

# City of New Bedford's Homeless Service Provider's Network



Looking at the FY2016 CoC Funding Round

# DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

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- Basics about the CoC Competition
- HUD's Policy and Program Priorities
- Funding
- The Process
- Ranking Recommendation



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# Basics about the CoC Competition

## ■ Registration

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> HUD released the FY 2016 CoC Program Registration Notice. Registration for the CoC competition closed on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and the City completed this in advance of the deadline.

## ■ NOFA Release

The FY2016 Continuum of Care Program Competition NOFA [Notice of Funding Availability] was released on June 29, 2016. This year's application is due by 6:59:59pm (CST) on September 14, 2016 but there are bonus points for getting it in the weekend prior to that date.

There is approximately \$1.9 billion available this year for the competition across the country, just slightly higher than last year. Project Applications are due 30 days prior to the NOFA deadline (August 12) and the CoC must notify project applicants if their application will be included in the CoC Consolidated Application submission 15 days prior to the deadline (August 30). HUD is continuing its two-tier funding process similar to previous years.



# Basics about the CoC Competition

## ■ Keep in mind...

The application is broken down into several parts including individual project applications and an overall, collaborative application.

The collaborative application is rigorously scored, question by question. Now more than ever, questions around strategic planning and system performance are of greatest importance.

## ■ Why this competition?

CoC's are evaluated based on their ability to demonstrate that they are advancing HUD's Strategic Plan goals *and* the goals and objectives of the federal plan known as *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. These are best practices in addressing and eliminating homelessness.

In addition, HUD has indicated that beginning with this year's funding round, performance measurement of the CoCs homelessness response—ESG and CoC projects both individually and in the aggregate—are going to be increasingly relied upon to determine the effectiveness of the CoC's work as well as its worthiness for funding.



**What does this mean for us?**



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# HUD's Policy and Program Priorities

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## 1. Strategic Resource Allocation

Because there are many ways to approach resources we have within the community, HUD expects us to develop a careful and coordinated strategy on how best to use all available resources—including non-HUD sources—to end homelessness in New Bedford.

## 2. Ending Chronic Homelessness

HUD's expectation is that we set and meet the federal goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2017 by determining and executing the "right" set of strategies.

## 3. Ending Family Homelessness

HUD also expects the Continuum to work carefully toward ending homelessness among families and their children by 2020.



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# HUD's Policy and Program Priorities

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## 4. Ending Youth Homelessness

There are resources that can help develop systems that take into account the unique strengths and needs of youth experiencing homelessness—so that our Continuum can end youth homelessness by 2020.

## 5. Ending Veterans Homelessness

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## 6. Using a Housing First Approach

Housing First differs from the traditional "housing readiness" model where individuals/households must address other issues that may have led to homelessness before entering into housing in that it moves the individual or household experiencing homelessness immediately from the streets or homeless shelters into their own apartments. HUD expects each CoC to adopt this approach system-wide.



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**If we work toward these priorities, what kind of projects can be funded?**



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# Funding

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## Overview

Opportunities through HUD's CoC funding include the following:

- **Renewal Projects**

All current CoC projects are eligible to apply for renewals in this FY 2016 round. An RFP was issued on July 5<sup>th</sup> for renewal projects. After undergoing an internal monitoring review and a performance evaluation review by the HSPN's Performance Review Committee [PRC], the CoC will now vote on the PRC's ranking recommendation.

- **Reallocations**

The CoC can propose new projects that shift funds from one or more existing projects that may be underperforming in order to create a new permanent supportive housing or new rapid rehousing project. Reallocation doesn't decrease the CoC's overall funding cap. Although this has been done in the past by this CoC, there were no reallocation projects proposed this year.



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## Overview, Continued

- **Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus (PSH Bonus)**

HUD has set aside a small amount of funding to create new dedicated permanent supportive housing to serve chronically homeless. This year two new programs have been proposed.

- **CoC Planning**

In the FY2014 round the HSPN received \$24k for planning. This funding is being used to develop the two year strategic plan for the CoC.



**So how much funding is available for New Bedford  
from the FY2016 CoC grant?**



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## Overview, Continued

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**Now how will all this work in New Bedford?**



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# The Process

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## Three Parts...

In order to compete with everyone else across the country, there are **THREE** separate parts of the application for which this Continuum is responsible:

- Project Listing
- Collaborative Application
- Project Application

**The City of New Bedford is the “Collaborative Applicant” representing the Continuum and as such, is responsible for submitting the complete CoC application on behalf of the whole Continuum...**



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## HOWEVER...

Unlike many other grants, the CoC's Collaborative Application is a **reflection of performance and strategy over the course of an entire year** and is *not* simply a proposal to do something.

The Collaborative Application is all about our *community's* response to housing crises and our entire system—proactive and reactive—in moving the needle forward to end homelessness for everyone. It is a **reflection of every part of the CoC**.



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# The Process

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## Benchmarks...

- Program Registration completed by the city
- HUD FY2016 NOFA is released
- City issues an RFP for new and renewal projects consistent with the NOFA
- New and Renewal Application deadline
- Internal Application Review is conducted by the City
- **Application Review/Ranking is conducted by the HSPN Performance Review Committee [PRC]**
- PRC presents its recommendation to the HSPN for a vote.
- Notifications: to applicants are made and ranking results are posted at [www.nbhspn.com](http://www.nbhspn.com)
- Project Applications are entered into esnaps—the online grant system
- The CoC Committee works with the City in developing the Collaborative Application
- All materials are uploaded and submitted by the City's goal submission date
- HUD Submission Deadline



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# The Process

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## Undertaking the review...

- DPHCD Staff reviews all applications submitted

Reviews of all new, renewal and reallocation applications using standardized scoring sheets and ensures completeness of threshold criteria.

- The HSPN's Performance Review Committee is convened

Members: Peter Muise, Rev. David Lima, Bruce Morell, James Reid, Cynthia Walquist, Patrick Sullivan and Joe Maia

- General responsibilities of the PRC:

1. Review all applications for funding

Review any new project submittals, proposed reallocations and existing CoC Programs that are slated for renewal.

2. Evaluate and assess the proposals in light of the Continuum's existing needs and gaps, as well as the funding HUD will make available.

3. Make a recommendation for a slate of projects to be funded in order of priority and by tier in accordance with HUD funding criteria.



# The Process

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## Reviewing the project applications...

- Projects are evaluated on the following criteria:
  - Extent to which it prioritizes serving chronically homeless
  - Extent to which it employs a housing first model
  - Applicant's performance against plans and goals
  - Timeliness standards
  - Applicant's performance in assisting program participants achieve and maintain independent living and its record of success
  - Financial management accounting practices
  - Timely expenditures
  - Agency capacity
  - Eligible activities



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**So what is the PRC's recommendation for FY2016?**



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- ***NOTE: At this point in the presentation the floor was turned over to the PRC for their recommendation to the Continuum. Their ranking recommendation was explained and announced at this time. Immediately following a vote of the HSPN membership was taken on the PRC recommendation at which time the ranking as presented was unanimously adopted.***
- ***A copy of the CoC adopted ranking is available online at <http://www.nbhspn.com/coc/>.***



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