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Mississippi Balance of State Seeks Applicants for HUD Homeless Program Funding in 2020-2021

The Mississippi Balance of State CoC (BoS), a group whose membership includes the majority of homeless service providers in Mississippi, is conducting a funding application competition. The BoS's target area includes all the state, excluding the Jackson Urbanized area and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The BoS is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Continuum of Care funding cycle as supported by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This funding will fund projects that have end dates in 2019 and continue through 2020.

MS Balance of State CoC will conduct an analysis of its existing projects to determine the extent to which each project addresses the goals of:

- **End chronic homelessness**
- **End youth homelessness**
- **Ending homelessness among households with children**

New projects can only be:

- New permanent supportive housing projects that will serve 100% chronically homeless families and individuals (Dedicated PLUS)
- New rapid re-housing projects that will serve homeless individuals and families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters, and includes persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness. This includes unaccompanied youth.
- Joint transitional housing (TH) and permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) component projects that will serve homeless individuals and families including those fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see NOFA for further details).
- Dedicated HMIS project (for the HMIS Lead only)
- Supportive Services project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

HUD has made funds available through a Domestic Violence bonus for new projects. There is 10% of PPRN available for up to 3 new projects in this grant cycle. This includes funds for rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines are critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The CoC may create up to 3 of the following type of new projects:

- PH-RRH projects,
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects,
- or SSO projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE)

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HUD has also made funds available through a bonus for new projects. The CoC is eligible to apply for up to 6 percent of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN). The CoC may create one of the following type of new projects:

- PH-PSH;
- PH-RRH;
- Joint TH and PH-RRH;
- HMIS (dedicated) and;
- SSO-CE

HUD will allow new projects to request funding for terms of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 15 years. Projects requesting leasing may only request up to 3 years. Project-based or sponsor-based rental assistance may request up to a 15-year term. New projects requesting capital costs (new constructions, acquisition, or rehabilitation) will be for 3 or 5 years. New projects must request at Fair Market Rent (FMR) rates. Renewals may request less than the Fair Market Rent Rate.

For more information about the Competition requirements, support documents and instructions for applying for funding visit <https://msbos.org/coc-app/>. The BoS CoC Application Competition deadline is Monday, September 2nd by 5:00pm.

If you have more questions concerning the CoC Competition, please contact:

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