



Tulsa City & County Continuum of Care  
A Program of A Way Home For Tulsa Collaborative  
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- RE:** FY2016 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Notice of Funding Availability and **Request for Proposals**. Primary CDFA Number 14.267. Funding opportunity number FR-6000-N-25. OMB Approval Number 2506-0112. Local Continuum of Care Application.
- Timeline:** Deadline for submission of a ***Declaration of Intent to Submit a Renewal Application for a Project or Release Currently Awarded Funds for Reallocation*** (see attached form) to the Tulsa City & County Continuum of Care: 5:00 PM CDT on **July 15, 2016**.
- Deadline for submission of Renewal or New applications for projects to the Tulsa City & County Continuum of Care: 5:00 PM CDT on **August 15, 2016**.
- Application:** Full application packets, funding criteria and timelines may be obtained by contacting Wayne Kindrick at Community Service Council, [wkindrick@csctulsa.org](mailto:wkindrick@csctulsa.org) or 918-699-4231.

### Notice

This notice is to inform the Tulsa area housing and service providers of the expected availability of funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Homeless Assistance Funding Competition. Through this annual competition, HUD makes funds available to projects that fill locally-identified gaps in Continuum of Care (CoC) systems in order to assist homeless persons in their move toward self-sufficiency and permanent housing. The Tulsa City & County Continuum of Care (CoC) is operated as a program of the A Way Home For Tulsa (AWH4T) Collaborative. The CoC program is currently in the process of responding to HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Funds in the FY2016 Continuum of Care Program Competition published on June 29, 2016. A copy of the HUD CoC Program NOFA with guidelines for the program may be accessed at

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2016-CoC-Program-NOFA.pdf>

Application timelines and local review and ranking criteria for this funding proposal will be distributed through the AWH4T and Homeless Services Network distribution lists. Agencies are also encouraged to review documents noted for further information and the resource materials and instructional guides for this year's national competition which can be accessed at <https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources/>. § II. A. of the NOFA, which contains HUD's homeless policy and program priorities, should also be reviewed along with the five criteria for

inclusion in the CoC application found in Paragraph L immediately preceding the Additional Information section that immediately precedes the Funding Opportunity Description.

**Available Funding**

In the FY 2016 NOFA, CoCs are required to rank projects into two funding tiers. The amount available in Tier 1 represents the higher of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) or the total sum of all renewal projects eligible for renewal in FY 2016 minus a 7% percent reduction. HUD states that projects ranked in Tier 1 will be considered relatively safe, while projects in Tier 2 may be at risk. Tier 2 also includes the HUD allotted amount for a CoC Bonus Project as further described in § II. B. 4 in the NOFA.

In the FY2016 NOFA, each CoC is eligible to apply for bonus funding of up to 5% of its ARD for new Permanent Supportive Housing projects that will serve 100% chronically homeless families and individuals or new Rapid Rehousing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters including persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of paragraph 4 of the definition of homelessness. While any CoC with an approved 2016 CoC Registration may apply for these bonus funds, HUD will prioritize those CoCs with the highest application score.

**Eligible Project Applicants (24 CFR 578.15):** Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are non-profit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments, and public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds. Additional clarification on eligibility criteria is found in § V. of the NOFA.

**The Tulsa City & County CoC anticipates funding in the following categories:** (final amounts may change based on reallocation or HUD directives). Please note that the percentages allocated to the respective tiers vary significantly from what has been offered in previous NOFA competitions.

Tiers	Funding	Eligible Projects
<b>TIER 1</b>	<b>\$2,522,766</b>	New or renewal projects ranked as priority by the CoC or reallocated funding for new PSH or Rapid Rehousing meeting CoC priorities
<b>TIER 2</b>	<b>\$325,518</b>	Calculated as 7% of the current ARD plus new bonus projects of no more than 5% of ARD

**Declaration of Intent to Submit a Renewal Application or Release Funds for Reallocation**

In order to respond to the tight timelines of the NOFA and efficiently process strategic funding decisions, agencies with currently funded CoC Projects are requested to notify the CoC of the intent to either submit projects for renewal or to release project funds to the CoC for re-allocated funding applications using the attached *Declaration of Intent* form. HUD has indicated that it will want these forms attached to the CoC's FY2016 application to prove that the CoC has seriously considered

reallocation options during this competition process. Declarations must be submitted by email to Wayne Kindrick at [wkindrick@csctulsa.org](mailto:wkindrick@csctulsa.org) by 5:00 PM CDT on **Friday, July 15, 2016**.

Agencies that release funds from an existing project will be given the first right of refusal on those funds should they decide to apply for an eligible new project. Otherwise, reallocation will be based on standard competitive factors.

Submission of a Renewal Application is not a guarantee of TIER 1 priority ranking in the local CoC application. A panel of unbiased CoC Project Review Panel members will comprehensively review all project applications using CoC-approved scoring criteria and selection priorities to determine the extent to which applications will be included in the consolidated application and their rank order.

### **New Reallocated Project Applications**

If your agency is interested in applying for funding for a new re-allocated grant, please read this section closely.

**Reallocation.** Reallocation is when a CoC shifts funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. New projects created through reallocation must meet the requirements set forth in § II. B. 3 and the eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD as found in § I. D. a. & b. of the CoC NOFA. In the CoC Program Competition, reallocation can only be used to create new permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth and rapid rehousing to serve homeless individuals and families including unaccompanied youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters or fleeing domestic violence situations or other persons that meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness.

**Reallocated New Permanent Supportive Housing Projects.** The Tulsa CoC invites applications for grant funds to utilize reallocated funding to provide permanent supportive housing projects to only serve chronically homeless individuals and families. *The project must be 100% dedicated to serving chronic homeless with an emphasis on the most long term homeless.* All dollars except for leasing must be matched at 25%. Projects will also be scored on commitments of leveraged dollars in excess of the 25% match. A minimum of 150% of leveraged funds will be required to receive maximum leverage points.

**Reallocated New Rapid Rehousing Projects.** New rapid rehousing projects created through reallocation may serve individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters or fleeing domestic violence situations or other persons who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness. Rapid rehousing is a model of housing assistance that is designed to assist the homeless, with or without disabilities, in moving as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieving stability in that housing. Rapid rehousing assistance is time-limited, individualized, and flexible. Funds may be used to provide short- and/or medium-term rental assistance and accompanying, limited supportive services, as needed, to help an individual or family that is homeless move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Rapid rehousing must meet the requirements of Interim Rule 24 CFR 578.37 (a)(1)(ii).

Rental assistance must be tenant based. All dollars must be matched at 25%. Projects will also be scored on commitments of leveraged dollars in excess of the 25% match. A minimum of 150% of leveraged funds will be required to receive maximum leverage points.

### **Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Project Applications**

If your agency is interested in applying for funding for the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus project, read this section closely.

**Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus.** Agencies may apply for one or more new Permanent Supportive Housing bonus funding projects that only serve chronically homeless individuals and families or rapid rehousing projects that will serve individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters or persons fleeing domestic violence or other persons who meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness. Projects must dedicate 25% match.

Eligibility for bonus projects is based the criteria outlined in § V. D. "New Projects" of this FY2016 CoC Funding Notice. Threshold requirements for new permanent supportive housing bonus project applications are established by HUD in § V. G. 2. of the NOFA.

### **Further Information for Renewal and New Applicants**

Applicants should read the NOFA in its entirety in conjunction with the CoC Program Interim Rule in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of HUD's policies and priorities and to comply with CoC Program requirements. FY2012 was the first year that HUD began implementing the CoC Regulations to the HEARTH Act. The CoC Regulations were released as an Interim Rule in July of that year and became effective on August 30, 2012. The NOFA frequently makes reference to citations from the CoC Program interim rule (24 CFR part 578), the General Section of the NOFA published on September 22, 2015 and any future revisions or versions. Applicants should review Section Technical Corrections as they may be published.

A limited amount of technical assistance is available to assist applicants on the requirements for the local CoC applications. For clarification and assistance, contact the CoC Collaborative Applicant Agency, Community Service Council: Wayne Kindrick, CoC Coordinator, 918-699-4231 or [wkindrick@csctulsa.org](mailto:wkindrick@csctulsa.org).

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**Declaration of Intent to Submit a Renewal Application for a Project  
or  
Release Currently Awarded Funds for Reallocation \***

Project name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

For the FY2016 HUD CoC Competition, it is the intent of the above named Applicant to either:

\_\_\_\_\_ Renew the above named project at its current level

\_\_\_\_\_ Renew the above named project at a reduced level of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Reallocate the above named current project to a new eligible project

\_\_\_\_\_ Release \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of the current project for reallocation

Signature of authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please submit one *Declaration of Intent* form per renewal project