



***FY 2022 HUD Funding Notices:
CoC NOFO and Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO***

***Community Information Sessions
August 12 and 18, 2022***





I. Background and Level Setting



Understanding the Term “Continuum Of Care”

Background and Level Setting



The term “Continuum of Care” or CoC is used in a variety a of ways:

- ❖ A CoC is a planning body that establishes a community’s strategic vision to respond to homelessness in that jurisdiction.
- ❖ CoC may also refer to the network of homeless services providers in a given community.
- ❖ The CoC Program is the HUD funding stream associated with this competition (as distinct from ESG, HOPWA, HOME, etc.). The HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is the primary source of federal funding supporting the community’s efforts to prevent and end homeless. The CoC Program is designed to:
 - Promote a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
 - Provide funding to support efforts by nonprofit providers and state and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; and
 - Promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families.



Roles and Responsibilities

Background and Level Setting



Roles and Responsibilities

- ❖ **The Community Partnership (TCP)** is the District's Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead. TCP is responsible for: 1.) Assembling and submitting the Consolidated Application packages to HUD; 2.) Conducting community informational sessions about NOFOs; 3.) Soliciting Project Applications for "bonus" funding opportunities and other opportunities to launch new programs; 4.) Providing technical assistance to providers submitting new and renewal Project Applications; and 5.) Providing the Ranking Committee with HMIS and other data and information needed to finalize the Project Ranking.

TCP is the direct recipient of all new awards made under the CoC Program and other NOFOs where the Collaborative Applicant is the Eligible Applicant to HUD.

- ❖ **The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)** is the Continuum of Care (CoC) and is the governing and strategic planning body for the District's Homeless Services System. It is responsible for 1.) Setting the community's strategic vision for the implementation of the CoC and the allocation of new resources; 2.) Providing oversight to the Collaborative Applicant to ensure all parts of the Consolidated Application align with Homeward DC and Solid Foundations DC –the District's strategic plan to end homelessness; and 3.) Assembling a Ranking Committee of non-conflicted community stakeholders.

Understanding Roles and Responsibilities



Roles and Responsibilities (cont.)

- ❖ **The Ranking Committee** is tasked with conducting the project ranking of all projects seeking new or renewal funding. The Ranking Committee will prioritize grants based on 1.) Performance data; 2.) Supplemental narrative information submitted by project applicants; and 3.) How closely each project aligns with HUD's funding priorities and the District's strategic plan to end homelessness.

The Ranking Committee must be made up of non-conflicted community stakeholders – meaning members of the Ranking Committee cannot come from government agencies or service providers seeking new or renewal funding in the competition.

- ❖ **Project Applicants** are the individual providers submitting new and renewal Project Applications for funding. Project applicants are responsible for putting together complete and competitive applications that increase the overall quality and competitiveness of the Consolidated Application.

- ❖ **HUD** makes final decisions about funding.



II. Understanding the Funding Notices

Understanding the Funding Notices



HUD has released two separate but related notices of funding opportunity (NOFO):

- ❖ **CoC NOFO:** This is the annual funding competition to renew existing HUD CoC Program Grants and to apply for new programs under the CoC Permanent Housing Bonus and Domestic Violence Permanent Housing Bonus
- ❖ **Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO:** The purpose of this special NOFO is to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and homelessness in rural areas. Through this Special NOFO, HUD will award funding to communities to implement coordinated approaches - grounded in Housing First and public health principles - to reduce the prevalence of unsheltered homelessness, and improve services engagement, health outcomes, and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families. HUD expects applicant communities to partner with health and housing agencies to leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources. \$267.5 million is available for projects as part of the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside. The District is eligible for about \$14.6 million.

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Notice Type	Implementing New Projects Specifically Focused on Ending Unsheltered Homelessness	Renewing Existing HUD CoC and YHDP Grants	Permanent Housing Bonus (CoC NOFO Only)	Domestic Violence Permanent Housing Bonus (CoC NOFO Only)	Funding Available
CoC NOFO	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About \$20 Million in Renewing Grants CoC PH: \$1,322,133, over 2-3 years PH Bonus: DV PH Bonus: \$1,248,294, over 2-3 years
Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO	Yes	No	No	No	\$14.6 million over 3 years





Timelines

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Timeline: **CoC NOFO**

❖ Community Input Sessions:

- Fall 2021: NOFO Debrief and Community Input Sessions on Use of Bonus Resources
- 7/27/22: ICH Emergency Response and Shelter Operations
- 8/2/22: ICH Single Adult System Workgroup

❖ Adoption of Community Feedback

- 8/9/22: Executive Committee

❖ 8/12 & 8/18/22: Community Informational Sessions

❖ 8/18 & 8/19/22: Project Application Training Sessions

❖ 8/26/22: Project Applications and Justification Letters Due

❖ 9/30/22: Consolidated Application Package Due to HUD

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Timeline: **Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO**

- ❖ **Community Input Sessions:**
 - 7/27/22: ICH Emergency Response and Shelter Operations
 - 8/2/22: ICH Single Adult System Workgroup
- ❖ **Adoption of Community Feedback**
 - 8/9/22: Executive Committee
- ❖ **8/12 & 8/18/22: Community Informational Sessions**
- ❖ **8/18 & 8/19/22: Project Application Training Sessions**
 - TCP will add training sessions on 8/22/22 based on demand
- ❖ **9/20/22: Declaration of Intention to Apply; Submission of Project Application Materials/Justification Letters begins**
- ❖ **9/30/22: Final due date for Project Application Materials/Justification Letters**
- ❖ **10/20/22: Consolidated Application Package Due to HUD**



CoC NOFO: Bonus Funding Opportunities

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CoC NOFO Bonus Opportunities by Type:

- ❖ **Permanent Housing Bonus:** A new project to eligible households experiencing homelessness in the District.
 - **Funding Available: \$1,322,133, over 2-3 years**
- ❖ **Domestic Violence Permanent Housing Bonus:** A new project that is dedicated to eligible households who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who are experiencing homelessness in the District.
 - **Funding Available: \$1,248,294, over 2-3 years**

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Eligible Bonus Projects:

- ❖ Permanent Housing Bonus
 - Joint TH-RRH
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
- ❖ Domestic Violence Permanent Housing Bonus
 - Joint TH-RRH
 - Rapid Rehousing



III. Project Applications

Project Applications



Project applications must be submitted to the CoC to be included on the CoC Priority Listing. TCP will receive project applications on behalf of the CoC. The Ranking and Selection Committee review and either accept and rank, or reject project applications on behalf of the CoC. All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order. Project Applicants will be required to submit and justification letters.



Project Applications by Type

Project Applications



Project Applications by Type:

	Renewal Project Application	New Project Application	Project Replacement	Consolidated Project Application	Expansion Project Application
CoC NOFO	Yes	Yes (Under bonus opportunities or reallocation)	Yes (YHDP Grants Renewing Only)	Yes (Consolidating two or more existing CoC grants)	Yes (Existing CoC grants only)
Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO	No	Yes	No	No	No

Project Applications



Budget Categories:

	Joint TH-RRH	Rapid Rehousing	Street Outreach	Permanent Supportive Housing
Rental Assistance	Yes (Rapid Rehousing Portion)	Yes	No	Yes
Leasing Assistance	Yes (Transitional Housing Portion)	No	No	Yes (Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO Only)
Supportive Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Operating	Yes	No	No	No
HMIS	Yes (DV Bonus only)	Yes (DV Bonus only)	No	No

- ❖ All grants come with an Admin line. The funding level is determined by HUD and the admin is split between TCP and the provider.
- ❖ As the HMIS Lead, TCP absorbs the cost of HMIS licenses, HMIS system maintenance, and HMIS training. DV programs are prohibited from using the HMIS or other shared data systems and are required to establish an HMIS comparable database. Applicants under the DV bonus may apply for HMIS funds for the purposes of establishing such a database.



Match Requirement

Project Applications



Match Requirement: HUD CoC Program grants must be matched in an amount equal to 25% of grant funds. Matching resources may come from public or private sources. All costs paid for with matching funds must be for activities that are eligible under the CoC Program, even if the recipient is not receiving HUD grant funds for that activity.

***Leasing dollars are exempt from the match requirement.**



Sources of Match Requirement:

- ❖ Cash: any funds that come from private or public resources (as long as they are not statutorily prohibited from being used as match/leverage).
- ❖ In-kind: services (counseling, legal advocacy, etc.), physical goods/equipment (food, furniture, clothing, etc.), and real property (land or buildings).

Resources provided directly to and for program participants are not eligible as allowable sources of match. For example:

- ❖ **Not Allowable:** Mainstream benefits provided directly to program participants (e.g., SSI/SSDI disability benefits) cannot be used as match/leverage.
- ❖ **Allowable:** Funds from mainstream resources provided directly to an organization for use in a CoC project (e.g., Medicaid dollars used to pay for services) can be used as match.

PLEASE NOTE: Commitments of land, buildings, and equipment are one-time only and cannot be claimed in more than one competition. For example, real property claimed as match in the 2021 competition cannot be claimed in subsequent competitions



HUD Policy Priorities

Project Applications



HUD Policy Priorities:

	CoC NOFO	Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO
Ending Homelessness for All Persons	Project applicants must demonstrate how their renewing or proposed projects move the needle on the goals and objectives in Homeward DC and Solid Foundations DC by continuing or creating interventions that reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing sheltered or unsheltered homelessness in the District.	The Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO provides new funding for specifically intended to help our community address unsheltered homelessness. Project applicants will propose new street outreach or permanent housing programs and must demonstrate how those projects fill gaps in the system that will help the CoC reduce the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
Unsheltered Homelessness	The CoC NOFO provides new and renewing resources to communities to end all types of homelessness. Project applicants must describe how their renewing or proposed project will reduce homelessness in DC; however, there is no requirement that projects have a specific focus on unsheltered homelessness.	The Unsheltered Supplemental is laser-focused on ending unsheltered homeless. All project applications must demonstrate how the proposed project will help the District end unsheltered homelessness. Any application that does not describe how it will impacted unsheltered homelessness in DC will not be accepted or included in the Consolidated Application package.
Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders	CoCs are required to have wide range of stakeholders involved in community planning and decision making processes. TCP will work with the ICH to develop responses about our community process.	CoCs are required to have wide range of stakeholders involved in community planning and decision making processes. TCP will work with the ICH to develop responses about our community process.

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HUD Policy Priorities:

	CoC NOFO	Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO
Advancing Equity and Intersectional Equity (Race, Gender, people who identify as LGBTQ+, etc.)	<p>CoCs must describe how the CoC analyzed whether any disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; what disparities the CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; what steps the CoC is taking to address the disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and What measures the CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. Any actions taken must be consistent with federal nondiscrimination requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCP will work with the ICH to develop responses for the Consolidated Application package. • Project applicants must describe the any such work undertaken to address disparities in renewing projects and/or steps taken to ensure proposed projects consider equity their design. 	
Using a Housing First Approach	<p>CoCs must demonstrate that project applications for housing programs submitted are using the Housing First approach by providing low barrier projects that do not have service participation requirements or preconditions to entry and prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing. This means the projects allow entry to program participants regardless of their income, current or past substance use, history of victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse), and criminal record—except restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance (e.g., restrictions on serving people who are listed on sex offender registries). CoCs must describe what tools and methods are used to regularly evaluate projects to ensure those that commit to following a Housing First approach are maintaining fidelity to a housing first approach in implementing their project which must include a process to review fidelity to a Housing First approach outside of the local CoC competition rating and ranking process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCP will work with the ICH to develop responses for the Consolidated Application package. • Project applicants must describe how their renewing and proposed projects align with the Housing First approach. 	

Project Applications



HUD Policy Priorities:

	CoC NOFO	Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO
Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals		<p>CoCs must demonstrate efforts to address the needs of the LGBTQ+ population. CoC must: demonstrate LGBTQ+ serving organizations or advocacy groups are included in the CoC membership; annually conduct training to providers about how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Rule, and the Equal Access in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs Rule; demonstrate that they have implemented and trained providers on a CoC-wide, anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination; demonstrate that their CoC-wide, anti-discrimination policy is updated, as necessary based on stakeholder feedback; demonstrate that the CoC has assisted providers in developing agency anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy; and demonstrate that the CoC has a process for evaluating compliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies and addresses any non-compliance with those policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TCP will work with the ICH to develop responses for the Consolidated Application package.• Project applicants must describe how their renewing and proposed projects align with the Housing First approach.



Project Applications

HUD Policy Priorities:

	CoC NOFO	Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO
Including People with Lived Experience in the Local Planning Process	<p>The CoC must include persons with lived experience are of homelessness in the CoC’s decision-making process, and the CoC encourages CoC members to provide professional development and employment opportunities to people experiencing homelessness. CoCs must demonstrate: Outreach efforts to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision- making processes; individuals with lived experience of homelessness participate in CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups; individuals with lived experience of homelessness are routinely included in decision-making processes of the CoC related to addressing homelessness; and individuals with lived experience of homelessness are included in the development, or revision, of the local competition rating factors; Professional development and employment opportunities are provided to individuals with lived experience of homelessness either within the CoC or by CoC membership organizations; Feedback is routinely gathered from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance and the steps the CoC takes to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness. Persons with lived experience must have been homeless within the last 7 years or are currently program participants. Full points are available if there is more than one person with lived experience of homelessness engaged in local CoC planning and at least one person with lived experience came from an unsheltered situation.</p> <p>TCP will work with the ICH to develop responses for the Consolidated Application.</p>	

Project Applications



HUD Policy Priorities:

	CoC NOFO	Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO
Partnerships between Housing, Healthcare, and Service Agencies	<p>The CoC must coordinate with state and local public health agencies to respond to and prevent infectious disease outbreaks amongst people experiencing homelessness. The CoC must demonstrate: that the CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to and prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness; and that the CoC effectively shares information related to public health measures and homelessness and facilitates communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.</p> <p>The CoC must partner closely with PHAs and state and local housing organizations to utilize coordinated entry, develop housing units, and provide housing subsidies to people experiencing homelessness. These partnerships can also help CoC Program participants exit permanent supportive housing through Housing Choice Vouchers and other available housing options. CoCs and PHAs should especially work together to implement targeted programs such as Emergency Housing Vouchers, HUD-VASH, Mainstream Vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers, and other housing voucher programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness. CoCs should coordinate with their state and local housing agencies on the utilization of new HOME program resources provided through the Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services Program that was created through the American Rescue Plan; partner with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities; and. work with tribal organizations to ensure that tribal members can access CoC-funded assistance when a CoC's geographic area borders a tribal area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCP will work the ICH to develop responses for the Consolidated Application. • Applicants must demonstrate that they work closely with public and private healthcare organizations and assist program participants to receive primary care, receive housing-related services, and obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs. This includes developing close partnerships with public health agencies to analyze data and design approaches that reduce homelessness, improve the health of people experiencing homelessness, and prevent and address disease outbreaks, including HIV/AIDS. 	

Project Applications



HUD Policy Priorities:

	CoC NOFO	Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO
Improving System Performance	<p>CoCs should be using system performance measures (e.g., average length of homeless episodes, rates of return to homelessness, rates of exit to permanent housing destinations) to determine how effectively they are serving people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, CoCs should use their Coordinated Entry process to promote participant choice, coordinate homeless assistance and mainstream housing, and services to ensure people experiencing homelessness receive assistance quickly, and make homelessness assistance open, inclusive, and transparent. CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal in FY 2022 to determine their effectiveness in serving people experiencing homelessness, including cost-effectiveness. CoCs should also look for opportunities to implement continuous quality improvement and other process improvement strategies. HUD recognized the effects of COVID-19 on CoC performance and data quality and reduced the points available for rating factors related to system performance in the FY 2021 CoC NOFO. This FY 2022 CoC NOFO significantly increases the points available for system performance rating factors.</p>	
Increasing the Affordable Housing Supply	<p>The lack of affordable housing is a key driver of homelessness. CoCs play a critical role in educating local leaders and stakeholders about the importance of increasing the supply of affordable housing and the specific consequences of the continued lack of affordable housing. CoCs should be communicating with jurisdiction leaders, including for the development of Consolidated Plans, about the harmful effects of the lack of affordable housing, and they should engage local leaders about steps such as zoning and land use reform that would increase the supply of affordable housing. This FY2022 NOFOs award points to CoCs that take steps to engage local leaders about increasing affordable housing supply.</p> <p>TCP will work with the ICH to develop a responses for the Consolidated Application.</p>	



Community Input

Project Applications



Community Input:

The Community has prioritized funding for new projects as follows:

	CoC NOFO (Permanent Housing Bonus and DV Permanent Housing Bonus)	Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO
Joint TH-RRH	Yes	Yes
Rapid Rehousing	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach	No	Yes
PSH	Yes (CoC Bonus only)	Yes

Project Applications



Community Input (cont.):

As part of the FY 2021 CoC NOFO debrief, TCP solicited community about the kinds of programs the CoC should fund using the Permanent Housing Bonus and DV Permanent Housing Bonus going forward. The following stakeholder groups provided input:

- ❖ ICH Family System Workgroup
- ❖ ICH Consumer Engagement
- ❖ DC Collaborative on Human Services and Domestic Violence
- ❖ ICH DC SHY (youth action board)
- ❖ ICH Single Adult System Workgroup

ICH Executive Committee adopted these recommendations.

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Permanent Housing Bonus:

- ❖ Joint TH-RRH for Youth who are Returning Citizens
- ❖ Joint TH-RRH for Unaccompanied Adults who are Returning Citizens
- ❖ Permanent Housing Programs that Help Create Parity in the Number of Permanent Housing slots available to Unaccompanied Men and Women
- ❖ Maternity Housing
- ❖ Permanent Housing for the LGBTQ Population in the Adult System
- ❖ LGBTQ Housing with a Healthcare Focus
- ❖ Permanent Housing Programs Focusing on Immigrants and Undocumented Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
- ❖ Housing Programs that allow for a Flexible Definitions of “Family”

Project Applications



DV Permanent Housing Bonus:

- ❖ DV Joint TH-RRH for Youth 18 to 24
- ❖ DV Housing for the LGBTQ Population
- ❖ DV Housing for Trans Women of Color
- ❖ DV Housing for Lesbian Women
- ❖ DV Housing with a Healthcare Focus
- ❖ DV Joint TH-RRH for Survivors who are Returning Citizens
- ❖ DV Housing Programs Focusing on Immigrants and Undocumented Survivors Experiencing Homelessness
- ❖ DV Housing Programs that allow for a Flexible Definitions of “Family”

Project Applications



HUD Threshold Requirements: HUD will review all project applications to determine if they meet the eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. In order to ensure its Consolidated Application is competitive as possible, the CoC must conduct a similar review of project applications prior to submission to HUD. If HUD or the CoC determines that the applicable standards are not met for a project application, it will be rejected.



HUD Threshold Requirements

1. Project applicants must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in 24 CFR part 578 and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
2. Project applicants must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant/subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal funds.
3. Project applicants must submit the required certifications as specified in this NOFO.
4. The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, 24 CFR part 578.
5. Project applicants must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use agree to participate in a HMIS comparable database.



IV. Project Ranking

Project Ranking



The both NOFOs require that project applications be ranked in order of priority for funding:

- ❖ **CoC NOFO:** The Ranking Committee will use a combination of performance data, supplemental narrative information provided by applicants, and the HUD Policy Priorities to rank renewing project applications. The Ranking Committee will select applications for Bonus funding using a combination of community feedback, the HUD Policy Priorities, and project applications and supplemental narrative information provided by applicants, and alignment with the goals and objectives in Homeward DC and Solid Foundations DC.
- ❖ **Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO:** The Ranking Committee will select applications to fund new projects using a combination of community feedback, the HUD Policy Priorities, project applications and supplemental narrative information provided by applicants describing how the project will help the CoC move the needle on ending unsheltered homelessness, and alignment with the goals and objectives in Homeward DC and Solid Foundations DC.

Project Ranking



Ranking Process:

Renewing projects will be ranked using program performance data from April 2021 – March 2022.

TCP will pull provider performance data from HMIS on August 17, 2022. The indicators that will be used for the preliminary ranking are included in the PQI reports were distributed quarterly throughout FY 21 and through March FY 22.

- ❖ Domestic Violence providers are prohibited from using the HMIS. These providers must submit their program data using the process in place for completing APRs and other reporting projects, but August 17, 2022.

Performance Indicators the CoC will consider may include but will not be limited to the information on the PQI reports as the ranking will involve indicators from the community feedback sessions as well.

Bonus applications and first time renewals will be ranked along side renewals and will be prioritized by the CoC based on the competitiveness of the applications.

Project Ranking



HUD Ranking Criteria Categories

Objective Criteria (33%)	Utilization Rate (%)*
	% Grant Is Matched/Leveraged
	Timely submission of Annual Performance Report (APR)
Performance Criteria (20%)	Exits to Permanent Destinations (TH/RRH only)*
	Housing Stability (PSH only)*
	Increase (TH/RRH) or Maintain (PSH) Income*
	% Returning to CoC after exit from Program*
	Length of Stay
Threshold Criteria (47%)	Provides services to a key subpopulation
	Addresses vulnerabilities of persons served
	Commits to complete implementation of Housing First
	Commits to CAHP Participation
	Commitment to federal policy priority(ies)
* Will be used for preliminary ranking	

Project Ranking



COC NOFO - Tiered Ranking:

Tiered Ranking: The CoC is required to submit its list of Project Applications to HUD in a ranked order determined by the CoC and based on a project's past performance (when applicable), alignment with HUD and CoC policy priorities and the local strategic plan to end homelessness, and the need for the project in the community. HUD asks that this ranking is broken down into two, financial tier thresholds: Tier 1 (which the CoC has prioritized for funding) and Tier 2 (which HUD will award based on availability of funding nationwide. Receipt of funding for projects in both Tiers is contingent on the on the strength of a CoC's Consolidated Application).

Within each Tier, projects must also be numerically ranked so HUD knows which is the highest through lowest priority project within each Tier:

- ❖ Tier 1 is equal to: Approx. \$23.1M
- ❖ Tier 2 is equal to: Approx. \$5.9M

Justification Letters

Providers will submit letters of justification to help inform the Ranking Committee's decision making. Letters will be submitted with a brief coversheet to outline the program type, match sources, and other information needed for ranking. TCP will provide the coversheet and a instructions for the letters:

- ❖ CoC NOFO: Coversheets and letters of justification must be submitted electronically to TCP by 8/26/2022 with the application. Applications will not be considered complete without this submission.
- ❖ Unsheltered NOFO: Coversheets and letters of justification must be submitted electronically to TCP by 9/30/2022 with the application. Applications will not be considered complete without this submission.



V. Application Submission and Funding Decisions

Application Submission/Funding Decisions



- ❖ TCP will work with the project applicants selected by Ranking Committee to finalize their applications. The selected applications will be included in the Consolidated Application Package to HUD.
 - The application package submitted in response to the CoC NOFO will include, in ranked order, all proposed and renewing projects.
 - The application package for the Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO will consist of its proposed project as well as a narrative about the CoC's response to unsheltered homelessness in the jurisdiction.

- ❖ The decision about whether any of the proposed projects are funded belongs to HUD.

- ❖ HUD typically informs TCP of their funding decisions with 3-6 months the application's submission. TCP will inform the CoC and projects about HUD's funding decisions and will coordinate with any funded projects to bring the program online.



VI. Post Award Requirements

Post Award Requirements



Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): Programs funded by the HUD CoC Program are required to use the homeless services system's HMIS to comply with all HUD reporting requirements.

As HMIS lead for the CoC, TCP provides access to the HMIS and training on a monthly basis so that providers understand the requirement and data entry standards.

Post Award Requirements



HMIS Comparable Database: The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) contain strong, legally codified confidentiality provisions that limit victim service providers from sharing, disclosing or revealing victims' personally identifying information, including entering information into the HMIS. These provisions underpin confidentiality practices that protect the safety and privacy of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking who are seeking services.

Based on VAWA requirements, HUD CoC subrecipients that are victim service providers are prohibited from entering personally identifying information into the HMIS. However, they are not exempt from complying with HUD and CoC reporting requirements.

Post Award Requirements



HMIS Comparable Database (cont.): An HMIS comparable database is a database that has all of the following characteristics:

- ❖ The provider controls who can access and see client information.
- ❖ Access to the database is controlled by the provider.
- ❖ The database meets the standards for security, data quality and privacy of the HMIS.
- ❖ The database complies with all HUD-required technical specifications.
- ❖ The database is programmed to current HMIS Data Standards.
- ❖ The database has the functionality to de-duplicate client records within each system.
- ❖ The database is able to generate all reports required by HUD.
- ❖ Data fields must be able to be modified and customized.

Post Award Requirements



Reporting Requirements: If awarded, Project Applicants will be required to fulfill a number of HUD and CoC-level reporting requirements. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- ❖ Provide all information required to submit a Project Renewal Application to renew funding via the annual HUD CoC Program funding competition, including performance data necessary for project ranking.
- ❖ Submit all financial and program information required to submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) at the end of each grant cycle.
- ❖ Submit de-identified client level data necessary for the completion of the annual Point in Time (PIT) enumeration.
- ❖ Submit de-identified client level data necessary for the completion of the annual Homeless Youth Census (HYC).
- ❖ Submit data needed to complete the Weekly Occupancy Report, including: program capacity, program vacancies, slots held for placement, number of enrollments, number of exits, number of exits to permanent destinations.

Post Award Requirements



Coordinated Entry Participation: If awarded, Project Applicants will be required to participate in the CoC's coordinated entry process, referred to locally as Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement (CAHP).

- ❖ TCP's CAHP team will make referrals into the program as vacancies arise.
- ❖ Program participants are prioritized based on a uniform assessment which matches their service and housing needs to available programs.

Post Award Requirements



Environmental Review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it meets federal, state, and local environmental standards.

Post Award Requirements



Site Control Verification: For new projects where funds are awarded for leasing, rental assistance, operating, and/or supportive services grantees must demonstrate site control within 12 months of the announcement of the award.

Acceptable evidence of site control is a deed, lease, or purchase agreement.

If a grantee fails to gain site control by the deadline, HUD has the right to withdraw funding for the project.

Post Award Requirements



Housing Quality Standards: Housing leased with Continuum of Care program funds, or for which rental assistance payments are made with Continuum of Care program funds, must meet the applicable housing quality standards (HQS).

- ❖ Before any assistance will be provided on behalf of a program participant, each unit must be physically inspected to assure that the unit meets HQS.
- ❖ All units must be inspected at least annually during the grant period to ensure that the units continue to meet HQS.



VII. Contact Information

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