



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2011 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE COMPETITION

The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting proposals for the 2011 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Competition administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance programs, authorized under Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act of 1987 (as amended) are focused on providing assistance to homeless individuals and families in quickly transitioning to self-sufficiency and permanent housing. The CoC Homeless Assistance Programs include the Supportive Housing Program (SHP), the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Program, and the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation for Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program. HUD notified the County that the amount of funding available for the 2011 funding year will be approximately \$735,084 for the Preliminary Pro Rata Need if existing projects are not renewed, \$848,467 for the Hold Harmless Need if all existing projects are renewed, and an additional \$110,263 for a Permanent Housing Bonus project (for permanent housing projects serving homeless disabled families, or chronically homeless individuals and chronically homeless families).

Funds may be used only to assist persons meeting the HUD definition of homeless and chronically homeless. Eligible activities under the SHP grant include: housing acquisition, housing rehabilitation, new housing construction, leasing, operating costs, supportive services and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The SHP regulations may be obtained through HUD's website at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_06/24cfr583_06.html Please note that cash match is required for some activities (see NOFA and HUD regulations). Please see the regulations for S+C

(http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/24cfr582_04.html) and SRO

(http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/24cfr882_04.html) for eligible activities.

During normal business hours, regulations may be obtained from the County Department of Planning and Building, 1050 Monterey Street, Room 370, San Luis Obispo.

Any group or organization wishing to apply for grant funding must submit an application for a specific project meeting the criteria established by HUD for the Supportive Housing Program, S+C Program or SRO program. The application must be submitted by Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 at 5:00 pm (no postmarks accepted) to Morgan Torell, Planner III, Planning and Building Department, 976 Osos Street, Room 300, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. The application will be available by September 9th, 2011 at www.sloplanning.org under the "Housing and Economic Development" quicklink in the "2011 Federal HUD Grants" section, or you can request an application by contacting Morgan Torell at 805-781-5113 or mtorell@co.slo.ca.us.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is available on the HUD website at http://www.hudhre.info/documents/FY2011_CoC_NOFAFinal.pdf.

Criteria used to evaluate the proposals will include the following:

1. Proposed project's eligibility for SHP, S+C, or SRO funds.
2. Consistency of the project with the County's Consolidated Plan and San Luis Obispo Countywide 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness
3. The established need for the project.
4. Project readiness.
5. Organization's experience working with the homeless and chronically homeless, as defined by HUD.
6. Experience in operating program's involving: Transitional Housing, Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities, Supportive Services, Safe Havens, and Homeless Management Information Systems.
7. Proposal consistency with federal priorities as per the NOFA.
8. Experience in preparing applications to federal grant programs.
9. Experience in implementing projects involving federal regulations.
10. Capacity of the organization to implement the project (adequate staffing).
11. Proposed participation in the local Homeless Management Information System (with the exception of victim service providers).

All applicants must have a valid DUNS number and register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) before the September 28th deadline.

HUD will fund all eligible SHP renewal projects for one year. Selection as a project sponsor by the County for a new project is not a guarantee of funding. Applications for funding of any new projects are reviewed by HUD on a competitive basis. If funded by HUD, the County will enter into a contract with the sponsor for implementation of the project. New projects for operating costs, supportive services, and leasing may be funded for a 1 year period for this application.

If you have questions or need additional information about the Continuum of Care application, please contact Morgan Torell, Planner III, at (805) 781-5113 or e-mail mtorell@co.slo.ca.us.