

Notice of Funding Announcement 2019 Knoxville-Knox County Continuum of Care (TN-502)

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The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has released its 2019 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Announcement (CoC NOFA), which is a nation-wide competition for funding to support certain homeless-related housing, services and other related resources. Cities and localized regions across the country form collaborative “Continuum of Care” bodies to facilitate coordinated applications for this funding. Knoxville and Knox County Tennessee have one such CoC body, in the form of the Knoxville-Knox County Coalition for the Homeless. The City of Knoxville’s Office on Homelessness has been designated as this CoC’s “Collaborative Applicant” for the purposes of directly coordinating the application submission process.

HUD’s 2019 CoC NOFA includes deadlines for submitting a collaborative application package as well as other procedural deadlines required to carry out the collaborative process prior to the final submission deadline. The Knoxville-Knox County CoC will seek to meet or exceed HUD’s required deadlines in order to carry out an open and fair application process. The Knoxville Knox County CoC’s 2019 timeline will therefore include local deadlines that may occur **before** HUD’s required deadlines. Applicants seeking inclusion in the 2018 Knoxville-Knox County CoC Collaborative Application will be required to meet the local process timelines and deadlines. Those dates, along with information and requirements for participating in the CoC application process will be published on the City of Knoxville’s Office on Homelessness webpage (www.knoxvilletn.gov/homelessness), and will also be shared via email and other means of notice.

Anyone considering applying for these funds should first read HUD’s NOFA and accompanying rules and regulations for the CoC program and application. All potential applicants must refer to HUD’s CoC NOFA and related information to understand the programs, process, and to access the online application. These rules and regulations are very specific and fairly complicated. Do not wait until the last minute to review and understand these rules. Although the local Collaborative Applicant (listed below) is available to help with this process, **it is the responsibility of each project applicant to review and fully understand these program rules and regulations.** HUD’s info is available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5842/fy-2019-coc-program-nofa/>.

The 2019 CoC application for Knoxville-Knox County will consist of a number of applications to renew funding to continue existing activities, and may also include new applications to fund eligible activities as described below and in the HUD NOFA. Any funding awarded to those agency and program-specific applications as a result of this process will be awarded and contracted directly between HUD and the recipient agency. Those funds do not flow through the City of Knoxville’s budget. All applications potentially included in the Knoxville-Knox County collaborative application will be subject to a review and ranking process as required in the HUD NOFA.

Knoxville/Knox County’s anticipated “Pro Rata Need”: \$1,501,972. This is the total funding amount that HUD anticipates could be sought for renewal of existing CoC projects in Knoxville-Knox County, Tennessee.

Although most CoC funding is generally expected to be used to renew existing programs, there are some competitive opportunities to win funding for new programs. The details of how these opportunities are awarded can be found in HUD's CoC regulations and in the 2019 HUD CoC funding announcement available at the link above. We have attempted to summarize those opportunities as they impact our local process here, with the understanding that HUD's information is where the rules are set.

A timeline for the local CoC process will also be published on the Office on Homelessness website at www.knoxvilletn.gov/homelessness. This timeline may be revised and updated during the process, so all potential applicants should check back regularly to assure they are aware of current deadlines and requirements.

Opportunities for potential new CoC funding for Knoxville-Knox County Tennessee in 2019:

- a. **“Reallocation” of The Salvation Army’s Transitional Housing grant. Available funding amount: \$67,936.** The Salvation Army has determined that it will not seek to renew funding for an existing Transitional Housing program. Because that program could otherwise be renewed, HUD’s rules state that Knoxville-Knox County has a one-time opportunity to redirect or “reallocate” that program’s funding to a new or expanded program that is eligible under current HUD CoC rules. Details on these eligible program categories are available in HUD’s 2019 CoC NOFA and CoC regulations. These eligible categories are summarized here.

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)
- Combined Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH)
- Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the purposes of establishing a comparable database that serves the specific requirements of a Domestic Violence (DV) program
- Social Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) – to address complications and challenges of serving the DV victim population.
- Expansion projects – Existing CoC programs may seek to add additional housing units or units of service.

- b. **CoC Bonus. Anticipated available funding amount: \$75,098.60**

Applicants may seek funding for a new, eligible program. The funding amount is generated based on our local potential amount for renewal funding. CoC Bonus funding is highly competitive nation-wide, and is contingent on a number of factors, including our CoC’s overall application score, the new program application’s locally-ranked priority, and the eligibility and quality of the individual program application. Details on the eligible program categories are available in HUD’s 2019 CoC NOFA and CoC regulations. These eligible categories are summarized here.

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c. Domestic Violence Bonus. Anticipated available funding amount: \$150,197.20

Funding is specifically available to create new programs to address the needs of individuals and families who are victims of domestic violence. The funding amount is generated based on our local potential amount for renewal funding. CoC Domestic Violence Bonus funding is highly competitive nation-wide, and is contingent on a number of factors, including our CoC's overall application score, the new program application's locally-ranked priority, and the eligibility and quality of the individual program application. Details on the eligible program categories are available in HUD's 2019 CoC NOFA and CoC regulations. These eligible categories are summarized here. Eligible categories:

- Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)
- Combined Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH)
- Social Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) – to address complications and challenges of serving the DV victim population.

If interested in new opportunities, please contact the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant (Michael Dunthorn mdunthorn@knoxvilletn.gov) as soon as possible. New funding is highly competitive and is not guaranteed. There may be opportunities to negotiate multiple applications to share available amounts or just to compete. The competition will be decided during the ranking process at the end, so this year, it is quite possible that some applicants seeking funding won't be included in the final package, or will be ranked at the bottom and will therefore be unlikely to receive funding.