

such instances, in order to achieve greater geographic diversity, the total requested amount for the first non-rejected priority project will be reduced to the applicant's CoC final pro rata need amount and assigned 40 points.

The second exception will occur if the total amount that would be awarded for "first level" projects in any CoC following the above procedures exceeds the final pro rata need amount for that CoC by more than \$200,000. In such instances, the lowest priority "first level" project being selected will be reduced to the level necessary to ensure that the total amount being awarded for such projects does not exceed the final pro rata need amount by more than \$200,000.

5. If five different cities/counties develop a single CoC system, will the pro rata need figures of the five jurisdictions be added together?

Yes. A single final pro rata need figure for the combined geography of the five jurisdictions will be calculated by adding the five separate Need figures. The combined figure will then be used to determine the number of projects on the single Project Priorities chart that will receive 40, 15 and 10 points for Need, as described above. To ensure that the full Pro Rata Need is received, be sure to include all the geography of participating cities/counties on the Application Summary.

6. Given the situation in the previous question, do the projects then have to be located in all five jurisdictions proportionally?

No. The projects do not have to be located in all five jurisdictions nor do they have to be located proportionally. However, the single CoC system must be designed to address the problem of homelessness in all five jurisdictions, and it must be clear in the application the various CoC organizations in all five jurisdictions are actively working together in planning and implementing the CoC. Otherwise, the very important CoC score, which represents up to 60 points, will be adversely affected.

K. Serving Veteran Needs

1. The NOFA mentions veterans groups. How should veterans organizations be involved in the CoC?

Your community process for developing and implementing a CoC system should be comprehensive and inclusive. This means the needs of all homeless sub-populations in your community should be represented in your CoC planning process and project implementation. Because studies show that a significant segment of the homeless population are veterans, it's especially important to involve veterans organizations so that the needs of homeless veterans are addressed appropriately and effectively.

2. Is there any guidance available on developing programs to address the needs of homeless veterans?

In 2002, HUD has released two new technical assistance resources addressing the needs of homeless veterans. The first report, A Place at the Table: Homeless Veterans and Local Homeless Assistance Planning Networks, is designed to help organizations serving homeless veterans to more effectively participate in the homeless assistance program planning networks in their communities and, in particular, to access resources through the Continuum of Care planning process.

The second report, Coordinating Resources and Developing Strategies to Address the Needs of Homeless Veterans, provides information on promising practices for effectively coordinating HUD funding with other resources in order to address the special needs of homeless veterans. Both reports