



Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care
Summary of Funds Available
June 22th, 2016



The 2016 HUD NOFA is soon to be released. The Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (SMAC), consisting of the counties of Anoka, Dakota, Scott-Carver and Washington, are coordinating efforts to meet community needs for homeless and chronically homeless households and are working together to best access available HUD funding. The SMAC Governing Board, consisting of representatives from each local homeless planning group, is seeking pre-applications from interested agencies to create new projects that will help our region to end homelessness. New projects can be created in two ways through the CoC NOFA competition process:

- 1) Bonus (new) funding granted by HUD to the CoC.
- 2) Reallocation from existing projects.

SMAC is accepting applications for both new project types through one application process. Please review the information below to determine if your project aligns with the eligibility and priorities of HUD and SMAC. The committee reviewing applications will determine which applications make sense to be funded through Bonus funds and which projects make sense to be funded through reallocation.

Bonus Funds:

It is projected for the 2016 competition, SMAC will receive over \$3 million in funding for existing projects. The estimated bonus amount SMAC will be eligible to apply for is approximately \$187,000. Under HUD specifications, new projects created through Bonus funding can be either:

- (a) New permanent supportive housing projects that will serve 100 percent chronically homeless families and individuals including youth experiencing chronic homelessness.
- (b) New rapid rehousing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including youth, coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, or fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless.

Reallocation Funds:

Existing SMAC projects are evaluated on their performance and if a project is not meeting expectations, or are not able to utilize all their funding, money could be reallocated to new projects. New reallocated projects can be either (a) or (b) above and also:

- (c) new Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for centralized or coordinated entry systems.

SMAC has not yet determined an amount that may be available through reallocation funds.

New projects that are awarded funding by HUD can reasonably expect to have funding renewed annually so long as the project performs well and aligns with SMAC priorities. New project applications will be considered only if the following pre-application is completed and accepted by SMAC.

SELECTION PROCESS

Interested organizations should complete the SMAC pre-application by July 18th, 5:00pm CST. An initial screening of organizations will be conducted and then eligible pre-applications will be forwarded to a committee of the SMAC Governing Board for further review and input on which provider or combination of providers is best equipped to apply for HUD funding. Approved pre-applicants will be required to submit a project application to HUD on the timeline determined by the SMAC Governing Board once the NOFA is

released. Technical assistance for completing the project application can be provided. Invitation to submit a project application does not guarantee that the new project will be prioritized for funding by the SMAC Governing Board. All project applications will be included in the SMAC application to HUD. HUD makes the final determination on funding for new projects.

REQUIREMENTS:

The following are **REQUIREMENTS** for potential applicants. Selected providers must perform in all areas.

- New project must serve all participating SMAC counties
- Must be a non-profit agency or unit of local government (county, city or housing authority)
- Must be capable of submitting an electronic application
- Administrative costs are limited to 5% of total funding requested from HUD
- For permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects:
 - Up to 20% of the funding request may be used for services on reallocation projects.
 - HUD requires a match up to 25% of the funding request
- For Coordinated Entry projects:
 - Eligible projects must be able to serve as points of access, assessors, and waitlist managers to all SMAC regions OR be willing to sub-contract with existing points of access, assessors, and/or waitlist managers in regions you do not serve.
- All projects:
 - HUD has required 200% of the request in HUD funding in leverage to receive full points. Assistance is available to new projects on how to determine and maximize leverage
 - Participation in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry is required.
 - Must be able to submit Annual Progress Report through esnaps
 - Must provide evidence of ability to manage federal grants and compliance including quarterly draws of funding and Annual Progress Reports
 - Must attend 50% of local and/or Regional Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care meetings annually
 - Must have DUNS number and be up to date on CCR

PRIORITIES:

The following are **PRIORITIES** (not in order) by which competitive applications will be ranked (both bonus and pro rata projects):

- Housing Emphasis
- Leveraging
- History of using HMIS correctly
- Ability to submit Annual Progress Reports on a timely and accurate basis
- History of federal grant experience and compliance
- Service Model
- Local success
- Demonstrated history of successful collaborations
- Demonstrated cultural competency
- Demonstrated ability to achieve HUD outcomes

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