

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, September 2, 2021
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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AGENDA

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Jeanne Awrey, OC Dept. of Education
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Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Natalie Bui, Veteran Affairs CRRC
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church
Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way [Secretary]
Tim Houchen, Hope4Restoration
Patti Long, Mercy House

Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter
Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options [Vice Chair]
Soledad Rivera, Families Together of OC
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing
Tim Shaw, Individual [Chair]
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

Call to Order – Tim Shaw, Chair

Board Member Roll Call – Jocelyn Gaspar

Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board on items listed within this agenda or matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board. Members of the public may address the CoC Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar after the CoC Board member discussion. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

To address the CoC Board, members of the public are to enter their name and agenda item number in the WebEx chat box to be placed in a queue. CoC Board staff will call your name in the order listed in the chat box.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board Member for discussion or separate action. The CoC Board requests that only pertinent information be discussed during this time.

No Consent Calendar Items

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. **FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager, and CoC NOFO Ad Hoc**
 - a. Update on the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO and CoC NOFO Ad Hoc
 - b. Approve the release of the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Request for Proposals to solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing projects.
 - c. Approve the release of the CoC Bonus Funding and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals to solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects.
 - d. Approve the utilization of bonus points for proposals in response to the CoC Bonus Funding and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals that serve individuals and/or demonstrate coordination with housing and healthcare organizations.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Date: September 2, 2021

Subject: FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Recommended Action:

- a. Update on the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO and Ad Hoc
- b. Approve the release of the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Request for Proposals to solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing projects.
- c. Approve the release of the CoC Bonus Funding and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals to solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects.
- d. Approve the utilization of bonus points for proposals in response to the CoC Bonus Funding and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals that serve individuals and/or demonstrate coordination with housing and healthcare organizations.

Background and Analysis

a. Update on the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO and Ad Hoc

On May 26, 2021, the Orange County CoC Board approved the creation of an ad hoc to support with the local competitive process to evaluate renewal project performance, establish funding priorities for new and reallocated funding, establish policies for reallocation and rating and tiering. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is comprised of non-conflicted members of the CoC Board and will be tasked with providing unbiased recommendations to the CoC Board around the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc membership includes George Searcy, Matt Bates, and Natalie Bui.

On August 25, the Orange County CoC Board approved the renewal and new project process for the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO. Following the approval, the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc met to discuss the funding priorities it would establish for the Domestic Violence Bonus Funding, the CoC Bonus Funding and any potential reallocation funding, based on the information provided in the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO.

b. Approve the release of the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Request for Proposals to solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing projects.

The FY2021 CoC NOFO makes \$2,736,456 available for the DV Bonus Funding to the Orange County CoC. The DV Bonus can be utilized to create new Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional and Rapid Rehousing component projects as well as Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry System projects. These project types are to be scored on a 100-point scale that are a bit different by project type.

- Rapid Rehousing and Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects:
 - [CoC Score](#). Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application.
 - [Need for the Project](#). Up to 25 points based on the extent the CoC quantifies the need for the project in its portfolio, the extent of need, and how the project will fill that gap.

- [Quality of the Project Applicant](#). Up to 25 points based on the previous performance of the applicant in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.
- SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different):
 - [CoC Score](#). Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application.
 - [Need for the Project](#). Up to 50 points based on the extent to which the CoC demonstrates the need for a coordinated entry system that better meets the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and how the project will fill this need.

The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending the Domestic Violence Bonus Request for Proposals be limited to Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional and Rapid Rehousing component projects.

c. [Approve the release of the CoC Bonus Funding and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals to solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects.](#)

The FY2021 CoC Program NOFO makes \$1,411,587 available for the CoC Bonus Funding to the Orange County CoC. New projects created through reallocation or the CoC Bonus funding include:

- Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects.
- Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects.
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects.
- Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
- Supportive services only coordinated entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending the Request for Proposals be limited to only solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects.

d. [Approve the utilization of bonus points for proposals in response to the CoC Bonus Funding and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals that serve individuals and/or demonstrate coordination with housing and healthcare organizations.](#)

Prioritization of projects that serve individuals will provide increased capacity to the largest segment of the homeless population in accessing available housing resources, including rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. The FY2021 CoC NOFO highlights a priority by the U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development (HUD) to address ending homelessness for all persons, as such the recommendation positions the Orange County CoC is being able to create housing solutions that are not restrictive or limiting but instead looking to meet the needs of the community.

The FY2021 CoC NOFO highlights a priority by the HUD to partner with housing, healthcare and services agencies to support addressing homelessness. The goal is to maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources when serving persons experiencing homelessness, CoCs should work closely with public and private healthcare organizations, partner closely with public housing authorities (PHAs) and local housing agencies, partner with local workforce development centers and work with tribal organizations. As such the FY2021 CoC NOFO has assigned up to 10 bonus points to CoCs that are able to submit new permanent supportive housing and/or rapid rehousing project applications demonstrating coordination with housing providers and healthcare organizations. By implementing bonus points in the local process, the Orange County CoC will be better positioned to receive those 10 bonus points and increase the competitive nature of the CoC and its Collaborative Application as a whole.