

NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY & REQUEST FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS
HUD 2021 CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMELESS APPLICATION PROCESS
KANE HOMELESS CONTINUUM 4/26/2021

The Kane County Continuum Collaborative Applicant is starting the application and selection process for HUD's 2021 Continuum of Care funding. This is an open invitation to apply for funds in the 2021 competition for both funded and non CoC funded organizations. Applicants may apply for renewal or new projects. Both current grantees and new agencies not previously funded may apply. This includes specialized victim service providers and other providers for projects serving only survivors of domestic violence. Eligible project applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, public housing agencies and instrumentalities of state and local governments. For profit entities are not eligible. The only new projects that may be applied for are those described in this Notice.

The Continuum of Care Board will place priority on projects that meet the needs as described in the 2019 Needs Assessment. These priorities include an expansion of Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and assistance to survivors of domestic violence. The Continuum strongly encourages applicants who are interested in new projects to schedule consultations with CoC Staff. CoC Staff will host a webinar for new projects and DV bonus projects to be announced shortly.

The Kane CoC will review all projects to determine the extent to which each project is necessary and addresses the HUD policy priorities. Strategic re-allocation of resources is encouraged to further HUD policy priorities. All projects are subject to re-allocation. Reallocation is a process whereby a CoC reallocates funds in whole or in part from a renewal projects to create one or more new projects. All projects will be evaluated for reallocation both on performance and on expenditure of grant funds.

All projects must complete a CoC Project Application by May 26th, 2021. There are separate applications for new and renewal projects. Projects requesting DV bonus funds will have additional questions on the New Project application form. While the amount of 2021 HUD funds available has not been announced, the Kane Continuum annual renewal amount from 2020 is **\$1,931,6650**. The CoC is projecting a 10% housing bonus amount for one or more new projects since there were no new projects in 2020 and these HUD funds are assumed to roll over into the FY2021 NOFA competition. The CoC will accept new project applications **up to \$200,000 reserving the right to negotiate final budgets based on final HUD amounts**. In addition, either a separate Domestic Violence (DV) NOFA or DV bonus funds are anticipated to be available. Previous amounts were 10% of PPR or \$180,468. The CoC is projecting twice this amount and new project applications will be accepted **up to \$360,000 reserving the right to negotiate final budgets based on HUD amounts**.

All projects will be scored using the CoC Program NOFA Evaluation criteria and final scores will be presented for approval at the CoC Board meeting on June 16, 2021. Points will be assigned using information from the 2021 project applications, HMIS data, project evaluations and APRs. DV bonus projects will have additional evaluation criteria. Emphasis will be placed on performance and alignment with HUD policy priorities. Evaluation criteria is available on the website at (put in link).

After the FY2021 HUD NOFA is released, the CoC will competitively rank all projects in accordance with HUD guidance.

NEW BONUS PROJECTS

New projects may be created through reallocation of current renewal funds, bonus funds, or a combination of reallocation and bonus funds.

For all new projects, 5 types of projects are allowed:

- Permanent supportive housing that serve chronically homeless or that meet the Dedicated PLUS definition.
- Rapid Rehousing projects that serve individuals, families and unaccompanied youth who meet the NOFA criteria.
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects

- Dedicated HMIS (only by the current HMIS Lead)
- Coordinated Entry (supportive services only) to develop or operate a coordinated entry system.

For domestic violence bonus projects, 2 types of projects are allowed:

CoCs may create any of the following project types if the amount is at least \$25,000:

- Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH);
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) that targets victims of domestic violence. (only 1 such application is allowed).

The eligible population is survivors of domestic violence who are defined as homeless at 24CFR 578.3 (4). All DV projects must be for a grant term of 1 year.

Applicants may expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors to dedicate new beds or services that are targeted to this population. The Applicant does NOT need to be a specialized domestic violence provider as long as the project targets only the domestic violence survivor population.

*** REFERENCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ELIGIBILITY –**

Title 24 - Housing and Urban Development § 578.3 Definitions. Homeless

Category (4) Any individual or family who: (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; (ii) Has no other residence; and (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.