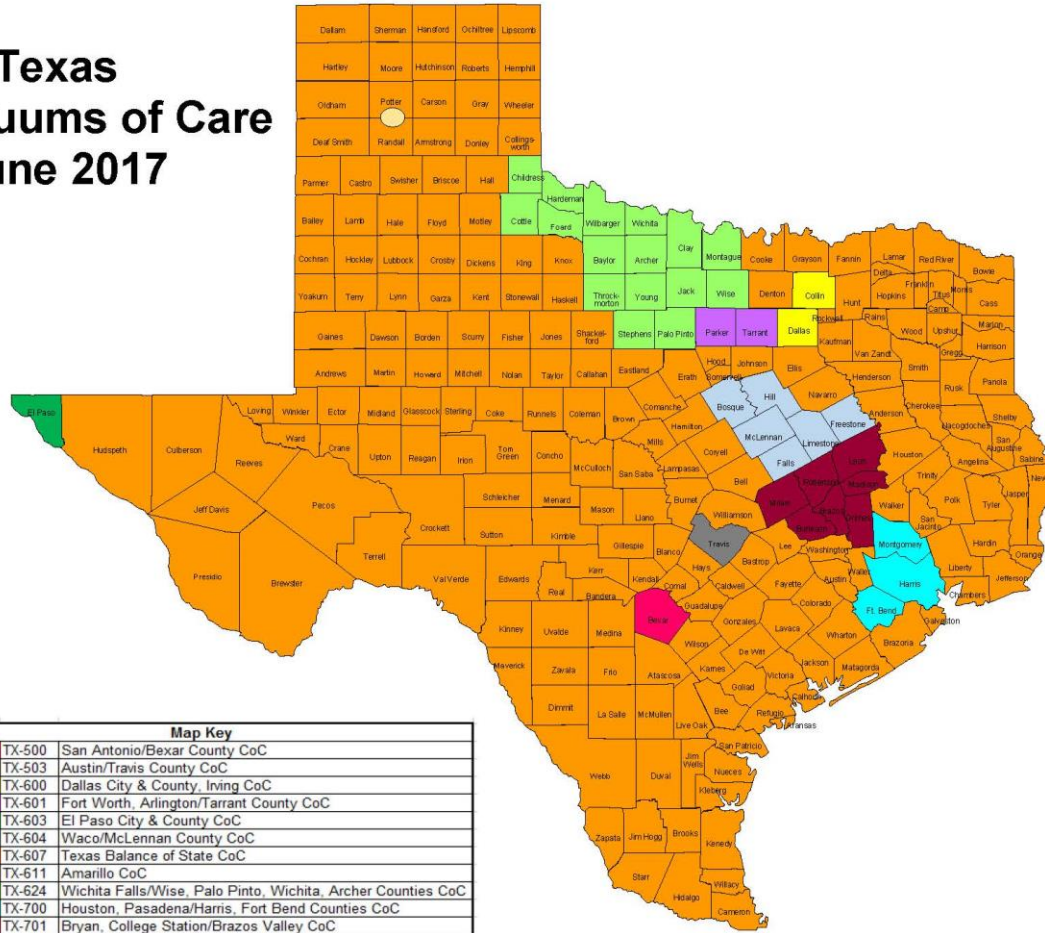


FY 2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition

August 4, 2017

1:00 – 3:30 PM

Texas Continuums of Care June 2017



Housekeeping

- All mics are on mute.
- Slides will be available after the webinar.
- Feel free to ask question by typing it in the chat box or by “raising your hand.”

Agenda

- Overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- CoC Program Competition Process
- Fundings Available
- Request for Proposals (RFP)
- New/Expansion Project Applications
- Renewal Project Applications
- Strengths and Challenges from FY 2016
- Questions

Continuum of Care Program Description

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding... to quickly re-house the homeless... while minimizing trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless; and to optimized self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Policy Priorities

- Ending Homelessness
- Creating a systemic response to homelessness
- Strategically allocating and using resources
- Using a Housing First approach

CoC Program Competition Process



What's new this year?

- Joint TH and PH-RRH component
- Dedicated PLUS
- Forms embedded in *e-snaps*
- Expansion Projects, *Renewal Projects only*
- Project PIN, *Renewal Projects only*
- Submission Without Changes, *Renewal Projects only*
- Budget Details now omit descriptions and quantity, *Renewal Projects only*

Who is eligible to apply for CoC Program funding?

Eligible project applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local governments. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion

Who is ineligible to apply for CoC Program funding?

Tribes, tribal housing authorities and for-profit entities are ineligible and applications from them will not be reviewed.

Funding Available

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)*: \$5,460,040
- Tier 1 (94% of ARD): \$5,132,438
- Tier 2 (6% of ARD): \$336,602
- Permanent Housing Bonus: \$2,146,554
- Reallocation: TBD

*Annual Renewal Demand is the total amount of all the CoC's projects that will be eligible for renewal in the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition, before any required adjustments to funding for leasing, rental assistance, and operating budget line items based on FMR changes.

Permanent Housing Bonus

Whether a CoC receives funds for the Permanent Housing Bonus is based on three overarching criteria: CoC need, CoC overall performance, and project quality. Therefore, the Permanent Housing Bonus is not guaranteed.

Permanent Housing Bonus

- New Projects that can be created through reallocation:
 - Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) that is either 100% Dedicated to the Chronically Homeless or DedicatedPLUS
 - Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) project that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who meet the criteria outlined in the FY 2017 CoC Program NOFA
 - Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and PH-RRH
- Eligible Renewal Projects may also apply for an expansion.

Reallocation

- Voluntary – the project indicates that they are not renewing
- Involuntary – reallocated by the TX BoS CoC Board due to:
 - Unspent funds;
 - Poor performance;
 - Not serving the intended population; and/or
 - Unresolved HUD monitoring findings

Reallocation

- New Projects that can be created through reallocation:
 - PH-PSH that is either 100% Dedicated to the Chronically Homeless or DedicatedPLUS
 - PH-RRH
 - Joint TH and PH-RRH
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
 - Supportive Services Only for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Eligible Renewal Projects may also apply for an expansion.

Request for Proposals (RFP)

- The 2017 TX BoS CoC Request for Proposals (RFP) is available here: http://thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/TX_BoS_CoC_2017_RFP_FINAL_2017.08.04.pdf

Strengths

- Attaching all materials to one email
- Exporting searchable PDFs from *e-snaps*
- Meeting the deadlines

Common Challenges

- Naming convention for attachments in the Application Packet
 - Example, 1.Document Name_<Applicant Name>_<Project Name>
- SOAR (Screen 4A, Question 3a)
 - New Projects must have someone trained in SOAR within 90 days of award start date, if someone on staff is not already trained.
 - Renewal Projects must have someone trained in SOAR by 8/28/2017, if someone on staff is not already trained.
- No Safe Havens in the TX BoS CoC (Screen 5C, Question 1)

Common Challenges

- Match letters must be dated May 1, 2017 – September 28, 2017.
 - Sample match letter available this year!
- Naming conventions
 - Expansion projects: include the renewal project name and add Expansion at the end
 - Example: Carpenter's Housing First Expansion or Hope Housing Services Expansion
 - New projects: don't put the FY or agency name alone
 - Example: A Hand Up 2016 or Texas Homeless Network
- Any narrative, particularly the project description, must be Complete and Concise
- Information across the application must make sense and be consistent

Common Challenges

- Budget: Quantity AND Description, *New/Expansion Projects only*
 - For example, 1 FTE @ \$45,000 including benefits or 50 hours @\$25 per hour including benefits
- Threshold was difficult.
 - Self-Threshold Review Tool
- Using common app for mainstream benefits
 - All projects should be using a common app, such as www.mytexasbenefits.com, for mainstream benefits.
- Project start and end date should be within a reasonable range.
 - Don't expect to start earlier than mid- to late-summer

Common Challenges

- Admin must be less than 7% of the total budget
 - Renewal Projects must include the same Admin amount that is listed on the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)
- Housing First Narrative
 - Include the name of the project
 - Describe **how** activities will be accomplished not merely that the project will move people into housing quickly
- Read and address everything listed in the New or Renewal Project Detailed Instructions and in the TX BoS CoC Project Applications

Questions during the NOFA

- Please review all guidance documentation before contacting TX BoS CoC staff:
 - [CoC Program Interim Rule](#)
 - [HUD Exchange FY 2017 CoC Program Competition](#)
 - [FY 2017 New Project Application Detailed Instructions](#)
 - [FY 2017 Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions](#)
 - [HUD Exchange CoC FAQs](#)
 - [TX BoS CoC RFP](#)
 - [TX BoS CoC 2017 New/Expansion](#)
 - [TX BoS CoC 2017 Renewal Applications](#)
- If you have consulted all materials available and still have not answered your question, contact TX BoS CoC staff at txboscoc@thn.org.

Questions?

