

Local communities are strongly discouraged from attempting to divide up the geographic area of a locality and developing separate CoC systems with separate applications for each portion of the locality. Such an approach undercuts the concept of CoC because your strategy should be community-wide, comprehensive and inclusive.

**2. What options do State governments and Statewide organizations have in deciding the areas to be included in a CoC?**

Statewide applicants may:

- a. include the entire area of the state not covered by local CoC strategies in a single application which describes the Statewide CoC system for that entire area;
- b. include a part of the area of the State not covered by local CoC systems in a single application which describes the CoC system for that area, which could include one or more counties not covered by local CoC systems; or,
- c. submit two or more applications, each representing a separate CoC system developed by the State or a Statewide organization and its local partners for different sub-State areas not covered by local CoC systems. Each sub-State area could cover a single county or multi-county area.

The area proposed by a State government or Statewide agency should only include those counties and communities that are fully involved in the development and implementation of the CoC strategy with the State. This involvement should be described in Exhibit 1 of the application.

**3. How can a rural community maximize its opportunity for project funding under the NOFA?**

Because of their small demographic numbers, rural areas generally will have small pro rata need amounts. In order to maximize its funding potential, a rural area may wish to form a regional CoC system encompassing several contiguous counties. A single pro rata need figure for the combined geography will be calculated by adding the pro rata need figures together for each county. However, all geographic areas included in the regional CoC system need to be actively involved in the development and implementation of the CoC system and this involvement must be described in the CoC narrative.

**4. My community is involving the State in its CoC system. Should the community describe its coordination with the State in the community's Exhibit 1? What about the Statewide application, if there is one?**

Both the community and the Statewide applications should describe the coordination that has occurred in their respective applications. State support of a local CoC system can be a factor in the success of the local system. However, neither application should include the other as a jurisdiction covered by the other's strategy when describing the geographic area covered by their respective systems.

**5. What if a Statewide or regional applicant wants to propose a project in a locality covered by a separate CoC strategy?**

When a Statewide or regional entity wants to carry out a project within an area covered by a separate CoC strategy, that project must be included in the application submitted by the local community with the Statewide or regional entity listed as project sponsor and/or applicant. Since such a project would be proposed to fill a gap in a community's strategy, it would be listed only in the local community's CoC priority listing (NOT the Statewide or regional organization's) and would receive a Need score based on the priority listing in that local community's strategy. However, a single HMIS project may cover the implementation of an HMIS across multiple CoCs.