

To: Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County Continuum of Care (TX-601)
From: Otis Thornton for Tarrant County Homeless Coalition
Date: October 22, 2015
Re: Local CoC Competition Deadline Extension

The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition has completed a first review of the applications that were submitted for the FY15 CoC competition. Application totals are *significantly below* the amount of funding that is available to our community; therefore, **the deadline to submit a proposal in the on-going, local competition for FY15 CoC funds has been extended until Monday, October 26, 2015 at 12:00pm (noon) CDT.**

Historically, the Permanent Housing Bonus has been one of the most significant means by which our Continuum has increased the available funds in our community for the provision of housing and services for people who are homeless. Once funded, bonus dollars become available for renewal or reallocation in future years (subject, like all CoC-funded projects, to congressional appropriations); however, if the funds are not secured within the competition cycle, they are not reserved for our CoC in a future competition. In other words, the window to secure these funds for our community is right now.

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	\$11,231,625.00
Permanent Housing Bonus @ 15% of ARD	\$1,684,743.75
CoC Planning (not included in tiered competition)	\$336,948.75
Total Available Funds	\$13,253,317.50
Tier I @ 85% of ARD	\$9,546,881.25
Tier II @ 15% of ARD + PH Bonus	\$3,369,487.50
Total Dollars Available for Local Competition	\$12,916,368.75
Total Proposals Received to Date	\$11,578,495.00
Remaining Funds	\$1,337,873.75

Given the significant balance of remaining funds, TCHC has been in communication with Chairs of the CoC Board and Community Projects Review Committee last night and this morning. A review was conducted of the overall competition timeline, TCHC capacity to staff an extended competition, and the anticipated cost/ benefit of seeking additional proposals. Based on these factors, the decision has been made to extend the deadline for proposals.

To be fully apprised of the opportunities and restrictions available in the competition, entities considering proposals should read the complete Notice of Funding Availability from HUD and watch the CoC Program Competition Broadcast. (Links are available on the TCHC Funding Opportunities [webpage](#).) Proposals for the reallocation of TH to RRH and the creation of new PH capacity are strongly encouraged.

The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition will prepare both new and renewal applications for HMIS and Coordinated Assessment. TCHC will only submit a new application for these unique program types if capacity is unclaimed by proposals for an eligible housing program. Again, the goal is to maximize the funding available to support local efforts.

While timelines are tight, applications are still subject to both threshold and quality review by the local Community Projects Review Committee and by HUD. Scoring information is available for the local and national competition in the RFP ([Request for Proposals](#)) and NOFA ([Notice of Funding Availability](#)) respectively.

Questions about the RFP should be submitted by email to tchc@ahomewithhope.org. Please include "NOFA-15" in the subject line. Questions may be submitted until October 26, 2015 at 8:30 AM. TCHC will post clarifications, corrections and announcements at <http://www.ahomewithhope.org/funding-opportunities/> though October 26, 2015 at 10:00 AM.