



## 2018 NOFA Funding Overview

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On June 20, 2018, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grants for FY 2018. In 2018, the Suburban Metro Area CoC expects to be eligible to apply for approximately \$3,819,588 in funding to support housing and services for homeless households, and approximately \$114,588 for CoC Planning Funds.

**Annual Renewal Demand Funding:** **SMAC 2018 \$3,819,588**

This funding supports the CoC's existing housing and services. The CoC has the option to continue to support those programs, or to reallocate those resources, in whole or in part, to Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Joint TH-RRH, HMIS, or Coordinated Entry (SSO) projects. (Details regarding eligible populations follows.)

**Permanent Housing Bonus Funding:** **SMAC 2018 \$229,175**

This funding supports Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, or Joint TH-RRH projects. (Details regarding eligible populations follows.)

**Domestic Violence Bonus Funding:** **SMAC 2018 \$241,863**

Up to \$50 million is available for the DV Bonus which will provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The DV Bonus funding can support: Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) projects, joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section II.C.3.m of this NOFA, SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different).

**CoC Planning Funds:** **SMAC 2018 \$114,588**

This funding supports CoC planning activities, and only the collaborative applicant – The Washington County Community Development Agency – may apply for it. The planning grant will not be ranked in this year's competition and is not competitive with housing or service projects.



## Tier 1 and Tier 2 System

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**Anticipated Tier 1 Amount: \$3,590,413**

**Anticipated Tier 2 Amount: \$299,175**

As in past years, the funding that CoCs can apply for is divided into tiers, with projects prioritized in Tier 1 being more likely to be funded than projects of lower priority that are placed in Tier 2.

CoCs are required to either accept and rank or reject all projects submitted by project applicants in e-snaps, except CoC planning projects. CoCs are encouraged to consider the policy priorities established in the NOFA in conjunction with local priorities to determine the ranking of projects. All projects must pass HUD's eligibility and threshold requirements to be funded, no matter their priority.

**TIER 1:** In 2018, the amount of funding available for Tier 1 is equal to the greater of the combined amount of Annual Renewal Amount for all permanent housing and HMIS projects eligible for renewal up to \$1,000,000, or 94 percent of the CoC's FY 2018 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) (in 2017 it was 94 percent; in 2016 it was 93 percent). HUD will conditionally award projects from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC. Projects should be placed in priority order.

**TIER 2:** The amount of funding available for Tier 2 is equal to the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand plus the amount available for the Permanent Housing Bonus.

Funding will be determined by the point value of each project application based on a 100-point scale. All Tier 2 projects will be funded in point order.

## New from HUD in 2018

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**Transition Grants:** Project applicants can transition an existing renewable component (e.g., TH) to another component (e.g., PH-RRH).

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**Bonus and Reallocation Funding:** CoCs may submit new project applications under the bonus and reallocation process. In the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition, HUD will allow projects and CoCs to



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combine bonus and reallocation available funding in a single project as both new bonus and new projects created through the reallocation process have the same eligible new components:

- PH-PSH;
- PH-RRH;
- Joint TH and PH-RRH
- HMIS (dedicated); and
- SSO-CE

The concept of bonus funding and reallocated funding are not new in this NOFA however, allowing CoCs to combine these funds and create new projects as the CoC deems appropriate is a slightly different approach than what has been allowed in the past.

## New from SMAC in 2018

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**Prioritizing Service Area:** SMAC will be prioritizing a specific community as a target for new funds through this year's local competition. The main reason for doing this is to ensure programming options for households experiencing homelessness are equally distributed throughout the region. Data is showing us that there are underserved areas in the CoC and SMAC needs to do its best to fill the gaps based on that data.

Another reason for this shift is to lessen the burden on providers. Providers often have defined service areas and it is a challenge to require a provider to serve our large SMAC geography. Setting this priority does not allow providers to be selective about who they serve. The new project(s) will need to serve the all referrals from Coordinated Entry regardless of where the household is currently experiencing homelessness, receiving benefits, last permanent residence, etc. If the household would like the opportunity to be served by the project and move into the provider's service area the project needs to accept the client into the program, pending the household meet all other eligibility requirements.

**2018 NOFA Policies:** This year SMAC has set policies determining where new projects, HMIS, and CES projects will rank prior to the beginning of the local competition. This was done to provide transparency regarding the ranking process. For more details about this policy please see <http://smacmn.org/documents/>.

**Coordinated Entry:** Currently SMAC funds both LSS Streetworks Collaborative and Salvation Army to provide Priority List Management for SMAC's Coordinated Entry system. Both providers have been great partners in getting SMAC Coordinated Entry centralized Priority List management up and running. SMAC has identified a need to build additional infrastructure to support the CES. During this NOFA competition, SMAC will be reallocating both grants to one central provider and expanding the scope of what the funding will do. For further details on this opportunity please see <http://smacmn.org/documents/>.



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## 2018 SMAC Priorities

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- 1) Priority for projects that target Washington County as their primary service area.
- 2) Priority for projects that provide Permanent Supportive Housing to youth.
- 3) Priority for projects that provide Rapid Rehousing to Singles.

## Funding Opportunities

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SMAC will release three Request for Proposals to fund new projects with the funding outlined above.

- 1) New projects through Bonus funding and Reallocation  
(Renewal projects will have an opportunity to expand existing projects through this application as well)
- 2) DV Bonus Funding
- 3) Coordinated Entry

For all details on these funding opportunities please see <http://smacmn.org/documents/>.