

2017 San Mateo County Continuum of Care Competition

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE 2017 RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICATION IN E-SNAPS

This document provides some tips about completing the Renewal Project Application, and also notes the main items that have changed since 2016. However, it is not intended to be comprehensive. We strongly advise applicants to download the following documents from the HUD Exchange website and carefully review all the sections that are relevant for your application(s).

- *Project Applicant Profile Instructional Guide.* Provides instructions on how to update the Applicant Profile.
- *Accessing the Project Application Resource.* Provides instructions on how to access and set up Project Applications.
- *Process for Completing FY 2017 Renewal Project Application Screens.* This is a new guide this year and provides instructions on how to import data from the 2016 application as well as the new “submit without changes” option. (See below).
- *Renewal Project Application Instructional Guide:* This provides instructions about how to navigate the Project Application in e-snaps, including how to set up projects and import data from 2016. It also provides screenshots of all the application screens. <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Renewal-Project-Application-Instructional-Guide.pdf>
- *Renewal Project Detailed Instructions.* This document provides a question-by-question summary of each section of the application along with instructions about how to prepare a complete and accurate response.
- *Budgets – Project Application Instructional Guide.* Budget screens have been simplified this year, so this guide explains how to complete the new project screens.

All these resources may be found at the following link:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources/#coc-program-competition--project-applicants>

Updating the Applicant Profile

You must update and save your Applicant Profile before you begin work on the project applications. Note that this year the required forms are now “hard coded” into the project

application, so they no longer have to be uploaded to the Applicant Profile. This includes the Form 2880, Form SF-LLL (if applicable), and Form 50070.

Accessing the Project Application in E-snaps

To set up the renewal applications, please follow the instructions in the *Accessing the Project Application Resource* guide. The main steps are: (1) update the Applicant Profile; (2) register for the Funding Opportunity; and (3) create the renewal project(s).

“Submit Without Changes” Option

As part of the process of creating the Project Applications, you will be required to import data from your 2016 application(s). New this year, you will also have an option to submit your 2016 application without changes. To do this, please follow the instructions in the *Process for Completing FY 2017 Renewal Project Application Screens* guide. Note that you must complete the SF 424 Form (Section 1) before the rest of the application will open and enable you to select the “submit without changes” option.

If you select “submit without changes” most of the application will not be editable. However, you will still have to complete a few sections:

- 3C (Dedicated Plus for PH-PSH)
- 6D (Sources of Match)
- 7A (Attachments) – *Note: this will only be applicable if you have to upload documentation relating to a subrecipient (all other attachments have been merged into Section 1)*
- 7B (Certification)

If you choose not to submit without changes, you can select which parts of the application you wish to modify. You will be asked to note what changes you are making and why.

Completing the Project Application

If you do not choose to “submit without changes” and are entering new responses to any Project Application questions, please carefully review all applicable sections of the Detailed Project Instructions. Below we have highlighted new questions and areas where applicants typically have problems, but this document is not intended to substitute for HUD’s instructions.

Part 1: SF-424

- This section includes basic information about your project and is the generally the same as in 2016.
- For question 5b, Federal Grant Award Identifier, please be sure to follow the instructions. You must enter the first six digits of the expiring grant number and check to make sure this matches the Grant Inventory Worksheet (previously distributed by H.S.A.)

- This section now includes Forms 2880, 50070, and LLL. Please complete each form.
- You must complete the entire SF-424 before the rest of the sections of the application will open.

Part 2: Sub-recipient and Recipient Information and Experience

- This section is substantially the same as last year, and includes questions on grants management – APR submission, monitoring findings, LOCCS draw downs, and return of funds to HUD.

Part 3: Project Information

- Screen 3B/Question 1: General Description. Please provide a **complete** response to this question. The Detailed Project Instructions provide the following guidance: “The description should describe the community needs, target population(s) to be served, project plan for addressing the identified housing and supportive service needs, projected project outcome(s), coordination with other source(s) or partner(s), and the reason why CoC Program support is needed. The information provided in this narrative must not conflict with information provided in other parts of the project application. For example, if the project operates with a commitment to the Housing First approach as indicated later on this screen, the narrative should also indicate a commitment to the Housing First approach.”
- Screen 3C – Dedicated Plus. This screen is only applicable for Dedicated Plus Projects. If your project is currently dedicated to serving chronically homeless people and you wish to expand eligibility to include some categories of people who do not technically meet the definition of chronic homelessness, select this option.

Part 4: Housing and Services

- Screen 4A/Questions 2a - 2c. Mainstream Benefits. These questions ask about how your project assists participants to access mainstream systems, services, and benefits. Our CoC application score will be impacted by your responses to these questions. Note that San Mateo County has not implemented a single application form for four or more mainstream programs, so you should answer “no” to question 2b unless your organization has designed your own application form.
- Screen 4B – Housing Type and Location. Please note that the responses in this section should reflect the numbers of beds and units in your project when operating at full capacity **at a single point in time**. These figures should generally align with the numbers of households and people served in Screen 5A and 5B. PSH projects should respond to the questions on beds and units for chronically homeless people. All beds and units in our CoC are either designated or prioritized for chronically homeless people.

Part 5: Participants and Outreach

- Screen 5A and 5B: Participants: Households and Subpopulations. As noted above, the data in these sections should reflect a **point in time** and should generally match section 4B. Also, please carefully read the instructions, particularly for Screen 5B.

Part 6: Budget

The budget screens have been simplified this year. The detailed budget screens for supportive services and operating costs have been eliminated.

There is a separate guide providing instructions on completing the budget.

- General Instructions: The funding requested in the budget sections **MUST** match the information on the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW).
- Leasing and Rental Assistance: These are two different budget charts. Be sure to complete the correct one (if you have leasing or rental assistance)
- Source of Match. Required match is 25% of total grant amount, not including leasing costs. Note that leverage is no longer required in the Project Application.