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We are pleased to announce that HUD has released its FY2019 SuperNOFA for Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program application. This is part of a competitive application process that is due to Washington, DC on September 30, 2019.

The County is seeking a new project(s) that meets the application criteria. Please note that any agency seeking to apply for these funds must serve ***new program participants***. Through the FY2019 Competition, the Union County CoC is eligible to apply for a total of \$4,740,594 for new and renewal projects that work towards the goal of ending homelessness. This total budget includes:

1. Renewal Funding in the amount of \$4,170,723
2. New Bonus Projects in the amount of \$237,030
3. Domestic Violence Bonus Projects in the amount of \$474,059

+All funds requested would be required to meet the 25% match, with the exception of leasing budget category, per the CoC Interim Rule.

Information regarding specific program type and subpopulation eligibility, as well as additional information regarding the CoC application process is available through the FY2019 Funding Specification Notice listed below and on HUD's website. Please review this information carefully as there have been some changes from prior funding years. Applicants should also review the FY2019 NOFA: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2019-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf> and the CoC Interim Rule:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2035/coc-program-interim-rule-formatted-version>.

New projects may be created using available funds through **the new Housing Bonus and new Domestic Violence Housing Bonus:**

- New **Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)** projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth.
- New **Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and PH-RRH** component projects as defined in Section II.C.3.m of this NOFA to better serve homeless individuals and families, including individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

This year, there is a strong emphasis on employment strategies. This is a newer policy emphasis for HUD, and it focuses on establishing connections to help households increase income so that they can afford stable housing.

In order to have a **new project** considered in the consolidated application for funding, we are inviting the **Executive Directors** of homeless assistance provider agencies and faith-based organizations to submit a Letter of Intent to apply **no later than Wednesday, July 24th, 2019 at 12:00 Noon** to the attention of:

Samantha Carpio - scarpio@ucnj.org

The letter should include the telephone number and e-mail address of the person with whom the County will interact to complete the application for funding. *Your letter of intent should include an abstract of the proposed project identifying the project type [PSH, TH-RRH and PSH-RRH], project activity (leasing or rental assistance), including the eligible costs, target population: chronically homeless/ homeless youth/ homeless families, number of **new** housing units (scattered site/sponsor based), number of **new** beds per unit, location of housing structure (scattered site/sponsor based), and estimated project budget amount.*

In order to expedite this technical application process, upon review of your Letter of Intent we will email you further instructions. *All interested new project sponsors will be asked to attend a Technical Assistance Meeting (date/location/time to be determined).*

The County is asking that **Project Sponsors for new projects be vigilant in submitting all requested information accurately and timely as requested by the County.** With HUD's tight time frame there will be no room for extensions. *Please be advised it is the responsibility of the renewal project sub-recipient organization to ensure all information listed in the proposal is accurate/complete as the County is preparing and submitting the proposal on behalf of your organization.*

Again this year all projects will be ranked (new and renewal) and renewals may be at risk of reduction or loss of funding.

To be clear, any new project submitted in the FY2019 SuperNOFA CoC application will be ranked last in order to preserve renewal demand to the fullest extent.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out our office:

- Samantha Carpio at (908) 527-4874 or email scarpio@ucnj.org
- Christina Topolosky at (908) 527-4839 or email ctopolosky@ucnj.org

The Union County CoC looks forward to working with you and thank you for your efforts in providing quality homeless assistance services.