

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING MARVIN A. ROSE, INTERIM DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE FY2017 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION

The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting proposals for the 2017 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.

Available award amount:

	Preliminary Pro Rata Need (Maximum Award)	Annual Renewal Demand	Tier 1 Renewal	Permanent Housing Bonus*
CA-614 - San Luis Obispo County CoC	\$1,256,640	\$890,056	\$836,653	\$75,398

*Projects that are placed in Tier 2 or bonus projects are conditionally selected by HUD based project score and CoC performance.

HUD encourages prioritizing projects that address the goals of Ending Chronic Homelessness, Youth Homelessness, Veteran Homelessness, and utilize a Housing First approach. Eligible CoC program components include permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services with Coordinated Entry, 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.



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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 application and rating criteria will be available by no later than July 25, 2017 through the Homeless Services Oversight Council website: http://slohomeless.com/. Interested applicants may also obtain a copy of the application by contacting the grant administrator, Ivana Yeung, through the contact information provided below.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is available on the HUD website at <u>https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2017-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/</u>. Criteria used to evaluate and prioritize proposals will follow the applicable federal criteria described in the NOFA. The general categories under which 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. 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.

For questions about this program or to obtain an application directly, please contact Ivana Yeung, Planner III at <u>iyeung@co.slo.ca.us</u>. The deadline for the local application for new and renewal Continuum of Care projects is **August 25, 2017 at 5:00pm** via electronic application to Ivana Yeung at the address above.