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Continuum of Care Pre-Application Workshop

April 9, 2018

# Agenda

- HUD's Homeless Housing Priorities
- HUD's CoC Homeless Grant Competition
- Pre-Application Process
- ZoomGrants orientation



# HUD Homeless Housing Priorities

- End homelessness for all persons
- Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness
- Strategically Allocate & Use Resources
- Use a Housing First approach



# What is Housing First?

- Direct, or nearly direct, placement of targeted homeless people into permanent housing.
- Supportive services are offered and readily available, but are not required to remain in housing.
- Assertive outreach to engage and offer housing to homeless people.
- Low demand approach that accommodates client alcohol and/or substance use and symptoms of mental illness.
- Continued effort to provide case management.





## HUD's Homeless Housing Priorities



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# HUD's System Performance Measures

1. Length of time persons remain homeless
2. Number/percentage of persons who return to homelessness
3. Number of homeless persons
4. Job & income growth of people in CoC-funded programs
5. Number of persons who become homeless for the 1<sup>st</sup> time
6. Homelessness prevention & housing placement of people unstably housed (Category 3 of HUD's homeless definition)
7. Successful housing placement





## Overview of the HUD CoC Homeless Grants Competition



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# HUD CoC Homeless Grant Competition

- Each year HUD releases a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Grants Competition.
- Anticipate that the Durham CoC will be allowed to apply for approximately \$1.3 million in the 2018 HUC CoC Homeless Grants Competition.
  - Annual renewal demand of approximately \$1.25 million for 10 projects
  - Possibly approximately \$75,000 for a “Permanent Housing Bonus





# Overview of CoC Grant Application Process

1. **Pre-Application** in April/May 2018 to Determine Threshold Eligibility with:
  - Project Minimum Requirements
  - Organizational Minimum Requirements
2. **Invitation** to Submit Full Application to Durham CoC – May/June 2018
3. **Funding priorities** and draft evaluation criteria for project applications approved by HSAC – May/June 2018
4. **HUD NOFA release** expected by mid-July 2018
5. **Local funding recommendations** developed after NOFA is released
6. **Collaborative Application & Project Applications** expected to be due by September 30, 2018
7. **Funding decisions** by HUD expected by December 31, 2017



# Renewal and Expansion

- All projects currently funded through CoC are eligible for renewal
  - CoCs may reallocate renewal funding
- Organizations can apply to expand an existing renewal project to:
  - Increase the number of units, or
  - Serve additional persons in the project.





## Pre-Application Process



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# Pre-Application Key Points

- **Organizations must submit a pre-application for EACH project for which they wish to submit a full application.**
- Projects and organizations must meet all Project and Organization Minimum Requirements in the Pre-Application phase to be able to submit a full application for HUD CoC funding.
- This is a competitive grants process. Projects that submit a full project application may not be recommended by the Durham CoC to HUD for funding, and projects recommended to HUD for funding may not be awarded HUD funding.



# Pre-Application Schedule

Activity	Date
Pre-Application Issued	April 9, 2018
Pre-Application Workshop	April 9, 2018
Written Question and Response Period	April 9 – April 30, 2018
Written Questions and Responses Posted	May 7, 2018
Pre-Applications Due (via ZoomGrants website)	May 15, 2018 by 3:00 PM
Notification of Eligibility	May 31, 2018
Appeals Period	May 31 - June 18, 2018
Notification of Appeals results	June 30, 2018



# Project Minimum Requirements

1. Proposed projects must be for one of the following activities:
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Rapid Rehousing
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
  - Coordinated Entry & Assessment
2. Must take part in the Durham CoC's Coordinated Entry System
3. Must meet the Durham Continuum of Care's threshold requirements with respect to:
  - Screening and termination of participants
  - Data quality on Universal Data Elements in HMIS
  - Bed & unit utilization



# Organization Minimum Requirements

1. Must be nonprofit organization, State, local government, instrumentality of State and local governments, or a public housing authority.
2. Must submit audited financials for the two most immediate completed reporting periods of operation - Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 or later.
  - Under certain conditions, Financial Statements prepared by a CPA may be submitted instead.
3. Financial capacity to manage a reimbursement-based contract
4. Must match 25% of any HUD funding award, except for leasing support (cash or in-kind)



## Organization Minimum Requirements - *continued*

5. Organization is eligible to contract with the federal government to spend federal funds.
6. Organization meets HUD threshold requirements as described in the Pre-Application Questions.
7. Organization's Board of Directors have adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy for the organization.
8. Organization has a Board of Directors that includes at least one homeless or formerly homeless person, or it has received a waiver from HUD.
9. Organization is in good standing with the City of Durham.





# CoC Program Requirements

- Leasing versus Rental Assistance
- Lease/rental housing must meet Housing Quality Standards
- Supportive Services Agreement
- Occupancy agreements/leases
- Timeliness-draw down funds at least once per quarter
- Termination
- Involuntary family separation
- Central or coordinated assessment system
- HMIS Participation



## Eligible Costs

- Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or New Construction
- Leasing or Rental Assistance
- Supportive Services
- Operating Costs
- HMIS
- Project Administration-up to 7.5%



# Questions and Answers

<https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/>

Send questions about pre-application process to

[Durhamopeningdoors@durhamnc.gov](mailto:Durhamopeningdoors@durhamnc.gov)

by April 30, 2018.

Answers posted at CoC website by 5/7/2018.



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## Orientation to ZoomGrants



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