

## Overview

One of the largest funding sources for homeless programs is the Continuum of Care (CoC) grant competition. This document is designed to give agencies information about applying for new projects, recruit people to help with the application process, and detail the roles and responsibilities of the groups involved.

The U.S Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) opened the FY2016 CoC competition on June 29, 2016 – complete info available in the [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#). Our community will have about \$656,963 (HUD to publish final numbers after Aug. 2) in available funding broken down in the following manner:

Type	Description	Formula	Amount	Eligible Applicants
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	Amount to fund all renewal projects for FY2016	Calculation of current grants incl. Fair Market Rent (FMR) adjustments	\$608,299	Nonprofits, Governments, Public housing authorities
Permanent Housing Bonus	New project funding for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) & Rapid Re-housing (RRH)	5% of ARD	\$ 30,415	Nonprofits, Governments, Public housing authorities
CoC Planning	Help for strategic planning, performance improvement, etc.	3% of ARD	\$ 18,249	Collaborative Applicant (Orange County)

## New Projects

New projects can be eligible through either reallocation of current project funds or the permanent housing bonus. There will be a meeting **Fri. July 15, 9-10:00 a.m.** to talk about new projects. Email [croot@orangecountync.gov](mailto:croot@orangecountync.gov) for meeting details. Project applications and supplementary materials will be due Fri. Aug. 12, more info to come. Here is a breakdown of project types by eligible funding source:

Project description	FUNDING SOURCE	
	Reallocation	Permanent Housing Bonus
<b>Permanent supportive housing</b> , serving 100% chronically homeless individuals and families	X	X
<b>Permanent supportive housing</b> , with beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families	X	
<b>Rapid re-housing</b> , serving homeless individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, and include persons fleeing domestic violence	X	X
Supportive services-only project for <b>coordinated entry</b>	X	
Homeless Management Information System ( <b>HMIS</b> )	X	

## **Community Involvement**

HUD rewards communities that design local CoC competitions with a high degree of transparency, accountability, and involvement – this is our goal. **Please consider lending your skills to this process.** Find descriptions below of the CoC workgroups, their timelines, and the overall CoC competition timeline. Fill [this form](#) to volunteer or contact Corey Root for more information ([croot@orangecountync.gov](mailto:croot@orangecountync.gov), 919.245.2496).

### **Scorecard Committee**

**Purpose:** Draft scorecards for consideration by the OCPEH Leadership Team ([OCPEH bylaws, Article V, Section 6. Funding Application Committees](#))

**Membership:** 3-6 people; community members interested in shaping local funding priorities for homeless programs

**Scope:** Review draft and revised scorecards by email & 1 two-hour meeting

**Work begins:** Around July 11

**Work completed:** By July 22

**Previewed time commitment:** 4 hours

### **Project Review Committee**

**Purpose:** Review and rank each project application & create proposed list of ranked projects for OCPEH Leadership Team consideration ([OCPEH bylaws, Article V, Section 6. Funding Application Committees](#))

**Membership:** 3-6 people; community members with knowledge of homeless programs & priorities, members cannot be affiliated with agencies applying for CoC funding

**Scope:** 1-hour orientation meeting, week of Aug. 8; score project applications during the week of Aug. 15-19; 2-hour application review and ranking meeting, week of Aug. 22

**Work begins:** Around Aug. 8

**Work completed:** By Aug. 26

**Previewed time commitment:** 10 hours

### **Community Application Workgroup**

**Purpose:** Draft and review CoC community application

**Membership:** 4-12 people; community members with proofreading and grant writing skills

**Scope:** Review of documents online and by email

**Work begins:** Around July 18 (drafting) or Aug. 29 (review)

**Work completed:** By Sept. 9

**Previewed time commitment:** 2-30 hours (variable depending on commitment)

## Overall CoC application timeline

- Mon. 7/11 Scorecard Committee begins work on draft Scorecard
- Fri. 7/15 New CoC Project Info Meeting – email [croot@orangecountync.gov](mailto:croot@orangecountync.gov) for meeting details
- Mon. 7/18 CoC staff and Community Application Workgroup begin drafting community application
- Fri. 7/22 CoC staff submit System Performance Measures to HUD
- Wed. 7/27 Draft scorecard available for Leadership Team review
- Wed. 8/3 OCPEH Leadership Team approves Scorecard
- Week of 8/8 Project Review Committee orientation meeting
- Fri. 8/12 Project applications due: Project app submitted in e-snaps & all supplementary documentation emailed to [croot@orangecountync.gov](mailto:croot@orangecountync.gov)
- PLEASE NOTE: Projects applicants will be scored solely on materials submitted by deadline. Applicants & CoC staff will continue to work on project applications after CoC submission per HUD guidelines, however these changes and additions will not be scored in the local competition, only in the HUD project eligibility and quality threshold reviews for approved applications.*
- Mon. 8/15-Fri. 8/19 Project Review Committee scores project applications
- 8/22-23 Project Review Committee application review & ranking meeting
- 8/24-25 SPECIAL MEETING of OCPEH Leadership Team – application review & ranking
- Fri. 8/26 CoC staff notify project applicants in writing whether projects included in Orange CoC application
- Mon. 8/29 Community application draft complete, review to maximize points begins
- Fri. 9/2 Project applications revisions complete
- Mon. 9/5 Community application review complete
- Tues. 9/6 CoC staff posts CoC application on OCPEH website (CoC community app, project priority listing + project apps)
- Wed. 9/7 OCPEH Leadership Team meeting will review CoC application
- Mon. 9/12 CoC staff submit complete CoC application (CoC community app, project priority listing + project apps) to HUD