Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care



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2021 HUD Continuum of Care National Competition – Summary

<u>Background:</u> Each year the Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care (CT BOS) competes with other CoCs across the country to secure federal funds to support Rapid Re-housing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Transitional Housing (TH), Joint TH/RRH, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Supportive Services Only (SSO), and CoC Planning projects. The 2021 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) national competition opened on August 18th, and application submissions were due on November 16th. CT BOS's 2021 Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application and Priority Listing, is available here.

Funding Amounts: In total CT BOS applied for approximately \$49.8 million

- Based on the geographic areas claimed by CT BOS and using a standard formula applied by HUD, the amount of funds designated for CT BOS was \$16.2 million (i.e. Preliminary Pro Rata Need or PPRN); however, HUD enables CoCs to apply for the entire amount necessary to fully fund all renewal projects and for a share of available new project funds. Like other CoCs that have a long history of success in the national competition, CT BOS's annual renewal amount of \$44.9 million greatly exceeds its PPRN. This means that compared to many other CoCs, CT BOS receives more funds annually relative to its base allocation.
- In addition to renewal funds, CT BOS applied for \$2.2 M in regular bonus, \$1.4 million in DV bonus, and \$1.25 million in CoC Planning funds.
- In 2021, for the first time, CT BOS reached HUD's established cap on Planning funds.
 Unless HUD increases the cap, the CoC is not eligible for increases in Planning funds as the size the its total award grows.

Reallocation: Each year CT BOS reviews its inventory of CoC funded projects to ensure that other available resources are fully leveraged and CoC funds are efficiently and strategically invested to fill critical gaps and end homelessness. Projects that are determined to be underperforming, inefficient, not aligned with best practices, not meeting a critical need, and/or able to get support through an alternative source are identified for reallocation. CT BOS has reallocated projects in every annual competition since 2013. In 2020, CT BOS updated it's reallocation process (see <u>Reallocation Policy</u>). In 2021, projects were fully or partially reallocated as follows:

- The Steering Committee voted to fully reallocate one project that had been in corrective action with the CoC for three years due to poor renewal evaluation performance results.
- One project was voluntarily reallocated by the project applicant to enable transition from RRH to PSH.
- One project was voluntarily relinquished by the project applicant who determined that CoC funding was not a good fit for their organization.

• One project was voluntarily partially reallocated by the project applicant due to an excess of available RRH funds.

Renewal Applications: CT BOS applied for 99 renewal projects, including:

- 69 PSH applications (includes 1 project changed to PSH from RRH)
- 13 RRH applications
- 1 SSO Coordinated Entry applications
- 6 SSO Youth Navigator applications
- 8 TH applications
- 2 HMIS applications
- Projects above include 2 applications that proposed to consolidate a total of 6 existing projects.

New Project Applications: CT BOS applied for 9 new projects, including the CoC Planning Grant, and CT BOS's first Joint TH/RRH application. Additional details on new projects are included in the appendix.

Appendix

2021 New Project Application Information									
Project Type	Recipient	Subrecipients	CAN (s)	Family Units	Single Units	Rental Assistanc e	Services	Admin/ HMIS	Total Request
RRH -DV Bonus	CT DOH	CCADV	All except Fairfield County	70	30	\$484,308	\$371,462	\$124,104	\$979,874
PSH – CoC Bonus	CT DMHAS	Southpark Inn, Liberty Community Services, Center for Human Development, Chrysalis Center, New Reach, Columbus House, Windham Regional Community Council	Central Eastern Greater New Haven Greater Hartford Middlesex/Meriden/ Wallingford Waterbury/Litchfield	52	158	\$768,624	\$1,135,716	\$133,304	\$2,037,644
RRH – DV Bonus	CT DOH	CCADV	All except Fairfield County	31	29	\$0	\$5,782	\$27,155	\$32,937
Joint TH PH- RRH – DV Bonus	Prudence Crandall Center	None	Central	12	3	\$181,968 / Leasing \$92,952	\$112,500	\$34,868	\$422,288
PSH – CoC Bonus	Chrysalis Center	None	Greater New Haven	19	11	\$0	\$178,001	\$12,460	\$190,461
PSH – CoC Bonus	CT DMHAS	The Connection	Waterbury/Litchfield	0	5	\$0	\$37,500	\$2,625	\$40,125
PSH – Reallocation	St. Vince DePaul, Middletown	None	Middlesex/Meriden/Wal lingford	0	2	\$27,720	\$11,250	\$2,772	\$41,742
SSO – Reallocation	CT DOH	None	All except Fairfield County	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000