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2017 CoC NOFA Questions/Answer August 9, 2017

Question: For grants that are existing and have mandatory numbers of units do I change the unit configuration to match the requested amount on the LOI? Do I have to have the exact number of bedrooms and requested number in my 2017 grant application as was indicated in our Letter of Interest. I have also calculated using 2017 FMR rates. Should I be using 2016 FMR rates?

- **Answer:** HUD requires that when a program has been funded using Actual Rent calculations, the program has to continue to calculate rental assistance using Actual Rent and not FMR (page 32 of the CoC Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions Note: page # in lower right corner of document). Attached to this Q&A is an updated budget section of the application which contains a column for Actual Rent (also called “HUD Paid Rent”).

Question: Are we to include signed MOU’s with our Grant applications due Friday?

- **Answer:** The MOU does not have to be turned in with your application. You only have to list the in-kind amount in the application. Usually HUD does not request the MOUs until Carolyn completes the issues and conditions and that is once the application has been awarded and you are going into the contract phase.

Question: Has the amount of administration funds eligible to be requested increased to 10% in 2017?

- **Answer:** No. The amount of eligible administration cost listed in the Budget Summary on page 11 of the 2017 CoC Application is incorrect. **It should be 7%.**

Question: How do you calculate the number of beds? Will you get in trouble from HUD if you don’t use the number of beds listed in your application?

- **Answer:** The number of beds is approximately equal to the total number of persons you plan to serve taking into account that two parent families will most likely share the same bed. The amount of rental assistance you apply for is based on the number of units and not the number of beds. Therefore, what is most important is that you utilize at least the number of units you have listed in your application in the 12 month term of the grant.

