

Bucks County Department of Housing & Community Development

Fiscal Year 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Period – HUD Program Competition Highlights, Process and Schedule

2021 NOFA: Eligible Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Project Applications include: CoC Planning Costs, UFA (Unified Funding Agency) Costs, Renewal Projects Eligible for 2021 Funds, and New Projects created via reallocation, CoC bonus, a combination of reallocation and bonus, or new DV bonus projects.

New Projects Created Through Reallocation or Bonus: The CoC is eligible to apply for up to 5 percent of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), which is \$109,365 for PA-511, for new CoC bonus projects. New project applications may be created through reallocation process or as bonus projects for the following components:

- a) Permanent housing - permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects
- b) Permanent housing - rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects
- c) Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects
- d) Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.379(a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead
- e) Supportive services only - coordinated entry project (SSO-CE) to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system

Domestic Violence Bonus: The CoC may apply for up to 15% of its PPRN (Preliminary Pro Rata Need), which is \$328,096 for PA-511, to create DV Bonus projects. Projects that want to be considered for the DV bonus may be:

- a) Permanent Housing - Rapid re-housing projects (PH-RRH) dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3);
- b) Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section III.B.2.q of this NOFO
- c) Supportive service only -coordinated entry projects to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Expansion Projects: HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project (see Section III.B.2.k of this NOFO) through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects. If the new expansion project will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project HUD will not fund capital costs (i.e., new constructions, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and will only allow 1-year funding requests.

Consolidation Project: Applicants intending to use the consolidation process to combine two or more (but no more than ten) eligible renewal projects (e.g., permanent housing-permanent supportive housing projects) may do so through the renewal project application.

2021 Project Applications – Review, Ranking and Priority Listing: A 2021 Priority Listing will be created for all projects submitted – each project must be 1) reviewed and accepted or rejected by the CoC, and 2) must be ranked as Tier 1 or Tier 2. Note that Tier 1 is equal to 100% of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in Section III.B.2.a of the NOFO.

Local Program Competition Deadlines: Applicants must be notified of inclusion, rejection or reduction no later than 15 days before HUD’s submission deadline of November 16th, 2021. If rejected, the project applicant must be notified in writing with a reason for the decision. Considering a due date prior to November 16th, 2021 for the CoC to review, score and rank projects and submit the completed Priority List and Consolidated Application, the following schedule shall apply:

09/01/21 2021 CoC NOFO and CoC Local Program Competition Deadlines are distributed via the CoC email distribution list and posted to the Housing Link website

09/17/21 Project Applicants must email Notice of Intent to Apply to hcd@buckscounty.org

10/12/21 Project Applicant must submit completed Project Application in eSnaps. Applications submitted in eSnaps are automatically sent to the CoC Collaborative Applicant

10/22/21 CoC Executive Committee completes review, ranking, and approval of Project Applications for Priority Listing

10/27/21 CoC Collaborative Applicant - Housing & Community Development, notifies Project Applicants via email on inclusion or rejection in Bucks County CoC’s Consolidated Application Priority Listing

11/10/21 Bucks County CoC Consolidated Application inclusive of all Project Applications and Priority Listing submitted to HUD via eSnaps

Transparency: The CoC Consolidated Application, including all CoC Project Applications and CoC Priority Listing will be made available on the Housing Link website at least 2 days before the application deadline and will notify community members and key stakeholders that the CoC Consolidated Application is available.

Certificate of Consistency with Con Plan: The Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD-2991), which certifies that the proposed activities or projects are consistent with the jurisdiction’s Consolidated Plan will be submitted on behalf of all included project applications through one correctly signed and dated HUD-2991 and will include an attachment listing of all submitted project applications.