



2018 NOFA Motions

Motions adopted on May 14, 2018

1. Motion - Types of Eligible Projects

Motion to allow submission of the following types of new project applications:

- a. New permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects that will serve 100 percent chronically homeless individuals and families including youth/young adults experiencing chronic homelessness.
- b. New rapid rehousing (RRH) projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, or joint TH/RRH, including people fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or other dangerous situations who are also literally homeless.
- c. New DV designated RRH (DV RRH) projects that will serve exclusively people fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or other dangerous situations who are also literally homeless (i.e., coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, or joint (TH/RRH) or who meet the HUD Category 4 criteria. These projects will be scored separately and funded through a pot of funds set-aside for this purpose by HUD.
- d. New Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects combining transitional housing (TH) and RRH into a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness and coming directly from locations not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, and safe havens and/or persons at imminent risk of losing their night time residence within 14 days, who have no subsequent housing identified, and lack the resources to obtain other housing.
- e. New Supportive Services Only for CAPS (CAPS SSO) projects to support NYC's Coordinated Entry System known as the Coordinated Assessment and Placement System (CAPS). Any project submitted in this category will be considered separately by the Steering Committee and not scored using the scoring methodology for PSH, RRH, and Joint TH/RRH projects. This project type is likely to be defined by HUD as eligible only for reallocated not bonus funds.



2. Motion: Project Priorities

Motion to allow submission of the following types of new project applications:

- a. Bonus points will be available to all projects with proposed costs that are below the average. Average annual costs per household will be calculated for supportive services and combined operating/leasing/rental assistance, including all CoC and non-CoC funds. Each project's proposed costs will be compared to the average costs requested by all similar new project applications. Average costs will be calculated separately for each model type (i.e., PSH, RRH, and Joint TH/RRH and each household type (i.e., families with children, single adults, projects 100% dedicated to serving single youth under 25 and projects 100% dedicated to serving households with children headed by a single youth under 25).
- b. Bonus points will be available to all projects whose applications are submitted by the original deadline announced.
- c. Bonus points will be available to all projects that dedicate a minimum of 50% of units for unaccompanied and parenting youth under age 25.
- d. Bonus points will be available to PSH projects that demonstrate a viable plan to begin housing eligible participants within 12 months of award and to achieve full occupancy within 18 months of award.
- e. Additional bonus points will be available to PSH projects that demonstrate a viable plan to begin housing eligible participants within 6 months of award and to achieve full occupancy within 12 months of award.
- f. Bonus points will be available to RRH and Joint TH/RRH projects that demonstrate a viable plan to begin housing eligible participants within 4 months of award and to achieve full occupancy within 8 months of award.
- g. Bonus points will be awarded for all projects that prioritize Veterans who are ineligible to receive HUD-VASH/SSVF services.
- h. Bonus points will be given to all projects that commit to employing homeless and/or formerly homeless individuals.



3. Motion: Eligible Activities

Motion to allow submission of applications that include all types of costs defined as eligible by HUD and to prioritize applications that do not include CoC funding for non-renewable activities (i.e., construction, acquisition and rehabilitation). Projects can request funds for:

- a. PSH: Rental assistance, leasing, operating, construction, acquisition, rehabilitation
- b. RRH: Rental assistance (must be tenant-based - TBRA)
- c. Joint TH-RRH: Rental assistance to pay for RRH assistance (must be tenant-based - TBRA), leasing, operating, construction, acquisition, rehabilitation to provide transitional housing
- d. ALL Projects: Supportive Services
- e. ALL Projects: HMIS
- f. ALL Projects: Admin

4. Motion: Cost Framework

To convene a work group tasked with developing a framework to:

- a. Ensure that all new projects funded through the 2020 CoC competition are cost-effective.
- b. Ensure that the CoC is developing the maximum number of new units possible given available resources.
- c. Provide guidance on supportive services and combined operating, leasing, rental assistance, costs to the 2020 new project applicants and the new project application review committee.
- d. Analyze costs of supportive services and combined operating, leasing, rental assistance, including those supported by CoC funds and other government sources, to determine if the CoC should undertake an effort to right-size project funding, potentially reallocating funds from projects receiving significantly higher funding levels than the norm and/or enhancing funds for projects whose current funding level is insufficient.

Motions Adopted on July 19, 2018

1. MOTION: To create an ad hoc Recapture Appeals Committee.

2. MOTION: Underspending Recapture

The CoC reserves the right to permanently reduce the amount for which projects are eligible to apply if, in at least 2 of the past 3 contract years, the project left unspent either at least \$50K or at least 10% of their award, whichever is greater. The annual reduction will be capped at 10% of the total most recently awarded grant amount and will not exceed the lowest annual amount that remained unspent during the 3-year period. Projects that can demonstrate that they have made efforts to reduce recapture during the past 2 years (e.g., through re-allocation, over-leasing, and/or budget modifications) will be exempted. All impacted projects can file an appeal, and appeals will be decided by majority vote of an ad hoc appeals committee. The CoC will not recapture funds if it does not receive sufficient new project applications to enable reallocation.



3. MOTION: Performance Reallocation

The CoC reserves the right to reallocate projects based on poor performance that meet the following criteria:

- a. The project was evaluated in each of the past three CoC renewal project evaluation cycles (i.e., 2015, 2016, and 2017); and
- b. In 2017, and at least one other year in that three-year period, the project scored [TBD] or below.

Projects that meet these criteria will be unable to apply for renewal funding in the 2017 competition and will permanently lose their award upon expiration of the grant funded through the 2016 competition. All impacted projects can file an appeal, and appeals will be decided by majority vote of an ad hoc appeals committee. The CoC will not reallocate funds if it does not receive sufficient new project applications to enable reallocation.

5. MOTION: Reallocation to Create New Joint Project

For existing Transitional Housing (TH) projects wishing to reallocate to create a new Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Re-housing (TH-RRH) project, assuming their new project application is of sufficiently high quality to pass HUD threshold criteria, and is determined by the review committee to: (1) demonstrate adequate applicant capacity to manage the project; (2) fill a critical gap in the CoC; and (3) meet the needs of proposed participants, the new project will be ranked in a manner that is consistent with the evaluation score of their existing TH project. To enable addition of the RRH component, such projects would be able to submit a new project application for more funding than they currently receive for the existing TH project. The CoC reserves the right to place reasonable limitations on the amount of additional funds awarded (e.g., based on funds available and to ensure cost-effectiveness, including that costs do not deviate substantially from the norm). If they determine that the amount awarded is insufficient to adequately operate the proposed Joint TH-RRH project or the review committee decides not to award the proposed project, agencies may opt to continue their existing TH project and rescind their Joint TH-RRH application.

6. MOTION: Ranking

Projects included in the 2017 NYC CoC Priority Listing shall be ranked as follows: Evaluated renewal projects in order based on score. For existing Transitional Housing (TH) projects reallocating to create a new Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Re-housing (TH-RRH) project, the new project will be ranked in a manner that is consistent with the evaluation score of their highest ranked existing TH project. Followed by exempt renewal projects in Tier 1. Followed by remaining evaluated renewal projects in order based on score. Followed by new projects in an order that will maximize resources available to end homelessness.