Dear CoC Grantee:

All CoC renewal projects that have grants that will expire in CY 2019 must renew as part of the HUD FY2018 Continuum of Care Program Application process for 2019-2020 funding. According to our records, your project is one of those eligible for renewal.

Completion of the 2018 Intent to Apply signals the beginning of the 2018 CoC Program process and your intention regarding participation in this year's CoC Program funded process. If your agency has multiple projects up for renewal, you must submit an " Intent to Apply" for each project. Submission of this form does not obligate you in any way, nor does it obligate the Upstate Continuum of Care (Upstate CoC) to include your project in the 2018 application to HUD.

Complete and return the 2018 Intent to Renew by July 9, 2018 no later than 5pm EST.

All Intent to Apply for Funding Forms are due on **July 9, 2018 no later than 5pm.**

An agency with multiple projects up for renewal, must submit an *Intent to Apply* for **each project**.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT this completed form by the deadline will make your program ineligible for consideration in the community ranking process. This means that your project will not ranked in the regional priority rank order.

Similar to last year, the process will rely on Performance Data from the HUD Annual Progress Report (APR) and project efficiency information (eg., spending, occupancy HMIS data quality).

The FY 2018 Continuum of Care competition will continue to be a highly competitive funding opportunity. We strongly urge you to review your programs and your data. Please let us know if you have questions or want to talk further about your project and plans for renewing.

We look forward to working with you during the 2018 CoC renewal process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us as indicated below.

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Upstate Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition

2018 Intent to Apply for Renewal Funding

2018 Intent to Apply Form must be e-mailed to Daniel Cooper (dcooper@uhcsc.org) by 5:00pm – July 9, 2018

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Please submit one CoC Renewal Intent Form for each CoC Program eligible for renewal in the 2018 CoC process.

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1. Agency and Grant Information:

Agency Name		
Grant Program Name:		
Current Operating Year:	begin date:	end date:
Primary contact for this CoC Program Project:	**Name:**	
	E-mail:	**Phone**

2. Additional staff that should be included in general renewal process communications:

Name	e-mail:
Name	e-mail:
Name:	e-mail:

3. Intent to Renew

☐ YES — This Agency intends to apply for renewal of the grant identified above in the 2018 CoC Program process.

☐ NO — This Agency is choosing not to apply for renewal funding for the grant identified above and understands that it will not be included in the 2018 Upstate Continuum of Care Application.

☐ Other — This Agency is considering the option to reduce funding and would like to discuss this further.

☐ Other — This Agency is considering its renewal options and possible conversion to another housing model. We would like to discuss this further.

Authorizing Signature/Title: _____

Title Date

For any questions, please contact: Daniel Cooper
Phone 864.241.0462
e-mail: dcooper@uhcsc.org

What you Need to Know

HUD will continue its Tiering strategy for FY2018, which will require the CoC to again place projects in either Tier 1 or Tier 2 based on HUD established amounts. These threshold amounts were announced with the NOFA when it was released and can be reviewed on the HUD Exchange (www.hudexchange.info)

There will be continuing emphasis on the following at both the individual program and overall system level:

- **Quality data and demonstrated performance at all levels** –both program and at the system level;
- Use of **Coordinated Entry** to prioritize and refer people who most need assistance and ensure all programs are engaged and participating;
- **Effective management of resources and reallocation** where necessary from lower performing projects to the types of projects/practices most likely to reduce homelessness in the CoC; and
- **Reducing barriers to program entry** and utilizing a **housing first approach** to quickly move persons coming from streets or shelter to permanent housing.

The CoC regional process will rely on Performance Data from HMIS and the HUD Annual Progress Report (APR), as well as project efficiency measures, such as grant spending, and coordinated entry participation. Please review your data and make sure it is complete and accurate.

There are risks and opportunity to consider as you prepare for the upcoming 2018 NOFA. You are strongly urged to review your programs and your data and to keep the following in mind:

- Chronic Underspend: Projects that consistently underspend may want to voluntarily reduce their renewal grant.
- Better Fit with Other Resources: Projects may elect not to renew because other funding resources may present a better fit for the program model or Agency mission;
- Performance: Projects monitoring their own data may know they are unlikely to score well and want to consider future reallocation options.

Please let us know if you have questions or want to talk further about your project and plans for renewing. Again, please let us know if you have any questions!