Dear Fresno-Madera Community Members:

Please be advised that the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 Continuum of Care Program Competition was released on Friday, November 22, 2013.

This Public Solicitation for Project Applications describes the overall timeline and requirements for accessing this funding opportunity. The details of upcoming deadlines are included on pages 3-4 of this Public Solicitation.

This Public Solicitation will be posted in virtual and physical locations including but not limited to:

- Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Website
- City of Fresno Website
- Community Action Partnership of Madera County Website
- Fresno Madera Continuum of Care Listserv
- Fresno Madera Continuum of Care/Fresno Housing Authority Bulletin Board
- Community Action Partnership of Madera County Bulletin Board

The public should please forward this Public Solicitation to any interested parties, send to relevant additional listservs, and post on public bulletin boards.

Inquiries about this process may be directed to Jody Ketcheside, the Chair of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) at jketcheside@tpocc.org.
SUMMARY OF FY 2013 AND FY 2014 COC NOFA
FOR FRESNO MADERA CONTINUUM OF CARE
DECEMBER 10, 2013

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house the homeless while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

National Policy The Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD’s) homeless assistance programs are being measured in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 and FY 2014 by the objective to “end chronic homelessness and to move the homeless to permanent housing.” HUD has chosen six indicators, which directly relate to the CoC Program. These six indicators, as described below, will be collected in the FY 2013/FY2014 CoC Application:

- The creation of new Permanent Supportive Housing beds for the chronically homeless.
- The decrease in the number of the chronically homeless in the CoC’s geography.
- The increase of employment of the homeless residing in or exiting HUD homeless assistance projects.
- The increase of the use of mainstream resources for the homeless residing or exiting from HUD homeless assistance projects.
- The percentage of turnover in CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing not dedicated to the chronically homeless that will be prioritized to serve the chronically homeless.
- The percentage of households with children that are served in rapid re-housing that came from unsheltered locations.

MAJOR CHANGES AND THINGS TO NOTE:

- This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and the CoC application cover two years (there will be new project applications, but no new CoC application), so the CoC score will remain for 2 years.
- The scoring criteria has changed significantly, which is likely to change the content of the CoC Application, including changes like awarding 2 points for not having any Supportive Service Only project in Tier 1. (See pages 3 and 4 of this document.)
- HUD does not anticipate that FY 2013 funding will be adequate to fund all eligible renewal projects, and is using the Tier structure again. Tier 1 is equal to the annual renewal demand amount less 5%.
- In FY2013, due to funding limitations, HUD will not consider requests for new funding outside of the reallocation process and CoC planning. CoCs may use reallocation to create new Permanent Supportive Housing projects that serve the chronically homeless; or, through reallocation, CoCs may create new rapid re-housing projects for homeless households with children (Rapid re-housing projects must serve households with children living on the streets or in emergency shelter.)
- Regarding FY 2014: When the level of funding is known for FY 2014 (no earlier than 60 days after
Congress appropriates FY 2014 funding, HUD will announce this amount and submission deadlines through separate notice. At that time, the CoC will submit a modified CoC registration (including a Grant Inventory Worksheet) and a Project Listing. Projects will do applications for FY 2014 funds, including new projects created through reallocation.

- Under this NOFA, CoCs will be evaluated on the extent to which they are prioritizing the chronically homeless in all CoC Program-funded permanent supportive housing—not just those units that are dedicated to that population. CoCs should prioritize the chronically homeless for placement as units become available through turnover.

- Eligible renewal projects requesting rental assistance will now be permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the Fair Market Rent, based on the actual rent costs per unit. This change will help to reduce the number of projects receiving rental assistance that have large balances of unspent funds remaining at the end of the operating year.

- Funds awarded for rental assistance in all projects requesting the Fair Market Rent will be adjusted by applying the Fair Market Rent in effect at the time of application submission to HUD, instead of at time of award, including in the cases where the Fair Market Rent for a specific area has decreased from the previous year.

**DETAILED**

Fresno Madera CoC’s Tier 1 and Tier 2 Amounts will be determined upon release of final FY 2013 ARD and Tier 1 amounts by HUD by December 7th, 2013.

**DETAILED:**

**Available Funds:** Approximately $1.7 billion is available for FY 2013

**Deadlines and Timelines:**

- Final submission to HUD for FY 2013 funds: 4:59:59 p.m. Pacific time, February 3, 2014.
- Technical Assistance Workshop: **December 4, 2013 (1pm)**
- Project Applications Due Date: **January 3, 2014 (5pm)**
- Review and Rank Meeting(s): **January 6, 2014 – January 9, 2014**
- Review and Rank Results: **January 9, 2014 (5pm)**
- Notification of Intent to Appeal: **January 10, 2014 (5pm)**
- Appeals Decision Deadline: **January 17, 2014**
- The Project Application Uploading Deadline: **January 27, 2014**
- The Final Consolidated Application Uploading: **January 28 through January 30, 2014**
The Final Consolidated Application Uploaded: **January 31, 2014**

HUD intends to announce conditional funding for Tier 1 renewal projects within 45 days of the application submission deadline(s) of the CoC Program Competition (approximately March 18, 2013).

FY 2014 funds deadline will be announced later, but will be no earlier than 60 days after Congress enacts an appropriation funding the Department for the balance of FY 2014.

**Technical Support:**

- The OneCPD Ask A Question (AAQ) at [www.onecpd.info/ask-a-question](http://www.onecpd.info/ask-a-question). The AAQ is accessible 24 hours each day.

- Materials are available at [www.onecpd.info](http://www.onecpd.info)

**Resources:**

- Information on how to access the application and apply for funding can be found in the Notice of Funding Availability at [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/coc](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/coc)
HUD’s Homeless Policy Priorities

For details about HUD’s policy priorities, please review the NOFA.

1. **Strategic Resource Allocation.**
   - Comprehensive review of all projects
   - Underperforming, obsolete, or ineffective should be reallocated

2. **Ending chronic homelessness.**
   - Increasing Beds
   - Targeting
   - Housing First

3. **Ending family homelessness.**
   - Rapid Re-Housing

4. **Removing Barriers to CoC Resources.**
   - Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System
   - Transitional Housing
   - Prioritizing Households Most in Need

5. **Maximizing the use of mainstream resources,** including preparing for implementation of the Affordable Care Act

6. **Building partnerships.**
   - Public Housing Agencies (PHA)
   - Philanthropy

7. **Other Priority Populations:**
   - Veterans
   - Homeless Youth

### Scoring Criteria Summary

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