

## **1. What type of funding is available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)?**

[HUD](#) awards discretionary funding through more than 20 grant programs that support the agency's initiatives. Those initiatives include affordable housing development and preservation, community and economic development, environment and energy, fair housing, homelessness, homeownership, rental assistance, and supportive housing and services.

## **2. What is the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)?**

The [NOFA](#) is an annual publication that outlines the type of funding available on a competitive basis. Projects are selected for funding based on specific factors and criteria.

The NOFA is released to communities nationwide. Local entities undertake a review and ranking of projects in their respective communities. That ultimately results in a list of projects that are approved by the local governing entity and submitted to HUD as part of the national funding competition. Locally, the [Sacramento City and County Continuum of Care](#)\* (CoC) is tasked with investing these funds.

## **3. How much money did Sacramento receive?**

The CoC has been awarded \$23,349,292 in funding in the NOFA for the 2019 fiscal year. This represents an increase of 12 percent from the previous fiscal year's award. An increase in funding equates to the ability to maintain or increase available housing resources to the community.

#### **4. What projects will be funded with that money?**

The funds will support housing for transitional age youth (ages 16-24), adults, and seniors. In total, it funds 2,363 beds and 1,363 units across the Sacramento region.

Overall, the Sacramento CoC lost a total of 15 beds and 12 shared units of housing but gained 22 individual units of permanent supportive housing\*\*.

#### **5. What's new this year?**

The Sacramento CoC has been awarded four new projects in the FY2019 competition, including two permanent housing bonus projects and two domestic violence bonus projects.

[Lutheran Social Services](#) will receive \$866,582 to support two new permanent supportive housing projects for youth and seniors. With that money, Lutheran Social Services will be able to provide housing and services for 25 senior adults and 15 transitional-age youth, adults and families.

Additionally, a bonus was awarded to [My Sister's House](#), a nonprofit that provides services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

The nonprofit was awarded \$239,921 to support counseling and legal services as well as the provision of employment training, job opportunities and housing, according to Executive Director Nilda Guanzon Valmores.

[Opening Doors](#), which provides comprehensive services for immigrants, refugees, and asylees and their families, was awarded \$595,304.

That money will fund its "Survivors of Human Trafficking" project, providing housing, short-term rental assistance, and supportive services.

## **6. Did any projects lose existing funding?**

[Next Move Homeless Services'](#) Casas de Esperanza project and [Sacramento Self Help Housing's](#) Building Community project were not awarded funding. Sacramento Steps Forward is assisting the respective providers with the funding loss and subsequent transition plans.

These plans include (1) extension of final grant terms, (2) the ability to make budget adjustments to target resources to specific needs (rental assistance vs. supportive services, for example), and (3) participant transfers to continuing projects.

## **7. Do you have any questions?**

Questions about the FY2019 CoC NOFA competition results and general CoC questions should be directed to Michele Watts, Chief Planning Officer, at (916) 577-9769 or [mwatts@sacstepsforward.org](mailto:mwatts@sacstepsforward.org).

\*The Sacramento CoC is a 25-member board that includes representatives from organizations serving individuals experiencing homelessness or who were formerly homeless and other interested, relevant organizations within Sacramento County. It addresses critical issues related to homelessness through a coordinated community-based process promoting the communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

\*\*Permanent supportive housing is permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability.