



## 2024 CoC Pre-Application Workshop

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# 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 to nonprofit providers, State and local governments that are used to 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

Through the NOFO competition HUD provides the CoC (TCHC) region an annual allocation that the CoC submits a combined or consolidated application. HUD designates the CoC to conduct a local project competition as part of the NOFO process.

Local applicants apply to the CoC for project rating and ranking. Approved applications get 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 program/ system compliance.

# HUD COC 2024 NOFO

- ▶ Preliminary Funding - Estimated ARD is 90% (Tier 1)

## AVAILABLE FUNDING

<b>CoC Number and Name</b>	<b>Estimated ARD</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>CoC Planning</b>	<b>CoC Bonus</b>	<b>DV Bonus</b>
SC-503 -Sumter City & County CoC	\$4,768,251	\$3,011,727	\$247,400	\$593,760	\$742,200

# HUD Policy Priorities

- ▶ The work funded through this NOFO will support the actions and strategies proposed within the six pillars of the 2022 - 2026 USICH Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness:
  - ▶ Equity
  - ▶ Data and evidence
  - ▶ Collaboration
  - ▶ Housing and Supports
  - ▶ Crisis Response
  - ▶ Homelessness Prevention
- ▶ CoCs will be evaluated based on the extent to which they further HUD's policy priorities. The policy priorities listed this year remain the same from the 2022 NOFO; however, there is an emphasis on including people who are currently or have previously experienced homelessness to be included in the local planning process.

# What is New in 2024

- **Changes to Tiering:**

Tier 1 is set at 90 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). In FY 2023 Tier 1 was set at 93 percent. This means that the project competition at a national level will be more competitive.

- **2-Year NOFO:**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, authorizes HUD to issue a single two-year NOFO for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The application and selection process for the FY 2024 funds awarded through this NOFO will proceed much like it has in prior-year competitions. However, CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to the FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds. Projects that are awarded FY 2024 funds may be eligible for award of FY 2025 funds using their FY 2024 application submission and are not required to apply for renewal for FY 2025 funds.

# What is New in 2024

- **DV Reallocation**

In this NOFO, HUD has expanded reallocation to include DV Reallocation. HUD establishes these terms to distinguish between funding sources that must continue to serve the same populations of the projects being reallocated.

CoCs may reallocate eligible Renewal projects that were previously funded, in whole or in part, with DV Bonus funding to create DV Reallocation projects that are dedicated to serving the same population. New DV Reallocation projects must be 100 percent dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act [see sections I.B.2.b.(24) and III.B.4.a.(4) of the NOFO for more information].

- **Cost of Living Adjustments**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 authorizes HUD to make reasonable cost of living adjustments to renewal amounts to help afford increasing cost of operations due to inflation. See section V.D.2. of the NOFO for more information.

# Renewal Project Types

## Eligible Project Types for Renewal:

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



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# New Projects: DV Bonus Project Types

DV Bonus funding may be used for new projects and/or to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

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# Expansion Projects

The process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants. The expansion project (i.e., the existing renewal project and the new expanded portion of the project) must meet the conditions below:

- A. The renewal project and the new expanded portion of the project must both have the same component type.
- B. Eligible project components: PH-PSH, PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO-CE, or HMIS · The new expanded portion of the project may be funded through reallocation, DV Bonus, and/or the CoC Bonus.
- C. If using DV Bonus funds, the new expanded portion of the project is solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking
- D. If using DV reallocation funds, to expand an existing renewal project that is not currently dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to dedicate additional beds, units, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants of this population, the entire project, including the renewal project being expanded, must serve 100 percent individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Once an expansion and its accompanying renewal application are submitted and ranked, applicants will submit a combined application for the competition.

# Consolidated Projects

Eligible renewal project applicants will continue to have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects into one project application during the application process. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted. To be eligible for consolidation, the renewal projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component.

HUD will not permit a transitional housing and a permanent housing project to consolidate to form a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and will not permit a transition grant to be consolidated with any other project.

To apply for a consolidated grant, applicants must submit separate renewal project applications for each of the grants that are proposed to be consolidated, and each project application must identify that it is part of a consolidation. Project applications for the grants that are proposed to be consolidated will be ranked, and if all grants are selected, HUD will award the single consolidated grant. If one of the grants proposed to be consolidated is found to be ineligible for consolidation or is not selected, HUD will award all grants that are eligible for renewal and selected as separate grants.

# Transition Grants

A Transition grant can be used to transition a renewal project from one program type to another eligible project type over a one-year period. For a new project to be considered a Transition grant, the applicant for the new project must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal grant being transitioned through reallocation.

The new transition project must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- A. The renewal project being transitioned was not originally awarded with DV Bonus funding (DV Renewal)
- B. The current renewal project recipient must have the consent of its Continuum of Care; and
- C. The new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD

Recipients of a renewal project that are interested in applying for a new transition grant must notify TCHC by email no later than September 13th at 5pm. TCHC will work with recipients that have requested a transition grant to determine if the transition from one project type to another is eligible, feasible, and is in line with CoC priorities.

Transition grants HUD conditionally awards in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition will have one year to fully transition from the original project type to the new project type during the normal operating year once HUD executes the grant agreement.

# 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
- VAWA Costs - moving costs, travel costs, security deposits, utility costs, housing fees, case management for emergency transfers, etc.
- Project Administration - up to 10% for new projects

# CoC Threshold Criteria

- Participation in E-SNAPS training on September 17, 2024 in Florence
- Submit Intent to Apply Form and Agreement
- Coordinated Entry Participation (must participate in HMIS)
- Housing First and Low Barrier Implementation
- Document, secured minimum match of at least 25% of the CoC funds requested (excluding leasing budget line item)
- Active CoC Participation
- Demonstrate the financial and management capacity to be able to administer federal funds including acceptable organizational audit/financial review

# What is Housing First

- Direct, or nearly direct, placement of targeted or prioritized homeless people into permanent housing
- Supportive services are offered and readily available but are not required to remain in housing.
- Assertive outreach to engage and offer housing to homeless people, including unsheltered people
- Low demand approach that accommodates client alcohol and/or substance use and symptoms of mental illness
- Continued effort to provide case management





## What is NOT Housing First

- Mandating sobriety or compliance with treatment
- Prohibiting people from entering your program with criminal history or other barriers
- Requiring clients to “be ready” for housing
- Discharging a client for not participating in supportive services

# CoC Competition Timeline

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity Details</b>
<b>September 16, 2024</b>	<b>Intent to Apply/ Agreement Due</b>
<b>September 17, 2024</b>	<b>Mandatory E-Snaps Training</b>
<b>September 30, 2024</b>	<b>Project Applications Due to CoC</b>
<b>October 1 - October 11, 2024</b>	<b>Technical Review &amp; Ranking Committee meets to review applications</b>
<b>October 15, 2024</b>	<b>Special CoC Board meeting to approve application submission</b>
<b>October 15 - October 18, 2024</b>	<b>Applicant notification and appeal process</b>
<b>October 18, 2024</b>	<b>CoC Board reviews appeals and makes amendments if necessary. Approved project applications posted to the CoC website.</b>
<b>October 23, 2024</b>	<b>Project applications and Collaborative Application submitted to HUD</b>

# Competition Selection Process

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

## **Tier 1 Projects:**

- 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.
- If a project does not meet HUD threshold review, it may not be funded, and HUD will move it down the Tier 2 list of projects.

## **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

# Budgets: New Project Applications

- ❑ Develop your proposed budget according to the number of households you are proposing to serve, and 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 application may need to adjust their budgets or household served estimations according to the total maximum funding available

# Renewal Application Submission Requirements

Renewal Applicants submit to TCHC secretary @ [tchc.coc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto: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/ Expansion Project Submission Requirements

- ▶ **Applicants will submit new/ expansion project applications in e- snaps.**
- ▶ **New Grantee Documents to TCHC secretary @ [tchc.coc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:tchc.coc.secretary@gmail.com):**
  - TCHC Supplemental Narrative Form ( Specific DV form for DV applications)
  - **Applicant Priority/ Unmet Needs One- Page Narrative:** How does your application serve a priority population/ meet an unmet need for those experiencing homelessness within the COC?
  - Organization Policy and Procedure/Operational Manual
  - Project Policy and Procedure/ Operational Manual
  - 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](mailto:CoCNOFO@hud.gov)
- e-snaps Technical Assistance: [e-snaps@hud.gov](mailto:e-snaps@hud.gov)
- [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) \(washoecounty.gov\)](https://washoecounty.gov)
- [24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM](#)
- [HUD Exchange: CoC Program](#)
- [e-snaps Portal](#)
- [FY 2024 & FY 2025 CoC Program Competition: Funding Opportunity - HUD.gov](#)
- [2024 Renewal Project Detailed Instructions](#)
- 2024 Renewal Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
- [2024 New Project Detailed Instructions](#)
- 2024 New Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
- [FY 2024 Project Application HUD FAQs](#)
- Email CoC Questions @ [tchc.coc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:tchc.coc.secretary@gmail.com)

# Next Up & Questions

- ▶ Mark Your Calendars! Mandatory E-Snaps Training September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm @ Pee Dee Mental Health Bevis Center: 125 East Cheves St, Florence, SC

