



DeKalb Continuum  
of Care

NOFA Information  
Meeting

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# Agenda

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# DeKalb Continuum of Care

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The DeKalb County Continuum of Care (CoC) is the local planning body charged with developing strategies and coordinating housing and services for homeless individuals and families.



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The DeKalb CoC is made up of a governing board, committees and members representing a broad range of stakeholders including housing and homeless service providers, mainstream agencies, homeless individuals, the faith community and concerned citizens.



# Collaborative Applicant

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The DeKalb County Community Development Department was designated by the CoC to serve as the Collaborative Applicant.

The CoC Collaborative Applicant has responsibility for:

- Ensuring all federal requirements of the CoC are met, including
  - Coordinated Intake and Assessment
  - Consolidated Funding (NOFA)
  - Consolidated Planning
  - HMIS Participation
  - Homeless Census Counts



# CoC NOFA Competition Overview

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- ❑ CoC Program Competition is a national competition designed to promote a community-wide commitment to ending homelessness;
- ❑ Approximately 450 CoCs compete nationally for HUD Homeless Assistance funding.
- ❑ CoC Program provides funding for nonprofit providers, states and local governments to help quickly rehouse the homeless; minimize the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; promote access to and utilization of mainstream programs and optimize self-sufficiency among those who experience homelessness.

# CoC NOFA Competition Overview

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## ☐ HUD NOFA Competition

### ☐ 3 Part Consolidated Application Process

- CoC Project Applications
- CoC Project Listing and Rankings
- Consolidated CoC Application

☐ **Local Project Competition:** All applicants must participate in a local review and ranking process to be included in the HUD NOFA application.

# NOFA Competition Goals

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- ❑ HUD NOFA competition designed to align our work with Opening Doors, accelerate progress to end homelessness, improve quality and effectiveness of housing programs and services and to hold us accountable as a community for improved outcomes.
  
- ❑ Competition Goals:
  - ❑ Data and Performance
  - ❑ Coordinated Entry and Prioritization of Need
  - ❑ Strategic Allocation
  - ❑ Accountability for Outcomes
  - ❑ Housing First



# HUD Policy and Program Priorities

## Opening Doors – Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

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### 1. End Chronic Homelessness

- Targeting people with the highest needs and the longest histories of homelessness through Permanent and Supportive Housing;

### 2. End Family Homelessness

- House families quickly and stably using rapid rehousing; Increase access and availability of affordable housing;

### 3. End Youth Homelessness

- Reach out to youth serving agencies and encourage CoC participation; Develop programs and resources to address unique needs of homeless youth, including LGBTQ youth.

### 4. End Veteran Homelessness

- Continue to prioritize veterans and families who cannot be assisted by VA services; continue to review and monitor our progress to quickly identify and house homeless Veterans.

# HUD Policy and Program Priorities

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## **Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness**

- **Measure System Performance**
- **Create and Implement and effective Coordinated Entry Process**
- **Plan as a System**
- **Deliver services that open, inclusive and transparent**

# HUD Policy and Program Priorities

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## Strategic Allocation of Resources

- **Comprehensively review projects for quality, performance and cost effectiveness;**
- **Maximize the use of mainstream and other community resources**
- **Reallocate funds from underperforming projects to create new or enhance existing projects**

# HUD Policy and Program Priorities

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## Housing First

- Remove barriers to Housing
- Prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing without preconditions or participant requirements, i.e. sobriety, income, etc.
- Adopt client centered service methods

# Program Components

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The CoC Program funds may be used for projects under eight program components:

- (1) Permanent Housing (PH) – Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- (2) Permanent Housing (PH) - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- (3) Transitional Housing (TH)
- (4) Supportive Services Only (SSO)
- (5) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- (6) Joint TH and PH RRH Component Project
- (7) Save Havens (specific criteria)
- (8) Homelessness Prevention (in some cases)

# Program Components

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## Permanent Housing

Permanent housing (PH) - community-based housing without a designated length of stay in which formerly homeless individuals and families live as independently as possible. Under PH, a program participant must be the tenant on a lease for an initial term of at least one year.

The CoC Program funds two types of permanent housing:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) - permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability.
- Rapid Re-housing (RRH) - housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into permanent housing.

# Program Components

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## **Transitional Housing**

Transitional housing (TH) - provides homeless individuals and families with the interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. Up to 24 months

# Program Components

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## **Supportive Services Only**

The supportive services only (SSO) program component provides services to homeless individuals and families not residing in housing operated by the recipient.

Funds can be used to conduct outreach to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families, link clients with housing or other necessary services, and provide ongoing support.

DeKalb currently funded through SSO to support Coordinated Entry



# Program Components

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## **Homeless Management Information System**

Funds under this component may be used only by Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) leads for leasing a structure in which the HMIS operates, for operating the structure in which the HMIS is housed, and/or for covering other costs related to establishing, operating, and customizing a CoC's HMIS.

All other applicants for new or renewal funding subrecipients may not apply for funds under the HMIS program component, but may include costs associated with contributing data to the CoC's HMIS within their project under another program component (PH, TH, SSO, or HP).

# Program Components

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## **Homelessness Prevention**

Recipients and subrecipients located in HUD-designated High Performing Communities (HPCs) may use CoC Program funds for homelessness prevention assistance for individuals and families at risk of homelessness, include housing relocation and stabilization services as well as short- and medium-term rental assistance to prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless. Through this component, recipients and subrecipients may help individuals and families at-risk of homelessness to maintain their existing housing or transition to new permanent housing.

**DeKalb CoC has not received HUD designation as a HPC, therefore no applications will be accepted for this program component.**

# Program Components

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## **Joint Transitional Housing and PH- Rapid Rehousing **\*\*New\*\*****

These projects provide low-barrier, temporary housing while individuals and families quickly move to permanent housing with a seamless program design. The joint TH and PH-RRH component combines two existing program components, TH and PH-RRH, into a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that assist program participants must be able to provide both transitional housing assistance and rapid rehousing assistance to each program participant.

# Application Guidelines

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## TIPS

1. Follow the Directions
2. Get your Application in On Time
3. Provide Clear and Concise Information
4. Don't Overpromise
5. Some questions feed directly into the COC Application and directly impact COC so answer all questions thoughtfully and completely.
6. Questions? Ask.

# Project Applications - Hints

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Project Description – Provide a clear and concise description. Description should address the entire scope of the project and include:

- Community Needs
- Target Population to be Served
- Project Plan for addressing the identified housing and supportive service needs
- Projected Project Outcome(s)
- Coordination with other sources, programs partners
- Reason why CoC program support is needed.

# Project Applications - Hints

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Don't Overpromise – Especially on these questions

- Specific population focus and percentages
- Housing First

# Project Applications - Hints

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Be Aware – Some project application questions feed directly into the CoC Application. Example - questions related to Housing First and Accessing Mainstream Benefits; - Answer thoughtfully and completely

# Project Applications – Hints

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Performance – If asked for an explanation, make sure to describe the situation AND how it was/will be resolved, including your plan to avoid issues in the future.



# Project Applications – Hints

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## All Projects

If asked to describe your agency experience performing the activities proposed in the application, make sure to:

- Describe why your agency is the appropriate entity to receive funding. Provide concrete examples that illustrate your agency experience and expertise in the following:
  - Working with the target population to address housing and service needs;
  - Systems, services or housing provided to the proposed population
  - Identify the needs and barriers faced as well as how they will be addressed through case management or supportive services;
  - Coordination with landlords and other providers;

# Project Applications – Hints

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## Renewal Projects

### Organizational Policies and Procedures



- Include evidence of adequate financial accounting systems
- Compliance with federal regulations applicable to CoC program;



## FOR RENEWAL APPLICANTS

- Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> SAGE is the new HMIS Reporting Repository
- Must be used by ALL recipients of HUD CoC homeless assistance grants to submit their Annual Progress Reports (APRs).
- E-snaps will no longer be used for submission of the APR
- E-snaps will still be used for project and collaborative application submissions to HUD

# Availability of Funds\*

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**DeKalb CoC eligible for an estimated \$4,546,806 in HUD funding including**

**\$ 4,546,806 – Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)**

**\$ 133,600 – CoC Planning Grant**

**\$ TBD – Permanent Housing Bonus**

- Estimates based on 2016 Award;

# Funding for New Projects

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Reallocated funds can be used to create new projects or to expand existing projects in the following categories:

- PSH Projects for Chronically Homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth.
- RRH projects for homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth;
- **NEW!** Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) component projects
  - combines two existing program components TH and PH-RRH into a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. - Low barrier, temporary housing.
- Dedicated HMIS projects
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for Coordinated Assessment Systems

# Review and Rating

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All Project applications will receive a two part compliance and qualitative review.

Independent review committee

New Applications scored on a 100 point scale

Renewal Applications scored on a 180 point scale

All eligible project rated and ranked with scores in descending order

# Ranking and Tiering

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All Project applications (New and Renewals) will be ranked and placed in Tiers 1 or 2 (financial thresholds)

Tier 1 – approximately 90%

Tier 2 – remaining 10%

**Projects in Tier 1** – near certain to be funded (based on HUD COC Score)

**Projects in Tier 2** – subject to greater competition

**Planning Projects** – not subject to ranking or tier requirements

# Timeline

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- Release Date June 2, 2017
- Applicant Information Meeting June 2, 2017
- NOFA TA Period June 5-9, 2017
- Applications Due June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 3pm
- Project Applications to HUD (esnaps) TBA
- Application Review and Ranking June 19 – 30, 2017
- Notification of Selection TBA
- Deadline to Submit CoC Application to HUD TBA



# Questions and Answers

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NOFA TA Period June 5-9, 2017

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Good Luck!