



2023 CoC Pre-Application Workshop

August 1, 2023 3PM

2023 HUD CoC Annual NOFO

The Department of Housing & Urban Development released the FY 2023 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Opportunity on July 5, 2023.

Funding available through this NOFO for the Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC) region is as follows:

CoC Number and Name	PPRN	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus	CoC Planning
SC-503 Myrtle Beach, Sumter City & County CoC	\$4,250,880	\$3,232,042	\$3,005,799	\$297,562	\$425,088	\$212,544

What is the CoC

- ▶ The Continuum of Care (CoC) is Designed by HUD to:
 - ▶ Promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
 - ▶ Coordinate and make recommendations for HUDs allocation of funding for nonprofit providers, and State and local governments that are quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness;
 - ▶ Promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

CoC Funding Structure

HUD designates CoCs to HUD Awards the CoC (TCHC) Annual allocation that they coordinate a combined or consolidated application.

Local applicants apply to the CoC for project rating and ranking. The ranking gets placed into a project funding tier and is submitted to HUD for their review and approval.

ECHO is the designated lead agency by the CoC and they coordinate administrative duties including CES, HMIS and compliance.

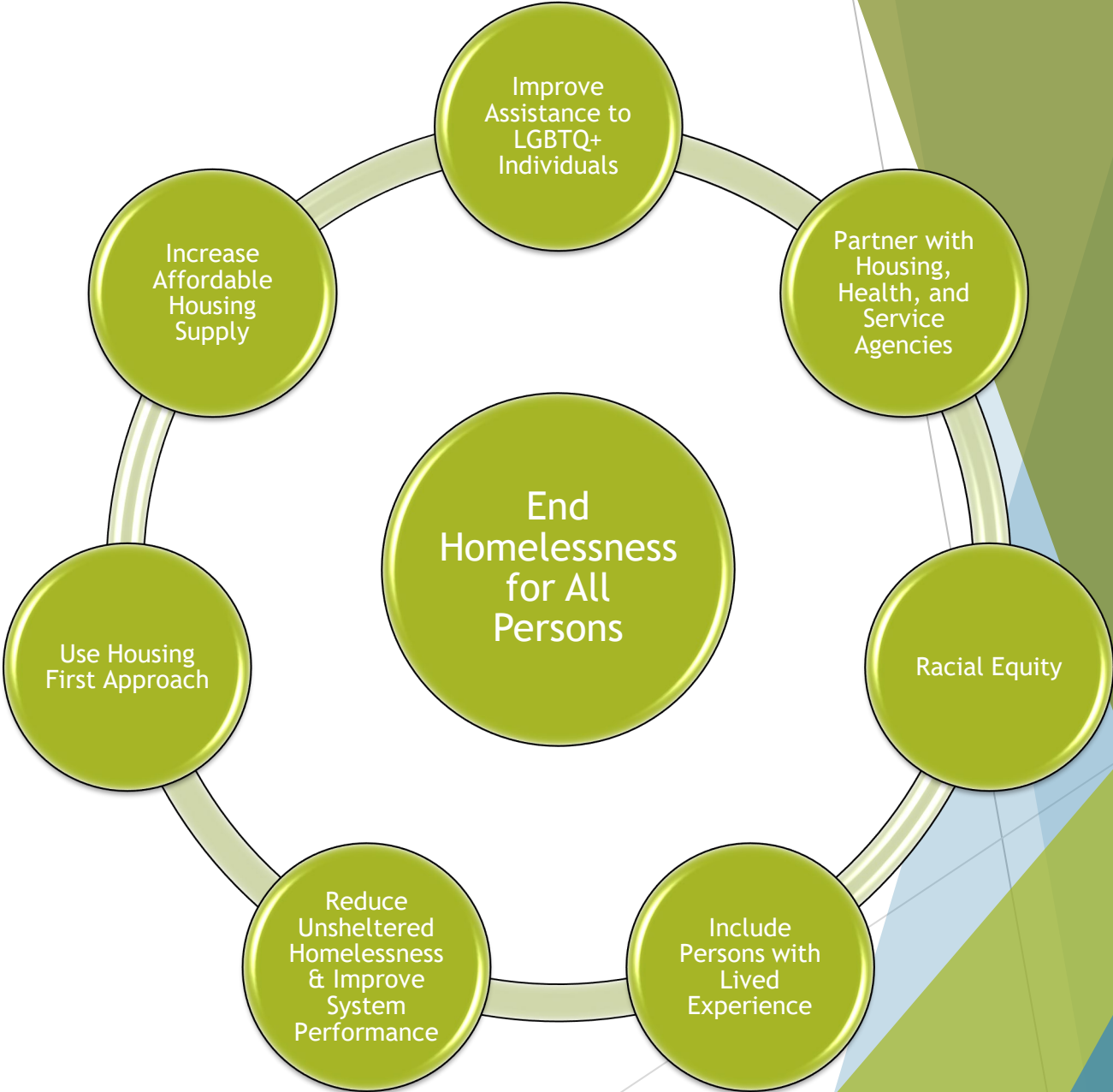
HUD's Strategic Goals

- ▶ HUD's FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan sets the direction and focus of programs and staff and lays out this administration's strategy for ensuring everyone has an affordable, healthy place to live.
- ▶ HUD indicated that the following goals from the plan are applicable to the 2023 NOFO:
 1. Support Underserved Communities
 2. Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing
 3. Promote Homeownership
 4. Advance Sustainable Communities

HUD expects CoCs to consider the policy priorities established in the strategic goals, the policy priorities established in this NOFO, and local priorities to determine the ranking of new and renewal project application requests.

Projects selected for funding will be expected to establish a plan to track progress related to those goals, objectives, and measures. HUD will monitor compliance with the goals, objectives, and measures.

HUD's Policy Priorities



CoC Competition Timeline

Date	Activity Details
July 27, 2023	Application Period Open
August 9, 2023 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Mandatory e-snaps Training
August 29, 2023	New and Renewal Project Applications Due to the CoC
September 1 - September 10, 2023	Technical Review & Rating Committee meets to review applications
September 12, 2023	Special CoC Board meeting to approve CoC application submission
September 13 - September 18, 2023	Applicant notification and appeal process
September 19, 2023	CoC Board reviews appeals, if needed. Approved CoC Project Priority Listing posted to the CoC website
September 26, 2023	CoC Consolidated Application posted publicly on the CoC website
September 28, 2023	CoC Consolidated Application and Project Applications submitted to HUD

What is New in 2023

- ❑ Tier 1 on the priority listing is less than last year's competition (93% vs 95%)
- ❑ CoC Bonus and DV Bonus amounts for new projects are higher
- ❑ CoC Planning Grant Increase from 3% to 5% of FPRN
- ❑ HUD added new budget line items for new eligible CoC costs associated in two categories.
 - ❑ **2022 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Cost Budget Line Items:** Per the VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022, this BLI allows CoC grants to be used for facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure and monitor compliance with VAWA's emergency transfers provision and confidentiality protections. For additional details about this BLI see the NOFO.
 - ❑ **Rural Costs Budget Line Item:** BLI allows CoC grants to be used to address barriers to transitioning families in rural areas to permanent housing and additional activities to increase capacity to address the unique challenges CoCs face when serving people experiencing homelessness in rural areas. For additional details about this BLI, see the NOFO. *Projects that serve clients in the following counties qualify for the Rural Costs BLI: Clarendon, Williamsburg, Marion, Georgetown, Dillon, Marlboro, Chesterfield, and Lee.*

What's New in 2023 Continued

The VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022 changes the criteria for survivors whom HUD must consider as “homeless” under CoC and other HUD Programs.

- ▶ All projects funded through FY 2023 NOFO must include the definition in their eligibility criteria for program participants.
- ▶ For the purposes of the CoC Program and other HUD programs, the VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022 expanded the HUD definition of “homeless” to include any individual or family who is:
 - ▶ Experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual’s or family’s current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
 - ▶ Has no other safe residences; and lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

Threshold Criteria

- Active Participation in the CoC
- Participation in Mandatory E-Snaps Training (New Requirement)
- Coordinated Entry Participation
- Housing First Participation
- Documented and Secured Minimum Match
- Application is complete and data is consistent
- Project Costs are eligible
- Acceptable organizational audit/ financial review

Eligible Project Types

- ▶ HUD requires communities to conduct a local competition to determine which projects will be included in the CoC's application to HUD that includes a project ranking list.
- ▶ Two categories of projects - Renewal Project and New Projects

Eligible Project Types:

1. Permanent Housing
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Rapid Rehousing
2. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
3. Supportive Services Only (for Coordinated Entry)
4. Dedicated HMIS (HMIS Lead Only)

Competition Selection Process

HUD requires CoCs to rank project applications in two tiers reflecting HUDS funding priorities, local need, and a data-driven evaluation process evaluating individual project performance. Prior to the ranking process, the CoC will conduct a performance evaluation of all projects.

Threshold Review:

- HUD will conduct a project eligibility, project quality, and for renewals a project renewal threshold review on each grant submitted by the CoC.
- If a project does not meet HUD's threshold review, it will not be funded, and HUD will remove it from the project listing.
- The CoC will conduct its own threshold review to ensure projects meet local requirements.

Tier 1 Projects:

- Tier 1 is set at 93% of the FPRN. HUD typically has enough funding to award all Tier 1 projects in communities across the Country. Tier 1 projects are considered relatively "safe" from funding cuts.

Tier 2 Projects:

- Projects in Tier 2 are considered at a higher risk of not being funded.
- Tier 2 projects are scored by HUD according to the federal funding levels and policy priorities

Eligible Costs

- Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or new construction of PSH
- Leasing or Rental Assistance
- Supportive Services (§ 578.53)
 - Moving Costs
 - Childcare
 - Transportation
 - Utility Deposits
 - Case Management
- Operating Costs (§ 578.55) TH and PSH-Leasing Only
 - Maintenance and repair
 - Property taxes and insurance
 - Electric, gas, and water
 - Furniture and equipment
- HMIS
- Project Administration - up to 10% for new projects

Budgets: New Project Applications

- ❑ Develop your proposed budget according to the number of households you are proposing to serve along with the staff and program resources needed to run the program successfully
- ❑ Be detailed in your description of each line item
- ❑ If requesting rental assistance, complete the chart in the application with the number of requested units to calculate the total rental assistance costs (Applicants cannot ask for more than Fair Market Rents)
- ❑ New Projects selected for inclusion in the CoC priority list may need to adjust their budgets or household served estimations according to the total funding allocated by the CoC

Important Notes for Project Applicants

- ▶ **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).** Project applicants must discuss how they will carry out the proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and how applicants will meet the requirements of the definition of AFFH at 24 CFR 5.151. Applicants may propose activities that are consistent with their jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments (AI), an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), or other means of fair housing planning that meaningfully supports their AFFH certification.
- ▶ **Youth.** Youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO. Any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under or families headed by youth aged 24 and under who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements under prior NOFOs or the CoC Rule.

Important Notes for Project Applicants

- ▶ HUD is prioritizing How Agencies Address the Needs of **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Individuals**.
- ▶ HUD want to know how each Agency Involves Individuals with **Lived Experience** of Homelessness in the delivery of services and decision-making process. In addition, HUD wants to know if and how these individuals are provided professional development and employment opportunities.
- ▶ **SAM Registration & UEI Number Requirement.** Applicants must be registered and provide a valid UEI number.
- ▶ **Code of Conduct.** All project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD. If not on file with HUD the applicant must attach their approved Code of Conduct to the application.
- ▶ **2023 FMRs for Rental Assistance Budgets.** Because the application submission deadline falls in FY 2023, HUD will use FY 2023 FMRs for funding amounts

Submission Requirements

- ▶ Applicants will submit their project applications in e- snaps.

- ▶ Renewal Applicants must submit to the TCHC secretary at tchc.coc.secretary@gmail.com:
 - TCHC Narrative Form
 - Organizations most recent audit or financial statement
 - Board Roster - identify any board members that have lived experience with homelessness
 - Policy and procedure on screening participants for potential mainstream benefits and specific plan for helping them access those benefits.
 - Policy and procedure or outreach logs that describe or document how the program applicant conducts outreach outside of the organization, specifically individuals and families that are least likely to ask for housing resources

- ▶ New Grantee Documents to TCHC secretary at tchc.coc.secretary@gmail.com:
 - TCHC Supplemental Narrative Form (Specific DV form for DV applications)
 - Organization Policy and Procedure/Operational Manual
 - Project Policy and Procedure/ Operational Manual (if different from P&P above)
 - Financial Policies and Procedures (if not included in one of the above-mentioned documents)
 - Organizational Bylaws
 - Board Roster - identify any board members that have lived experience with homelessness
 - Organizations most recent audit or financial statement

Resources

- ❑ NOFO Questions: CoCNOFO@hud.gov
- ❑ e-snaps Technical Assistance: e-snaps@hud.gov
- ❑ CoC Website tchcsc.org
- ❑ [24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM](#)
- ❑ [HUDexchange: CoC Program](#)
- ❑ [e-snaps Portal](#)
- ❑ [FY 2023 CoC Program Competition: Funding Opportunity - HUD Exchange](#)
- ❑ [2022 New Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide \(2023 Coming Soon\)](#)
- ❑ [2022 Renewal Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide \(2023 Coming Soon\)](#)

Email CoC Questions at tchc.coc.secretary@gmail.com all questions must be submitted by August 23, 2023. Answers will be posted by August 26, 2023.

Next Up & Questions

- ▶ Mark Your Calendars! Mandatory E-Snaps Training August 9th at 1pm @ Pee Dee Mental Health Bevis Center: 125 East Cheves St, Florence, SC

