Request for Proposals
Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast
Continuum of Care AL-501 for Mobile County and Baldwin County, Alabama
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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for homeless assistance through HUD's Continuum of Care Program on August 18, 2021.

As the Collaborative Applicant for the Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast (AL-501), Housing First, Inc. is accepting proposals for new projects that wish to use HUD CoC Program funding for homeless assistance.

The amount of funding to be available is estimated at approximately $3,902,469 which is the amount of currently funded projects seeking renewal funding plus 15% PPRN ($576,569) for Domestic Violence Bonus Projects and 6% ARD ($192,190) for additional Bonus Projects. Newly proposed and renewal projects will compete for available funds. All projects meeting threshold requirements will be eligible for prioritization for funding by the Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast. HUD will then award funds based on the CoC Application score and project criteria described in the FY2021 NOFO.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

A public meeting will be held on September 29, 2021 **at 3:00 PM** via ZOOM. RSVP to Sharon Algood (s.algood@hfal.org). Interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting to receive additional information and participate in Q&A regarding this process.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

To be eligible for CoC Program funding under this NOFO, project applicants must meet all eligibility and threshold requirements contained in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389) (the Act) as Amended by the HEARTH ACT, the CoC Program Interim Rule (*24 CFR part 578*) (the Rule), the FY2021 CoC Program Opportunity NOFO, and any HUD-published CoC Program guidance for new project applications.

The above documents can be found at https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

Prior to submitting an application, applicants should ensure they meet the following threshold criteria:

1) Applicant has a valid DUNS number
2) Applicant has no outstanding delinquent Federal debts
3) Applicant has no debarments and/or suspensions
4) Applicant has an accounting system
5) Applicant must disclose any violations of Federal criminal law
6) Active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM)
7) Applicant must demonstrate eligibility by providing the following:
   a. Signed authorization to apply for CoC funding
   b. Most recent IRS 990
   c. Most recent audit report and auditor's management letter
   d. By-laws
   e. Articles of incorporation
   f. IRS 501(c)(3) designation letter
   g. Current board roster – including at least one homeless or formerly homeless member
   h. Copy of budget for the last operating year, the current operating year, and the next operating year - if available
   i. Copy of Code of Conduct/Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy, and personnel, procurements, and accounting procedures
   j. Agreement to utilize the HMIS (or a HUD-approved alternative system for DV providers)

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

24 CFR 578.37 states that Continuum of Care funds can be used for projects under four program components. They are:

1. Permanent Housing (including rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing)
2. Transitional Housing
3. Supportive Services Only
4. HMIS

Within the four program components listed above the following types of project applications are eligible submission in the FY2021 Program Competition. For more information see Section V. Eligibility Information of the NOFO.

Criteria for Applicants, Sub-section 4.a. Project Applications for further explanation of the project types.

1) New Projects created through reallocation, CoC Bonus, or a combination of reallocation and CoC Bonus projects:

a. Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects

b. Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects

c. Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects

d. Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS lead

e. Supportive services only (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

2) New Projects for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus that are dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that are defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3:

a. Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing projects

b. Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section III.B2.q of the 2021 NOFO

c. Supportive services only-coordinated entry project to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of DV survivors.

3) Expansion Project - HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project (see Section IIIB.2.k of the 2021 NOFO) through reallocation, CoC bonus and DV bonus processes to expand existing projects that will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects. If the new expansion project will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project HUD will not fund capital costs (i.e., new constructions, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and HUD will only allow a 1-year funding request.

4) Consolidated Project - Applicants that intend to use the consolidation process to combine two or more eligible renewal projects (e.g., permanent housing-permanent supportive housing projects) may do so through the renewal project application.

5) Renewal Grants Per Unit Cost – Applicants requesting renewal of grants for rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the Fair Market Rent (FMR), if the actual rent per unit under lease is less than the FMR.

DEADLINE

Proposals must be received by Housing First, Inc. by **4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 13, 2021**.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Please use the **AL-501 CoC Program New Project Application Form** found on the CoC website (http://al501coc.org) to prepare and submit a proposal. Submit one hard-copy of the proposal with a cover letter signed by the organization's authorized representative, as follows:

By mail or hand-delivered:

Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast
ATTN: Sharon Murril, CoC Board Chair
279-B N. Washington Ave.
Mobile, AL 36603

In addition to the hard-copy submission, please email the completed application and any attachments to sharon@hfal.org.

Direct any questions to Ron Andress (251) 455-4725 or r.andress@hfal.org