



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE FY2015 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION

The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting proposals for the 2015 Continuum of Care Program competition administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Continuum of Care (“CoC”) program, authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 is focused on: 1) promoting a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness, 2) ending homelessness by providing funding for efforts to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless persons and communities by homelessness, 3) promoting access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and 4) optimizing self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The amount of funding available for FY 2015 renewal projects is \$1,061,562. Additionally, “Permanent Housing Bonus” is available for San Luis Obispo County in the amount of \$159,234 for new permanent supportive housing projects that will serve 100 percent chronically homeless families and individuals and/or new rapid re-housing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, and includes persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria definition of homeless.

Funds may be used to assist persons meeting the HUD definition of homeless and chronically homeless. Eligible CoC program components include permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services only, and Homeless Management Information System (“HMIS”). Eligible activities under each of the components vary, but overall include: acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, supportive services, and HMIS.

The CoC regulations may be obtained at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule.pdf>. Regulations may be obtained from the County Department of Planning and Building, 1050 Monterey Street, Room 370, San Luis Obispo during regular business hours. Please note that cash and in-kind match of no less than 25 percent is required for all activities expect leasing (see NOFA and HUD regulations for more information).

Any group or organization wishing to apply for grant funding must submit an application for a project meeting the criteria established by HUD for the CoC program. The applications will be available by no later than Monday, September 28, 2015 and the rating criteria will be available by no later than Friday, October 2, 2015 through the San Luis Obispo County Planning website: [http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/Housing and Economic Development/housinggrants.htm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/Housing_and_Economic_Development/housinggrants.htm). Interested applicants may also obtain a copy of the application by contacting the grant administrator, Ivana Yeung, through the contact information provided below.

A public meeting for interested agencies and persons will be held on **Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 1:30 pm** in the San Luis Obispo Library Conference Room located at 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93048.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is available on the HUD website at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4688/fy-2015-coc-program-nofa/>. Criteria used to evaluate and prioritize proposals will follow the applicable federal criteria described in the NOFA. The categories under which the Permanent Housing Bonus will be scored include: meeting the project eligibility threshold, prioritizing the highest need, housing first, mainstream services including coordination of health services with agencies qualified to bill Medi-Cal, and leveraging. The general categories under which renewal applications will be ranked and rated include: meeting the project eligibility threshold, and past performance related to permanent housing, employment income, total income, and non-cash mainstream benefits.

HUD intends to fund all eligible CoC renewal projects for one year. The term for new projects created through the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus varies depending on the activities listed in the project. Applications for funding are reviewed by HUD on a competitive basis. If funded by HUD, the County will enter into a contract with the subrecipients for implementation of the project.

Questions or Need Additional Information?	Submit Application to:
Ivana Yeung, Planner II (805) 781-4099 iyeung@co.slo.ca.us	Ivana Yeung, Planner II Department of Planning and Building 976 Osos Street, Room 300 San Luis Obispo, California 93408 <i>or email:</i> iyeung@co.slo.ca.us
Deadline: Friday, October 16, 2015, at 5:00 pm (no postmarks accepted)	