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CoC Members;

Last Friday the FY 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition Notice of Funding Application was posted to the website along with the HUD Announcement of Renewal and Bonus amounts for each CoC. To save you from looking to see what those numbers are; our CoC has an Annual Renewal Demand amount of $631,767. Those are existing grants that can apply for renewal. Currently those are awarded to YWCA of Quincy and MSC in Jacksonville. 94% of the ARD is set aside for Tier 1. The remaining 6% will go to Tier 2 if there is enough money to cover Tier 2. All renewal projects must go through a review before the CoC ranks them for funding. Low performing projects may be asked to reallocate at the recommendation of the CoC Council. HUD will not consider an application that has not been reviewed and ranked by the CoC. Reallocation could mean the CoC asks the applicant to move money to a new project that better fits the needs of our community or it could mean forfeiting the money to another applicant.

The Permanent Housing Bonus amount that our CoC can apply for is $57,288. There are only two projects you can submit an application for under the bonus and that is a Permanent Supportive Housing project dedicated to chronically homeless or a Rapid Re-Housing project which is rental assistance with supportive services for a limited amount of time. To learn about each of these projects, please carefully read the NOFA and Federal Regulations 24 CFR 578 which you can search for on the HUD Exchange.

The CoC's application along with all the project applications are due September 28, 2017. It is a requirement of the NOFA that project applications be turned into the CoC for review and ranking no less than 30 days in advance to the September 28 deadline. Because we also have to submit a CoC application that is an extensive report of what we have done and what we intend do to strategically to work toward ending homelessness we need a considerable amount of time to review project applications to base our CoC application. In addition to that we have to submit our projects to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for them to certify that our proposals align with the State's Consolidated Plan. This is a time-consuming effort therefore the CoC's Research and Evaluation would like the renewal grant applicants and new grant applicants to submit their project applications to the Collaborative Applicant by 5:00 p.m. August 15.

The CoC's rating and review procedures will be posted to the website for any interested applicants by July 19.

If you are interested in submitting a new application, and would like to see what the application entails, visit the following link that will guide you to accessing the project application: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources/#general-resources
The online application just opened today.

HUD provides a great deal of instruction and guidance but it is a lot of reading and learning to navigate the online system called "esnaps" so I advise any interested applicant to not procrastinate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance. I can answer general questions about the process but I cannot advise you on writing a grant application.

Thanks for all you do in our communities!

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