

FY2021 CoC Local Application Q&A

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The FY2021 HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has not been released as of the date of this publication. The responses in this FY2021 CoC Local Application Q&A are based on policy priorities and eligible project types from prior HUD CoC NOFA's. When the FY2021 CoC NOFA is released and eligible project types varies from what is listed below, responses will be updated to reflect policy priorities and eligible project types as appropriate.

Application Workshop (5/25/2021)

Q: Can two CoC projects merge/consolidate grants?

A: HUD clarified in [FY2019 NOFA](#), that as a UFA, it is unnecessary to do grant consolidations through the NOFA process as we are able to do that at any time during the year. For the [FY2021 Local Application](#), you would apply and be ranked as separate projects whether or not the projects are consolidated during this timeframe. If projects are consolidated prior to the following year's application process, they would be considered as one project for the new competition.

Q: Can an Agency expand a currently funded CoC project?

A: Based on FY2019 NOFA guidelines for expansion, adding services to an existing CoC funded project would be eligible as expansion. In FY2019, expansion includes expansion of current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, and/or services provided to existing program participants. In the application for new expansion projects, in Section NE 1, you would need to check the appropriate box for type of expansion and provide details. Also, you would still need to meet the maintenance of effort (non-supplanting) requirement.

Other questions submitted to OCHS staff:

Q: Can Transitional Housing be funded under a New Project application?

A: Based on FY2019 NOFA guidelines, Transitional Housing (TH) can only be funded if it is a Joint TH-RRH project that combines both Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing components into one project. A project can utilize other non-CoC funding to support one component, but both TH and RRH must be provided. Transitional Housing alone cannot be funded.

Q: Under the New Project application, can an Agency apply to expand a non-CoC funded project that is currently operational?

A: Based on FY2019 NOFA guidelines, it is allowable for a non-CoC funded project to apply as a new project as long as it is an allowable intervention (i.e. PSH, RRH, etc.). In the new project application, you will need to identify how expanding the project will increase units, beds, and/or services provided to new program participants. Please note that the Agency should use the "New Project" application not the "New Expansion Renewals Projects" application.

Q: Is there is a budget cap for new project applications?

A: New projects can only be funded through reallocation of existing funding and/or through bonus funding, if available. However, since HUD has yet to release the FY2021 NOFA, it is unclear how much



bonus funding will be made available. Bonus funding has varied some over the past few years (FY2016-2019) ranging from 5%-6% of the [Annual Renewal Demand \(ARD\)](#) (\$381,943 – \$473,885). As another point of reference, projects currently funded by CoC range from \$40,000 – \$5,000,000 with an average of \$495,000. A majority of the CoC projects receive funding between \$200,000 – \$500,000. If a request is over the amount allowable for bonus funding, the applicant is contacted to determine if the project could successfully operate at a reduced funding amount. The new project application also contains a question on whether the project is scalable, including if the project can be scaled up/down based on funding available.

Q: Is it allowable for a project to change the population served from Dedicated CH to DedicatedPLUS through a renewal application?

A: Changing the project population from Dedicated CH to DedicatedPLUS is not allowable during the FY2021 renewal process at this time. The FY2021 NOFA may address project population changes, and we will consider it at that time however, we recommend the applicant to renew as a Dedicated CH project.