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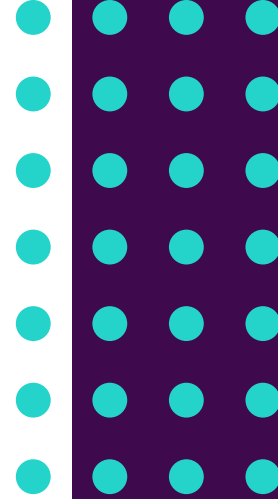
NOFO/Funding Committee Update

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Level Setting: What We Know and What We Don't Know

- NOFO 2025 Status
- Timeline and Uncertainty
- Funding Committee Input (so far)

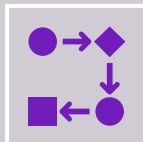


Will There be a NOFO in 2025?

We think so



The language HUD used in the July 3 announcement email - “HUD intends to publish a NOFO for 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) awards”



Begin to prepare but stay flexible, as the process may look quite different



For San Francisco, this means thinking strategically about how much we want to preserve renewal projects vs give opportunities to new projects

Timeline and Uncertainty

Considerations for Planning



Timeline: sometime between now and the end of the calendar year – historical precedent suggesting summer to early fall.



We do not know how the NOFO will incorporate recent Federal actions (ex: July 24 and August 7 Executive Order)



In San Francisco, this means the Funding Committee and LHCB should be prepared to reconvene quickly and update the scoring tool once HUD's NOFO guidance is released.

Recent Executive Orders

What is an Executive Order (EO)

- Two executive orders in July and August might have an impact on the contents of the upcoming NOFO
- The “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets” and “Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking” EOs might cause delays or otherwise change the NOFO contents
- One represents changes in priorities, the other changes in approval processes
- Interpretation of the EOs and the “how” is still left up to HUD, so we do not know what the impacts are yet



Funding Committee Input (so far)

Decisions and Considerations



Hold off on major changes to scoring tools and scoring metrics until HUD releases the 2025 NOFO



After NOFO is released, consider revisions to the scoring tools to align with federal policy as needed



Preference to preserve renewals and minimize competition process for renewals

NOFO Priorities and Decisions

- Prioritizing Renewal Project Options
- Scoring Consolidated Project Options
- New Project Priorities

Prioritizing Renewal Options

How/should we prioritize renewal projects?

There is a range of ways we can choose to prioritize renewal projects that can mean either more or less work for project applicants. Here are some options:

- **Option 1:** Follow same full competition process as last year
- **Option 2** Carry over the scoring and placement from prior years
- **Option 3:** Auto-placing renewals on the ranked list if certain performance metrics are met (like 90% utilization grant spend down)
- **Option 4:** Setting new projects to automatically rank below renewals and infrastructure projects

Scoring Consolidated Projects

How should renewal projects be scored?

Option 1: Leave scoring as is and consolidated projects are scored individually as their prior CoC grants

Option 2: Remove all narrative factors and increase points for existing values, adding a racial equity scoring factor based on APR data (currently required)

Option 3: Remove narrative factors and add additional data factors*

** Providers still wanted to see something related to involving participant feedback*

New Project Priorities

If funding is available, what should some priorities be?

- HUD has indicated new project types, including for temporary housing and outreach/support services types of projects will be eligible for funding
- Transitional housing and services only projects exist within the interim rule and could be added back as eligible projects more easily
- Emergency Shelter as a project type would need a change of the interim rule and would probably have to take effect in another competition cycle
- If support services only projects were to become available again, what types of services and priorities should they have for funding?

New Project Priorities

New projects can prepare by thinking about...

- How would you describe your project and what are the facilities like?
- What types of services and referrals are you going to be making at your site? Do you have MOUs with partner agencies?
- What services will be provided on-site as opposed to off-site and through partnerships?
- How will you work with participants to help them get connected to mainstream benefits and increase their income?
- How will you engage with the voices of people with lived experience in your program design, policies and procedures, and continuously?
- What are your matching funds?