

**INDIANAPOLIS CONTINUUM OF CARE**  
**2016 HUD NOFA SUMMARY**  
**JULY 7, 2016**

This is a summary of the 2016 HUD CoC NOFA. Please read the NOFA for a full understanding of the 2016 NOFA at:

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

**Submission Deadline:                      Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:59:59 PM EDT**

Renewal Project Applications due to PATA July 12, 2016 by 5pm.

New Project Applications due to PATA July 20, 2016 by 5pm.

Preliminary Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Report that includes our Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) and ARD is not currently available. HUD will issue the report no earlier than July 8, 2016. Both ARD and PPRN are needed to calculate our available funding, housing bonus and planning grant amount.

All required attachments correspond to the attachment list in e-snaps and the attachments contain accurate and complete information, and are dated between May 1, 2016 and September 14, 2016.

HUD will conduct a threshold review of ranked projects for all CoC's that submit the CoC Consolidated Application.

**What's New:**

Approximately \$1.9 billion is available in the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. The available amount of funding may not be sufficient to fund anticipated eligible renewal projects.

Tier I is now 93 percent of our ARD amount, up from 85 percent in 2015, which means that we will have an opportunity to protect more of the higher priority projects.

Tier II is now 7 percent of our ARD amount plus any amount available for the permanent housing bonus, which is 5 percent of our PPRN amount.

Housing Bonus is available at 5% of our FPRN for the following types of new projects:

- a. CoCs may create new permanent supportive housing projects that will serve 100 percent chronically homeless individuals and families, and
- b. CoCs may create new rapid rehousing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, and include persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness.

After several years of preparing for and providing information on performance measures, this is the first Competition where CoCs will be rated for submitting system performance measures, which will be worth 10 points.

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Ranking and Review Process:

The local ranking process continues to be crucial to making the CoC program as effective as possible. CoC's should use objective, performance-based criteria to rate projects and should consider both the need to serve particular populations (for example, survivors of domestic violence, youth, and persons with substance use disorders) of people experiencing homelessness and the effectiveness of their projects in reducing homelessness, which will be worth 18 points (increased from 16 in 2015).

Reallocation: (now worth 4 points in scoring)

In the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition, CoCs may use reallocation to create new permanent supportive housing that will serve 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 who meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness, dedicated HMIS, and SSO for a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The FY 2016 HUD Appropriations Act requires that, in order for a CoC to receive funding for a new project, other than through reallocation, the CoC must demonstrate that all project applications are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance. Further, FY 2016 CoC Program funding must prioritize those CoCs that have demonstrated a capacity to reallocate funding from lower performing projects to higher performing projects as demonstrated through the CoC's local selection process.

Coordinated Entry and Common Assessment:

To be considered as meeting project quality threshold, new SSO projects for centralized or coordinated assessment systems must receive at least 2 out of the 4 points available for the criteria below. SSO projects for centralized or coordinated assessment systems that do not receive at least 2 points will be rejected.

- (a) Whether the centralized or coordinated assessment system is easily accessible for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking information regarding homelessness assistance (1 point);
- (b) Whether there is a strategy for advertising the program that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area (1 point);
- (c) Whether there is a standardized assessment process (1 point); and,
- (d) Whether the program ensures that program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs (1 point).

Match is still required.

Leverage is not required.

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HUD will make these adjustments as follows:

1. Funds awarded for rental assistance will be adjusted in one of two ways:

Funds awarded for rental assistance for renewal projects that request less than FMR, that is, a per-unit amount based on the actual rent costs per unit, will be increased based on the average increase in FMR amounts within the CoC's geographic area, weighted for population density. In the event that the FMR for a specific area decreased from the previous year, project applicants will not receive an award that exceeds the FMR after adjustment. If the FMR for the project applicant's area decreased from the previous year, the project will be awarded the lesser amount of the per-unit amount requested by the project applicant, based on the actual rent costs per unit, or the FMR after adjustment.

CoCs must consult with Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) recipients within the geographic area on the plan for allocating ESG funds and reporting on and evaluating the performance of ESG recipients and subrecipients. Each CoC will be required to describe how it is coordinating, or if coordination is not already occurring, how coordination with ESG recipients will occur and what processes are required to be in place at the CoC level to ensure this requirement is met. See Section VII.A.1.b for more information about scoring criteria related to coordinating with ESG recipients.

**HUD CoC Program Competition Scoring:**

1. CoC Coordination and Engagement	43 points
2. Project Ranking, Review, and Capacity	18 points
3. Homeless Management Information System	18 points
4. Point-in-Time Count	9 points
5. System Performance	40 points
6. Performance and Strategic Planning	<u>60 points</u>
	200 points

If you have questions related to the CoC Program interim rule or a policy related question, you may submit your questions to the CoC Program AAQ portal. To submit a question to the CoC Program AAQ portal, select "CoC Program" from the "My question is related to" drop down list on Step 2 of the question submission process.