



**General Project Eligibility Threshold Requirements  
2017 Continuum of Care Competition**

This notice is to inform the Houston/Harris County CoC that the applicant agency,  
Fort Bend County, Texas

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Name of Agency

Shelter Plus Care TX0353L6E001705

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Name of Project & Grant Number (TX####)

HUD will review all projects to determine if they meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If HUD determines that the applicable standards are not met for a project, the project will be rejected from the competition. Any project requesting renewal funding will be considered as having met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless information to the contrary is received (e.g., monitoring findings, results from investigations by the Office of Inspector General, the recipient routinely does not draw down funds from LOCCS at least once per quarter, consistently late APRs). Approval of new and renewal projects is not a determination by HUD that a recipient is in compliance with applicable fair housing and civil requirements.

- 1) Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in 24 CFR part 578 and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
- 2) Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and to administer Federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant/subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds for renewing projects or other Federal funds.
- 3) Project applicants must submit the required certifications as specified in this NOFA.
- 4) The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, and the project application must clearly establish eligibility of project applicants. This includes the following additional eligibility criteria for certain types of projects:
  - a. The only persons who may be served by any non-dedicated permanent supportive housing beds are homeless individuals and families who come from the streets, emergency shelters, safe havens, institutions, or transitional housing.
    - i. Homeless individuals and families coming from transitional housing must have originally come from the streets or emergency shelters.
    - ii. Homeless individuals and families with a qualifying disability who were fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life threatening conditions and are living in transitional housing are eligible for permanent supportive housing even if they did not live on the streets, emergency shelters, or safe havens prior to entry in the transitional housing.
    - iii. Persons exiting institutions where they resided for 90 days or less and came from the streets, emergency shelter, or safe havens



- immediately prior to entering the institution are also eligible for permanent supportive housing.
- b. The only persons who may be served in DedicatedPLUS project are persons described in III.A.3.d. of this NOFA. Renewal PSH projects, including those where 100 percent of the beds are currently dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness, may change the classification of the project through the project application to DedicatedPLUS. Because DedicatedPLUS projects may serve the chronically homeless and other homeless persons described in III.A.3.d, some or all of the persons assisted by a DedicatedPLUS project at any given time may be chronically homeless.
    - i. The Way Home CoC Policy is that all PSH units must prioritize 100% of beds for chronically homeless clients on unit turnover.
    - ii. The Way Home CoC Policy also requires that all vacancies in PSH be reported to Coordinated Access and the only persons who may be housed in PSH projects are those referred through The Way Home Coordinated Access's system.
  - c. Rapid rehousing projects, including new and renewal projects, may serve individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who meet the following criteria:
    - i. Residing in a place not meant for human habitation;
    - ii. Residing in an emergency shelter or coming directly from the streets;
    - iii. Persons who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness, including persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence situations;
    - iv. Residing in a transitional housing project that was eliminated in the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition;
    - v. Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project (see Section III.A.3.h. of this NOFA); or
    - vi. Receiving services through a VA-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.
  - d. Renewal projects originally funded under the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus or Samaritan Housing Initiative in previous years must continue to serve the homeless population in accordance with the respective NOFA under which it was originally awarded. However, where applicable, these renewal projects may change the classification of the project to DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.A.3.d. of this NOFA through the project application.
- 5) The project must be cost-effective, including costs of construction, operations, and supportive services with such costs not deviating substantially from the norm in that locale for the type of structure or kind of activity.
  - 6) Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
  - 7) Renewal projects must agree to operate the project according to Housing First principles: perspective clients should not be denied entry because of lack of credit, income or resources; clients cannot be required to provide evidence of sobriety prior to entry; screening because of criminal background issues cannot be on a blanket





basis but, if used, must be based on a case by case assessment of individual need and potential risk to project; persons may not be terminated for failure to participate in supportive services or to comply with a services or treatment plan; all permanent housing residents must be provided a one-year lease that can only be terminated pursuant to a court ordered eviction; and participants must be referred to appropriate permanent housing as quickly as possible.

<b>Print Name of Agency Board of Directors</b> <b>Approved Signatory:</b> Robert Hebert	<b>Signature of Agency Board of Directors Approved Signatory:</b> 
<b>Title:</b> County Judge	<b>Date:</b> August 15, 2017

**Sections below to be filled out by Lead Agency & Steering Committee**

**CoC Lead Agency Comments:**

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           Does meet the Project Eligibility Threshold

           Does NOT meet the Project Eligibility Threshold

<b>Print Name of The Way Home CoC Representative:</b>	<b>Signature of The Way Home CoC Private Funder Representative:</b>
Kelli King-Jackson	
<b>Title:</b> CoC Steering Committee Private Funder Representative	<b>Date:</b> August 31, 2017

**Renewal projects not meeting the above thresholds will not be included in the 2017 NOFA application. Funding assigned to these projects will be reallocated.**



FY2017 Continuum of Care Competition  
Accessing Mainstream Resources Declaration

Fort Bend County, TX - Shelter Plus Care

(Agency & Project Name)

Indicate Yes or No if your agency is implementing the following activities.

Activity	Yes or No
1a. Homeless assistance provider collaborates with healthcare organizations to facilitate health insurance enrollment (e.g. Medicaid, Affordable Care Act, etc.)	Yes
1b. Please list the healthcare organizations your agency/project collaborate with: Gold card clinics, MHMR, Legacy, Access Health and FBC Indigent care	
2a. Homeless assistance provider supplies transportation assistance to clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments, employment training, or jobs.	Yes
2b. Educational Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person Trainings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (List) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3a. Homeless assistance provider uses a single application form for four or more mainstream programs.	Yes
4a. Homeless assistance providers have staff systematically follow-up to ensure mainstream services are received.	Yes
4b. How often does staff follow up? Annually <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Every 6 Months <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Explain) <input type="checkbox"/>	
5a. Homeless assistance providers have SOAR-trained staff provide clients with technical assistance with obtaining SSI/SSDI?	Yes

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