

Debriefing Broadcast

2009 Continuum of Care Competition
August 13, 2010

Broadcast Overview

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2009“Big Picture”

2009 CoC Competition Overview

Significant changes in 2009:

- SHP and S+C renewal projects were announced prior to new projects.
- HHN Reallocation was not available in 2009.
- HUD introduced the Hold Harmless Merger concept.
- The Permanent Housing Bonus replaced the Samaritan Housing Bonus.

Status Report for 2009

- Made changes in e-snaps based on information received from focus groups
- *e-snaps* had significantly less technical problems than in 2008
- *e-snaps* enabled HUD to announce renewal projects 30 days after the competition closed on November 25, 2009.

2009 CoC Competition Overview

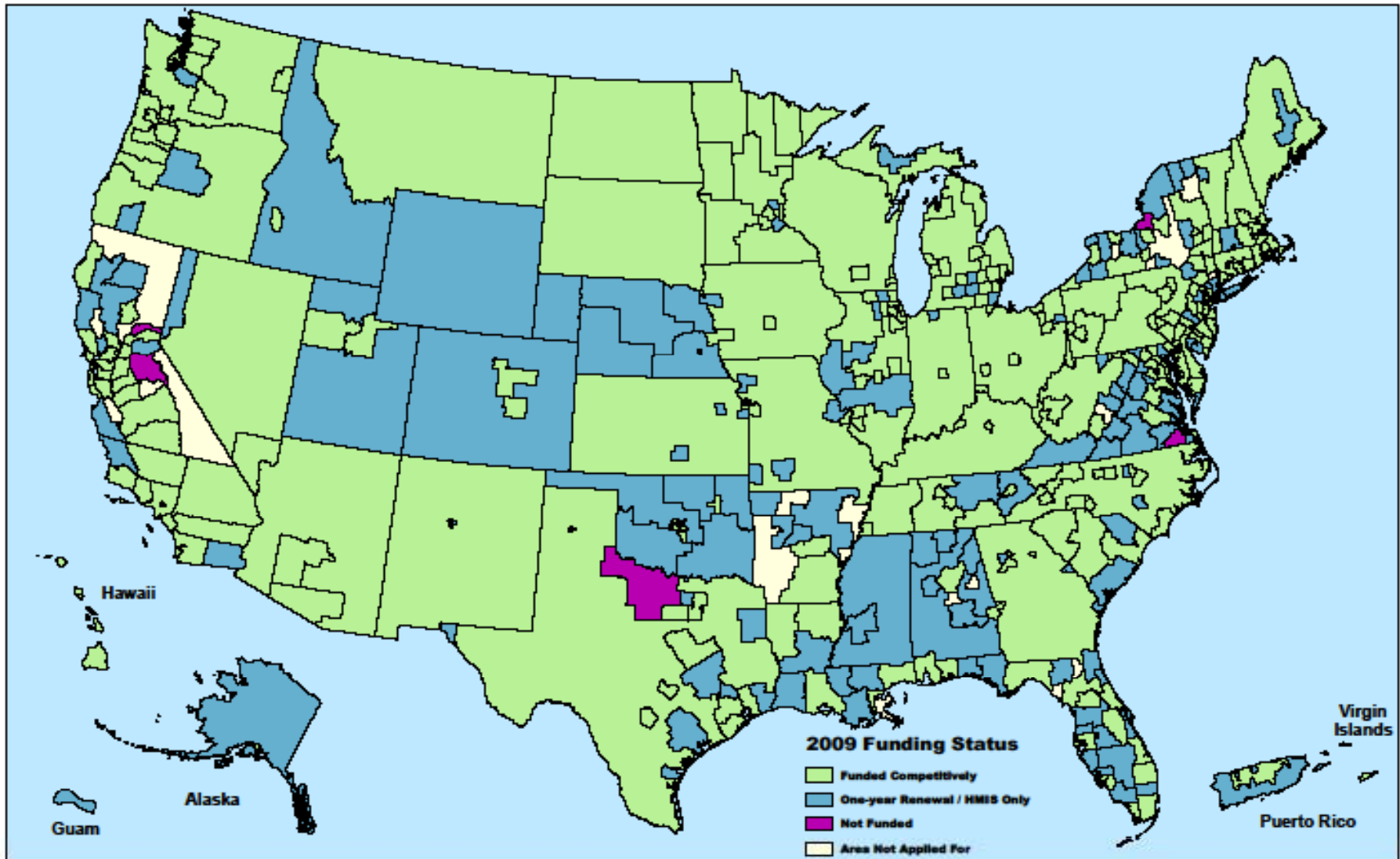
- *e-snaps* enabled HUD to announce renewal projects 30 days after the competition closed and allowed for quicker processing of Grant Agreements.
- Issues, Conditions, and Grant Agreements were processed in *e-snaps*.

Competition Highlights

- Requested: \$1.61 billion for 7,252 projects
- Awarded: \$1.56 billion to 7,002 projects
- Amount Awarded Represents:
 - 97% of projects requested were awarded

2009 CoC Coverage Maps

2009 Continuum of Care Funding



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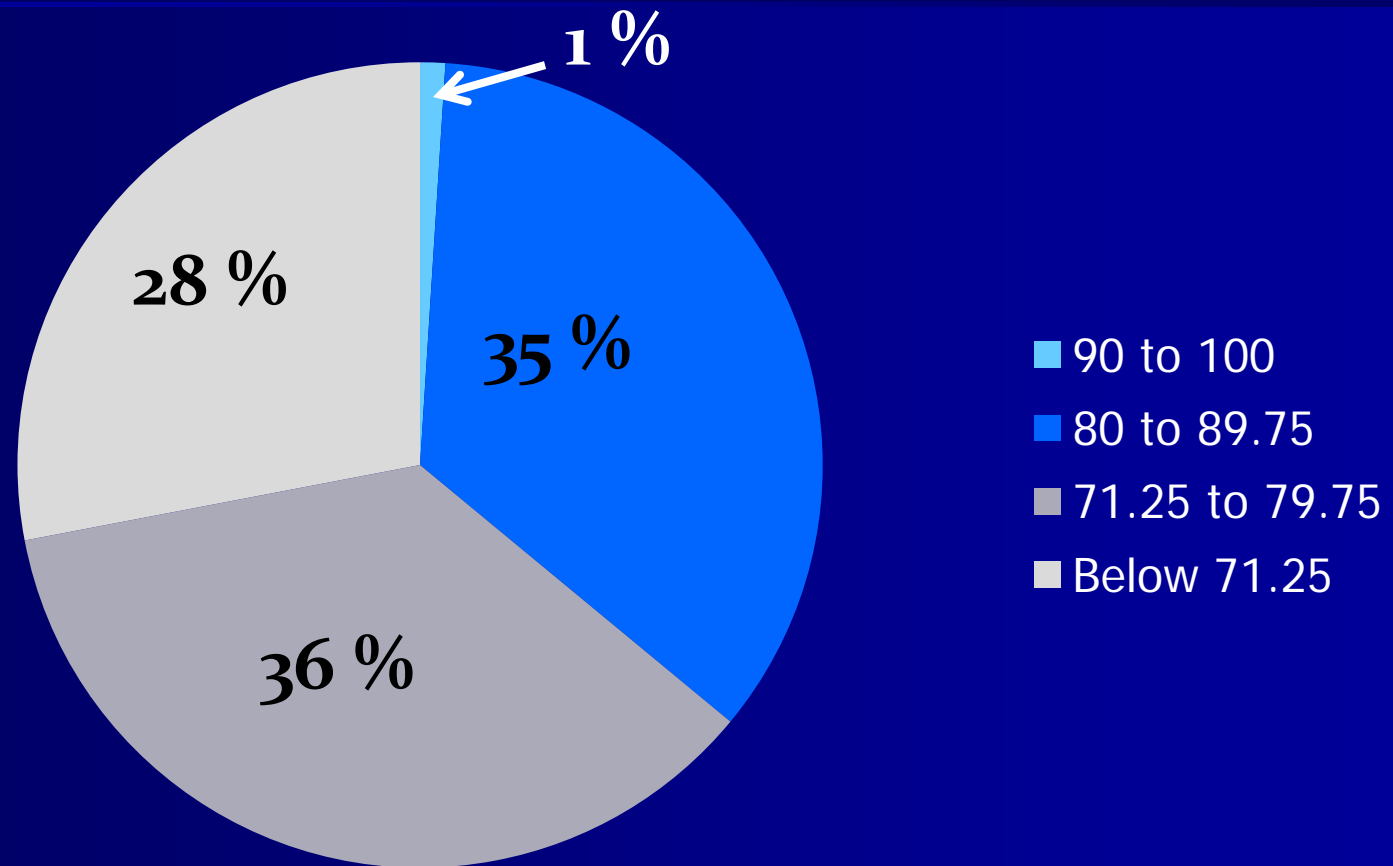


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2009 Scores

- High Score was 91.25
- Funding Line was 71.25
- Average score was 75

2009 Distribution of Scores



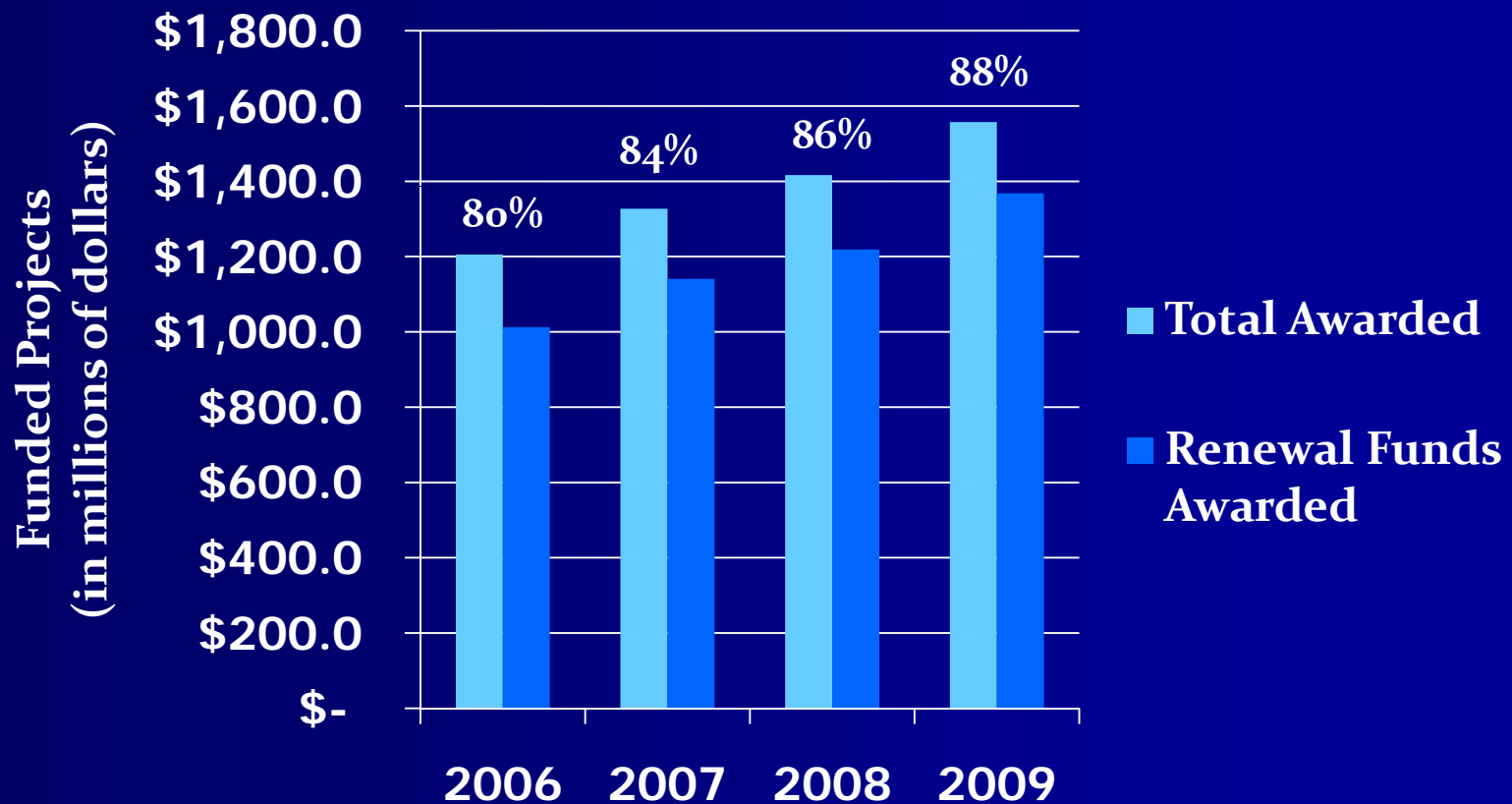
Funding and Renewals

- 449 CoCs applied for funding
 - 444 CoCs received at least one-year of funding for renewal projects.
- 7,002 Total Projects Funded
 - 6,450 were renewal projects

New Project Funding

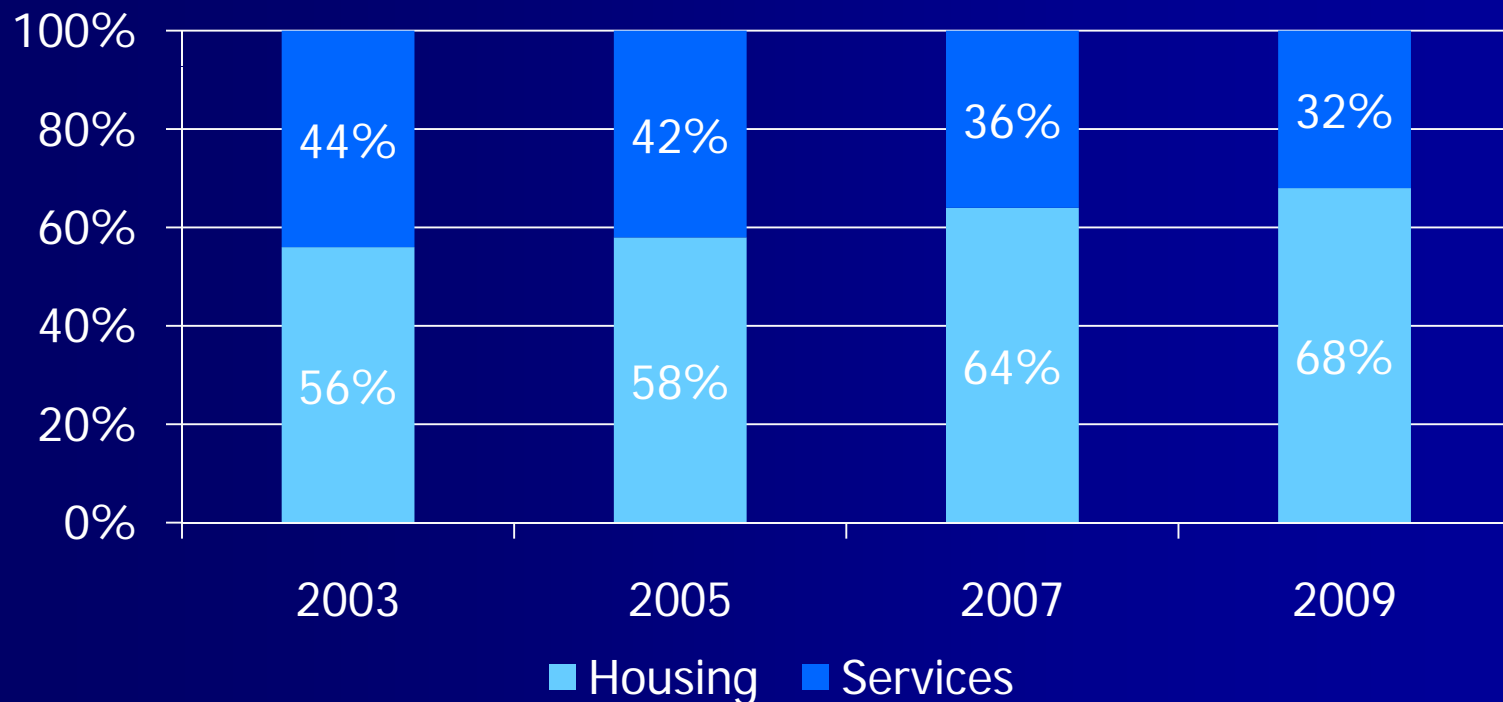
Year	New Projects	Amount
2008	511	\$197 million
2009	552	\$190 million

Total Dollars Awarded vs. Renewal Funds Awarded



Housing vs. Services

- CoCs have responded to HUD's emphasis on housing.



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Lessons learned in 2009

Exhibit 1—CoC Application

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Points to Consider:

- Changes are made to the NOFA and the application on an annual basis.
 - CoCs are expected to read all sections of the NOFA thoroughly.
 - Detailed instructions and training materials should always be read carefully.
- Brought forward information should always be reviewed and updated, as necessary.

Exhibit 1 – 2009 Changes

Changes in 2009:

- CoCs were required to submit the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan(s) in Exhibit 1 for all jurisdictions and attach a list of associated projects.
- CoCs were required to demonstrate coordination and collaboration with HPRP, other HUD-managed ARRA funds, HUD-VASH and NSP.

2009 Scoring Changes

- In 2009, CoCs were competitively scored out of 100 points.
- Housing emphasis and leveraging were scored on eligible new project requests only.
- Housing emphasis was worth 6 points

Exhibit 1 Sections and Scoring Categories

- I. CoC Housing, Services and Structure**
- II. Homeless Needs and Data Collection**
- III. CoC Strategic Planning**
- IV. CoC Performance**
- V. Emphasis on Housing Activities**

Part I: CoC Housing, Services, and Structure (14 points)

- Average score: 12.25 out of 14
- Almost all CoCs attached the correct version of the electronic Housing Inventory.
- CoC Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups were limited to 5.
 - Only those groups that are involved in CoC-wide planning activities should have been listed.

Part II: Homeless Needs and Data Collection (26 Points)

- Average score: 19.5 out of 26 points
- Part II made up just over a $\frac{1}{4}$ of all points for Exhibit 1, demonstrating HUD priority on quality data and HMIS.

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- Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) section had the most points in Part II.
 - 15 out of 26 points were assigned to the HMIS section
 - Average overall score for all HMIS items was about 10 out of 15 points
- All CoCs are expected to have, or be working towards, a functioning HMIS.
- HUD encourages all CoCs to participate in the AHAR.

Part II: Homeless Needs and Data Collection (26 Points)

Point-In-Time Counts

- Required every two years:
 - 2009 was a required count year.
- CoCs are encouraged to conduct a point-in-time count annually (also during the last ten days of January).
 - CoCs that indicated a count outside of the last ten days of January should have received a waiver from HUD.

Part II: Homeless Needs and Data Collection (26 Points)

- CoCs asked to describe methods used to collect sheltered and unsheltered population and subpopulation data.
 - CoCs were expected to describe methods following HUD point-in-time guidelines:
 - “A Guide for Counting Unsheltered People”
 - “A Guide for Counting Sheltered People”

Part II: Homeless Needs and Data Collection (26 Points)

- CoCs required to do the following:
 - provide a comparison between 2009 and the previous count,
 - indicate if there was an increase or decrease or no change, and
 - describe the factors that may have resulted in the change or no change at all.

Part III: CoC Strategic Planning (22 points)

Average score was 17 out of 22

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10-Year Plan, Objectives, and Action Steps

- Each objective had its own form in *e-snaps*
- CoCs were expected to provide narratives that included specific steps to meeting the goal.
- CoCs did not always follow instructions on how to demonstrate proposed numeric achievements.
- CoCs were expected to show cumulative increases for each benchmark for Objectives 1-4 and a cumulative decrease for Objective 5.

Part III: CoC Strategic Planning (22 points)

■ Discharge Planning

- To prevent the routine discharge of homeless persons from publicly-funded systems of care., CoCs were required to describe policies in place and to identify the stakeholders and/or collaborating agencies

■ Coordination

- CoCs were required to fully detail coordination efforts with HPRP, other HUD-managed ARRA programs, HUD-VASH, and NSP (I and II).

Part IV: CoC Performance (32 points)

- Average score was 22.5 out of 32 points.

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- CoCs were expected to report on housing performance and enrollment in mainstream programs performance based on all APRs within the CoC, not just those submitted for renewal in 2009.
 - CoCs without any projects for which an APR should have been submitted automatically received $\frac{1}{2}$ credit.
- Points are determined based on how CoC compared to the national average.

Part IV: CoC Performance (32 points)

- For achievements, CoCs were scored based on how they performed in comparison to goals set in 2008 and to the extent in which they met HUD's objective.
 - CoCs that did not submit an application in 2008 automatically received ½ credit for this section.
 - For CoCs that did not meet their goals, should have provided an explanation.
- CoCs were expected to demonstrate progress towards reducing chronic homelessness.

Part V: Housing Emphasis (6 points)

- Average score 3.75 out of 6

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- Only eligible new project requests were included in the calculation.
- Housing Emphasis is calculated based on the relationship between funds requested for housing activities and funds requested for supportive service activities. HMIS costs and administrative costs are excluded from calculation.
- CoCs were not required to have 100% housing activities to receive full 6 points

Exhibit 2—Project Application

Summary of Exhibit 2 Applications

- Almost 7,300 new and renewal project applications were submitted in *e-snaps*.
- Project applicants were expected to read all instructions and training materials to ensure all sections were completed accurately.
- Selections on Page 1 and Page 2 of Exhibit 2 determined which questions were made visible to applicant.
 - Incorrect selections could have resulted in project not being funded.

Summary of Exhibit 2 Applications

- The renewal project threshold review considered applicant and sponsor capacity and eligibility. SNAPS reviewed project applications to ensure that the applicant and project sponsor met the eligibility and capacity standards outlined in the NOFA.

Summary of Exhibit 2 Applications

- Applicants and project sponsors were required to demonstrate the ability to carry out the project(s).
- HUD assessed each proposed project on:
 - knowledge of and experience with homelessness in general;
 - organization's ability to carry out the project; and,
 - experience of its employees and partners to carry out the specific activities proposed.

Summary of Exhibit 2 Applications

- Exhibit 2 new projects were reviewed for project quality, NOFA and program eligibility, and the organization's capacity and experience.

Summary of Exhibit 2 Applications (continued)

- SF-424 was required to be completed by applicant and not the project sponsor.
- Applicants were to attach all required documents
 - Applicants with an SF-424 in *e-snaps* from the 2008 competition were expected to attach updated documents.
 - In 2009, CoCs were responsible for submitting one Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan for each jurisdiction in Exhibit 1.

Summary of Exhibit 2 Applications (continued)

- Additional information:
 - Applicant's project budgets should have matched the approved 2009 GIW;
 - SHP renewal projects that requested more than the approved Annual Renewal Amount(s), were reduced accordingly; and
 - Project description -- Greater detail narrative is necessary.

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Pro -Rata Need and Hold Harmless Need

PRELIMINARY PRO RATA NEED (PPRN)

- Need based on objective CDBG/ESG based formula factors
 - CoC geography based on CDBG universe of jurisdictions
 - 4,115 metro cities, urban counties, all other counties
 - Annual changes in qualifying communities

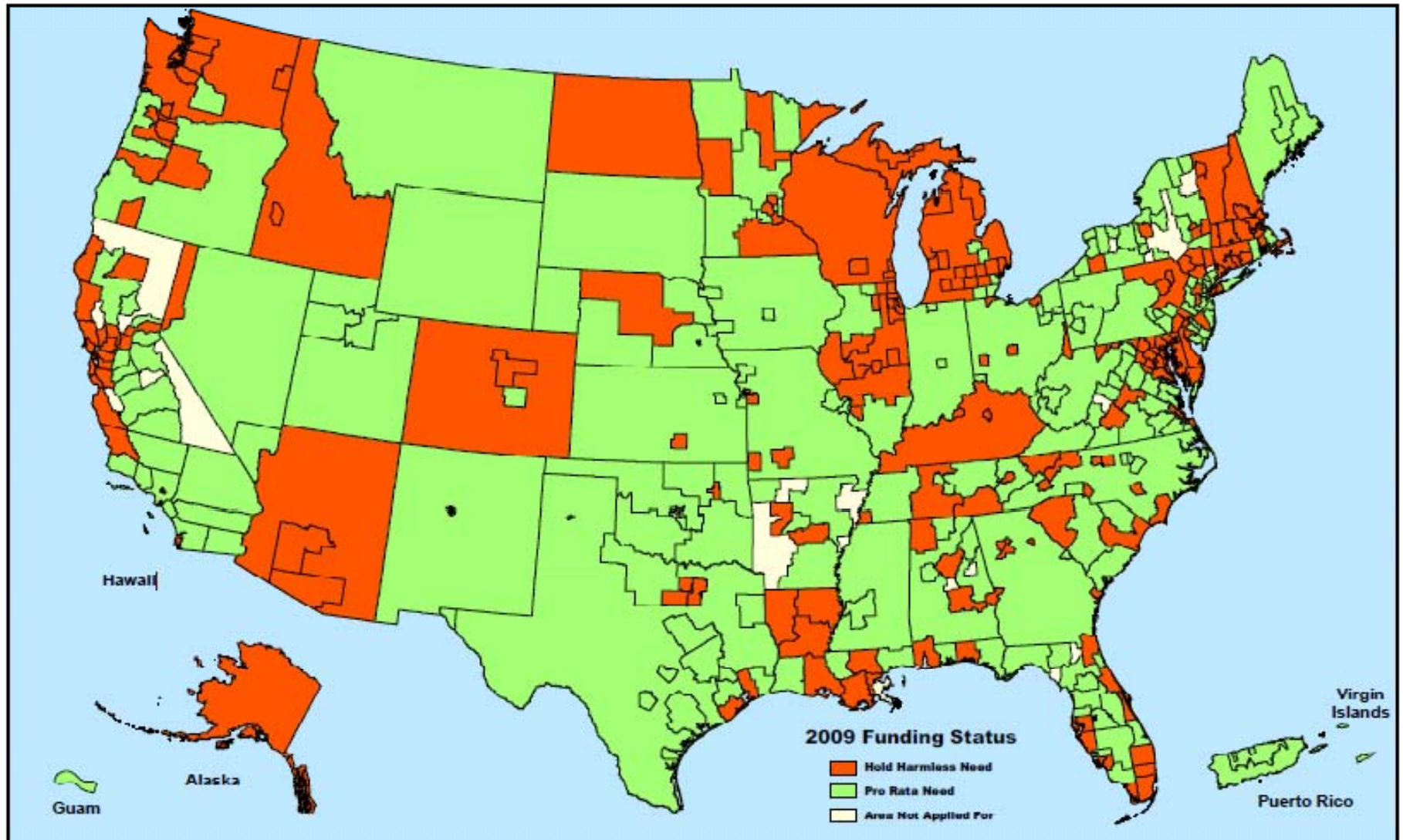
HOLD HARMLESS NEED (HHN)

- Based on HUD commitment to provide each CoC with enough funding to meet SHP renewal needs for one year
- FO and CoCs identify ALL SHP grants expiring Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2010 along with the annual renewal amount for each eligible SHP renewal project

Which is higher?

- Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) = the higher of PPRN, HHN or the amount from the Hold Harmless Merger Process
 - Used to make project selection decisions
- HUD verifies determination of FPRN for CoC:
 - Grant Inventory Worksheets
 - FO verification

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Plans for 2010

■ What to expect?

- HUD will announce new and renewal projects separately
- HHN Reallocation will be reintroduced.
- SHP renewals will be limited to requesting one year of funding.
- HUD will require several educational assurances as a part of the 2010 NOFA.

Additional Information

- Posted on HUD's HRE
 - <http://www.hudhre.info>
- Communicated to listserv messages
 - Homeless Assistance Program
 - HMIS
- Join a listserv by clicking on "Join a Listserv on the HUD HRE homepage"