
Outline of Overarching Policy Priorities Highlighted in FY 2021 NOFA

1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons
 - a. Identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness
 - b. Measure performance based on local data that take into account challenges faced by
 - i. Veterans
 - ii. Youth
 - iii. Families
 - iv. Chronically homeless
 - c. Partner with housing, health care, and supportive services providers to expand housing options, such as permanent supportive housing, housing subsidies, and rapid rehousing
 - d. Use local data to determine the characteristics of individuals and families with the highest needs and longest experiences of homelessness to develop housing and supportive services tailored to their needs
2. Use a Housing First approach
 - a. Prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing
 - b. No service participation requirements or preconditions
 - c. Projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing
 - d. CoCs should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness
 - e. Engage landlords and property owners
 - f. Remove barriers to entry
 - g. Adopt client-centered service methods
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
 - a. Identify permanent housing options for people who are unsheltered
4. Improve System Performance
 - a. Use system performance measures to determine how effectively CoCs are serving people experiencing homelessness
 - b. Use Coordinated Entry to promote participant choice, coordinate homeless assistance and mainstream housing, and services to ensure people experiencing homelessness receive assistance quickly
 - c. Make homelessness assistance open, inclusive, and transparent
 - d. Review projects to determine their effectiveness in serving people experiencing homelessness, including cost-effectiveness
5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
 - a. Use cost performance and outcome data to improve how all available resources are utilized to end homelessness

- b. Maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources when serving persons experiencing homelessness, including:
 - i. Work closely with public and private healthcare organizations
 - ii. Partner closely with PHAs and state and local business organizations
 - iii. Partner with local workforce development centers
 - iv. Work with tribal organizations if the border the CoC
- 6. Racial Equity
 - a. Make system and program changes to address racial equity
 - b. Review local policies, procedures, and processes to determine where and how to address racial disparities affecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- 7. Persons with Lived Experience
 - a. Include in the local planning process people who are currently experiencing homelessness or have formerly experienced homelessness
 - b. Seek opportunities to hire people with lived experience of homelessness