

HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity Information

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has released the 2021 Continuum of Care Program (CoC) Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Merced County Continuum of Care has posted information on the Merced County website for potential applicants to reference. Please review the link below.

HUD NOFO: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2021-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

Local Competition Timeline

September 3, 2021	Public Notice Posted
September 7, 2021	Letter of Intent Released to Vendors Via Email
September 13, 2021	CoC RFP Launched to Bidders
September 16, 2021	CoC Workshop at Buena Vista Site @10:00am-12:00pm
September 21, 2021	Letter of Intent due to Collaborative Applicant (CA) by 5:00pm
September 22, 2021	New Project Worksheets due to CA
September 23, 2021	CA Review of New Project Worksheets
September 24, 2021	Applicants enter New Project Application into Esnaps (Do not hit "Submit", send PDF version to CA by 5PM
September 24-27, 2021	CA reviews PDF Esnaps applications and Provides Feedback to Applicant
By September 27, 2021	Applicants hit "Submit" in Esnaps for their New Project Application by 5:00PM
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2021	RFP Responses Scored
October 7, 2021	Ranked Applications Presented to the CoC Board
October 7, 2021	CoC Board Selects Bidders
October 8, 2021	All CoC HUD Applications to be Notified of Status via Email
November 16, 2021	CA to submit all applications via eSNAPs by 5:00pm

Merced City and County Continuum of Care: Community process for the Solicitation, Objective Review, Ranking, and Selection of Project Applications

The Merced City and County Continuum of Care (Merced CoC) is committed to demonstrating the existence of a coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process for the solicitation, objective review, ranking, and selection of project applications. This includes a process by which renewal projects are reviewed for performance and compliance with 24 CFR part 578.

Renewal and new projects will be reviewed using the scoring criteria and selection priorities below in order to determine the extent to which each project is still essential and contributes to improving system performance measures.

Each HUD CoC renewal project requesting renewal funding through the Merced County CoC will be reviewed by the Merced County Collaborative Applicant in conjunction to determine project eligibility threshold. Renewal projects that do not pass the project eligibility threshold will be rejected. The HUD Project Renewal Threshold may be found in the 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)- FY21_Continuum_of_Care_Competition.pdf (hud.gov) and the FY 2021 Merced County CoC Letter of Intent to Renew CoC Project (LOI) document. Renewal projects that pass the project eligibility threshold requirements will be scored and ranked by the Collaborative Applicant and the CoC Board for participation in the HUD FY 2021 CoC Program Competition.

Project Eligibility Threshold – The Merced County Collaborative Applicant will review all renewal projects to determine if they meet the eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If the ICH determines that the applicable standards are not met for a renewal project, the project will be rejected. Renewal project threshold requirements include; a) *Participation in Coordinated Entry System; b) Practicing Housing First and Low Barriers; c) Hearth Act Compliance; d) The extent to which the proposed project fills a gap in the community's CoC and addresses an eligible population; and e) must meet match requirements as noted in 24 CFR 578.73, the 2021 NOFO, and the LOI.

Renewal Rating Factors - If a renewal project passes the project eligibility threshold the project will be reviewed and scored by the CoC Board on the following rating:

- I. Recipient Compliance with Grants and Financial Management (16 points)
- II. Housing First (9 points)

- III. Supportive Services (9 points)
- IV. Homeless Management Information System (10 points)*
- V. Coordinated Entry System (5 points)**
- VI. System Performance Measures (20 points)
- VII. Hearth Act Compliance (21 points)
- VIII. Cost Effectiveness (5 points)
- IX. Match (5 points)

CoC funded projects are required to participate in the local Homeless Management Information System, as defined by HUD.

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For questions regarding the HUD NOFO, please contact Christy McCammond and Maribel Baron at collabapp@countyofmerced.com