



HUD Continuum of Care Program



The BIG Picture

- **NOFO competition rewards the following:**
 - **System performance improvement to end and prevent homelessness**
 - **Data-driven decision making**
 - **Serving HUD-identified populations and priorities**
 - **Implementation of Housing First and Coordinated Entry**



Competition Stipulations

- Annual Renewal Demand - \$465,671
 - CoC Eligible renewal amount determined by HUD
- CoC Bonus \$625,209 and DV Bonus \$781,511
 - Eligible depending on overall score and DV score
- Not guaranteed funding
- Tier 1 Projects \$419,055
 - Most likely to be awarded
- Tier 2 and Bonus Projects
 - Likelihood of being awarded depends on score



Applicant Responsibilities

- Applicants must agree to the following:
 - Input data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable database if DV provider
 - Participate in their local homeless coalition under direction of Balance of State
 - Assist in set-up of and participation in the Coordinated Entry System
 - Provide a 25% match for all funds (cash or in-kind)



Other Information

- New projects can apply for money available through reallocation and bonus amounts
- HUD Continuum of Care Grant is a reimbursement grant
 - Draws are made quarterly at a minimum
 - Draws are made through HUD's eLOCCS system



Application Process

- Arkansas Balance of State Collaborative Applicant will receive Notice of Funding Opportunity from HUD and share with full continuum
- Applicants will create project application in e-Snaps
 - Applications will be saved as PDFs
 - Applications and necessary documentation will be submitted through system



Application Process

- Applicants should review the project instructions released by HUD before and during writing of application
- Applications from esnaps and documentation will be sent to Collaborative Applicant by set deadline then forwarded to Rank and Review Committee
- Rank and Review committee will review the applications, score those, and then rank those according to HUD Priorities into Tier 1 and 2 by the Annual Renewal Demand



Application Process

- Application Scoring Process
 - New Projects
 - Scored primarily on the strength of their application and past experience delivering related services in addition to threshold criteria
 - Renewal Projects
 - Scored primarily on their previous year's performance data and threshold criteria



CoC Programs

- **CoC programs fund the following projects:**
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
 - Joint component Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH+RRH)
 - Transitional Housing (TH)
 - Supportive Services only for Coordinated Entry
 - HMIS



CoC Programs

Planning, CE, and HMIS are guaranteed funding components IF:

- HMIS and CE are ranked in Tier 1
- Planning application is submitted through the CoC



CoC Project Descriptions

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Provides permanent open-ended housing assistance and services to people who are chronically homeless and have disabilities
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
 - Provides housing without designated length of stay where the agency provides short or medium-term rental assistance and services to people who are homeless



CoC Project Descriptions

- **Transitional Housing**
 - Provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing

Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing
Combines TH and RRH



FY 2024 HUD's Homeless 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
- Using a Racial Equity Lens
- Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
- Partnering with Persons with Lived Experience
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply



Housing First Approach

- Prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing
- Does not have service participation requirements or preconditions
- Projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing
- CoC should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness
- CoCs should engage landlords and work to remove barriers



Preparing to Apply

- What are the community needs?
 - Review your LHC PIT Count Data
- Are there other similar projects in your area and data?
 - www.hudexchange.info/grantees/ar-503/
- What is your budget?
 - Project Costs
 - Quantity of Staff Needed
 - Proposed Services



Preparing to Apply

- Does your agency have the capacity and knowledge to manage federal funding?
- Do you have community partners to assist with your program?
- How many persons do you expect to serve?



Preparing to Apply

Are you focusing on a specific population?

- Veterans
- Youth (under 25)
- Families with Children
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Illness
- HIV/AIDS
- Chronic Homeless



Eligible Program Costs

- Administrative (up to 10% of the total budget)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Rental Assistance
- Leasing
- Operating Costs
- Supportive Services
- Acquisition
- New Construction
- Indirect Costs (in accordance with 2 CFR 200, subpart E)



Application Information Needed

- Supportive Project Data
- Geographical Information to support Demonstrated Need
- Number of Units requested for Number Planned to Serve
- SF 424
- HUD form 2991
- Match documentation
 - Letter(s) or MOU(s) for cash and in-kind match
- Active SAM status



Application Overview

- Disclosures/Assurances specific to Agency
- Experience of the Applicant
- Project Description
- Specific details of milestones
- Housing First Determination
- Description of Supportive Services to be provided
- Housing Type and Location
- Program Participants-Subpopulation and Number to Serve



Application Overview

- Rental Assistance Details (if applicable)
- Budget Specifics
- Match Source and Detail
- Attachments of Supportive Documentation
- Attachments of MOUs



Application Process: Project Thresholds

- Projects must answer yes to the following thresholds or they will be rejected:
 - Does or Will the project utilize the Housing First Model?
 - Does the project commit to follow the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures when implemented?
 - Does or Will the project participate in HMIS or an equivalent database?



Application Process: Project Thresholds

- Projects must answer yes to the following thresholds or they will be rejected:
 - Is the project able to meet match requirements?
 - Do renewal projects greater than 1 year have a spending rate of at least 80% on their total grant award?
 - Renewal projects can submit a justification regarding spending below this threshold to the rank and review committee



Application Process: Project Thresholds

- Projects must answer yes to the following thresholds or they will be rejected:
 - Does the project accept all families with children 18 and under without regard to age or gender?
 - Does the project have a staff person responsible for ensuring that children are enrolled in school and connected to services in the community?



Application Process: Project Ranking

- Projects will be accepted, accepted with required modifications, or rejected
 - Projects will be immediately rejected if they do not pass the initial threshold requirements
 - Modified or rejected projects may appeal (see ARBoS Appeal Policy)



Application Process: Project Ranking

- Accepted projects are ranked in either Tier 1 or Tier 2
 - Tier 1 is typically 90% of the Annual Renewal Demand
 - Tier 2 funding is based on overall application score
 - Higher tiers and higher scores are more likely to receive funding
- Permanent Housing Projects will be ranked higher than Transitional Housing Projects



Rank and Review Committee

- The following are general specifications regarding the committee:
 - Voting members will consist of individuals from agencies not submitting a CoC application
 - Will review all submitted project applications
 - Will rank applications according to HUD priorities
 - Will determine if budget revisions are needed and will communicate to the applicant



Rank and Review Committee

- The following are general specifications regarding the committee:
 - Will submit letters to all applicants as to whether they are accepted, accepted with modifications, or rejected
 - Will give applicants information on timeline to modify and resubmit application, if needed
 - Will submit all applications with ranking information to collaborative applicant to submit to HUD



Application Timeline

- HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is announced
 - Collaborative Applicant (CA) will share all pertinent program information as follows:
 - Through email to full board
 - On BoS website (www.arboscoc.org)
 - On BoS facebook (Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care)
 - Applications due to CA in eSnaps 30 days prior to HUD submission deadline



Application Timeline

- Rank and Review Committee reviews applications and ranks according to HUD priorities
 - Will work with applications on any concerns
- If an appeal is made, those will be reviewed before the final results are submitted to the CA
- Rank and Review will submit results to CA before HUD submission deadline



Lessons Learned

- Very important to answer questions fully in accordance with HUD project application instructions
 - FY 2024 instructions for example:
 - <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY-2023-CoC-Application-Detailed-Instructions-Revised-08-10-23.pdf>



Lessons Learned

- Ensuring we are collaborating with state partners:
 - ESG Team
 - HMIS Team
 - DV Service Providers/ACADV
 - State and Local Education Agencies
- Making sure that projects meet HUD priorities
- Compliance with Housing First
- Providing Specific Data



Additional Resources

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc>
- https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/health_coc-program-interim-rule/
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/faqs/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SPM/documents/Continuum_of_Care_Competition_and_Noncompetitive_YHDP.p](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SPM/documents/Continuum_of_Care_Competition_and_Noncompetitive_YHDP.pdf)



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