



EL PASO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT COMPETITION

NOTIFICATION OF INTERNAL COMPETITION FOR HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes resources available to communities through a national competition for its Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Programs.

The El Paso Coalition for the Homeless (TX-603) announces the internal competition for HUD Continuum of Care Funding.

This competition is to award funding made available through the HUD Continuum of Care Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). HUD has made available extensive resources to support applicants. These can be found at www.hud.gov

In preparation for submission of the CoC application for HUD funding, the El Paso CoC is now accepting applications from all agencies interested in applying for funding to support both NEW and RENEWAL projects through the El Paso CoC process. New agencies and projects not previously funded by the CoC may be awarded funding reallocated from existing Continuum Projects or through Bonus funding in the Competition. All new agencies and projects awarded in the FY 2021 Competition as part of the El Paso CoC will be required to participate in the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the local Coordinated Entry (CE) process.

The HUD Continuum of Care program provides funding to programs serving homeless individuals and families in the community that are in accordance with the goals of:

1. Ending Chronic Homelessness – HUD encourages communities to increase the number of units dedicated and prioritized for the chronically homeless,
2. Ending Family Homelessness – HUD encourages communities to increase availability of rapid re-housing opportunities for homeless families,
3. Ending Youth Homelessness – HUD encourages communities to work closely with youth service providers to identify the unique need of homeless youth and increase resources and programs available to address their housing and service needs.
4. Ending Veteran Homelessness – HUD encourages CoCs to prioritize veterans to the extent possible, in existing permanent housing programs with a focus on those veterans not eligible for VA funded housing or services. In addition, CoCs should coordinate with the local VA and VA funded programs to ensure access and opportunities for all homeless veterans.

For the FY 2021 CoC Competition, HUD identified the following funding priorities which will inform its evaluation of CoCs and project efforts toward ending homelessness for all populations:

1. Creating a systemic response to homelessness – CoCs should use CoC Program performance measures such as the average length of homeless episodes, rates of return to homelessness, and other factors that determine the effectiveness of serving people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, CoCs should be doing everything they can to create and use an effective CE process, promote participant choice, coordinate homeless assistance and mainstream housing service providers to ensure people experiencing homelessness receive assistance quickly that results in obtaining and maintaining housing, and make the delivery of homeless assistance open, inclusive, and transparent.

2. Strategically allocating and using resources – HUD calls for communities to critically evaluate all funding requests to ensure effective resource allocation.

New Project – Bonus Availability

New project applications are requested from qualified nonprofit and local government organizations for the FY 2021 Continuum of Care Program Competition. Applications are sought for projects that can make maximum efficient, economical, and effective use of the prospective allocation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funds. Our CoC has been allotted the following for FY 2021

- \$308,079 Permanent Housing Bonus
- \$924,236 Domestic Violence Bonus

In accordance with the HUD funding priorities, the El Paso Continuum of Care will consider the following types of proposals for new project application in the FY 2021 Competition:

1. Permanent Supportive Housing projects that will be dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and/or families, including unaccompanied youth. This may include funding for rental assistance, leasing, services, or operating dollars.
2. Rapid Re-Housing for homeless individuals and/or families, including unaccompanied youth. Rapid rehousing projects may serve homeless households who do not have a disabling condition. Programs will need to serve only those living on the streets or in emergency shelter as well as those fleeing domestic violence. Rapid Re-Housing projects may request short-term (1-3 months) or medium-term (3-24 months) rental assistance and service funding.
3. Joint TH and RRH Component projects, which will combine Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) into a single project to serve individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness.
4. Supportive Services Only Projects for Coordinated Entry.

For new projects, it is mandatory for any agency that thinking of applying under these funds to attend the CoC New Applicant Informational.

Applicants should review the information available in this Internal Competition Notification and the Notice of Funding Opportunity from HUD. Please review the materials prior to starting the application. Inquiries are to be submitted to Camille Castillo at ccastillo.epch@elp.twcbc.com.

Participation Fee

For all projects New and Renewal that are included in the CoC's submitted Consolidated Application, a fee will be assessed to subsidize operations and administrative costs. For FY 2021, the fee is $3\% \times$ the project's recorded budget. This will be invoiced to the respective projects in a timely manner, and it will be due no later than November 16th. If you are not able to, please contact Carol Bohle, Executive Director.