

Overview

The Continuum of Care (CoC) grant competition provides the largest single funding source for homeless programs. The U.S Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) opened the FY2019 CoC competition on July 3, 2019 – complete competition info available in the [CoC Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#). **Orange County has about \$784,708 in available funding** (HUD will announce final numbers soon). Please find info here for:

- Agencies applying for new and renewal CoC projects
- Community members helping with the application process
- The OCPEH Leadership Team and CoC Committees detailing roles and responsibilities

Funding Amounts

| Description | Amount | Eligible Applicants |
|---|-----------|---|
| Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): Funding for reallocated, new, renewal, expansion and consolidated projects | \$680,285 | |
| Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus: New project funding dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking | \$50,000 | Nonprofits, Governments, Public housing authorities |
| CoC Bonus: New project funding awarded to communities that score highest on CoC application | \$ 34,014 | |
| CoC Planning: Coordinating activities like strategic planning, governance and performance improvement | \$ 20,409 | Collaborative Applicant (Orange County) |

Project Types by Funding Source for Orange County

| Project Type | Renewal, Consolidated, Expansion Projects | New Projects: Reallocated Funds | New Projects: DV Bonus | CoC Bonus |
|---|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Permanent Supportive Housing | X | X | | X |
| Rapid Rehousing | X (DV only) | X | X | X |
| Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing | | X | X | X |
| Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) | | X | | |
| Coordinated Entry | | X | X | |

Project Applications

All project applications – new, renewal, expansion, CoC bonus, DV bonus, consolidated - and supplementary materials are **due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday August 21**. Project applicants are asked to enter project application into e-snaps, email exported project application as a PDF (do not hit submit in e-snaps) plus requested supplementary materials to Harrison Pierce at hapierce@orangecountync.gov.

Full project application info will be posted on the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) website at: ocpehnc.com/current-coc-application.

All CoC project applications will be scored, rated, and ranked by the Project Review Committee (PRC). The PRC uses program performance data, [HUD thresholds](#), and local CoC priorities (including the [Orange County Homeless System Gaps Analysis](#)) in the CoC Scorecard to create a draft Project Priority Listing. The Project Review Committee now reviews agency data throughout the year, and tweaks measures used in the annual CoC and ESG Scorecards. The 2018 [new project](#) and [renewal/consolidated/expansion project](#) scorecards posted on the OCPEH website; the 2019 scorecards will be posted on OCPEH website at: ocpehnc.com/current-coc-application. The OCPEH Leadership Team makes the final decision on CoC funding by approving the final Project Priority Listing of ranked CoC project applications that OCPEH submits to HUD.

Projects applicants will be scored solely on materials submitted by the deadline. Applicants & OCPEH staff will continue to work on project applications after CoC submission per HUD guidelines. These application changes and additions will not be scored in the local competition. HUD will evaluate all locally approved projects using quality threshold reviews as outlined in Section V.C. *Rules that affect how HUD evaluates applications* of the [FY2019 CoC NOFA](#).

NOTE: All agencies with renewal projects and any other agencies interested in applying for new projects are encouraged to attend the New & Renewal CoC Projects Meeting on Monday July 22, 3:30-5:00 p.m., at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Rd. in Chapel Hill.

New Projects

Orange County is very interested to recruit agencies to apply for new CoC projects. **OCPEH staff are available to help any/all agencies with technical assistance for project application strategy, logistics, or any other concerns.** For more information about CoC project applications and the CoC application process, contact Harrison Pierce at hapierce@orangecountync.gov, 919-245-2496.

Community Involvement

The OCPEH strives to have a high degree of transparency, accountability and community involvement in the local CoC grant process. Community members are asked to contribute to the process (see full timeline on pg. 4). For more information or to volunteer, contact Harrison Pierce at hapierce@orangecountync.gov, 919-245-2496.

Project Review Committee

For the first time in 2019, OCPEH is instituting a year-round Project Review Committee (PRC).

Purpose:

- Conduct quarterly data reviews of CoC and ESG funded projects
- Establish CoC and ESG rating and ranking tool for new and renewal/consolidated/expansion projects
- Formulate proposed project priority listings for CoC and ESG annual applications

Membership: 4-8 people, community members with knowledge of homeless programs and OCPEH priorities. ***PRC members cannot have ties to agencies applying for funding.*** Members serve July 2019 – June 2020, with a time commitment of about 2 hours per month, with the bulk of hours required in August and September:

- Quarterly meetings for data review – 1.5 hours
- Review of project applications – 9-15 hours
- Rating & ranking meetings – 4 hours (2 hours CoC + 2 hours ESG)

Community Application Workgroup

Purpose: Draft and review CoC community application

Membership: 4-12 people; community members with proofreading and grant writing skills

Scope: Review of documents online and by email, no meetings

Work begins: Sept. 20

Work completed: Thursday, Sept. 27

Previewed time commitment: 2-5 hours (variable depending on commitment)

Overall CoC Application Timeline

| Date | Description |
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| Thurs. 8/1 | Project Review Committee orientation meeting, 12-1:30 p.m. |
| Tues. 7/22 | New & Renewal CoC Project Info Meeting, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Rd., Chapel Hill |
| Mon. 8/19 | Meeting of OCPEH Leadership Team |
| Wed. 8/21 | Project applications due by 5 p.m., entered in e-snaps & all supplementary documentation emailed to hapierce@orangecountync.gov |
| Fri. 8/23-Wed. 9/4 | Project Review Committee scores project applications |
| Fri. 9/6 | Project Review Committee application review & ranking meeting |
| Tue. 9/10 | Special meeting of the OCPEH Leadership Team meeting – final vote on funding |
| Wed. 9/11 | OCPEH staff notify project applicants in writing whether projects included in Orange CoC application |
| Fri. 9/20 | Community application draft complete, review to maximize points begins |
| Mon. 9/23 | Project applications revisions complete |
| Tue. 9/24 | OCPEH staff posts CoC application on OCPEH website (CoC community app, project priority listing + project apps) |
| Fri. 9/27 | OCPEH staff submit complete CoC application (CoC community app, project priority listing + project apps) to HUD |