



## **GA-500 Continuum of Care (CoC) HUD CoC NOFO Competition Policy**

### **Introduction**

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases federal resources for homeless programming and housing to communities across the country through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Partners for HOME (PFH), as the Collaborative Applicant for the Atlanta CoC, provides the following guidance for the local competition process. As the Collaborative Applicant for the Atlanta Continuum of Care (CoC), Partners for HOME is responsible for organizing, collecting and submitting the CoC Consolidated Application for HUD CoC funding. This includes running the local competition, and submitting the Consolidated CoC application to HUD, which includes the CoC application, the selected project applications, and the priority listing.

Updated information and materials will be posted [Partners for HOME Hud CoC Program Competition webpage](#). While this document will provide an overview of the process, **all interested parties and applicants should read the NOFO and all related materials in their entirety**, as well the materials that will be posted on the Partners for HOME website. Some key components that will apply to the local competition process are below.

### **Atlanta CoC Project Priorities**

In accordance with the annual HUD NOFO priorities, the Atlanta CoC establishes project prioritization that will help guide project ideas for application submission. The below priorities have been identified as areas to help expand capacity within the Atlanta CoC and advance efforts to end homelessness in the City of Atlanta.

- PH (PSH or RRH) with Healthcare or Housing Leverage
- PH (PSH or RRH) without Healthcare or Housing Leverage
- Current Renewal Project Expansion
- TH-RRH, specifically for substance abuse subpopulation

### **Funding Availability**

The HUD CoC Competition is a competitive funding process, locally and nationally. Application locally does not guarantee funding and inclusion in the local application to HUD does not guarantee funding.

HUD releases the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), which is the amount each CoC can apply for, not including any bonus funding that HUD makes available.

Typically, HUD then determines two levels or tiers that CoCs need to rank their projects, with each tier being a certain percentage of their ARD. Projects that are in Tier 1 of a CoCs ranking will typically be fully funded by HUD, provided they meet all eligibility and threshold requirements. Projects in Tier 2 of a CoCs ranking will be funded based on availability of funding, the overall score of the CoC application, and the rank of the project. HUD will select the projects in Tier 2 based on point value until there is no more funding left. Projects in Tier 2 are at the highest risk of being not funded.



### **Ranking**

The Atlanta CoC's Rank and Review Committee is an independent group comprised of community members and Atlanta CoC representatives that will score and rank project applications based on HUD and Atlanta CoC priorities. Rankings will be submitted to the Governing Council for final approval and then be announced to the CoC membership and public. Project applications will be ranked highest to lowest except for:

- The CoC Planning Grant which will not be ranked.
- YHDP projects will not be ranked.
- Coordinated Entry and HMIS grants will be placed at the bottom of Tier 1.

### **Reduction and Reallocation**

The Rank and Review Committee will use a reduction and reallocation process to ensure all renewing projects are drawing down funds accordingly, cost-effective, meeting performance benchmarks, and in line with HUD and the CoC's priorities. The reduction and reallocation process allows the CoC to redistribute current funds to where they can best be used to end homelessness in the City of Atlanta. For more details, please see the **[GA-500 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) HUD Grant Reduction and Reallocation Policy](#)**.

### **New Projects**

As part of the annual competition, the Atlanta CoC anticipates soliciting for new projects, in addition to having the existing projects apply for renewal funding. New projects solicitations will be based on HUD and CoC priorities and will be scored on measures as such.

New projects will be ranked along with renewal projects and can be placed anywhere in the priority listing.

### **Notification and Public Posting**

All applicants will be notified of the process and results of their applications of whether they will be included or not in the CoC application to HUD by email. Additionally, all CoC related notifications will be sent to the CoC email list, posted on the CoC webpage, and on social media. This includes, but is not limited to, application openings, initial scores, initial ranking and appeal process, final ranking and tiering, and notification of final CoC application posting and submission to HUD.