**FY 2018 San Bernardino Continuum of Care-Letter of Intent to Renew CoC Project**

**Instructions:** Please complete one letter for each renewal application.

**Lead Agency Information**

CCR #:

DUNS #:

Agency Name:

Agency Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Fax: email:

Grant/Application Contact Person:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Agency Director:

 Name:

Phone:

Email:

HMIS Contact Person:

 Name:

 Phone:

Email:

**Project Information:**

Name of Project:

Project Address:

Grant amount:

Grant Term:

Expiration Date:

Program Type:

Primary Population:

Annual Renewal Amount for project:

Total Number of Units:

Previously approved budget amounts by activity:

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| **Activity:** | **Budget Amount:** |
| Leased Units |  |
| Leased Structures |  |
| Rental Assistance |  |
| Supportive Services |  |
| Operations |  |
| HMIS |  |
| Administration |  |
| **Total:** |  |

Name and Signature of Person who will complete the application:

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Name and Signature of Person authorized to sign the HUD application:

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I certify, on behalf of my agency that all information contained in this application is accurate and true, based on our current records for the project. I understand that falsifying information or failing to provide accurate information will have a negative impact on my overall review and may result in removal from the Continuum of Care Application to HUD. I also understand that projects not submitting their Letter of Intent by the deadline may be reallocated.

Executive Director/CEO/President Date

**Background Information**:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) will consider the need to continue funding for projects expiring in 2019 as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). However, as noted by HUD, renewal projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in the NOFA or they will be rejected from consideration for funding.

While considering the need to continue funding for projects expiring in 2019, the CoC Interagency Counsel on Homelessness will review the information that HUD noted in the 2017 NOFA CoC Program Competition (2018 NOFA has not yet been released[[1]](#footnote-1)), which is as follows:

1. When considering renewal projects for award, HUD will review financial information; Annual Performance Reports (APRs); and information provided from the local HUD CPD Field Office, including monitoring reports and A-133 audit reports as applicable, and performance standards on prior grants, and will assess projects using the following criteria on a pass/fail basis:
2. Whether the project applicant's performance met the plans and goals established in the initial application, as amended;
3. Whether the project applicant demonstrated all timeliness standards for grants being renewed, including those standards for the expenditure of grant funds that have been met;
4. The project applicant's performance in assisting program participants to achieve and

maintain independent living and records of success, except HMIS-dedicated projects that are not required to meet this standard; and,

1. Whether there is evidence that a project applicant has been unwilling to accept technical assistance, has a history of inadequate financial accounting practices, has indications of project mismanagement, has a drastic reduction in the population served, has made program changes without prior HUD approval, or has lost a project site.
2. HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject a funding request from the project applicant for the following reasons:
3. Outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon;
4. Audit/Monitoring finding(s) for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory;
5. History of inadequate financial management accounting practices;
6. Evidence of untimely expenditures and unspent funds on prior award;
7. History of other major capacity issues that have significantly affected the operation of the project and its performance;
8. History of not reimbursing subrecipients for eligible costs in a timely manner, or at least quarterly; and
9. History of serving ineligible program participants, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes.[[2]](#footnote-2)
10. **Recipient Compliance with Grants and Financial Management:**

Per 24 CFR part 578 and the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA requires that Project Applicants specifically identify four benchmarks for grants and financial management that communities must reach to meet this standard, which are

1. On-time APR submission;
2. Resolved HUD/Office of Homeless Services monitoring findings, or Office of Inspector General (OIG) Audits, if applicable;
3. Monthly submission of claims; and
4. The full expenditure of awarded funds.

The following questions are designed to inform HUD of the recipient’s performance related to these four statutory and regulatory requirements and to provide the recipient with an opportunity to explain their inability to meet the related standards. The responses to these questions will be verified with existing records and reports on file with the Office of Homeless Services.

1. **Has the recipient successfully submitted the APR on time for the most recently expired grant term related to this renewal project request?**

APRs are due within 90 days after the grant term expires. Select **“Yes”** to indicate that an APR has been submitted for the grant term that has most recently expired (for some grants this will be the FY 2016 renewal, for others the FY 2015). Select **“No”** to indicate that an APR has not been submitted for the grant term that has most recently expired or if this is a first-time renewal for which the original grant term has not yet expired.

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

🗌 This is a first-time renewal for which the original grant term has not yet expired.

If you selected **“No”** above, provide a brief explanation for why the APR was not submitted on time in the box below (expand box as needed). For those first-time renewals for which the original grant term has not yet expired, please write, “First-time renewal and grant term has not yet expired” and provide the date by which the APR must be submitted.

1. **Does the recipient have any unresolved HUD or the Office of Homeless Services Monitoring and/or OIG Audit findings concerning any previous grant term related to this renewal project request?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Select **“Yes”** if there are any unresolved HUD Monitoring or OIG Audit findings, regardless of the funding year of the project for which they were originally identified. Select **“No”** if there are no unresolved HUD Monitoring or OIG Audit findings.

1. **Date HUD or the Office of Homeless Services or OIG issued the oldest unresolved finding(s):**

If you selected **“Yes”** above, provide the date that the oldest unresolved finding was issued.

Date the oldest unresolved finding was issued:

1. **Explain why the finding(s) remains unresolved:**

If you selected **“Yes”** above, provide a brief explanation in the box below (expand box as needed) for why the monitoring or audit finding remains unresolved and the steps that have been taken towards resolution (e.g., responded to the HUD letter, but no final determination received).

1. **Has the recipient maintained timely and consistent monthly submission of claims for the most recent grant terms related to this renewal project request?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

CoC Program recipients are required to submit claims on a monthly basis. Select **“Yes”** to indicate that you have maintained monthly submission of claims for the most recent relevant grant term. For some grants, the standard will be applied to the FY 2016 renewal, for others the FY 2015, and for some multi-year first-time renewals a grant awarded in an earlier fiscal year. Select **“No”** to indicate that the recipient has not maintained consistent monthly claim submission for the most recent relevant grant term, or if this is a first-time renewal for which less than one quarter has passed.

1. **Explain why the recipient has not maintained timely and consistent monthly**

 **claim submission for the most recent grant terms related to this renewal**

**project request.**

If you selected **“No”** above, provide a brief explanation in the box below (expand box as needed) for why monthly claim submissions have not been maintained. Delays in draws due to a late HUD funding announcement and receipt of renewal grant agreement may be included in such an explanation.

1. **Have any funds been recaptured by HUD for any of the three (3) most recently expired grant terms related to this renewal project request?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

🗌 Project has not yet completed a grant term

Select **“Yes”** to indicate that funds have been recaptured, meaning that not all awarded funds were expended during the three previous completed grant terms. Select **“No”** to indicate that no funds were recaptured or if this is a first-time renewal for which the original grant term has not yet expired.

1. **If you selected “Yes” above, explain the circumstances that led to HUD recapturing funds from any of the three (3) most recently expired grant term related to this renewal project request:**

Provide a brief explanation in the box below (expand box as needed) for why the total awarded funds were not expended and were recaptured. Include the amount returned for each year.

1. **Housing First and Low Barriers Approach**

Housing First is a model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold).It is an approach to: **1)** quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing; **2)** without barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements; or **3)** related preconditions that might lead to the program participant’s termination from the project. Supportive services are offered to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness as opposed to addressing predetermined treatment goals prior to permanent housing entry; however, participation in supportive services is based on the needs and desires of program participants. For more information, review Sections II.A.7. and VII.A.1.g. of the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA and the Housing First in PSH brief at: www.hudexchange.info/resource/3892/housing-first-in-permanent-supportive-housing-brief/)

1. **Does the project quickly move participants into permanent housing?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Select **“Yes”** to this question if your project will quickly move program participants into permanent housing without additional steps (e.g., required stay in transitional housing before moving to permanent housing). If you are a domestic violence (DV) program you should select **“Yes”** if you will quickly move program participants into permanent housing after immediate safety needs are addressed (e.g., a person who is still in danger from a violent situation and would move into PH once the dangerous situation has been addressed). Select **“No”** if the project does not work to move program participants quickly into permanent housing.

1. **Has the project removed the following barriers to accessing housing and services?**

🗌 Having too little or little income

🗌 Active or history of substance abuse

🗌 Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions

🗌 Fleeing domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement

🗌 None of the above

**(Select ALL that apply):** Check the box next to each item to confirm that your project has removed (or never had) barriers to program access related to each of the following: 1) Having too little or little income; 2) Active or history of substance abuse; 3) Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions; and 4) Fleeing domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement). If all of these barriers to access still exist, select “None of the above.”

1. **Has the project removed the following as reasons for program termination?**

🗌 Failure to participate in supportive services

🗌 Failure to make progress on a service plan

🗌 Loss of income or failure to improve income

🗌 Fleeing domestic violence

🗌 Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area

🗌 None of the above

Check the box next to each item to confirm that your project has removed (or never had) reasons for program participant termination related to each of the following: 1) Failure to participate in supportive services; 2) Failure to make progress on a service plan; 3) Loss of income or failure to improve income; 4) Fleeing domestic violence; and 5) Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area. If all of these reasons for program termination still exist, select “None of the above.”

**Additional Required Attachments:** ***Please attach the following supporting documentation that shows that your agency provided staff training and policies and procedures so that staff fully understands how to implement the Housing First approach: a copy of the agency Policies and Procedures, staff training materials, and any forms or other related documents.***

1. **Supportive Services for Participants**

Please identify whether the project includes the following activities:

1. **Transportation assistance to clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments, employment training, or jobs?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Select **“Yes”** if the project provides regular or as needed transportation assistance to mainstream and community resources, including appointments, employment training, educational programs, or jobs. Select **“No”** if transportation is not regularly provided or cannot be provided consistently as requested.

1. **Use of a single application form for four or more mainstream programs?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Select **“Yes”** if the project uses a \*single application form that allows program participants to sign up for four or more mainstream programs. Select **“No”** if application forms cover 3 or fewer mainstream programs.

**\*Agencies utilizing C4 Yourself meet this requirement.**

1. **Regular follow-ups with participants to ensure mainstream benefits are received and**

**renewed?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Select **“Yes”** if the project regularly follows-up with program participants at least annually to ensure that they have applied for, are receiving their mainstream benefits, and renew benefits when required. Select **“No”** if there is no or irregular follow-up concerning mainstream benefits.

1. **Do program participants have access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance provided by the**

**applicant, a subrecipient, or partner agency?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

Select **“Yes”** if program participants have access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance. The assistance can be provided by the applicant, a subrecipient, or a partner agency–through a formal or informal relationship. Select **“No”** if there is no or significantly limited access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance

1. **Has the staff person providing the technical assistance completed SOAR training in the past 24 months?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

This question will only appear if **“Yes”** is selected to the previous question. Select **“Yes”** to indicate that the applicant, subrecipient or partner agency staff person who will be providing the SSI/SSDI technical assistance has completed SOAR training, online or in person, in the past 24 months. If more than one person will provide technical assistance, select **“Yes”** only if all persons have completed the training. Otherwise, select “No.”

1. **Outreach for Participants**

Project Applicants are required to identify where their eligible program participants come from with respect to HUD’s homeless definition and must include percentages of program participants that are served using requested funds. Project Applicants must ensure that all persons served in renewal RRH projects meet the requirements found in 24 CFR part 578 and the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA.

1. **Enter the percentage of homeless person(s) who will be served by the proposed project for each of the following locations: Indicate the percentage of homeless persons who will be admitted from each of the listed locations. Not all of the following locations are eligible locations for all projects types. For example, persons coming from transitional housing are not eligible for PH-RRH projects. Instead, renewal RRH projects must continue to serve individuals and families coming from the streets or emergency shelters. New RRH projects created through reallocation in the FY 2015 competition could also serve persons fleeing domestic violence Note: It is critical that you refer to 24 CFR part 578, the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA to confirm the eligible locations for each type of project (please contact your local HUD field office if you are unclear as to which NOFA requirements take precedence). The total percentage must equal 100% in order to submit the project application.**

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| **%** | **Eligible Locations:** |
|  | Directly from the street or other locations not meant for human habitation. |
|  | Directly from emergency shelters. (this includes domestic violence emergency shelters) |
|  | Directly from safe havens. |
|  | From transitional housing and previously resided in a place not meant for human habitation or emergency shelters, or safe havens. |
|  | Persons fleeing domestic violence (or attempting to flee). |
|  | Total of above percentages |

Individuals coming from an institution where they have resided for 90 days or less AND have entered the institution from the streets, emergency shelter, or safe haven, maintain their homeless status during that time. Include these program participants in the percentages for streets, places not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, and safe havens accordingly.

Projects that have been approved to change from TH to PH-RRH should list residents who are remaining in the program from the previous grant term according to the place from which they originally entered. They should not be listed as entering from transitional housing simply because they were in the program during the previous grant term.

Refer to 24 CFR part 578, the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA, and the homeless definition at www.hudexchange.info/resource/1928/hearth-defining-homeless-final-rule/ for further guidance.

1. **Participation in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)**

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Continuum of Care (CoC) Programinterim rule places a high emphasis on having a functioning and comprehensive HMIS in the CoC jurisdiction as it is critical to gathering unduplicated, aggregated data on homelessness in the community for both the CoC and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs.

* Does this project provide client level data to HMIS at least annually? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No

**If the project is providing participant data in the HMIS** – indicate the total number of participants served by the project, and the total number of clients reported in the HMIS.

Total number of participants served by the project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of clients reported in the HMIS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If the project is not providing participant data in the HMIS** – indicate one or more of the four (4) reason(s) for non-participation:

🗆 Federal law prohibits (please cite specific law) 🗆 State law prohibits (please cite specific law)

🗆 New project not yet in operation 🗆 Other (please specify prohibition)

Also, for those participant records that were reported in the HMIS, indicate the percentage of values that were missing (“Null or Missing Values”) and/or unknown (“Don’t Know or Refused”). If there were no unknown values, note a “0” value.

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| **Data Collection Requirements**All CoC Program funded projects are required to collect all of the Universal Data Elements and a select number of Program-Specific Data Elements.**\* Indicate the percentage of unduplicated client records with null or missing values during the last 10 days of January 2018** |

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| **Universal Data Element** **(Use HMIS Data Quality Report)**  | **Records with** **no values (%)** | **Records where value is refused or unknown (%)** |
| 3.1 Name |  |  |
| 3.2 Social Security Number |  |  |
| 3.3 Date of Birth |  |  |
| 3.4 Race |  |  |
| 3.5 Ethnicity |  |  |
| 3.6 Gender |  |  |
| 3.7 Veteran Status |  |  |
| 3.8 Disabling condition |  |  |
| 3.917 Living Situation |  |  |
| 3.10 Project entry date |  |  |
| 3.11 Project exit date |  |  |
| 3.12 Destination |  |  |
| 3.15 Relationship to Head of Household |  |  |
| 3.16 Client Location |  |  |
| **Program Specific Data Element****(From the most recent APR)** | **Records with** **no values (%)** | **Records where value is refused or unknown (%)** |
| 4.2 Income and Sources |  |  |
| 4.3 Non-Cash Benefits |  |  |
| 4.4 Health Insurance |  |  |
| 4.5 Physical Disability  |  |  |
| 4.6 Developmental Disability |  |  |
| 4.7 Chronic Health Condition |  |  |
| 4.8 HIV/AIDS |  |  |
| 4.9 Mental Health Problem |  |  |
| 4.10 Substance Abuse |  |  |
| 4.11 Domestic Violence |  |  |
| 4.17 Residential Move-In Date  (RRH only) |  |  |

1. **Participation in Coordinated Entry System**

CoC funded projects are required to participate in the local Coordinated Entry System. As defined by HUD:

“Coordinated entry is a key step in assessing the needs of homeless individuals and families and prioritizing them for assistance. In addition to engaging people who are seeking assistance, Coordinated Entry processes should be integrated with communities’ outreach work to ensure that people living in unsheltered locations are prioritized for help. Coordinated Entry should achieve several goals:

* make it easier for persons experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis to access the appropriate housing and service interventions;
* prioritize persons with the longest histories of homelessness and the most extensive needs;
* lower barriers to entering programs or receiving assistance; and,
* ensure that persons receive assistance and are housed as quickly as possible.[[3]](#footnote-3)

The definition of Centralized or Coordinated Assessment can be found at 24 CFR 578.3. Provisions at 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8) detail the responsibilities of the CoC with regard to establishing and operating such a system. In addition to the definition, HUD also posted on the HUD Exchange the Coordinated Entry Policy Brief in February 2015 that helps inform local efforts to further develop CoCs’ coordinated entry processes.

1. **How many households (a household can be a single individual or family) entered your program during the past 12 months?**
2. **How many of the households that you stated in the question above entered your project through the coordinated entry system?**
3. **If any households entered your program during the past 12 months that were not referred through the coordinated entry system, please explain why in the box below (expand box as needed).**

**Note: this information will be verified through HMIS.**

1. **Bed Utilization**
2. **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**

A bed utilization rate is equal to the total number of people served on any given day divided by the total number of beds available on that day. Bed utilization rates below 65 percent are usually attributed to the project not entering all their clients into the HMIS or the project was under-utilized. Bed utilization rates above 105 means the project did not capture exit dates for all their clients and/or the project offered overflow beds.

From your most recent APR, complete the table below on the point-in-time count of households served on the last Wednesdays in

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **\*Total # of Beds** | **Total # of Clients Served** | **Utilization Rate** |
| January |  |  |  |
| April |  |  |  |
| July |  |  |  |
| October |  |  |  |

\*The total number of beds should equal the number of beds submitted in your application.

1. **Rapid Rehousing (RRH)**

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) provides short or medium term tenant-based rental assistance in community-based housing paired with necessary supportive services for homeless individuals and families (with or without a disability). RRH assistance usually begins prior to the client entering housing. Project performance is measured when client moves into permanent housing. Using data from HMIS during the past 12 months, answer the questions below:

* Proposed number of households: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Total number of households served: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Total number of households moved into permanent housing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* If the total number of households that move into permanent housing is lower than the proposed number of households, please explain why in the box below (expand box as needed).
1. **HEARTH Act Compliance**

This section of the Letter of Intent (LOI) asks questions of all renewal projects to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH Act): Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Interim Rule. (Please note, this section does not encompass all changes under the HEARTH Act and it is recommended that all projects should review the Act in its entirety).

1. **Participation of homeless individuals**

The HEARTH Act CoC Program Interim Rule states that the recipient or subrecipient must document its compliance with the homeless participation requirements under § 578.75(g), which is as follows:

(g) Participation of homeless individuals.

(1) Each recipient and subrecipient must provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policymaking entity of the recipient or subrecipient, to the extent that such entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any project, supportive services, or assistance provided under this part. This requirement is waived if a recipient or subrecipient is unable to meet such requirement and obtains HUD approval for a plan to otherwise consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons when considering and making policies and decisions.

(2) Each recipient and subrecipient of assistance under this part must, to the maximum extent practicable, involve homeless individuals and families through employment; volunteer services; or otherwise in constructing, rehabilitating, maintaining, and operating the project, and in providing supportive services for the project.

1. **Does your agency provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policymaking entity of the recipient or sub recipient, to the extent that such entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any project, supportive services, or assistance provided under this part. This requirement is waived if a recipient or sub recipient is unable to meet such requirement and obtains HUD approval for a plan to otherwise consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons when considering and making policies and decisions?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

If not, please provide an action plan/timeline on when your agency will be compliant with this requirement in the box below (expand box as needed).

1. **Does your agency, to the maximum extent practicable, involve homeless individuals and families through employment; volunteer services; or otherwise in constructing, rehabilitating, maintaining, and operating the project, and in providing supportive services for the project?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

If not, please provide an action plan/timeline as to when your agency will be compliant with this requirement in the box below (expand box as needed).

1. **Faith-based activities**

The HEARTH Act CoC Program Interim Rule states that the recipient or subrecipient must document its compliance with faith-based activities requirements under § 578.87(b), which is as follows:

(b) Faith-based activities.

(1) Equal treatment of program participants and program beneficiaries.

(i) Program participants. Organizations that are religious or faith-based are eligible, on the same basis as any other organization, to participate in the Continuum of Care program. Neither the Federal Government nor a State or local government receiving funds under the Continuum of Care program shall discriminate against an organization on the basis of the organization’s religious character or affiliation. Recipients and subrecipients of program funds shall not, in providing program assistance, discriminate against a program participant or prospective program participant on the basis of religion or religious belief.

(ii) Beneficiaries. In providing services supported in whole or in part with federal financial assistance, and in their outreach activities related to such services, program participants shall not discriminate against current or prospective program beneficiaries on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.

(2) Separation of explicitly religious activities. Recipients and subrecipients of Continuum of Care funds that engage in explicitly religious activities, including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, must perform such activities and offer such services outside of programs that are supported with federal financial assistance separately, in time or location, from the programs or services funded under this part, and participation in any such explicitly religious activities must be voluntary for the program beneficiaries of the HUD-funded programs or services.

(3) Religious identity. A faith-based organization that is a recipient or subrecipient of Continuum of Care program funds is eligible to use such funds as provided under the regulations of this part without impairing its independence, autonomy, expression of religious beliefs, or religious character. Such organization will retain its independence from federal, State, and local government, and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, development, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, provided that it does not use direct program funds to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities, including activities that involve overt religious content, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, or any manner prohibited by law. Among other things, faith-based organizations may use space in their facilities to provide program-funded services, without removing or altering religious art, icons, scriptures, or other religious symbols. In addition, a Continuum of Care program-funded religious organization retains its authority over its internal governance, and it may retain religious terms in its organization’s name, select its board members on a religious basis, and include religious references in its organization’s mission statements and other governing documents.

1. **Does your proposed renewal program use direct program funds to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities, including activities that involve overt religious content, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, or any manner prohibited by law?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

1. **Involuntary family separation**

The HEARTH Act CoC Program Interim Rule states that the recipient or subrecipient must document its compliance with involuntary family separation requirements under § 578.93(e), which is as follows:

(e) Prohibition against involuntary family separation. The age and gender of a child under age 18 must not be used as a basis for denying any family’s admission to a project that receives funds under this part.

1. **Does the project accept all families with children under age 18 without regard to the age of any child? In general, under the HEARTH Act, any project sponsor receiving funds to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing to families with children under age 18.**

Note there is an exception outlined in the Act: Project sponsors of transitional housing receiving funds may target transitional housing resources to families with children of a specific age only if the project sponsor: (1) operates a transitional housing program that has a primary purpose of implementing evidence based practice that requires that housing units be targeted to families with children in a specific age group; and (2) provides assurances, as the Secretary shall require, that an equivalent appropriate alternative living arrangement for the whole family or household unit has been secured.

🗌 Yes. Project certifies that is accepts all families with children under age 18 without regard to the age of any child.

🗌 No. Project does not comply with this requirement. A narrative is attached explaining how the project will comply with this HEARTH Act requirement.

🗌 No. Project does not comply with this requirement but qualifies for an exception because it is implementing an evidence based practice that requires housing units targeted to families with children in a specific age group. A narrative is attached explaining how the project will comply with the exception, including identification of the evidenced based practice being utilized.

🗌 N/A. Project does not serve families.

🗌 N/A. Project is new and has not started yet.

1. **Discrimination Policy**

Federal and California State laws note that discrimination can be based on race, color, national origin or gender. Discrimination can also be based on age, religion, disability, familial status or sexual orientation.

Does your program deny services to potential recipients based on any of the following:

* Age □ Yes □ No
* Color □ Yes □ No
* Disability □ Yes □ No
* Familial Status □ Yes □ No
* Gender □ Yes □ No
* Marital Status □ Yes □ No
* National Origin □ Yes □ No
* Race □ Yes □ No
* Religion □ Yes □ No
* Sexual Orientation □ Yes □ No

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, please explain why in the box below (expand box as needed).

1. **Active participation in local Continuum of Care meetings**

HUD states that a successful CoC will have involvement from a variety of organizations representing the public and private sectors, as well as interested individuals within the CoC jurisdiction(s). These organizations should have an active role in the CoC.

1. **Describe what local Continuum of Care committees, subcommittees, and/or working groups that your agency participates in on a regular basis in the box below (expand box as needed). Please include the names and titles of those participating as well as their level of involvement/participation.**
2. **Housing Quality Standards (HQS)**

The HEARTH Act CoC Program Interim Rule states that the recipient or subrecipient must document its compliance with housing quality standards requirements under § 578.75(b), which is as follows:

(b) Housing quality standards. Housing leased with Continuum of Care program funds, or for which rental assistance payments are made with Continuum of Care program funds, must meet the applicable housing quality standards (HQS) under 24 CFR 982.401 of this title, except that 24 CFR 982.401(j) applies only to housing occupied by program participants receiving tenant-based rental assistance. For housing rehabilitated with funds under this part, the lead-based paint requirements in 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, J, and R apply. For housing that receives project-based or sponsor-based rental assistance, 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, H, and R apply. For residential property for which funds under this part are used for acquisition, leasing, services, or operating costs, 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, K, and R apply.

(1) Before any assistance will be provided on behalf of a program participant, the recipient, or subrecipient, must physically inspect each unit to assure that the unit meets HQS. Assistance will not be provided for units that fail to meet HQS, unless the owner corrects any deficiencies within 30 days from the date of the initial inspection and the recipient or subrecipient verifies that all deficiencies have been corrected.

(2) Recipients or subrecipients must inspect all units at least annually during the grant period to ensure that the units continue to meet HQS.

1. **Does your project meet applicable Housing Quality Standards?**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

 🗌 This is a new project and has not started yet

Please briefly explain your inspection process for HQS in the box below (expand box as needed).

1. **Has your project received HQS corrective action plan in the last 2 years:**

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

 🗌 This is a new project and has not started yet

If you selected Yes, explain the nature of the concerns/issues and how it was resolved in

 the box below (expand the box as needed.

1. **Miscellaneous Information**
2. Match requirement

Match must equal 25 percent of the total grant request including Admin costs but excluding leasing costs (i.e., any funds identified for Leased Units and Leased Structures). Match must be met on an annual basis. HUD requires match letters to be submitted with the e-snaps application. Match contributions can be cash, in-kind, or a combination of the two; and, match must be used for an eligible cost as set forth in Subpart D of CoC Program interim rule. For an in-kind match, the recipient may use the value of property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to the project, provided that, if the recipient or sub recipient had to pay for such items with grant funds, the costs would have been eligible. If third party services are to be used as match, the third party service provider that will deliver the services must enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) before the grant is executed documenting that the third part will provide such services and value towards the project.

* Will your agency be able to provide the match requirement for your renewal project (including a commitment letter or MOU)?

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

1. Exit Surveys

HUD encourages client surveys particularly exit surveys.

* Does your renewal program conduct exit surveys or interviews with clients?

🗌 Yes

🗌 No

 🗌 This is a new project and has not started yet

 🗌 Not applicable to this project

If no, please explain why in the box below (expand box as needed).

1. **System Performance Measures**

The intent of the System Performance Measures (Sys PM) reports are to encourage CoCs to regularly measure their progress in meeting the needs of people experiencing homelessness in their community and to report this progress to HUD. HUD uses system-level performance information as a competitive element in its annual CoC Program Competition and to gauge the state of the homeless response system nationally.

The San Bernardino County Interagency Council on Homelessness Grant Review Committee will use project-level Sys PM information as an element to determine the effectiveness of local projects within the San Bernardino County CoC.

**There is not any action required on the agencies part to complete this section.**

**The OHS will collect the following project level Sys PM for each CoC funded agency directly from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS):**

* Persons Exit Homeless to Permanent Housing Destination and Return to Homelessness
* Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons
* Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

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| **System Performance Measures** | **Submitted FY 2017** |
| **1.** | **Persons Exit Homeless to Permanent Housing Destination and Return to Homelessness** |  |
|  | 1. Clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.
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| **2.** | **Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects** |  |
|  | a. Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period |  |
|  | 1. Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period
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|  | 1. Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period
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|  | 1. Change in earned income for adult system leavers
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|  | 1. Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers
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|  | 1. Change in total income for adult system leavers
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| **3.** | **Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing** |  |
|  | Change in SO exits to temporary destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations |  |
|  | Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations |  |
|  | Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing |  |

1. Any additional information noted by HUD in the 2018 NOFA will be included as an addendum to this Letter of Intent to Renew and will be distributed to renewal applicants as soon as possible [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. NOFA for FY 2017 CoC Program Competition, pages 35 and 36. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. NOFA for FY 2017 CoC Program Competition, page 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)