



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING
OAKLAND COUNTY'S CONTINUUM OF CARE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SSO/CE Bonus

The Alliance for Housing is requesting proposals for funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is for Alliance for Housing, Oakland County Continuum of Care (CoC) partners to work with the Alliance as a sub-grantee for a project that will provide Support Services Only for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE). Please see the FY2021 NOFO for full requirements. The Alliance will fund no more than two applicants for this award in total for \$278,083. The Alliance will hire a full-time position for SSO-CE Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) technical assistance and training. The applicant must be able to meet 25% of asked budget in match (in-kind or cash) per requirements of HUD grant recipients in their proposal.

Interested applicants are requested to submit a concept paper (minimum of 2 pages, up to 10 pages) the proposed project, with an accompanying budget. The proposed project must meet the continuum requirements for funding applicants. Project applicants must submit the required certifications as specified in the NOFO, for example, SAM registration, DUNS number. Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are found at 24 CFR 578.15. Please read the Continuum of Care FY2021 NOFO in its entirety before submission, agencies must also comply with SSO requirements at 24 CFR 578.37.

The concept paper should address the following components:

- Description of the proposed project- with detail of activities included for CE regarding steps that will be taken to ensure traditionally marginalized populations (such as racial and ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities, LGBT) will be addressed in an outreach component.
- Describe in detail how your agency will assist with in linking non- CoC funded partners to coordinated entry (i.e MOU, scheduled outreach plan, marketing/advertisement strategy).
- Complete required data entry into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- Describe the process to work collaboratively with the Alliance and other partners to deliver effective and efficient coordinated entry services.
- For purposes of this sub-grantee funding opportunity, describe how these funds will directly impact those in need of housing and what steps your agency/staff will take to link to housing opportunities. For example, using standardized assessment process, assist in obtaining needed documentation,

refer to housing registry or Veteran BNL, and assist in paperwork completion of HCV applications, housing application and, transportation.

- Work with the Alliance for Housing to update and add to existing CE policies and procedures.
- Address:
 - Housing first approach
 - Racial disparities
 - A trauma informed approach
 - A client centered approach
 - Equal access to housing regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity
 - Decriminalization of homelessness
 - Limited English proficiency
 - Advertisement strategy for those with the highest barriers, least likely to apply for housing assistance.
 - Ensure individuals are directed to appropriate housing/services that fit their needs.
 - Specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, employment, and benefits.
- Explain how being a sub-grantee will provide additional community support services to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Capacity/Experience
- Performance measurement outcomes that directly relate to additional coordinating dollars/staffing, number of persons served etc.
- Timeframe for project milestones: new staff hired from time of signed grant agreement, describe process to assist on documented 100% coverage of CoC's service area (Oakland County).

Concept papers can be submitted to Ashley Burton via email at aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org by Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:00PM. No proposals will be accepted after this timeline.

Concept papers will be reviewed by an independent panel of Alliance Board Members/Prioritization Committee members.

For additional information please contact Leah McCall at lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org or Kathy Williams at Williamska@oakgov.com

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