



**Orange County
Continuum of Care Board
August 25, 2021**

Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates

Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

Business Calendar – Item #1

Ad Hoc and Working Group Updates

- HMIS Policies and Procedures Review Process
- HMIS Access Working Group
- CoC Nominating Committee
- CoC Vision Ad Hoc

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2021-22 Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing (YE) Program Request for Proposal

- The YE Program establishes or expands access to a range of housing options that meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness, and to provide crisis intervention and stabilization services so that the immediate crises these youth face can be resolved, and they can focus on their futures.
- Eligible applicants must be non-government organizations with a history of serving youth experiencing homelessness and have a registered nonprofit status of “current”, “exempt”, or “pending”.
- Applicants may request up to \$2,250,000 - \$5,000,000
- Submittal deadline is October 18, 2021
- The RFP is located on the CalOES website here:
<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/GrantsManagementSite/Documents/YE21%20RFP.pdf>

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Orange County CoC Membership

- Membership in the CoC is open to all organizations and individuals seeking to prevent and end homelessness in Orange County.
- CoC voting privileges are contingent upon membership.
- Members are expected to disclose any and all conflicts of interest and, when appropriate, recuse themselves from discussions and/or voting.
- There are two types of memberships: Organizational and Individual. These provisions create an opportunity for individual stakeholders to participate without duplicating organizational representation.
- To apply or to submit a completed application email CareCoordination@ochca.com

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U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)

- USICH is in the process of creating a new Federal Strategic Plan and is seeking stakeholder feedback.
- The federal strategic plan will help communities leverage the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan to respond to the immediate needs of the pandemic and invest in long-term solutions to homelessness.
- USICH invites feedback from anyone, particularly people who have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness; people who serve the LGBTQ+, BIPOC, or veteran communities; and people whose work involves the justice system.
- Comments can be submitted online at usich.gov/fsp

**FY2021 CoC Notice of Funding
Opportunity (NOFO)**

Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager

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Update on the FY2021 CoC NOFO Process

- The annual CoC NOFO Competition was released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on August 18, 2021.
- The following information provides the estimated funding amounts available to the Orange County CoC for the FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO.
 - **Preliminary Pro Rate Needs (PPRN):** \$18,243,039
 - **Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD):** \$28,231,737
 - **CoC Bonus:** \$1,411,587
 - **DV Bonus:** \$2,736,456
 - **CoC Planning:** \$846,952

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HUD Policy Priorities and Program Highlights

- CoC Program applications will be reviewed with the following selection criteria in mind as outlined by HUD
 - Ending homelessness for all persons
 - Using a Housing First approach
 - Reducing unsheltered homelessness
 - Improving system performance
 - Partnering with housing, health and services agencies
 - Advancing racial equity and addressing racial disparities in homelessness
 - Including persons with lived expertise in decision-making

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HUD Funding Process – Application Review and Ranking

- HUD will continue the Tier 1 and 2 funding selection process. Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2.
- Tier 1 is equal to 100% of the ARD: \$28,231,737
 - Project applications in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and if applicable, project renewal threshold.
- Tier 2 is the remaining, equivalent to the CoC Bonus and DV Bonus amounts
 - Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for, CoC planning projects or projects selected with DV Bonus funds.

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Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

- Funding available: \$2,736,456
- HUD will award a point value to each project application combining both the CoC application score and responses to the domestic violence bonus specific questions in the CoC Application using the a 100-point scale:
- Eligible Project Types
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid Rehousing
 - Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

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CoC Bonus

- Funding available: \$1,411,587
- New projects created through reallocation or CoC Bonus processes include:
 - Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects.
 - Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects.
 - Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects.
 - Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps.
 - Supportive services only coordinated entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

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Opportunities and Flexibilities for CoC Projects

- **Expansion Projects** – new expansion project through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects.
- **Consolidation Projects** – consolidation process to combine two or more (but no more than ten) eligible renewal projects may do so through the renewal project application
- **Transition Grant** – new project to transition an eligible renewal project being eliminated through reallocation from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period.

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Update on the FY2021 CoC NOFO and Ad Hoc

- The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc has met twice to discuss project performance measures and the rating and ranking criteria for renewal permanent housing projects.
- The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc and the Office of Care Coordination held a meeting with the CoC Executive Directors to receive feedback on the CoC Ad Hoc's recommendations.
- Final project performance measures and rating and ranking criteria will be presented to the Orange County CoC Board at a future meeting for approval.

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Renewal and New Project Process NOFO Recommendations

- The Office of Care Coordination is recommending the Renewal and New Project Process for the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO for approval to provide agencies with additional details and allow them to best prepare for next steps:
 - Release the Joint Agency Administrative Review and Renewal Project Application following the August 25, 2021, approval by the Orange County CoC Board.
 - Combine the Request for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for Reallocation and/or Bonus Projects and release after the establishment of priorities by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.

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FY2021 CoC NOFO Webpage

- <https://www.ochealthinfo.com/fy2021cocnofo>



The screenshot shows the website for OC Health Care Agency. The header includes the agency logo and navigation links: ABOUT HCA, SERVICES, HEALTH INFORMATION, PUBLICATIONS, and CONTACT US. The main content area features a sidebar with 'Continuum of Care - Additional Documents' and 'FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO'. The main heading is 'FY 2021 COC PROGRAM NOFO'. The text describes the release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. It also provides contact information for Zulima Lundy at zlundy@ochca.com and a link to the [2021 CoC Board Webpage](#). A 'Documents and Links' section lists four items: 'FY 2021 CoC NOFO', 'FY 2021 CoC Estimated Annual Renewal Demand', 'FY 2021 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)', and 'HUD FY 2021 CoC Program Competition Website'.

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Additional Documents

FY 2021 CoC Program
NOFO

FY 2021 COC PROGRAM NOFO

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), previously known as the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and visit this page often for further updates. For any questions or comments, please email Zulima Lundy at zlundy@ochca.com.

To learn more about the Orange County CoC Board's preparations leading up to the FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO, please reference board meeting agendas and materials by visiting the [2021 CoC Board Webpage](#).

Documents and Links

- [FY 2021 CoC NOFO](#)
- [FY 2021 CoC Estimated Annual Renewal Demand](#)
- [FY 2021 Grant Inventory Worksheet \(GIW\)](#)
- [HUD FY 2021 CoC Program Competition Website](#)

**Policies, Procedures and Standards
(PPS) Committee Recommendations**

Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager, and
Maricela Rios-Faust, Vice Chair

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Orange County CoC Needs Assessment

- The Office of Care Coordination contracted with MDG Associates to support the administrative function related completing a CoC Needs Assessment.
- The CoC Needs Assessment was equity-focused and informed by a quantitative and qualitative data collected through the process.
- On August 10, 2021, a presentation was provided to the PPS Committee providing an overview of the methodology, findings and recommendations.
- These presentation materials and the recording of the presentation can be found here: <https://www.ochealthinfo.com/about-hca/directors-office/office-care-coordination/homeless-services/continuum-care/continuum-care>

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Outreach Grid and HMIS

- The North Orange County Public Safety Task Force provided an overview of their efforts in the North Service Planning Area around addressing homelessness.
- The Task Force highlighted Outreach Grid and how it has supported in coordination of services and making referrals into emergency shelter programs with open beds.
- A representative requested the exploration of a data-sharing mechanism between Outreach Grid and the HMIS.
- The PPS Committee approved the recommendation to create an Ad Hoc comprised of PPS Committee members and CoC Board members to explore the request to establish a data-sharing mechanism between Outreach Grid and HMIS and return with a recommendation to the PPS Committee.

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Recommended Action

- Approve the creation of an Ad Hoc that evaluates the request to establish a data-sharing mechanism between Outreach Grid and HMIS. The Ad Hoc will return with a recommendation to the PPS Committee to assist with next steps.

**State of California Homelessness
Funding Sources**

Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager

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Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3

- The HHAP Round 3 funding is provided by the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.
- The following funding allocations have been announced
 - Orange County CoC - \$10,267,303.85
 - County of Orange - \$9,582,816.93
 - Anaheim - \$10,290,351.69
 - Santa Ana - \$10,290,351.69
- Eligible Activities
 - System improvements, including capacity building and workforce development, investing in data systems and strengthening HMIS, improving Point In Time counts, improving coordinated entry system
 - Funding evidenced based solutions that address and prevent homelessness among eligible populations, including street outreach, rapid rehousing, operating subsidies in shelter and/or housing programs, service coordination

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2021 Emergency Solutions Grant

- The 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for the Orange County CoC is provided by the State of California Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- The ESG Notice of Funding Availability was released on August 17, 2021, and applications are due on October 19, 2021.
- The 2021 ESG allocation amount is \$722,320
- The funding will renew the following contracts:
 - Mercy House Living Centers – Family CareCenter
 - Mercy House Living Centers – Rapid Rehousing
 - Pathways of Hope – New Vista
 - Friendship Shelter – Alternative Sleeping Location

**Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)
Update**

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Target Populations for EHV's

Individuals

Families

Veterans

Transitional
Aged Youth

Move-On
Strategy

Re-Entry and
Exiting
Facilities

Domestic
Violence

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Move-On Strategy and Stepping Up

- **Eligibility**
 - Interested in Moving On or Stepping Up to ongoing rental assistance with limited and/or mainstream supportive services
 - Meets all eligibility requirements detailed below

Eligibility Requirement

- Y / N** Current Housing Program Receives Referrals from Orange County Coordinated Entry System
- Y / N** Living in Current Housing Program for At Least 1 Year
- Y / N** Is Not a Lifetime Registered Sex - Offender
- Y / N** Have Not Been Convicted of Manufacturing Meth in Public Housing
- Y / N** Do Not Have a Current Warrant
- Y / N** Do Not Have Any Current Rent Violations
- Y / N** Do Not Owe Any Public Housing Agency or the Property Management Company
- Y / N** At least one member of the household is a citizen or has eligible immigration status

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Moving – On Assessment

- To assist participants in permanent supportive housing programs to transition to a less intensive level of care.
- Vacancies created by participants transitioning from permanent supportive housing program must be filled through the Coordinated Entry System.

Tenant Self - Assessment				
	1	2	3	Score
Rent Payment	I have paid rent on time less than 6 times in the last 12 months	I have paid rent on time 6-11 times in the last 12 months	I have paid rent on time every month in the last 12 months or my portion of the rent is \$0	
Utility Bills	I have paid my utility bills on time less than 6 times in the last 12 months	I have paid my utility bills on time 6-11 times in the last 12 months	I have paid all of my utility bills in the last 12 months or utilities are included in my rent	
Income	I have not had any income through employment or benefits for the past 12 months	I have had unstable income through employment or benefits for the past 12 months	I have had stable income through employment or benefits for the past 12 months	
Community Living	I have had more than 2 police visits or landlord complaints in the past 12 months	I have had 1-2 police visits or landlord complaints in the past 12 months	I have not had any police visits or landlord complaints in the past 12 months	
Community Services	I am not connected with any services and I have not had any contact with my primary health care provider in the past 12 months	I am connected with some services, but there are other services that I need	I am connected with the services I need in the community such as a primary health care provider, mental health services or other specialized services	
Housing Stability	I am not confident that I can maintain stable housing	I am somewhat confident that I can maintain stable housing	I am very confident that I can maintain stable housing	
TOTAL				

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Stepping Up Assessment

- To assist participants in rapid rehousing programs who would be at highest-risk for homelessness at the end of the program.
- Original referral to rapid rehousing program must have come from the Coordinated Entry System.



Stepping Up Assessment				
	1	2	3	Score
Income Amount	Household income is less than 50% AMI	Household income is less than 30% AMI	Household income is less than 15% AMI	
Income Potential	Household is likely to increase their income through employment and/or benefits in the next 12 months	Household is unlikely to increase their income through employment and/or benefits in the next 12 months	Household is on fixed income and has limited ability to increase their income	
Rent Payment	All rent is past due for the past three months	Partial rent is past due for the past three months	No rent is past due for the past three months	
Utilities	Household does not have sufficient income to meet basic needs and pay for utilities	Household has sufficient income to meet basic needs and pay for reduced cost utilities	Household has sufficient income to meet basic needs and pay for utilities	
Lease Compliance	Household has had more than 2 lease violations in the past three months	Household has had 1-2 lease violations in the past three months	Household has not had any lease violations in the past three months	
Disabling Condition	None of the household members have a permanent disabling condition		At least one household member has a permanent disabling condition	
Service Needs	Household is not connected with any services in the community	Household is connected with some services, but there are other services that they need	Household is connected with the services they need in the community such as primary health care provider, mental health services, childcare services or other specialized services	
TOTAL				

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Re-Entry and Institutional Setting Certification

- Opportunity to work more closely with this subpopulation.
- Approved Coordinated Entry System prioritization schema approved by the Continuum of Care Board will be utilized.

RE-ENTRY AND INSTITUTIONAL SETTING CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS

Client Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

This is to certify that the above-named individual's current or previous residence in an institutional setting. This certificate must be completed by a representative of an institution or component of the system of care, such as a health care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution. The individual above must also be experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Please check the applicable section(s).

Current Living Situation: Institutional Setting

The person named above is currently living in a publicly funded institution, including a foster care home or foster care group home, hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility, jail, prison or juvenile detention facility, long-term care facility or nursing home, psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility, or a substance abuse treatment facility or detox center, and will be discharged to a community setting.

The expected discharge date for this person is: _____

Prior Living Situation: Institutional Setting

In the past 90 days, the person named above was living in an institutional setting, including a foster care home or foster care group home, hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility, jail, prison or juvenile detention facility, long-term care facility or nursing home, psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility, or a substance abuse treatment facility or detox center.

The discharge date for this person was: _____

Criminal Justice Supervision

The person named above is currently receiving criminal justice supervision such as probation or parole.

I certify that that the information reported above is accurate and correct.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Title: _____ Agency: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

System of Care Update

Doug Becht, Acting Director,
Office of Care Coordination

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Project Roomkey

- The County of Orange continues to operate temporary isolation shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness who are COVID-19 sick or symptomatic
- Total capacity to serve is 150 individuals
- Referrals into the program are made by the Public Health Services, hospitals, shelters, street outreach teams, and law enforcement

COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

- Office of Care Coordination is working with Public Health Services and two Federally Qualified Health Centers on vaccination efforts for those experiencing homelessness
 - **Families Together of Orange County**
661 W. 1st Street, Tustin, CA 92780
Monday – Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm
 - **Share Our Selves**
1550 Superior Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Monday – Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm

