September 2, 2021
From: Bob Atchley, Senior Planner, City of Springfield, MO
Re: FY 2021 Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity

NOTICE: OAEH Request for Project Applications for HUD CoC Funding
The Springfield/Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties Continuum of Care (DBA Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness - OAEH) is seeking project applications for eligible project types in response to the FY 2021 Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This Notice summarizes Threshold Requirements for CoC Project Applications, the OAEH Application Process, Methods for Applying for a New Project, Component Definitions, and Available Funding. Please direct questions to Bob Atchley at batchley@springfieldmo.gov.

In order to assist agencies with new or renewal project applications, the OAEH will hold a virtual application training on September 8, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Interested parties should RSVP to Amanda Stadler- astadler@cpozarks.org. This training is mandatory for any agency submitting a new or renewal project application.

Who should attend: Any agencies (non-profits or governmental entities) who plan to apply for funding through this grant application process. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to review the following:
- FY21 NOFO
- HUD's CoC Competition Page
- OAEH Application Timeline, Process, and Supporting Documents

Threshold Requirements of HUD CoC Funded Projects

All CoC funded projects are required to comply with all federal rules and regulations listed in the NOFO, as well as participate in the OAEH. Requirements include (but are not limited to):
- Provide the following documentation to HUD via agency's e-snaps application to determine eligibility: HUD form 50070, HUD form 2880, Agency Code of Conduct, SAM Registration, and DUNS number. Other documents may be required.
- All requirements listed in pages 30 – 34 of the *NOFO*
- Utilize Housing First principles in the implementation of the project
- Participate in the OAEH Coordinated Entry System, and follow all policies and procedures related to the Coordinated Entry System, including regular program-level attendance at Case Conferencing Meetings
- Participate in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or OAEH approved comparable database and comply with all policies and federal mandates surrounding use of HMIS

- Participate in the OAEH as an active member. CoC funded projects must meet attendance requirements, currently 75% of monthly Systems and Services Committee Meetings and 75% of quarterly General Membership Meetings.

OAEH Application Process

Agencies must complete the following steps to successfully apply for CoC funding for ANY project:

Agency Intent to Submit
Agencies who wish to apply for CoC funding for ANY project (including New or Renewal must submit an Intent to Submit to the CoC Lead Agency, the City of Springfield, by September 15, 2021 by 12:00 p.m. (NOON). The Intent to Submit may be delivered in person to 840 Boonville, Planning Department, Attn: Bob Atchley or emailed to batchley@springfieldmo.gov.

Project Grant Application in E-Snaps and Supplemental Documentation
All interested applicants must create a profile and complete an online application for CoC funding in e-snaps, HUD's online application system, by October 13, 2021 by 12:00 p.m. (NOON). Applications must be submitted in PDF format to Bob Atchley, either by email (batchley@springfieldmo.gov) or in person to 840 Boonville, Planning Department, Attn: Bob Atchley.

OAEH Ranking
Project applications in e-snaps will be reviewed by the OAEH NOFO Committee and any Bonus Project(s) will be invited to formally apply. The selected bonus project and any reallocation projects will be reviewed by the OAEH NOFA Committee and prioritized during the OAEH Rank and Review process.

Methods for applying for HUD CoC funds for a New project
There are three ways that agencies can apply for funding for a new project:

CoC Bonus Funds
a) Any agency can apply for CoC Bonus dollars for a new or expansion project for permanent housing; estimated award amount for the OAEH catchment area is $52,791.
b) The OAEH will accept applications for Permanent Housing (Joint TH/RRH, PSH, or RRH) applications to serve adult only households. Applications that demonstrate coordination with housing providers and healthcare organizations (as defined on page 77 of the NOFO) and those that demonstrate a plan to use funding to improve System Performance Measures will be prioritized.

DV Bonus Funds
Any agency can apply for Domestic Violence Bonus dollars for Rapid Rehousing or Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-housing projects to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; estimated award amount for the OAEH catchment area is $142,333.

Re-allocation of a current CoC Renewal grant
If an agency has an existing CoC Renewal grant, an agency can choose to voluntarily reallocate those funds to create a New project to offer Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing.

Component Definitions

Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Project (TH: RRH) is a program type for households who have identified an interest in congregate housing prior to finding permanent housing within the community, or in situations where the permanent housing stock is not readily available. In order to be compliant with Housing First Model, the choice between the two housing types needs to be made by the client, not the program, and needs to steer away from focusing on deeming any person "housing ready." It should be noted that, unless under very specific circumstances, the project should work on a permanent housing location within a few days of enrollment, similar to other RRH projects. More information on this project type can be found HERE.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PH: PSH) is non-time limited housing option available to persons who are homeless AND have a disability. New projects submitted during the 2021 competition must be either 100% dedicated to persons experiencing chronic homelessness, as defined by HUD, or a Dedicated Plus Project. More information on the Dedicated Plus Projects can be found on page 21 of the NOFO. Projects following this program type will be expected to demonstrate their due diligence in regard to utilizing this option to prioritize the most acute and vulnerable persons within the community. A checklist showing a sample chronic qualification check sheet can be found HERE.

Rapid Re-Housing (PH: RRH) emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move literally homeless households (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into permanent housing. More information on implementing a RRH program can be found HERE.

Available Funding for New Projects or Expansion Projects (expand current CoC funded project)

Funding	Eligible Applicants *	Eligible Components (see description below)	Amount
CoC Bonus Funding	Any agency can apply for a new or expansion project	Permanent Housing (Joint TH/RRH, PSH, or RRH) applications to serve adult only households. *Applications that demonstrate coordination with housing providers and healthcare organizations (as defined on page 77 of the NOFO) and those that demonstrate a plan to use funding to improve System Performance Measures will be prioritized.*	$52, 791
DV Bonus Funding	Any agency can apply for a new or expansion project	RRH or Joint TH/RRH to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.	$142,333
Reallocation of Current CoC Renewal Grant	Any agency with an existing CoC Renewal Grant	Permanent Housing (Joint TH/RRH, PSH, or RRH)	Determined by Agency

*(non-profit or governmental entity that meets threshold criteria listed above)