

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
Central Virginia CONTINUUM OF CARE (VA 508)
FY16 HUD CoC Competitive Program

The Central Virginia Continuum of Care is soliciting project applications for inclusion in the CoC's annual submission to HUD's CoC Competitive grant program. According to the [FY 2016 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION: FUNDING AVAILABILITY PAGE](#), new projects can be of four types:

- 1) To create new, permanent supportive housing (PSH) opportunities exclusively for people experiencing chronic homelessness
- 2) To create new, rapid re-housing (RRH) projects to serve families
- 3) To create a new, supportive services only (SSO) project specifically for a centralized or coordinated assessment system. See HUD's [Coordinated Entry Policy Brief](#) for eligible activities under this funding type.
- 4) To create a new dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37 that must be carried out by the HMIS Lead.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Public Housing Authorities and units of local government

Eligible nonprofit organizations with demonstrated capacity to manage federal grant funding

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- All project applicants must have a **DUNS number** and have active registrations in **SAM**. Since this process can take time, interested applicants who are not registered are encouraged to start the process as soon as possible.
- Applicants and potential sub recipients must demonstrate the financial management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and to administer federal funds.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- Projects must meet all guidelines, restrictions, and requirements for projects under HUD's Continuum of Care Competitive Program and the FY16 CoC NOFA. For program guidelines, training materials and resources, visit the [2016 NOFA resources page](#) and [CoC Competition: e-snaps resources](#)
- Projects for PSH must target 100% chronically homeless individuals, projects for RRH must target families and individuals coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter.
- SSO projects must be specifically dedicated to creation of a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- Projects must adopt a Housing First approach. Programs may not include any requirements or conditions for entry into the program (i.e. sobriety, income requirements, etc.)
- Projects must agree to receive client referrals through the CoC Coordinated Assessment/Central Intake system.
- Projects must participate in Affordable Care Act enrollment and outreach activities to ensure eligible households take advantage of the new healthcare options.
- Projects must maximize leveraging and identify non-HUD supportive services funding, including the use of mainstream resources.
- Must request less than 10% in administrative funding.
- Must agree to participate in the local Homeless Management Information System. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
- PSH and RRH Project Applications must clearly demonstrate:
 - The type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the program participants

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- The type, scale, and location of the supportive services, and the mode of transportation to those services fit the needs of the program participants (regardless of supportive services funding source)
- The specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of the program participants.
- The program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs.
- At least 75% of the proposed program participants come from the street or other locations not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, or safe havens.
- Amenities are accessible in the community. Applicants must administer their programs or activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified homeless with disabilities.
- SSO Project Applications must clearly demonstrate:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Whether there is a standardized assessment process.
 - Whether the program ensures that program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their.
- New HMIS project applications must clearly demonstrate:
 - How the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that is consistent with the CoC's funding strategy for the HMIS and furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation
 - Whether the HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards
 - Whether the HMIS un-duplicates client records
 - Whether the HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g. APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting).

TIMELINE:

HUD requires that all project applications are to be submitted at least 30 days prior to the CoC application due date on **September 14, 2016**. In order to meet this deadline, applications must be submitted to The Central Virginia Continuum of Care for review by **8/12/2016**.

The Ranking and Prioritization Committee may wish to discuss options with potential applicants in order to achieve the greatest potential benefit to increasing homelessness resources for the community. However, because project applications need to be submitted by early August, **each potential applicant will need to prepare their proposed project in e-snaps. There will not be a separate proposal process prior to entering the application in the HUD e-snaps system.** Information from the draft *e-snaps* application, in PDF format, will be used for project selection.

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Project Application Deadlines:

7/22/2016	Intent to Submit Project Application notification due to CVCOC [email to dcrews@lynccag.org].
8/12/2016	Submission of application and project documents in <i>e-snaps</i> by applicant. PDF copy due to CVCOC [email to dcrews@lynccag.org].
8/22/2016	Ranking and Prioritization Committee meets, selects and ranks projects.

INTENT TO SUBMIT PROJECT APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please email your notice of intent to submit a new project application via email to Denise Crews at dcrews@lynccag.org by **7/22/2016**. Please include your organization’s name, contact information, and brief descriptions of your proposed project and the organization’s eligibility and capacity to manage this type of project, including experience managing federal funds. Notices received after 7/22/2016 will not be considered.

ESTIMATED FUNDING AVAILABLE:

There are two sources of potential funding for new project applications:

- 1) **Reallocated Funds:** Funding from existing renewal projects may be reallocated to fund new projects. Currently, the CoC has \$327,287 available to fund renewal projects. This includes 3 permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects, 1 transitional housing (TH) project and 1 HMIS project. In order for a new project to be awarded funding for RRH, PSH, SSO, or HMIS and ranked in the CoC’s Project Priority Listing, funds from these existing PSH, TH and HMIS projects must be reallocated and therefore not available to continue to fund existing program participants’ housing assistance. Therefore, the CoC is prioritizing existing renewal projects during the ranking and review process.
- 2) **Permanent Housing Bonus:** Approximately \$21,256.00 (5% of FPRN) is available to fund new permanent supportive housing projects dedicated 100% to the chronically homeless or rapid re-housing projects dedicated to singles and families and youth coming directly from the street or emergency shelter as part of the overall ranking and prioritization process in the FY16 competition. The PH Bonus is no longer offered as part of a set-aside funding pool, and will now be ranked against renewal and new projects created out of reallocation. Therefore, the CoC will prioritize existing renewal projects over PH Bonus projects during the ranking and review process. Additional information on this opportunity can be found starting on page 15 of the FY16 Notice of Funding Availability.

REVIEW AND SELECTION:

Central Virginia Continuum of Care (VA 508) has established a Ranking and Prioritization Committee that will rank and select projects and funding levels for submission to HUD. All proposed project applicants will be notified by 8/30/2016 if their project is selected for inclusion in the full application.

Projects will be reviewed and selected based on their alignment with HUD and local plans and priorities, ability to meet threshold, eligibility, and capacity requirements as well as the extent to which they contribute to the competitiveness of the overall CoC application. Applicants are encouraged to review the [FY16 Notice of Funding Availability](#) and the [Interim Rule](#) for more detailed information on requirements and priorities.