can you expand on of the Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry System supportive services?

A: The purpose is to strengthen the CES system for survivors of domestic violence. Any potential project applicant for this type of new project should collaborate and partner with existing CES project recipient for other subpopulations (e.g. singles, families and youth).

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Q: What is Transitional Housing for the Domestic Violence projects?

A: A specific allowable project type, Joint TH and PH-RRH, pursuant to the FY2018 NOFA and RFP, with very specific operational guidelines that are explained in detail in the NOFA.

Q: CES for DV? Is this creating a system for coordination and not necessarily joining the other CES?

A: We are required to have a CES in place for four subpopulations. The new project would expand and strengthen CES.

Q: For the rubrics projects will be based on, is there a certain number recommended to achieve? Will the rubrics point out the areas that need improvement?

A: The ranking tool will give you a fair idea of how your project will be evaluated during this competition. The Evaluation Committee members will use the rubrics to evaluate project proposals.

Q: You need to submit 1 original copy and 5 copies of the proposal?

A: Yes, we have 6 members of the evaluation committee who will each need a copy of the proposals to evaluate.

Q: What is the deadline to submit documentation into esnaps?

A: The same as the hard copy deadline. It is August 13, 2018 by 4:00 p.m. HST.

Q: What is the different between an original hard copy and the 5 copies?

A: Nothing really, we keep the original copy for our records.

Q: What is the earliest date PIC would like new projects to begin?

A: HUD determines the start date of new projects funded during the competition. For FY2018 the grant agreement with HUD will not begin until fall 2019. Most projects awarded last year are still not in grant agreement.

Q: Timing of request to seems critical, when will agencies have the opportunity to apply for new projects again?

A: This is an annual competition, so the next time will be summer 2019 that an RFP would go out.

Q: How are payments done?

A: Once awarded, you will get access to eloccs system by HUD, and need to spend down at least quarterly. These are cost reimbursement contracts.

Q: Do agencies need to show they have funds in their bank to show they can spend prior to being awarded grant?

A: Agencies must have the 25% match, cash or in-kind.

Q: Are there restrictions on matching funds?

A: 24 CFR 578 and 2 CFR 200 provides information on match requirements, and restrictions.

Q: What about federal funding sources for ESG for instance?

A: You cannot use other federal resources for your match. Should direct questions about the match requirement to HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

Q: Are assets in-kind?

A: Specifics regarding match requirement and what constitutes "in-kind" can be found in the NOFA and 24 CFR 578.

Q: Who is eligible to apply for the new projects?

A: Qualified and eligible agencies pursuant to the NOFA.

Q: If we do not have experience with e-snaps, where do we go for training?

A: Resources can be found on the HUD Exchange, and you can submit a question as well.

Q: The bonus project is above the ARD amount?

A: Yes.

Q: Can you talk about the project presentations? Which of the evaluation committee or planning committee meeting can people attend?

A: Project presentations had been done a few years past – it is optional, suggested by the planning committee as an additional way to communicate your proposal to the evaluation committee. Every meeting is open for the community to attend, besides the evaluation committee meetings which convenes for final ranking recommendations of projects.

Q: Do you get more points for attending the NOFA meetings?

A: No.

Q: How is PIC planning grant different?

A: It is a separate project grant that can only be applied for by the Collaborative Applicant to support PIC operations for planning eligible activities which are narrow and limited allowable expenses.

Q: Where do we ask our questions in term of what HUD grants will cover? Such as limits in admin cost or direct services?

A: Ask A Question on the HUD exchange website is very responsive during the competition. You can also find details in the NOFA, 24 CFR 578, and 2 CFR 200.

Q: Amount of dollars allocated by HMIS? How did it come to fruition?

A: HMIS was previously 3 smaller projects, in 2017 it was consolidated into one renewal project, I am not certain how current grant amount was determined but it has been renewed for the past few years at this amount.