

Overview

This document provides information about the process in Orange County for the 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant competition, a large source of funding for homeless programs, specifically info for:

- Agencies applying for new and renewal CoC projects (below, page 1)
- Community members helping with the application process (pages 2-3)
- The OCPEH Leadership Team and CoC Committees detailing roles and responsibilities (page 3)

The U.S Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) opened the FY2017 CoC competition on July 14, 2017 – complete info available in the [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#) and estimates Orange County has \$696,198 in available funding broken down in the following manner:

Description	Amount	Eligible Applicants
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): Amount to fund all renewal CoC projects for FY2017	\$638,714	Nonprofits, Governments, Public housing authorities
Permanent Housing Bonus: New project funding for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) & Rapid Re-housing (RRH) awarded to communities that score highest on Community application	\$ 38,323	Nonprofits, Governments, Public housing authorities
CoC Planning: Help for coordinating activities like strategic planning, governance, and performance improvement	\$ 19,161	Collaborative Applicant (Orange County)

New Projects

Orange County is very interested to recruit agencies to apply for new CoC projects. **There will be a meeting on Monday July 31, 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Rd in Chapel Hill for agencies interested in applying for new projects.**

New project can be funded through reallocation of current project funds or via the Permanent Housing Bonus. Project applications and supplementary materials will be due at noon on Monday August 28, full info to come. Here is a breakdown of project types by funding source:

Project Type	Reallocated Funds	Permanent Housing Bonus
Permanent Supportive Housing dedicated to serve 100% chronically homeless or people who are formerly chronically homeless and were unable to maintain housing	X	X
Rapid Rehousing	X	X
Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing	X	X
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	X	
Coordinated Entry	X	

Community Involvement

HUD rewards communities that design local CoC competitions with a high degree of transparency, accountability, and involvement – this is our goal. **Please consider lending your skills to this process.** Find descriptions below of the CoC workgroups, their timelines, and the overall CoC competition timeline. Fill [this form](#) to volunteer or contact Corey Root for more information (croot@orangecountync.gov, 919.245.2496).

Scorecard Committee

Purpose: Draft scorecards for consideration by the OCPEH Leadership Team ([OCPEH bylaws, Article V, Section 6. Funding Application Committees](#))

Membership: 3-6 people; community members interested in shaping local funding priorities for homeless programs

Scope: Review draft and revised scorecards by email & 1 two-hour meeting

Work begins: Wed. July 26

Work completed: By Tue. Aug. 1

Previewed time commitment: 4 hours

Project Review Committee

Purpose: Review and rank each project application & create proposed list of ranked projects for OCPEH Leadership Team consideration ([OCPEH bylaws, Article V, Section 6. Funding Application Committees](#))

Membership: 4-8 people; community members with knowledge of homeless programs & priorities, members cannot be affiliated with agencies applying for CoC funding

Scope:

- 1-hour orientation meeting: Friday, Aug. 25, 12-1:00 p.m.
- Score project applications: Monday, Aug. 28 – Sunday Sep. 3
- 2-hour application review and ranking meeting, Tuesday Sep. 5, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Work begins: Fri. Aug. 25

Work completed: Tue. Sep. 5

Previewed time commitment: 15 hours

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

Work begins: Fri. Sept. 15

Work completed: By Tue. Sept. 26

Previewed time commitment: 2-10 hours (variable depending on commitment)

Overall CoC application timeline

- Wed. 7/26 Scorecard Committee begins work on draft Scorecard
- Mon. 7/31 New CoC Project Info Meeting, 4-5 p.m. at Orange County Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Rd – email croot@orangecountync.gov if you would like more info
- Tue. 8/1 Draft Scorecard posted for Leadership Team review
- Wed. 8/2 OCPEH Leadership Team meeting – Scorecard finalized
- Fri. 8/25 Project Review Committee orientation meeting
12:00-1:00 p.m. at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Rd, Chapel Hill
- Mon. 8/28 Project applications due by noon, 12:00 p.m. Project applications submitted in e-snaps & all supplementary documentation emailed to croot@orangecountync.gov
- PLEASE NOTE: Projects applicants will be scored solely on materials submitted by deadline. Applicants & CoC 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.*
- Mon. 8/28-Sun. 9/3 Project Review Committee scores project applications
- Tue. 9/5 Project Review Committee application review & ranking meeting, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Rd, Chapel Hill
- Wed. 9/6 OCPEH Leadership Team meeting – application review & ranking
- Thu. 9/7 CoC staff notify project applicants in writing whether projects included in Orange CoC application
- Fri. 9/15 Community application draft complete, review to maximize points begins
- Mon. 9/18 Project applications revisions complete
- Tue. 9/19 Community application review complete
- Wed. 9/20 CoC staff posts CoC application on OCPEH website (CoC community app, project priority listing + project apps)
- Wed. 9/27 CoC staff submit complete CoC application (CoC community app, project priority listing + project apps) to HUD