Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care
2023 HUD NOFO Competition

Summary and Recommendations
November 9, 2023

Agenda

1. General Feedback

2. Overview of 2023 NOFO Scoring Rubric

3. Key Takeaways

4. Next Steps

5. Questions

Feedback: Applicants, Working Groups, and Board Members

- Overall feedback was generally positive
  - All involved do their part and are dedicated to a meticulous process.
  - The new consulting team was a breath of fresh air.
- Specific examples will help us refine the process next year
  - Start earlier in the year
  - More marketing and outreach to bring in new projects and community supports
  - Clearly defined use of utilization of beds & funds as part of monitoring process
- Recommendations also related to our system overall and awareness of items that support/weaken the overall score
  - Coordinated Entry system design causes bottlenecks in the system
  - More robust supportive services, including recovery services, would help clients exit programs to self-sufficiency instead of returning to homelessness

Recommendations from EdeColigny Consulting, LLC related to the application process

- Board Engagement
  - In developing and informing how projects are prioritized, reviewed, and scored

- Timeline
  - Starting earlier in the year will allow for stronger application tools, monitoring scores, and collaboration
  - Work with prospective new applicants and provide intensive technical assistance to improve quality of submissions
  - Ensure all materials are clear, focused, and support the competition

Recommendations from EdeColigny Consulting, LLC for a more competitive application and stronger CoC

- Use NOFO results to drive CoC priorities
  - Establishing a PSH preference with SNHRA. Set it as a goal even if it takes multiple years to achieve.

- Improve program performance to improve overall CoC system
  - Establish goals related to performance measures and then provide training, technical assistance, and support

- Address low-hanging fruit
  - Offering annual SOAR and MPBT training; regular updates to CoC-wide policy

- Overhaul the project monitoring process
  - Ensure that feedback leads to improvements at the project and system level

- Take action now
  - Potential areas for improvement may be multi-year endeavors
    - Build a workplan with interim goals, action steps, and milestones

NOFO Scoring Categories

Categories	Available Points	SNH CoC Potential Points*
CoC Coordination and Engagement	85	72
Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	27	27
HMIS	9	7
PIT Count	5	5
System Performance	60	29
Coordination with Housing & Healthcare	14	7
Totals	**200**	**147***

*best case scenario

SNH CoC Process Strengths

- Inclusive, transparent governance and annual process

- Increased the number of RRH units to 1,683
  - Important to maintain these units

- Maintaining non-congregate shelter options

- Conducted a racial equity assessment in 2020/2021
  - HUD recognizes assessments done within the past 3 years

- Local competition is fair, equitable, engages new partners
  - Scoring includes objective criteria, considers system performance measures, and includes reallocation of lower performing projects

SNH CoC Process To Do List

- Finalize the Emergency Transfer Plan and Quality Practices
- Annual updates of CoC-wide antidiscrimination and other policies
- Work with SNRHA to establish a Moving On Preference
- Ensure homelessness is not criminalized in Southern Nevada
- Offer annual trainings and promote SOAR certification
- Improve data quality through training and technical assistance
- Improve system performance measures through technical assistance
- Provide technical assistance to potential applicants 3 – 6 months prior to NOFO, especially those who are able to leverage housing and healthcare

A few things to get started on...

Date	Task
05/01/2023-04/30/2024	Offer Mainstream Programs Basic Training (MPBT) and other required/expected training topics from HUD
	Support SOAR Certification
	Finalize Quality Practices documents
01/31/2024	Complete HIC/PIT
Early 2024	Begin cohort of potential applicants to inform them of HUD expectations
Winter 2023 - Spring 2024	Provide technical assistance to providers regarding system improvement and data quality improvements
02/01/2024-04/30/2024	Evaluation Working Group to develop drafts of all NOFO application materials
Spring 2024	Establish priorities for competition

Questions and Feedback