



City of New Bedford, Massachusetts
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Office of Housing & Community Development
Patrick J. Sullivan, Director

TO: CoC Renewal Programs

FROM: Patrick J. Sullivan, Director

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RE: Notice of Continuum of Care (CoC) Renewal Applications

The City of New Bedford is commencing with the FY 2013 Continuum of Care Renewal and New Project Request for Proposal process prior to the release of the FY 2013 CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) .

Application are due by November 8, 2013 at 3:00pm

The Renewal Application can be obtained by contacting the City of New Bedford; Patrick.sullivan@newbedford-ma.gov . The application is available in WORD format and the final HUD approved Grantee Inventory Worksheet (GIW) detailing the final approved budgets for each program will also be provided as part of the application process.

Funding for new projects in the 2013 competition is extremely limited. It appears as if there will be no bonus for new permanent housing projects. Additionally, the only funding for new projects will come from the reallocation of existing project funding. HUD may further restrict reallocation to new permanent supportive housing projects targeting 100% chronically homeless persons. There may be some circumstances in which HUD will allow new rapid rehousing projects serving homeless families. Funds for reallocation will come from grantees voluntarily reallocating existing funding and from grantees whose scores do not meet threshold standards on the renewal evaluation process

If you are interested in reallocating an existing renewal project into a new permanent housing project, please contact our office per the application instructions.

Similar to last year, HUD is requiring evaluation of existing renewal grants. It is possible that the national total of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amounts submitted by CoCs in the FY2013 CoC Registration exceeds the \$1.7 billion that is estimated to be available under the NOFA, CoCs will be required to rank all projects applying for grant funds in e-snaps. To ensure that CoCs have the opportunity to prioritize their projects locally in the event that HUD is not able to fund all renewals, HUD is requiring that CoCs rank projects within 2 tiers in FY2013. The tiers are financial thresholds that are further described in the attached application.

Upon issuance of the NOFA, we will be providing further guidance with regard to the ranking process. In order to prepare in advance, we are currently reviewing several options for the ranking criteria and we have not completed that process. We would greatly appreciate your thoughts and comments on the ranking and review process.

We will be continuing our CoC Planning Meetings over the next month to prepare for the CoC Application and develop our ranking and review strategies.

Thank you.