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Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (BCoC)

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HUD Releases Annual Homeless Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the annual funding availability for the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC). Each year, HUD makes funding available for local projects to provide housing and services for those experiencing homelessness and at-risk of homelessness. The local CoC is charged with scoring and ranking those applications according to HUD's strict eligibility, priority, and performance criteria.

A total of \$570,871 has been allocated to the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care. The funding of renewal projects (that is, projects that have been previously funded through this process) will be \$536,619. The BCoC encourages new project applications and they may be allocated part of the \$536,619 funds (called reallocation) if they outrank renewal projects.

This year, we again have a \$34,252 bonus offered to the County, provided the BCoC reallocates lower performing projects.

New this year, a \$60,401 bonus has been offered for Domestic Violence Projects.

Again, this year's NOFA also includes the availability of a CoC planning grant for \$18,120, administered by the Collaborative Applicant. The planning grant can be used for CoC-wide planning, including project evaluation, coordinated entry, CoC funding applications, and strategic plans.

Background: The HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for federal fiscal year 2018 was released on June 20, 2018. It outlines requirements for nearly \$2.1 billion in 2018-2019 federal fiscal year homeless assistance grants, administered by HUD in compliance with the HEARTH Act. The total NOFA funding amount is slightly more than last year's NOFA at \$562,511.

Although the funding allocation is anticipated to be adequate for all project renewals, HUD again requests that projects are ranked and placed in two tiers. The total funding amount for Tier 1 will be \$536,619, and those awarded in that tier will be assured funding for their project. The total funding amount for Tier 2 will be \$130,894, which is the balance of the annual renewal amount plus the two new bonus funds.

The NOFA requires CoC's to review and rank applications within their geographic areas according to how effectively they align with the 2018 NOFA Priorities and our Local Community Priorities. Although the renewal amount is available to continue funding of existing permanent





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housing programs, the NOFA encourages reallocation of CoC funds if new projects better meet the NOFA and Local priorities.

Important Dates:

- July 13, 2018 at 9:30am - Informational Meeting About the NOFA (Open to the Public)
- July 16/17, 2018 - Release of Local RFP for Renewal and New Project Applications
- August 2, 2018 at 3pm - Project Application Workshop (*Mandatory for New Projects/Applicants*)
- August 10, 2018 at 3pm - Applications Due to BCoC
- By August 31, 2018 - Applications Status/Ranking Decisions will be posted
- By September 7, 2018 - FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application will be posted to website for Public Review
- September 18, 2018 at 8pm (EDT) the Competition Closes

Additional information and updates will be available and can be found on the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care website (www.buttehomelesscoc.com).

All interested parties are encouraged to review the NOFA, Interim Rule and training materials available at www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/ and www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2018-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices

Local information and the funding applications are found at
www.buttehomelesscoc.com/coc-program-nofa.html

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