Highlights of the 2016 Continuum of Care NOFA

A. Overview and General Requirements

- CoCs will be required to place projects into Tier 1 and Tier 2. This year Tier 1 is 93% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and Tier 2 is 7%. Our ARD is $8,160,635 so the Tiers are:
    - Tier 1 = $7,589,390
    - Tier 2 = $571,245

  Last year Tier 1 was 85% of ARD so this year more of our projects are protected from de-funding

- Bonus funding may be requested for new Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) or Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects serving single adults, families or youth. We can apply for up to $408,031 (5% of our Annual Renewal Demand).

- CoCs are required to rate and rank projects based on objective assessment of performance and strongly encouraged to re-allocate lower performing projects.

- Re-allocated funds may be used to create new RRH or PSH projects, or for HMIS or Coordinated Entry.

B. HUD Policy Priorities

1. Create a Systemic Response to Homelessness
- Measure system performance
- Create an effective Coordinated Entry process. CES should prioritize persons with longest histories of homelessness and most extensive needs. Lower barriers to entering programs or receiving assistance
- Promote participant choice
- Make delivery of homeless assistance more open, inclusive and transparent

2. Strategically Allocate Resources
- Comprehensively review project quality, performance and cost effectiveness
- Maximize use of mainstream and other community-based resources
- Review transitional housing projects

3. End Chronic Homelessness
- Target PSH for those with highest needs and longest histories of homelessness
- Increase PSH units
- Improve outreach

4. End Family Homelessness
- Most families can be housed quickly and stably using rapid re-housing

5. End Youth Homelessness
- Understand the needs of youth and encourage youth providers to participate in the CoC
- Develop programs to meet the needs of LGBTQ youth;

- Develop a response to serve youth who are fleeing domestic violence, human trafficking or who are exchanging sex for housing

6. End Veteran Homelessness
- Prioritize veterans and their families who cannot be assisted with VA services
- Coordinate with veteran serving organizations and VA-funded housing and services

7. Use a Housing First Approach
- Use data to quickly and stably house homeless persons.
- Engage landlords and property owners
- Remove barriers to entry
- Adopt client-centered service methods

C. Important Changes Since 2015

- CoCs that have a history of re-allocating lower performing projects will receive a competitive advantage.

- Analysis of system performance is required. CoCs that complete and submit system performance measures by August 1, 2016 receive points in the competition.

- Applicants may now count rent collected from program participants as match.

D. Potential Amendments to Governance Charter

- Expand on policy on prioritizing chronically homeless people for turnover units in permanent supportive housing

- Add details on strategies to reach functionally zero homeless people; drawn from the Strategic Plan. Include details on how strategies will be implemented

- Expand on project monitoring procedures; including monitoring for compliance with CoC regulations

- Update HMIS Policies and Procedures

- Expand written standards for rapid re-housing assistance