

2023 Continuum of Care Annual NOFO

Lead Me Home Continuum of Care
Bidders Conference

July 26, 2023

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.





Agenda

- I. HUD policy priorities
- II. Overview of the 2023 Annual NOFO
- III. Eligibility and application process – YHDP
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- V. e-snaps
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Continuum of Care (CoC) Funding

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About the Continuum of Care Notice Of Funding Opportunity Program

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Among other changes, the HEARTH Act consolidated the three separate McKinney-Vento homeless assistance programs (Supportive Housing program, Shelter Plus Care program, and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation SRO program) into a single grant program known as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program.

The CoC Program is designed to assist individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families experiencing homelessness and to provide the services needed to help them move into transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability. More broadly, the program is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness; improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness; improve data collection and performance measurement; and allow each community to tailor its program to the particular strengths and challenges within that community.

Each year, HUD awards CoC Program funding competitively to nonprofit organizations, States, and/or units of general purpose local governments, collectively known as recipients. In turn, recipients may contract or subgrant with other organizations or government entities, known as subrecipients, to carry out the grant's day-to-day program operations.

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 its 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. **Do not** 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)