

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Continuum of Care (NC-500)
Reallocation Process for FY2016 Continuum of Care Program Competition

The Winston-Salem Forsyth County CoC (hereinafter CoC) manages the performance of all projects in the community and reallocates resources whenever doing so will improve the CoC's capacity to end homelessness. The CoC encourages new and existing providers to apply for new projects through reallocation. The CoC reallocates funds using the following process.

The CoC, through the Collaborative Applicant, the City of Winston-Salem, issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new and renewal project applications, with a deadline at least 30 days prior to HUD's Continuum of Care grant deadline. The local RFP specifies that new projects may only be funded through reallocation of funds from existing projects or through the permanent housing bonus process. HUD strictly limits the type of projects for which reallocated or bonus funds may be used.

In 2016, HUD will allow the CoC to reduce or eliminate funds from eligible renewal projects to use reallocation to create projects of the following types: (a) new permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families; (b) new rapid rehousing projects for homeless individuals and families who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelters, youth up to age 24, and persons fleeing domestic violence situations; (c) new Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects specifically for a centralized or coordinated assessment system; and (d) new dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects.

All projects considered for funding must pass a threshold review. The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CoC Rating Panel reviews all applications received which pass threshold review. The panel develops a priority listing of projects recommended for funding, including a consideration and discussion of projects losing or gaining funds through reallocation. The panel reviews renewal projects based on performance and new projects based on organizational capacity, strategic priority, project approach and design, and cost effectiveness. Recommendations to reallocate funds consider both HUD's policy priorities and strategic objectives and the CoC's needs and priorities, in relation to new and existing renewal project proposals, as well as performance and spending history of existing renewal projects.

The recommended priority listing is presented to the CoC Operating Cabinet for discussion and to the Commission on Ending Homelessness for a vote. A single priority listing of projects is developed for submission to HUD. The priority listing indicates to HUD the renewal grants which have been eliminated or reduced in funding, so as to create one or more new projects through the reallocation process.

The RFP, Threshold Review, New Project Application Scoring Guide and Renewal Project Performance Scorecard are posted annually by the Collaborative Applicant, distributed to the CoC and are found at <http://www.cityofws.org/Departments/Community-and-Business-Development/Planning/Homelessness>.