



Update on Continuum of Care and HMIS

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Overview

- 2007 Competition
- Funding
- Legislation
- HUD Initiatives
- CoC and HMIS
- 2008 CoC NOFA Process

2007 Competition

- Requests: 6,266 projects
- Awards: 5,911 projects (94%)
- Renewals: 86% of funds
 - We first fund all renewals for 1 year
 - Remaining funds go to new projects

2007 Competition

- 64% Housing activities versus Services
- Shelter Plus Care Renewals = \$290 M
- All Renewals = \$1.14 Billion (used the majority of the new funding in 2007)
- Permanent Housing = \$727 M

National Funding

- Renewal demand increases annually
 - 2005: \$940 million
 - 2006: \$1013 billion
 - 2007: \$1.14 billion
- Fewer new projects awarded
 - 2005: \$241 million
 - 2006: \$193 million
 - 2007: \$186 million (467 projects)

Funding

- HUD Homeless Budget

- 2001: \$1.1 billion

- 2005: \$1.2 billion

- 2006: \$1.3 billion

- 2007: \$1.4 billion

- 2008: \$1.6 billion

Funding



- From 2001 to 2008:
 - Will be an increase of 41%
 - 1.1 B to \$1.6 B
- From 2006 to 2008:
 - Will be an increase of 20%
 - \$1.3 B to \$1.6 B

Homeless Legislation in 2008

Administration's Proposal

- Consolidate SHP, SPC and SRO
- ESG continue to be separate
- One match requirement: 25%
- Prevention eligible
- Allow single grant to each CoC

New Homeless Initiatives

- HUD VASH

- Builds on HUD VASH programs from the 1990s
- Could include up to 8,000 vouchers
- Jointly administered by HUD with Section 8 vouchers and services provided by the VA

- Rapid Re-Housing for Families

- Homeless Budget includes \$25 m for demonstration
- Sites will be identified through the CoC competition
- HUD is currently reviewing Rapid Re-Housing/Housing First models around the country

HUD Initiatives- Accurate CoC Reporting

- Congress Directed HUD in 2000 to provide data and analysis on the extent and nature of homelessness and the effectiveness of the McKinney Act programs
- HUD's Response:
 - Designated HMIS as the primary tool to meet the Congressional directive for understanding homelessness and measuring program effectiveness.
 - Generate Annual Homeless Assessment Report
 - Standardized Methods for Point in Time Counts

HUD Initiatives- Accurate CoC Reporting

- Follow-up with local CoCs on rectifying inaccurate HIC information
- Revisions to the Annual Progress Report (APR)
- Revisions to the HMIS Data and Technical Standards
 - Will include HUD's response to VAWA
 - Will be issued for notice and comment
- Ongoing efforts to standardize performance measures between HUD SHP, HHS PATH and VA Grant and Per Diem Program

Congressional HMIS Policy Messages

- Ensure full HMIS participation by all Continuums of Care (CoCs)
- Congressional direction requires that CoC funding be tied to participation in HMIS
 - HUD scores HMIS implementation and participation in CoC competitive process.
 - AHAR Reporting Periods
 - AHAR 4- October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008
 - AHAR 5- October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009
 - AHAR 6- October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010

HMIS Participation

- HUD encourages participation of all homeless service providers, regardless of funding source(s), except where restricted or prohibited by laws or regulation (e.g., VAWA)
- HUD McKinney-Vento Act recipients are required to participate in HMIS:
 - Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)
 - Supportive Housing Program (SHP)
 - Shelter Plus Care (S+C)
 - Single Room Occupancy (SRO)
 - HOPWA projects targeting homelessness

HMIS Implementation Responsibility

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Entity/Organization is responsible for:
 - HMIS planning and software selection;
 - Selection of HMIS administering agency/grantee;
 - Establishing HMIS policies/protocols;
 - Accurate data reporting in CoC Application; and
 - Ensuring CoC ability to contribute data to the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR).
- Typical oversight of the HMIS is designated to a subcommittee or working group of the CoC.
- A Memorandum of Understanding or similar agreement should define roles/responsibilities of CoC, HMIS Lead Org, Grantees, etc.

Expectations of HMIS Lead Organization

- HMIS Grantee or Lead Organization is responsible for:
 - Grant Administration requirements, as appropriate:
 - Identifying and securing match
 - Approval of technical submission
 - Required HUD reporting
 - Participation in field office monitoring
 - Promoting use of HMIS through training, user meetings, one-on-one meetings with participating agencies
 - Assisting with Annual Progress Reports
 - Monitoring and promoting good data quality
 - Generating data necessary for CoC application
 - Producing quality AHAR data

Uses of HMIS in CoC NOFA Application

- Housing Inventory Charts
 - Bed Utilization Rates
 - HMIS Coverage
 - Inclusion of all beds in the CoC
- Populations/Subpopulations
 - Updated guidance docs available www.hudhre.info
- Data, Maps, and CoC Contact information are posted on www.hudhre.info

Uses of HMIS for CoC NOFA Application

- Performance measures

- Retention in Permanent Housing

- Objective: At least 71% of persons in permanent housing stay over 6 months

- Movement from TH to PH

- Objective: At least 61.5% of persons exiting transitional housing move to permanent housing

- Increased Employment at Exit

- Objective: At least 18% of homeless persons should be employed at program exit

2008 CoC NOFA

- Electronic Submission

- Will NOT utilize grants.gov rather HUD's new online system

- Applicants must register in the CCR and have a DUNS number

- There will be no significant changes in the information requested.

2008 CoC NOFA

- HUD plans to make the 2008 award announcements on a normal funding schedule (generally in December).
- Training and tools for CoCs will be available beginning in the Spring of 2008.

HUD Resources

- Listservs

- HUD CoC Programs and HMIS signup at:
<http://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup.cfm?listname=HMIS.INFO%20Listserv&list=HMIS-INFO-L>

- Websites

- www.HUDHRE.Info
- www.HMIS.Info
- www.HUD.gov

- Technical Assistance

- AHAR Participation
- General CoC and HMIS
- Local and National TA Resources