2023 Continuum of Care Annual NOFO

Lead Me Home Continuum of Care Bidders Conference

July 26, 2023

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

Local Resources

HUD Policy Priorities

Ending Homelessness for All Persons	Use a Housing First Approach	Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
Improving System Performance	Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies	Racial Equity
Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals	Persons with Lived Experience	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

Overview of 2023 Annual NOFO

- **CHSP serves as the Collaborative Applicant** and is responsible for facilitating the local competition, completing the CoC application, and submitting the Consolidated application

- Similar process from recent years, including the requirement for CoCs to host a local funding competition to develop the Priority Listing

  - CoC funding is available for **renewal** and **new projects**

  - **YHDP projects must apply to renew their funding through a non-competitive process** (i.e., YHDP applications will not be scored and ranked)

Overview of 2023 Annual NOFO

- The deadlines for the local competition will differ from the deadlines HUD posts; **refer to the CoC's NOFO website for updated information on local deadlines**

- The CoC's Consolidated Application is due to HUD via e-snaps by **September 28,** which includes:

  - **CoC application:** A narrative explaining how the CoC is meeting HUD's expectations and addressing homelessness (scored out of 200 points)
  - **Priority Listing:** A list of projects recommended for funding, in ranked order and organized into Tier 1 and Tier 2*
  - **Project Applications:** All CoC project applications accepted onto the priority listing, all renewal YHDP projects, and the CoC planning application submitted in e-snaps

  Applications for YHDP projects up for renewal will not be scored or ranked on the priority listing

Overview of 2023 Annual NOFO

- To create the Priority Listing, projects applying for funding through the local competition will be **reviewed and ranked** by an **independent panel** and **placed into Tier 1 or Tier 2**
  - Tier 1 = 93% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (_estimated_ ARD $5,419,534)
  - Tier 2 = Remainder of the ARD plus bonus funding

- **CoC bonus funding and DV bonus funding are available**
  - _Estimated_ CoC bonus: $379,367
  - _Estimated_ DV bonus: $280,866

- CHSP is eligible to submit a CoC Planning Grant to support planning and coordination efforts for the Continuum of Care (up to 5% of the ARD)

YHDP Agency Eligibility

- Agencies awarded funding through YHDP that began operating last calendar year, with a grant term expiring in 2024, **must submit an application to renew funding** through the NOFO process

- Applying for YHDP funding is a **non-competitive process**

YHDP Application Process

YHDP grantees applying for renewal funding must **submit an application in e-snaps** by **August 25.**

- CHSP and Focus Strategies will conduct a technical review of all YHDP applications to ensure completeness and accuracy.

CoC Agency Eligibility

- Agencies awarded funding in FY 2022 are eligible to apply for **renewal grants**
  - These projects can also **transition** to another project type or apply for **expansion** funding

- **Agencies applying for new funding** must be a state or local government entity, non-profit organization, or public housing agency; individuals may not apply for funding

  - **New projects must meet HUD threshold and quality requirements** (review Section III. in the NOFO [see p. 54])
  - All projects must have a documented 25% match

CoC Project Funding and Project Types

Only certain project types are eligible for CoC funding:

Project Type	CoC Priority	Eligibility for Bonus Funding
Permanent Supportive Housing	**Yes!**	**CoC Bonus Funding**
Rapid Re-Housing	**Yes!**	**CoC and DV Bonus Funding**
Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing	No	CoC and DV Bonus Funding
HMIS (HMIS Lead Only)	No	CoC Bonus Funding
Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (Collaborative Applicant Only)*	No	CoC and DV Bonus Funding
CoC Planning (Collaborative Applicant Only)**	Not Applicable	No

*The local system is set up in a manner that only the Collaborative Applicant, as the CE Lead, should apply for this funding.
**HUD provides Collaborative Applicants with funding through the Planning Grant to implement the CoC and it's requirements.

New Project Funding

New projects and expansion projects can be created through:

- **CoC bonus funding** (*estimated* $379,367)

- **DV bonus funding** (*estimated* $280,866)

- **Reallocation**
  - Renewal projects may choose to voluntarily reallocate all or a portion of their funding
  - The Review Panel may recommend reallocating funding from a renewal project to a new project if the renewal is under-performing; or if a new project will better advance CoC priorities and improve system performance

Application Process: Scoring Factors

RENEWAL PROJECTS

I. CoC Priorities
II. Project Performance
III. Administrative Performance
IV. Housing First
V. Mainstream Resources

NEW PROJECTS

I. CoC Priorities
II. Project Quality, Readiness & Appropriateness
III. Applicant Capacity
IV. Housing First
V. Performance and Service Plan
VI. Budget and Cost Effectiveness
VII. BONUS: Transition grant, Leveraging mainstream housing resources, Leveraging mainstream health resources

Application Process

Applications include:

1. E-snaps application (completed application in e-snaps, export to PDF, and submit through Submittable)

2. Oral interview

3. APR data (*for renewal projects only*)
   - APR data relates to the competition period of April 1, 2022 – March 30, 2023
   - Data will be **pulled beginning on 8/2**

Local Competition Timeline

7/28/2023	**New and Renewal Projects submit Letters of Intent in Submittable by 5 pm.***
8/21/2023	**New and Renewal Projects must submit a PDF copy of their eSnaps application in Submittable by 5 pm.***
8/25/2023	**YHDP projects submit their project applications in eSnaps by 5 pm.**
8/29/2023	The Rank and Review Panel convenes for applicant interviews.*
8/30/2023	The Rank and Review Panel convenes to finalize applicant scores and rankings.*
9/5/2023	New and Renewal projects will be notified of the outcomes of the Rank and Review process.*
9/7/2023	**Appeals must be submitted to CoC Staff at grants@chsp.org.***
9/22/2023	The final consolidated application will be posted to the website.
9/28/2023	Deadline to submit the final consolidated application to HUD.

*These items do not apply to YHDP applicants.

E-snaps Guidance

Guidance is available at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/
E-snaps website is: https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf

- Recommended that each agency have at least two active staff members with access to the organization's e-snaps account

- If your organization has applied for CoC funding before, the organization should have an e-snaps account. **<u>Do not</u>** create a new organizational e-snaps account. Individual staff members must link their account to the organizational account.

- Technical assistance in navigating e-snaps is available through Focus Strategies
  - Email Vanessa Fenley (vanessa@focusstrategies.net) and Hana Gossett (hana@focusstrategies.net) for assistance

Q & A

Reminders:

- Visit the local Annual NOFO page on CHSP's website for updated information

- Review the NOFO, posted on grants.gov, for more detailed information about project eligibility and eligible expenses

- CHSP and Focus Strategies are hosting regular office hours for applicants:
  - Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. (starting 8/1)
  - Fridays, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. (starting 7/28)