FY2019 CoC Competition Plan and Timeline

Ohio BoSCoC

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Webinar Information

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- This webinar will be posted to COHHIO’s website.
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Overview of CoC Program

HUD, the largest federal program to assist households experiencing homelessness, awards $2 billion through the annual CoC Competition.

Ohio BoSCoC is awarded approximately $16 million annually.

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1. CoC Competition Process and Submission Dates
2. Key Changes to CoC Competition
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ODSA and COHHIO

ODSA, the Collaborative Applicant, submits the consolidated CoC Application on behalf of Ohio BOSCOC.

COHHIO manages all work related to the CoC process. Applicants and/or providers will primarily work with COHHIO throughout the 2019 process.

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Overview of CoC Competition Process

Evaluation of Renewal CoC Projects
Submission and Selection of New Projects Applications
Submission of Project Applications in e-snaps
Completion of Consolidated CoC Application

Goals for FY2019 CoC Competition

- Promote the use of best practices
- Maximize available funding for the Ohio BoSCoC
- Fund projects that:
  - meet community needs
  - are cost effective and maximize program and mainstream resources
  - successfully end homelessness
  - help achieve the federal strategic plan goals to end homelessness for veterans, chronically homeless, families, youth, and all others
Goals for FY2019 CoC Competition

Project Ranking Goal
To rank Ohio BoSCoC new and renewal projects in a way that helps the CoC continue to meet local homeless needs, while also maximizing CoC Program funds and ensure ongoing national competitiveness.

Goals for FY2019 CoC Competition

Project Ranking Priorities
The CoC may:

- preserve low-ranking projects at risk of losing funding where those projects represent the only CoC Program funding in their communities.
- preserve low-ranking Permanent Housing (PH) projects at risk of losing funding where those projects represent the only CoC Program funded PH in their communities.
- prioritize projects that have demonstrated the use of Housing First practices.
- reduce funding requests for the lowest ranked projects as a means to preserve funding for higher ranked projects, if needed, and keeping in line with other priorities.
- consider ranking new projects higher than some renewal projects, where the CoC believes doing so will better help the CoC meet the ranking goal outlined above.

CoC Competition Requirements

- CoCs must operate collaborative process for development of project applications.
- CoCs must establish priorities for funding projects.
- CoCs must designate a Collaborative Applicant to submit combined information for all project applicants.

CoC Competition Process and Submission Dates

CoC Competition
July 3
- Competition opens

September 30
- CoC Consolidated Application, including all renewal and approved new and applications, due to HUD (ODSA/OHHIO submits)
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Renewal Project Applications
August 2
- Applications completed in e-snaps
- PDF of draft application emailed to CoC staff for review
August 16
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August 23
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CoC Competition Process and Submission Dates

New Project Applications
June 3
- New Project Proposals due
July 22 (week of)
- CoC Bonus Projects Selected and applicants notified
August 16
- New Project Proposals for DV Bonus due (see RFP)
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Key Changes
- CoC Bonus funds available
  - Up to $1,099,507 for Ohio BoS-CoC
- Domestic Violence Bonus funds available
  - Up to $1,693,228 for Ohio BoS-CoC
  - KEY CHANGE - More than one project application may be submitted for DV Bonus Funds
- DedicatedPlus
  - Some PSH projects may change chronic dedicated designation to DedicatedPlus
DedicatedPlus

- PSH project that serves eligible individuals/households that meet at least one of the following criteria at entry:
  - Currently experiencing chronic homelessness
  - Currently residing in and has resided in unsheltered locations, emergency shelters/safe havens for at least 12 months in last 3 years, but has not done so on 4 separate occasions
  - i.e., long-term homelessness
  - Currently literally homeless, but had been chronically homeless and been entered into PH project within last year but didn’t maintain housing
  - Head of household must still be disabled

• Why DedicatedPLUS?
  - Provides PSH projects more flexibility to serve non-chronic households, where documenting chronic homelessness is difficult
  - DedicatedPLUS projects must still prioritize chronically homeless and follow CoC’s Order of Priority
  - How to Designate as DedicatedPlus?
    - Identify PSH project as DedicatedPlus in project application in e-snaps
    - PSH projects originally funded as chronic dedicated under a Samaritan Bonus (or similar bonus) must keep their project as “chronic dedicated”

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Funding Availability

- $2.3 billion (approx) available nationally
- CoCs must rank projects in two tiers
- Ohio BoSCoC funding:
  - $20,100,131 = annual renewal demand (ARA)
  - $19,207,966 = amount in Tier 1
  - $1,009,507 = max PH Bonus amount
  - $1,693,228 = max DV Bonus funds
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New Projects

• New Project Applications
  - Submitted June 3, 2019
  - New project selections announced week of July 22, 2019

DV Bonus Projects

• RFP available at https://cohhio.org/boscooc/coc-program/
• Proposals due August 16, 2019
  - ohioboscooc@cohhio.org
• Ohio BoSCoC may submit multiple DV Bonus project applications
  - Minimum funding request is $25,000
• Project selections announced no later than August 28, 2019

DV Bonus Projects

• Eligible Project Types
  - Rapid Re-housing
  - Joint Transitional Housing (TH) – Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
  - Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
  - Only one CE application may be submitted by a CoC
• Eligible Applicants
  - Orgs with experience managing public funding
  - Orgs with experience serving survivors of DV or other victims of trauma
  - Active member of local homeless planning region and homeless coalition
  - Actively involved in Coordinated Entry systems/processes
**DV Bonus Projects**

• Priorities and Considerations
  - Expand resources that make most impact on efforts to reduce homelessness
  - Increase resources in as much of the CoC as possible
  - Implement projects in accordance with the Homeless Program
  - Projects must dedicate beds/resources to survivors of DV
  - Projects must use trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches
  - Applicants do NOT need to be victim service providers to submit a proposal

• Considerations for Project Types
  - RRH
    - Continues to be largest need for Ohio BoSCoC
  - Joint TH-RRH
    - Newer project type
  - SSO-CE
    - Only ONE SSO-CE project may be funded with DV Bonus funds

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**TA Resources**

**HUD**

[https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/)
[https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/)

**COHHIO**

Ohio BoSCoC: 2019 CoC Competition Plan and Timeline
[https://cohhio.org/boasco/coc-program/](https://cohhio.org/boasco/coc-program/)
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• Review Instructional Guides:
  • [https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/guides/co-c-program-competition-resources/#general-resources](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/guides/co-c-program-competition-resources/#general-resources)

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Key Terms

- **Applicant** - the organization applying for funding who is ultimately responsible for project oversight and implementation
- **Project Application** – the application submitted for new or renewal projects
- **CoC Application** - the consolidated application submitted to HUD on behalf of the entire CoC
- **e-snaps** - the online system which contains the application forms to be submitted to HUD under the CoC NOFA for Homeless Assistance Programs

E-Snaps

- **Project Applications**
  - Click 'Save' frequently
  - Provide correct answers in drop-down boxes, as those responses shape the rest of the project application
  - Click on 'show' next to instructions when you need more information about a formlet
  - You can work on your project application over time as long as you save your work. Access the in-process project application by logging into e-snaps, selecting ‘Submissions’ from the left menu, and clicking on your project

Steps to Complete Project Application

- Create or Update Applicant Profile
- Register for the 2019 Funding Opportunity
- Create your Project Application
  - Renewals should import data from previous application
- Work on Project Application
  - Including updated signed versions of all required attachments

Authorized Rep Changes

- If you have a change in Authorized Representative you must formally request a change in authorized representative to gain access to e-snaps application
- Information about the process is at:
  - [https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2906/instructions-for-updating-your-current-authorized-representative/](https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2906/instructions-for-updating-your-current-authorized-representative/)
Grant Inventory Worksheet

- The Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) includes key information for renewing projects
- Approved funding requests and budget amounts
- Expiring grant numbers
- Renewal projects must refer to this document when completing project applications
  - https://cohhio.org/boscoc/coc-program/

Submitting Renewals without Changes

- Submission Without Changes
  - Renewal applicants with no changes may choose 'Submission without Changes'
  - Will still need to update 1A – 1J
  - Make selection on 'Submission Without Changes' screen to submit without changes
  - Can only edit the following screens:
    - 3A (project detail)
    - 7A (attachments)
    - 7B (certifications)

Project Application Reminders

- 1D: Congressional District
  - #17 Proposed Start Date
- 1E: Compliance
  - #19 – select 'program is subject to EO 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review'

Project Application Reminders

- 4B: Housing Type and Location
  - PSH projects originally funded as chronic dedicated must report all beds as chronic dedicated
  - All other PSH projects may report beds as DedicatedPLUS
  - More flexibility to serve households who are not quite chronic
Project Application Reminders

• Budgets
  • Remember match requirements
  • (25% required match)
  • Budget amounts need to match the GIW
  • No budget details screens for renewal applications for leasing, services, or operations budgets, if submitting without changes
  • The number of units for which you request rental assistance should match exactly what is listed in the GIW

• Match
  • Match commitment letters must be attached and dated between 5/1/19 and 9/30/19
  • Letters must contain:
    • Name of project, recipient and sub-recipient
    • Name of organization providing contribution
    • Date contribution is available (should coincide with project year)
    • Value of contribution and how value was determined

• MOUs
  • When services provided by a third party, MOUs must be in place prior to grant execution
  • MOUs must include
    • Unconditional commitment to provide services
    • Services to be provided
    • Hourly cost of services

Completing Project Applications

After completing project application:
1. Export to PDF and save using the following file naming convention: Agency Name_Project Name
   Example: Athens MHA_Athens Shelter Plus Care
2. Email to ohioboscoc@cohio.org
   • Put the Applicant Name and Project Name in the Subject Line
   • Send only one application per email

DO NOT submit the application in e-snaps until approved to do so
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