

FY21 Boston CoC NOFO Summary

September 9, 2021
Boston CoC General Membership Meeting

Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Please type your name and agency in the chat
- FY21 CoC Program NOFO Timeline
- General Highlights/Summary of FY21 NOFO
- Boston CoC specific funding available
- Boston CoC specific renewal and new projects
- Next Steps
- Questions

FY21 CoC Program NOFO Timeline

- FY21 NOFO Released by HUD: August 18, 2021
- Project Applications submitted to CoC: **No later than *October 17, 2021***
- Post CoC Consolidated Application to website and Notify stakeholders: CoC Application and Priority Listing: ***No later than November 14, 2021***
- **Submit to HUD Deadline: November 16, 2021, 8:00 p.m. EST** (*90 days from NOFO release*)
- **Stay tuned for additional internal deadlines for the Boston CoC renewal and new applications...**

FY21 NOFO General Highlights/Summary

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- [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2021 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) (link)
- CoC and project applicants are strongly encouraged to review
 - the NOFO
 - e-snaps application components such as the detailed instructions
 - [CoC Program interim rule](#)
 - other competition materials (FAQs and NOFO related broadcasts) that will be made available on the [HUD Exchange website](#) and [HUD.gov](#)

FY21 NOFO General Highlights/Summary

- The process for submitting the CoC Consolidated Application, through e-snaps, includes three parts:
 - *FY21 CoC Application* (formerly known as Exhibit 1)
 - *FY21 Project Application(s)* (formerly known as Exhibit 2 and includes new and renewal applications)
 - *FY21 CoC Priority Listing*
- The CoC application score is on a 163-point scale this year with 25 bonus points available (*FY19 was 200 points*)
- Tier 1 calculation is equal to 100% of ARD (minus YHDP renewal and replacement projects)
 - Projects in this tier will be conditionally selected based on CoC score ranked from highest to lowest.

FY21 NOFO General Highlights/Summary

- YHDP renewal and replacement grants are non-competitive
- CoC Coordination and Engagement and Strategic Planning combined
- System Performance total decreased by 37 points to 23 total
- New Projects
 - CoC Bonus Project funding available
 - Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project funding available
 - Incentives for new projects utilizing housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs
- Incentives for new projects that have formal agreements with healthcare organizations to utilize healthcare resources to serve participants

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HUD Policy Priorities for 2021:

- CoC Coordination with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- Coordination with other systems in projects and to respond to pandemic
- Reinstated Housing First requirements
- Increased focus on promoting Racial Equity and Assessing Racial Disparities
- Added the following policy priorities
 - Reducing unsheltered homelessness
 - Partnering with Housing, Health and Service Agencies
- Increase inclusion of persons with lived experience

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CoC Application Content Changes:

- Emphasis on invitation and inclusion of organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness to address equity
- Emphasis on addressing the needs of LGBTQ individuals
- Emphasis on Housing First and how CoCs are evaluating implementation of approach at project level **(NEW)**
- Emphasis across many questions regarding how adjustments to current systems were made during COVID-19 response **(NEW)**
 - Domestic Violence response system and resources
 - Public Housing Authority partnerships
 - Mainstream Benefits
 - Coordinated Entry

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- Narrative related to COVID-19 response implementation of safety protocols, improved readiness for future public health emergencies, coordination with ESG-CV, mainstream health providers, homeless service providers and identifying vaccine eligible households experiencing homelessness **(NEW)**
- Emphasis on promoting racial equity through assessment of racial disparities and taking necessary steps to address disparities
- Narrative related to people with lived experience being actively included throughout the CoC structure and process development **(NEW)**
- People noted as having lived experience must have been homeless within the last 7 years or currently be program participants **(NEW)**

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- Project review process
 - Project review use of objective criteria and use of system performance measures scoring changes
 - Addition of a domestic violence provider capacity question related to using comparable database and having objective criteria about safety (**NEW**)
 - Emphasis on rapid return to permanent housing in project review process
 - Addition of narrative on promoting racial equity when reviewing applications
- Emphasis on having process to ensure compliant comparable database for DV providers is in place

Boston CoC Specific Funding Available in FY21 NOFO

Boston CoC specific funding available for FY21 NOFO

Renewal funding of 37M comprised of....

- Plan to renew approximately 25 PSH projects
- Plan to renew approximately 11 RRH and Joint TH-RRH projects
- 5 that are funded to support the infrastructure of the city's homeless system including HMIS and Coordinated Entry systems
- Planning grant to support homeless response system

Boston CoC specific funding available for FY21 NOFO

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)= \$37,680,639 (include YHDP renewals)
- Tier 1= \$34,961,535 (100% of renewal burden, minus YHDP renewal projects of 2.5M)
- CoC Bonus= \$1,884,032
- May choose to submit one or more projects for the CoC Bonus, but the total amount requested by all the Bonus projects cannot exceed \$1,884,032
- DV Bonus= \$2,254,662
- Planning grant = \$1,130,419
- May shift funds in whole or part from existing renewal projects to create one or more new projects- a/k/a Reallocation

Total potential application of 42.9 M

New Projects....

CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects may be one of the following types

- CoC Bonus= \$1,884,032
- PSH with 100% of beds designated to DedicatedPLUS
- PSH with 100% of beds dedicated to people experiencing chronic homelessness
- RRH
- Joint TH-RRH project
- Supportive Services Only- CES
- HMIS
- Bonus and reallocation projects may create new projects or expand renewal projects to add capacity to increase units and/or serve more people

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding

- May request up to **\$2,254,662** new DV Bonus projects
- Each project must be at least \$50,000 **(NEW)**
- CoCs may apply for the following types of projects:
 - RRH
 - Joint TH-RRH project
 - SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems (SSO-CE) (*one project application per CoC*)
- DV Bonus funds may apply to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to DV to dedicated additional units, beds, persons served or services to this population
- DV Bonus projects must be ranked on the New Project Listing

Boston CoC Renewal and New Projects

Renewal Projects Summary per NOFO

- Renewal project applications can request only 1 year of funding
- Eligible renewal projects requesting rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the FMR, based on actual rent costs per unit
- Total request for each renewing project cannot exceed the ARA approved by HUD for that project
- CoCs can request renewal funding for:
 - CoC projects that have a signed grant agreement and will expire in calendar year 2022

Boston CoC Renewal Project Process

- Development Officers at DND will send out the “city application”
 - A fillable Word document
 - Will include both HUD required renewal project information and narratives needed for the collaborative application
- DND will publish timeline for distribution and due dates for applications-
stay tuned for dates
- DND Development Officers will be available to answer questions regarding renewal applications

Boston CoC New Project Process

- DND will publish a RFP for both CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and Reallocation funding in **late September**
- DND will hold a virtual bidders conference for interested parties
- Stay tuned for dates and RFP announcements

Next Steps

New Steps

- Review your current project applications, contact your DO with Qs
- Review the NOFO
- Once city application is released, review and complete
- DND will host an additional virtual full Boston CoC meeting in **October**

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Questions/Discussion