

Notice of Funding Available
FY2018 Continuum of Care Program Competition
Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Continuum of Care (TN-510)

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Program Description. The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

B. Project Applications. The Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Continuum of Care (TN-510) invites eligible agencies to submit applications for new projects. New projects would be funded by reallocating funds from existing renewal projects or as bonus projects.

The following types of project applications will be considered by the Continuum:

(1) Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects that meet the requirements of Dedicated PLUS as defined in Section III.C.3.f of this NOFA or where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3.

(2) New permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth;

(3) Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section III.C.3.m of HUD's FY2018 Continuum of Care Program Competition NOFA to better serve homeless individuals and families, including individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet the following criteria:

- (a) residing in a place not meant for human habitation;
- (b) residing in an emergency shelter;
- (c) person meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless, including persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- (d) residing in a transitional housing project that is being eliminated;
- (e) residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project as defined in Section III.C.3.m of the FY 2018 HUD NOFA; or
- (f) receiving services from a VA-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.

C. Deadline. Project applications must be submitted in HUD's *e-snaps* system no later than 4 p.m. CDT, August 15, 2018. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

D. Technical Assistance. Agencies interested in submitting applications for new projects may contact the City of Murfreesboro's Community Development Department. The City is the Collaborative Applicant for TN-510. Interested agencies can view HUD's NOFA for the competition by following this link: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2018-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>

II. Homeless and Policy Priorities

A. Policy Priorities. New Applications will be evaluated by the Rating and Ranking Working Group of the Housing, Health, and Human Services Alliance of Rutherford County (H³ARC). H³ARC is the deliberative body for the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Continuum of Care.

(1) Applications for new projects must address the following HUD policy priorities:

- (a) Ending homelessness for all persons
- (b) Creating a systemic response to homelessness
- (c) Strategically allocating and using resources
- (d) Use a Housing First approach

(2) Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. TN-510 may apply for \$50,000 to create DV Bonus projects and will entertain applications for Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) projects that follow a Housing First model and SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the TN-510's coordinated entry to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals.