

COC NOFA Local Request for Proposals

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

**** Final Call for Projects ****

The River Valleys Continuum of Care (Rochester/Southeast Minnesota MN-502) announces the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Notice of Funding Availability for the 2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition FR-6100-N-25. Read it at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2017-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>

River Valleys Continuum of Care (RVCoC) is seeking requests for submission of Renewal, New, and Expansion Projects through the *e-Snaps* portal.

HUD priorities for the 2017 Continuum of Care Program focus on

- Ending homelessness for all persons;
- Creating a systemic response to homelessness;
- Strategically allocating and using resources;
- Using a Housing First approach.

RENEWALS

RVCoC is required to submit renewal amounts provided by the Final Grant Inventory Worksheets. Renewal projects include Permanent Housing, Homeless Management Information System, and Supportive Services Only (for Coordinated Entry).

All RENEWAL projects MUST be submitted into *e-Snaps* prior to **4:00 pm CDT on Monday, August 21, 2017**. Additional documents for the RVCoC review and ranking process will be required by the same deadline and submitted outside of e-Snaps. (All RENEWAL projects were required to submit a notice of intent to apply by **4:00 pm CDT on Friday, March 17, 2017** via RVCoC's online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/hFL2bWZHfaJtc9yn2>.)

RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: By applying for funding all applicants will certify their participation in the RVCoC, including the following:

- Be a member in good standing (signed member agreement and CoC Code of Conduct on file) at time of submittal
- Pay annual CoC development fee
- Participate in the Continuum's Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Agree to prioritize participants according to CoC priorities
- Agree to maintain accurate and timely data in HMIS and to the greatest extent possible utilize HMIS in real time.

Full details for local competition requirements will be posted on the RVCoC website on or before August 4, 2017. A Technical Assistance conference call for applicants will be held on Thursday, August 10 at 3:00 pm. Call-in information will be distributed to all project applicant representatives by August 4, 2017.

NEW PROJECTS (Including EXPANSIONS of Existing Projects)

Permanent Housing (Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing) projects as well as a new project type, Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing, are available for the community to apply for as New Projects through the process of reallocation or permanent housing bonus. Homeless Management Information System and Supportive Services Only (for Coordinated Entry) are available for the community to apply as New Projects only through the process of reallocation.

For types of projects that qualify for funding under the NEW PROJECT criteria through either reallocation or permanent housing Bonus please refer to the HUD NOFA. At least \$139,389 is available for Bonus projects.

All NEW projects MUST submit a notice of intent to apply by **4:00 pm CDT on Monday, July 31, Tuesday, August 1, 2017** via RVCoc's online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/hFL2bWZHfaJtc9yn2>. RVCoc posted the current local priorities for funding and opened the intent to apply form for new projects on February 20, 2017.

All NEW projects MUST be submitted into *e-Snaps* prior to **4:00 pm CDT on Monday, August 21, 2017**. Additional documents for the RVCoc review and ranking process will be required by the same deadline and submitted outside of e-Snaps.

NEW PROJECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: By applying for funding all applicants will certify the following:

- If not currently a member in good standing, become a member by submitting signed member agreement and code of conduct prior to grant execution
- Pay annual CoC Development Fee
- Participate in the Continuum's Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Agree to utilize a Housing First approach
- Agree to be a low barrier provider of service
- Agree to maintain accurate and timely data in HMIS and to the greatest extent possible utilize HMIS in real time.

Full details for local competition requirements will be posted on the RVCoc website on or before August 4, 2017. A Technical Assistance conference call for applicants will be held on Thursday, August 10 at 3:00 pm. Call-in information will be distributed to all project applicant representatives by August 4, 2017.

REVIEW PROCESS

The RVCoc Project Review and Rating Committee has an independent review process, criteria and schedule. Projects that are submitted will be ranked according to this procedure. Only those applications submitted thru the *e-Snaps* system by the August 21, 2017 deadline will be reviewed. All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Committee utilizing the CoC's Reallocation Policy, Project Priorities, and Project Ranking and Scoring Tool approved by the CoC Board.

All applicants submitting an application by the deadline will be notified if their application will be accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing, reduced and ranked, or rejected by the CoC by September 7, 2017.

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

(HUD Dates are in bold)

July 14, 2017 – NOFA released by HUD

July 20, 2017 – Final Call for Projects in River Valleys CoC

August 1, 2017 – Intent to Apply due via online form by 4:00 pm

August 10, 2017 – Technical Assistance call for project applicants

August 21, 2017 – Local project applications due in e-Snaps system by 4:00 pm

August 23, 2017 – September 6 – Review and Ranking

September 7, 2017 – Notification to applicants of approval, rejection, or reduction by the CoC with information on appeals

September 8, 2017 – Project applications released in e-Snaps for required changes

September 14, 2017 – Final changes to project applications must be submitted in e-Snaps by 4:00 pm

September 19, 2017 – CoC Collaborative Application, including final project ranking posted for public review

September 28, 2017 – HUD Submission Deadline

RESOURCES

HUD Continuum of Care NOFA <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2017-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>

HUD Continuum of Care Interim Rule (regulations for the program):

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/>

HUD Exchange Continuum of Care Program Application Guides: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources/#general-resources>

River Valleys Continuum of Care website (local competition guide and CoC priorities):

<http://www.threeriverscap.org/continuum-of-care>

River Valleys Continuum of Care Priorities for Funding 2017-2018

Permanent Supportive Housing

| County | Top Priority Household Type | Estimated Number of Units Needed |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| HIGH PRIORITY FOR NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING | | |
| Blue Earth | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children <i>Subpops: SMI, Vets</i> | > 20 |
| Brown | Families <i>Subpops: SMI, Vets</i> | 5-10 |
| Goodhue | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children <i>Subpops: CSA, DV</i> | 5-10 |
| Mower | Families <i>Subpops: CSA, DV</i> | 11-20 |
| Olmsted | Families (large families) <i>Subpops: CSA, DV</i> | > 20 |
| Steele | Families <i>Subpops: SMI, CSA</i> | 5-10 |
| Winona | Singles, including single youth 18-24 <i>Subpops: CSA, DV</i> | 5-10 |
| LOWER PRIORITY FOR NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING | | |
| Dodge | Singles <i>Subpops: SMI, CSA</i> | < 5 |
| Faribault | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children <i>Subpops: SMI, Vets</i> | < 5 |
| Fillmore | Singles <i>Subpops: CSA, DV</i> | < 5 |
| Freeborn | Singles <i>Subpops: SMI, CSA</i> | 5-10 |
| Houston | Singles <i>Subpops: CSA, DV</i> | < 5 |
| Le Sueur | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children <i>Subpops: SMI, Vets</i> | 5-10 |
| Martin | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children <i>Subpops: SMI, Vets</i> | < 5 |
| Nicollet | Families <i>Subpops: SMI, Vets</i> | 5-10 |
| Rice | Families <i>Subpops: SMI, CSA</i> | 5-10 |
| Sibley | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children <i>Subpops: SMI, Vets</i> | < 5 |
| Wabasha | Families <i>Subpops: CSA, DV</i> | < 5 |
| Waseca | Families <i>Subpops: SMI, CSA</i> | < 5 |
| Watonwan | Families <i>Subpops: SMI, Vets</i> | < 5 |

Subpopulations Key: SMI = Serious Mental Illness, CSA = Chronic Substance Abuse, DV = Domestic Violence (including sexual assault and stalking), Vets = Military Veterans

River Valleys Continuum of Care Priorities for Funding 2017-2018

Rapid Re-Housing

| County | Top Priority Household Type | Estimated Number of Units Needed |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| HIGH PRIORITY FOR NEW RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAMS | | |
| Blue Earth | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children | 11-20 |
| Le Sueur | Families | 5-10 |
| Mower | Families | 5-10 |
| Nicollet | Single adults and Families | 5-10 |
| Olmsted | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children | 11-20 |
| Rice | Families and single youth | 5-10 |
| LOWER PRIORITY FOR NEW RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAMS | | |
| Brown | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children | <5 |
| Dodge | Families | <5 |
| Faribault | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children | <5 |
| Fillmore | Single adults and Families | <5 |
| Freeborn | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children | <5 |
| Goodhue | Families, including youth 18-24 with their own children | <5 |
| Houston | Single adults, including seniors | <5 |
| Martin | Families | <5 |
| Sibley | Families | <5 |
| Steele | Families | <5 |
| Wabasha | Families | <5 |
| Waseca | Families | <5 |
| Watonwan | Families | <5 |
| Winona | Single adults and Families | <5 |

RRH doesn't supply units in the typical sense. RRH units should be thought of as the number of RRH opportunities needed at any one point in time (beyond the current supply). For example, you could read the table this way: If we had the resources to serve 5-10 more households in Rice County at the same time, we could meet the estimated need for RRH in Rice County over the next two years.

Methodology for setting 2017-2018 CoC priorities: In October-November 2016, the CoC partnered with FHPAP grantees in the region to develop and deliver a survey of homeless and formerly homeless persons and a survey of housing/service providers across the 20-county CoC region. In December 2016, data from this survey as well as multiple sources (noted below) on the number and type of households experiencing homelessness was compiled and summarized by Continuum of Care staff and presented to CoC members from across the region for their review and additional input. CoC members used the data to select current priorities and estimate short-term need for the housing type across priority populations. The recommendations made by CoC members were shared via CoC email list serv and website prior to the February CoC meeting, where the CoC membership voted to adopt the priorities above.

Data sources: 2016 CoC/FHPAP survey of participants/former participants in homeless programs (needs/service match and outcomes), 2016 CoC/FHPAP survey of housing/service providers in the region (needs/services match and local trends), 2016 CoC Point in Time Count (household counts, household sizes, and subpopulations), Coordinated Entry pilot lists based in Mankato, Rochester, and Owatonna (household counts, household sizes, subpopulations, length of time on the list by household type and assessment score).