



## ***FY2019 NOFA Changes***

**DedicatedPLUS:** According to the FY 2019 NOFA, “Projects that were awarded as DedicatedPLUS in a previous CoC Program Competition are required to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition” (NOFA Section III.C.2.g, p. 17). We anticipate that most renewal projects serving individuals will revert back to dedicating all beds to Chronically Homeless Individuals; however, note that in PSH projects with openings, “the bed must be filled by another chronically homeless participant *unless* there are no chronically homeless persons located within the CoC’s geographic area” (NOFA Section III.C.2.b, p. 16). Therefore, the main change will be on the application only, and not in practice.

**Focus on Strategic Allocation of Resources:** The FY 2019 NOFA includes a strong push on using cost, performance, and outcome data to improve how resources are being utilized to end homelessness. Per the NOFA, “HUD will prioritize funding for CoCs that have demonstrated the ability to reallocate resources to higher performing projects,” and awards points to CoCs with “the ability to reallocate funding from lower performing projects to create new higher performing projects based on performance review of existing projects” (NOFA Section VII.B.1.c, p. 51).

**Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus for New or Expansion Applications:** New project applications will be accepted to provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Projects allowable under the DV Bonus are Rapid Re-housing (RRH), or Joint TH and RRH component (TH-RRH) projects. DV Bonus funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking so long as the DV Bonus funds are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to these persons (NOFA Section II.B.3, p. 7). A maximum of \$515,000 is potentially available to Memphis/Shelby County under this Bonus funding.

**Housing First and Service Participation Requirements:** Although this NOFA does provide communities with flexibility to use service participation requirements after people have been stabilized in housing, the NOFA also requires CoCs to prioritize projects employing strong use of data and evidence. Because there is no evidence to support the use of compulsory service requirements, and because requiring system participation that results in people exiting to homelessness will harm system performance, the Memphis/Shelby County CoC will continue to follow the approved and adopted Policies and Procedures for Providing Assistance under the Continuum of Care, which requires no service participation requirements.