

**FY 2021**  
**FL-507 - Orlando/Orange, Osceola,  
Seminole Counties Continuum of Care**  
**1E-1. Local Competition Announcement**

Attachment #04

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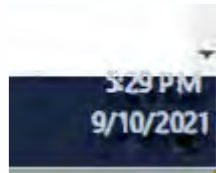
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## 2021 HUD NOFO REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Eligible non-profits, jurisdictions and agencies are invited to respond to this RFA for the 2021 HUD Continuum of Care Program. Information regarding this RFA can be found at [www.hsncl.org/funding](http://www.hsncl.org/funding) or by clicking on the button below.

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[Click Here](#)

**An alert will go out when the Application Portal is active**

We will be repeating the  
**New Applicant Workshop on "How to Complete An Application"**  
on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm via [zoom](#)

**All new applicants are required to attend this workshop;**

Renewal applicants are strongly encouraged.

The content for this session is the same as last Wednesday's (9/8), but feel free to attend again if you did already.

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**RFA Information****Application Portal**

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**Central Florida Continuum of Care (CoC FL-507)****Steps in the Review, Ranking and Selection of Projects for Inclusion in the 2021 Submission to HUD****1. Development of the Application Scoring by the CoC Resource Allocation and Coordination Committee, with the Input of CoC Stakeholders**

All eligible applications will be reviewed using a Scoring Categories approved by the CoC Board (September 2021). The Scoring Categories lists and defines all of the scoring categories that reviewers will use in evaluating applications, as well as specifies the maximum number of points that an application can earn in each category. The elements of the Application and Scoring were developed with input from CoC FL-507 stakeholders across the region, the CoC FL-507 Technical Expertise Committee, and the CoC FL-507 Lived Experience Council.

The categories, point assignments and weights included in the Scoring process incorporate the input received the broad CoC FL-507 membership. It is important to note, however, that a number of the factors considered and the weights they are assigned are a function of the priorities and policies of HUD and the U.S Interagency Council on Homelessness. Specific steps were taken to address factors uniquely or disproportionately impacting CoC participation by victim service providers and to hold them harmless with respect to those factors.

**2. Scoring of Each Application Based on Multiple Independent Reviews as well as Evaluation of Performance and Administrative Data**

Each of the sub-scores in the major scoring categories will be based on a combination of scoring by trained and qualified reviewers (including key CoC FL-507 stakeholders such as victim service providers, jurisdictional representatives, individuals who have experienced homelessness, etc.) as well as administrative and external data, as described in the Application Scorecard. Each reviewer will evaluate the application independently. Reviewers will be randomly assigned applications, except that steps will be taken to minimize the potential for reviewer bias on the basis of population served, service provided, or geography represented. Performance and administrative data will be generated using HMIS reporting tools and other CoC records (meeting attendance, PIT participation, etc.). All scores will be compiled and submitted to the CoC FL-507 Community Ranking and Selection Committee, together with additional information about the proposed projects, HUD's priorities and other relevant factors.

**3. Development of Recommendations by the Community Ranking and Selection Committee**

The Community Ranking and Selection Committee, a group of independent community representatives from across the region, will review the compiled scores for all of the applications, along with other relevant information, such as geographic coverage as well as the priorities and goals identified by CoC FL-507 and HUD. The Community Ranking and Selection Committee process will collectively develop a recommended slate of funded projects and amounts for consideration by the CoC FL-507 Board.



## 4. Scoring Categories

Category	Measurement/Data	Renewal Points	New/Expansion Points	DV Bonus	
Financial	Audit	10	10	10	
	Unspent HUD funds	10			
	Returned funds for any federal program	5	5	5	
	Unresolved findings from HUD monitoring	5	5	5	
Project Performance	Housing Stability	10	15	15	
	Exits to Homelessness (for non DV bonus projects, DV/HT will not be scored and held harmless due to potential impacts of abusers on project exits)	10	15	15	
	Increase in income	10	10	12	
	Utilization Rate	10	13	10	
Priority Populations	Prioritization based on need, including accepting families		5	10	
	% of placements from unsheltered persons	10			
	Serve all eligible prioritized subpopulations		5	5	
	Promote Race Equity – reviewing program outcomes with equity lens, identified barriers and taken steps to eliminate barriers	10	10	10	
HMIS (Comparable system) Data Quality	Data quality report from HMIS, agree to data quality policies and procedures	30	30	30	
CoC Priorities	Alignment with Housing First including screening out prior to entry and reasons for termination from a project	15	15	15	
	Type and total number of units	10	10	10	
	Filing of APRs	5			
	Coordinated Entry – CES MOU, procedures		10	10	
	PIT/HIC participation	5	3	3	
	General membership participation	5	3	3	
	Committee participation	5	3	3	
	CoC Sponsored Training participation	10	6	3	
	Geographic Coverage	Number of jurisdictions served	6	6	6
	Project Design	Is budget reasonable, does it match narrative and staffing charts, is it accurate		5	5
Does housing design match program participant needs, accessibility, demonstrate housing lease up process			5	5	
Comprehensive supportive services plan			5	5	
Approach for access to mainstream benefits, including serving as DCF Access community partner		5	3	6	
	Transportation services	5	2	2	

	SOAR specialist on staff or enter into MOU with SOAR provider	5	5	2
	Project has a liaison to local school district Homeless Liaison	5	2	5
	Cost effectiveness per person served	5	5	5
	Uses Client satisfaction survey	5	2	2
	Experience with Housing First & Housing First Training		5	5
	COLVID 19 safety protocols	5	5	5
	Case Management with Housing First principles		5	5
	Experience with Trauma Informed Care		3	3
	Encouragement of Volunteerism and Employment		2	2
	Gender Inclusion/Non Discrimination	5	3	3
	Participation by population served with design and policy making, more than one person with lived experience on board of directors,	5	3	3
DV Experience	Demonstrates previous performance, emergency transfer plans, victim centered approach, rapidly move into permanent housing after ensuring safety			10
	Demonstrate improved safety planning, reports objective improvement in safety, use of HMIS comparable data system to assess special needs of the DV population, safety plan			10
Leveraged Housing & HealthCare	Documents commitment of nonCoC/ESG housing assistance for PSH and commitment of leveraged healthcare resources to support project participants		20	

The variance in total points available for Renewal and New/Bonus projects will be normalized for the purposes of ranking.

**\*For DV Bonus:** Projects seeking DV Bonus funding must first score a base score based on the scoring categories above for selection as a new project. Should more than one DV Bonus project be submitted and selected as a new project based on base score, additional points based on answers related to questions specific to DV services (not answered by non-DV projects) will be incorporated into the final scoring for ranking purposes within the DV Bonus prioritization.

### 5. Approval of Final Slate of Projects and Funding Amounts

The CoC FL-507 Board, the governing body for the Central Florida Continuum of Care, will approve a final slate of projects and funding amounts for inclusion in the Central Florida CoC's application to HUD.

## Attachment D

### CFCH Continuum of Care (CoC FL-507)

#### Selected Policies and Priorities Re: the 2021 Application for HUD CoC Program Funding

In developing its overall strategy to address and end homelessness, and in particular with respect to ranking of renewal projects and solicitation of new project applications, the CoC is committed to upholding and applying the following values:

1. Obtain and maintain HUD Continuum of Care Program funding sufficient to meet the needs of the FL 507 geographic area.
2. Promote our goal to make homelessness rare, brief, and one time in FL-507.
3. Prioritize projects that:
  - a. Actively participate in the Continuum of Care and help advance collective goals
  - b. Have movement to permanent housing and subsequent stability as the primary focus
  - c. Focus on those who are literally homeless (streets, shelter, transitional housing for homeless)
  - d. Participate in the HMIS with complete, high quality data
  - e. Demonstrate low barriers to program entry
  - f. Perform well against HUD McKinney Continuum of Care goals and positively impact system performance
  - g. Consistently meet and exceed operational standards for spending, match, occupancy and reporting.

#### A. Projects and Applications

##### 1. Types of Projects Eligible for Consideration through the Community Process

The HUD regional application review and selection process should score and rank submitted applications for funding to form projects within the following six (6) categories:

- a. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- b. Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- c. Youth-Specific Transitional Housing (TH) or Supportive Services Only (SSO) Renewals
- d. Transitional Housing- Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)
- e. Essential System Supports Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- f. Essential System Supports Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

CoC FL-507 should include at least one project in each of the above categories on its list of highest-priority (Tier 1) projects in the Submission to HUD (assuming at least one eligible project is submitted in each category), with the exception of TH-RRH.

##### 2. Types of Projects Ineligible for Consideration through the Regional Application Process

The following types of projects should be ineligible for consideration through the CoC FL-507 regional application process:

- a. All other TH projects
- b. All other SSO projects, unless they are or can be directly bundled with a PSH, RRH or are linked to a youth TH project
- c. Safe Haven projects
- d. New or Expansion CES or HMIS projects

### 3. Types of Projects Eligible for Consideration through the Regional Application Process, but Unlikely to be Included in the Submission to HUD

The following types of projects should be eligible for review through the regional application process, but ineligible for inclusion in the Application to HUD without the express approval of the CoC FL-507 Board:

- a. Projects that propose to use HUD funding for acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation activity.
- b. Projects that propose to use HUD funding to provide project- or sponsor-based rental assistance, but are unable to document that the units will be online throughout calendar year 2023.
- c. Projects proposed in applications that do not meet threshold criteria (i.e., do not meet the basic criteria to be eligible for consideration by HUD, such as Projects that do not accept clients through the Coordinated Entry process, do not participate in HMIS or comparable data system (DV providers), do not adhere to Housing First principals, or other eligibility criteria as defined in the Scoring Matrix for each type of project).

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## B. Jurisdictional Issues

### 1. Option for Jurisdictions to Express Preference for Jurisdiction-Specific Projects

- a. The regional application process should include a mechanism whereby each participating jurisdiction has the option to indicate a preference among all Applicants dedicated to serving a particular county, in the event that the CoC receives an application for a single-jurisdiction application.
- b. As a secondary option, a jurisdiction should have the opportunity to verify and quantify its history of investing or leveraging funds for Projects administered by the Applicant in the past. This information may be helpful in determining if a jurisdiction is choosing to develop capacity for a specific agency and/or if the HUD funds will be leveraged in a way that reduces the service per HUD dollar ratio.

### 2. Option to Corroborate Applicant Claims that a Project Will Serve the Jurisdiction

- a. Each jurisdiction should be afforded the opportunity to confirm (or deny) jurisdiction-specific activities that an Applicant claims in its proposal. Specifically, if in its application, the Applicant asserts that it has “served” households in/from a particular jurisdiction, that jurisdiction should have the opportunity to confirm the assertion. If the jurisdiction is not aware of any activity, the Applicant would have to provide verification to the jurisdiction.
- b. The definition of “served” will vary based on the nature of the Project. In many cases, however, the determination of whether the jurisdiction will be served will be immediate.
- c. An Applicant that expresses the intent to serve a jurisdiction without a documented history of doing so would not receive points that another applicant with an established history would receive.

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## \* C. Specific Project Factors Relevant to the Application Process 1.

### 1. Project Bundling

- a. Given the flexibility afforded by an approach that "bundles" housing with supportive services - both with regard to budgeting and programming - application bundling should continue to be the preferred approach to building housing-services linkages within PSH and RRH projects.
- b. If existing bundled Projects are selected for renewal, the baseline assumption should be that the distribution of awards to sub-recipient agencies to provide components of the renewal project will be proportionate to the allocation of funding to sub-recipients for FY 2020. However, HSN should conduct a separate competitive process by which sub-

recipient funding will be formally awarded for FY 2021. During this process, based on performance or sub-recipient preferences, funds may be reallocated between sub-recipients. The process should be completed more than 60 days prior to the start of the HUD grant term for the project. This competitive process will include scoring based on key project performance measures that support overall system performance measures. Examples of these objective criteria include length of time homeless, returns to homelessness, HMIS data quality, adherence to CoC written standards, participation in Coordinated Entry System, provision of services to hardest to serve populations, and promotion of race equity. Should the sub-recipient portfolio and/or funding allocations associated with any Project change based on the results of that competition, HUD will be notified of the changes.

## 2. Administration of Scattered-Site Rental Assistance

In light of the fact that the administration of scattered-site rental assistance/leasing funds across the CoC is such a specialized and complex function, HSN should continue to administer these resources CoC-wide. Because of the increased efficiency and reduced regional confusion associated with having a single point of contact, these funds should continue to be administered on a consolidated basis across the region. This recommendation was also based on the recognition that rental assistance funds are pass-through dollars to landlords, stretch an agency’s cash flow capacity, and do not tend to build organizational capacity. This policy increases the ability of service providers with limited administrative capacity to apply for CoC funding.

## 3. Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project

The CoC should include at least one and conceivably all of the following types of project types, where the project is exclusively dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence (including sexual assault, dating violence and stalking) and/or human trafficking under the DV Bonus in the Submission to HUD: 1) a RRH project, or 2) a Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid ReHousing (TH-RRH) project.

## 4. CoC Bonus Project

CoC FL-507 should include at least one of the following as a CoC Bonus Project in the Submission to HUD, all other things being equal: 1) a TH-RRH Project serving youth, 2) a RRH project serving families with children and/or youth, or 3) a project-based, site-specific Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project that demonstrates written commitment from a health care organization to provide services or a project that includes a commitment of non-CoC or ESG housing vouchers or 4) a tenant-based, scattered-site PSH project.

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# D. Application Ranking and Project Selection Process

## 1. Reallocation Policy

Any funds reallocated as part of recapturing unspent funds, voluntary or involuntary reallocation will be made available for reallocation to create new projects during the local solicitation process. As part of the FL 507 solicitation for projects included in the HUD CoC collaborative application, providers are encouraged to reallocate projects that are underspending their full award, underutilizing beds, not in alignment with Housing First principles and/or underperforming in other areas critical to meeting the goal of ending homelessness in the FL-507 geographic region. Projects with poor performance, not spending their full award, underutilizing beds, not in alignment with Housing First principles and practices, not serving the intended population or with significant, unresolved findings are subject to involuntary reallocation. Projects who score below a threshold as established by the local COC during each application period will be subject to either voluntarily or



involuntarily giving up award money to be reallocated to a New Project. Applicants may appeal the decision and the appeal must be considered by the CoC's Management Board or its Executive Committee.

- a. The CoC has determined that its current portfolio of HUD-funded projects provides the region with the configuration and distribution of housing and services capacity to best address the current regional need, and that retention of that capacity is of paramount importance.
  1. Consequently, Applicants requesting funding through reallocation should not be considered for reallocation unless they maintain existing capacity (by project type, geography and modality) without increasing costs and assure the sustained tenancy of persons served by the Project from which funding is re-allocated. Such Applicants could, however, be considered for funding as part of a Bonus Project.
  2. When comparing project type, geography and modality reallocation, the CoC will give highest consideration to project scores related specifically to project performance measures that impact overall system performance including, but not limited to, alignment with housing first principles, housing stability, exits to homelessness, spending rates, race equity, and barriers/acuity level of project participants.
- b. CoC FL-507 will also allow voluntary reallocation from renewal projects to new projects that will further the overall system performance goals of HUD and the CoC FL-507 region.

## 2. Grouping of Applications for Initial Scoring

Each Application should be scored so that it competes only with other projects within the same Project and activity type, at least for purposes of generating the initial ranked project list. For example, all Applicants proposing to provide supportive services to RRH Projects should be scored and ranked as a separate and distinct group, and none would be evaluated in comparison with Applicants proposing to provide services to PSH projects.

## 3. Baseline Assumptions for Use in the Community Ranking and Project Selection Process

Therefore, the baseline assumption for the FY 2021 scoring and selection process should be that:

- a. The distribution of FY 2021 awards should favor the current mix, location (county) and distribution of current funds of PSH and RRH projects funding (approximately 75%-25%). This distribution will be reflected in the publication of baseline renewal amounts by Project and activity type.
- b. Notwithstanding D.3.a., the need for some adjustments could emerge through the Community Ranking and Project Selection process in the form of documented system and project performance concerns.

## 4. Baseline Tier 1 Assumptions

Because of the expectation that a PSH unit be made available to a resident for as long as it may be needed, the cost to the region of losing a PSH unit is significantly greater than the cost of losing a RRH unit. Furthermore, CoC FL-507 has prioritized the use of PSH to serve individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness. All other things being equal, PSH renewals or new projects funded through re-allocations, Youth Projects, CES and HMIS Projects should be funded in Tier 1 and in front of RRH projects in order to reduce the likelihood that these resources are imperiled.

## 5. Baseline Bonus Project(s) Assumptions.

Given the manner in which HUD has structured the CoC Bonus Project(s) opportunity, funding requests by all Applicants associated with a particular proposed CoC Bonus Project(s) are encouraged to not exceed a total of \$150,000. Similarly, a DV Bonus Project is encouraged to not exceed a total of \$800,000.

6. Scoring Tool Description.

The Scoring Tool evaluates projects along multiple performance dimensions including project financials; project performance that contributes to improved overall system performance; priority populations services; HMIS data quality (comparable data systems for Domestic Violence/Human Trafficking providers); commitment to CoC priorities including race equity and housing first; and project design. Each of these dimensions has multiple component measures. Each performance measure is in turned based on one or more defined data elements drawn from a specific data source, including individual project applications, annual progress reports (APRS), HMIS and HUD reports. For each individual measure, the Scoring Tool also identifies a range of points awarded for specific component measures.

The intent is for each individual measure within the tool to be an objective metric with a defined method of calculation and correspond to one or more data elements from specific reports. This approach reduces variability in assessment between reviewers, as independent reviewers (including the self-assessment completed by the renewal project applicant or sub-recipient) using the same, defined data sources should thus be able to reliably arrive at the same value, and the same point score, for a project on any given measure.

The total possible points vary for renewal, new/bonus and domestic violence bonus project applications. Final project scores will be normalized to a standard range before being presented for ranking consideration.

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E. CoC FL-507 Project Participant Prioritization

1. Homeless Definition Prioritization

In accordance with the CoC’s written standards for assistance, in order to be eligible to receive housing assistance and/or supportive services through a HUD CoC Program, a Program Participant must meet the definition of homelessness found in either Category 1 (i.e., is literally homeless) or Category 4 (i.e., fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence) of the HUD definition of homelessness (24 CFR §578.3).

Category 1: Any individual or family who lacks, regular and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- Is living in a public or privately operated shelter (congregate shelters, transitional housing and hotels and motels are paid for by charitable organizations or federal, state and local government); or
- Is exiting an institution where (s) he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Category 4: Any individual or family who:

If fleeing, or is attempting to flee domestic violence, human trafficking, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault, has no other residence and lack resources of support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

2. Income

Any individual or family with household income exceeding 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) most recently published by HUD for the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford MSA is assumed to have sufficient resources to obtain other permanent housing and is not eligible for enrollment into HUD CoC Program funded PSH, RRH or TH assistance.

### 3. Chronicity

PSH housing assistance and supportive services are prioritized for individuals and families experiencing the longest histories of homelessness histories and most severe needs. In particular, the CoC has adopted and expanded upon the orders of priority as set forth in HUD Notice CPD-16-11. The CoC does allow for PSH projects that accept participants as identified in HUD's definition of a DedicatedPLUS project. Specifically, DedicatedPLUS projects may serve persons who meet one of the following criteria at project entry:

1. Experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3;
2. Residing in transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project;
3. Residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter or safe haven; but the individuals or families experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project within the last year and were unable to maintain a housing placement;
4. Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint transitional housing (TH and rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) component project and who were experiencing chronic homeless as defined at 24 CFH 578.3 prior to entering the project;
5. Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe having, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions; or
6. Receiving assistance through a Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.

### F. CoC FL-507 Project Prioritization

All other things being equal, FL CoC-507 prioritizes project applications in the following order:

Priority 1: Renewal Coordinated Entry System (CES) and Homeless Management Information (HMIS) System Projects

Priority 2: Renewal Permanent Housing (PH) Projects and Youth Projects

Priority 3: Reallocation Permanent Housing Projects

Priority 4: New Permanent Housing Projects

Priority 5: New Joint Youth or DV TH-PH Housing Projects

### G. Applicants Not Selected for Inclusion in the Submission to HUD

#### 1. Other Funding Opportunities

Applicants not selected for inclusion in the Submission to HUD may, through the ranking and review process, be identified as qualified for future funding including incorporation in an existing HUD funded project as a competitive sub-recipient or inclusion in a non-HUD funded project whose funding is administered by HSN.

#### 2. Appeals

Applicants notified that they have not been selected for inclusion in the Submission to HUD and that perceive that their non-selection is the result of reversible error may submit an appeal to be considered by the Ranking Committee, CoC Board or CoC Executive Committee. Appeals must be submitted in the same manner as the application and be received by the deadline noted in the Request for Applications. In order to be eligible for consideration, an appeal should include

a tailed explanation of the perceived error and any other information the applicant considers relevant. HUS has emphasized that appeals should focus on how the applicant was denied the opportunity to participate in the planning process. Each Applicant submitting an appeal will be notified of its final status upon disposition by the CoC Management Board or its Executive Committee.