

Worcester City and County Continuum of Care (MA-506)

FY2014 CoC Competition

The FY2014 CoC NOFA has been released; Following is a summary of this year's competition.

The NOFA can be downloaded here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/nofa-for-fy2014-funds-in-the-fy2013-fy2013-coc-program-competition.pdf>

Due Dates

The Worcester CoC has established a local timeline for project submissions and the complete application must be submitted to HUD on or before **October 30, 2014**.

The CoC must notify project applicants by **October 20, 2014** if they will be included in the application to HUD.

Availability of Bonus for Permanent Supportive Housing Project

HUD will award approximately \$40 million for new permanent supportive housing projects which will exclusively serve chronically homeless individuals or families.

The following requirements apply to bonus projects:

- Must provide scattered site leasing or tenant-based rental assistance, or, if there is existing site control and the ability for occupancy within six months of award, operating costs or project-based rental assistance.
- Must request no less than 70% of total program funding for leasing, rental assistance or operating costs, and no more than 30% of the program funds for supportive services.
- Must demonstrate plan for rapid implementation, including ability to have first program participant housed within 6 months of grant award.
- Must agree to participate in the CoC's coordinated assessment system, which must be implemented prior to execution of program grant award.

Scoring for bonus projects will be based on CoC need (based on a HUD-calculated need score and worth up to 60 points) and project quality (worth up to 40 points). The Worcester CoC's HUD-calculated need score is 30; Project quality scores are based on 5 factors: 1) Prioritizing Highest Need; 2) Using a Housing First model; 3) Demonstrated leveraging of mainstream services, especially Medicaid; 4) Leveraging of other resources (full points awarded for leveraging at least 200% of HUD award in cash and in-kind commitments); and 5) CoC Score from FY13-14 CoC application (which have been calculated but are not yet released).

The Worcester CoC does not anticipate issuing an RFP due to lack of competitiveness.

Renewal and New Projects through Reallocation

HUD has calculated that it has sufficient resources to fully fund all renewal projects. However, HUD will continue its tiered process for selecting projects. Tier 1 will be the full renewal amount, minus 2%. Tier 2 will be the rest of the full renewal amount. The tiering process will mean that CoCs will again rank all renewal and reallocated projects, and will need to determine a process for Tier 1 to come in with a reduction of 2% (for the Worcester CoC this is a reduction of \$124,436.80)

With the exception of the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus, the only projects that may seek funding are renewals, new reallocated projects, and CoC planning costs. (The Worcester CoC is not eligible for UFA costs, the other allowable category.) New reallocated projects are made available from renewal projects that are reduced or eliminated, and the only projects eligible as reallocated projects are **new permanent supportive housing projects** where all units will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless and **new rapid rehousing projects for homeless families** coming from the streets or shelter.

The Worcester CoC does not anticipate creating new projects through reallocation during this competition.