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This is to inform you that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced the Continuum of Care application for its competitive grants for housing and services for the homeless.

Any entity looking to renew their CoC program must make an appointment with me during the dates of October 7-14 between the hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you plan to work from your own site, that is fine, but please set a time and date with me so that I can ensure the applications have the information required in order to be submitted by October 20 as that is the drop-dead deadline for entering and submitting applications in e-snaps.

The financial threshold this year is 85% of our annual renewal demand. That is a hefty cut if HUD cannot fund all programs! How the projects fall under Tiers 1 or 2 is yet to be determined locally.

It is also important to note that HUD has stated that they may not issue “Issues & Conditions” any longer and may reject applications rather than award the project conditionally, as it is a time-consuming practice for HUD. Every year, most of our submissions have “Issues & Conditions”. Please review any prior “Issues & Conditions” including required attachments to ensure that your application is not rejected by HUD!! Please read the NOFA!! There have been many changes!

The Permanent Housing Bonus allows for a request for new projects that provide chronically homeless families and individuals with permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing for homeless families and individuals coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter. The bonus amount available to our CoC will be published by HUD on October 9.

Reallocation may be used to create new projects that provide chronically homeless families and individuals with permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing for homeless families and individuals coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter, or a new Supportive Services Only project for Coordinated Entry. Except for the SSO-CE project, funding must be used to create new beds for new clients.

Planning Grant funds are also available, the amount allowable is up to \$58,377. This grant is not ranked in either Tier 1 or 2, it stands alone.

I have attached the FY 2015 Continuum of Care Program Competition NOFA and the FY 2013 CoC Debriefing Summary (as there was no competition in FY 2014). The FY 2014 CoC Competition broadcast can be found here: [FY 2015 CoC Program Competition NOFA Broadcast \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWcnkIsgj1I&feature=youtu.be\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWcnkIsgj1I&feature=youtu.be). The 2013 CoC Program

Competition Debriefing Broadcast can be seen at  
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/multimedia/videos>.

On the Debriefing Summary, please note our lack to secure any points under the Leveraging section. Our Leveraging Chart must show a minimum of 150% in total leveraging for renewals; any new project must have 200% in total leveraging.

Please reply to this e-mail to let me know your intentions. If you are interested in applying for the new PSH Bonus funds, please call me as soon as possible, but also know that the renewals take priority if time becomes an issue.

Thank you for your utmost attention to this CoC process!

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