

NOTICE of FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: CONTINUUM OF CARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO ADDRESS UNSHELTERED* AND *RURAL* HOMELESSNESS (SPECIAL NOFO)

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Ask a question: email SpecialCoCNOFO@hud.gov

*HUD is basing need for \$ to serve unsheltered person on the 2019 unsheltered Point-in-Time Homelessness Count. Since our 2019 unsheltered Point-in-Time Homelessness Count was six persons, we will not be competitive in applying for funds to address unsheltered homelessness. Since all 18 of our counties qualify as rural, we will be more competitive in applying for funds to “Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, including the CoCs plan to prioritize households with histories of unsheltered homelessness or those experiencing unsheltered homelessness currently.”

Eligible Funding Applicants:

Eligible project applicants for this Special NOFO are found at 24 CFR 578.15 and the Act and include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHEs (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103). Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion.

Eligible Project Clients:

1. HUD Homeless (unsheltered, in a shelter or transitional housing program, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence). “Doubled Up” are NOT eligible.
2. All projects must support the CoC's Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs as required by Section II.B.4.c of this NOFO and Section VII.B.4.e of this Plan asks CoCs to demonstrate how they will ensure resources awarded under this Special NOFO will contribute to reducing unsheltered homelessness in their geographic area and how they will prioritize assistance for individuals and families who are currently unsheltered or have histories of unsheltered homelessness. This means any project submitted as part of the CoC's application must support the CoC's Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, including the CoCs plan to prioritize households with histories of unsheltered homelessness or those experiencing unsheltered homelessness currently.

Eligible Projects / Costs:

See pages 24 – 30 for project “threshold requirements.”

1. Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing or Rapid Rehousing
2. Street Outreach
3. Supportive Services
4. Homeless Management Information System
5. “Projects applying for funding through the Rural Set Aside may request funding for acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation. Any costs awarded for acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation must also meet the requirements of the CoC Program interim rule at 24 CFR Part 578. Some of the pertinent requirements related to your question include:
 - Proof of site control must be provided within 24 months of the announcement of the award (24 CFR 578.21(c)). Acceptable evidence of site control can be found at 24 CFR 578.25
 - Construction and rehabilitation activities must begin within 9 months of signing the grant agreement and must be completed within 24 months of signing the grant agreement. Activities that cannot begin until construction is completed must begin within 3 months of the date that construction activities are completed (24 CFR 578.85(b))”
6. Rent or utility assistance after 2 months of nonpayment of rent or utilities to prevent eviction or loss of utility service. Funds may be used to pay rent or utility arrear payments up to 6 months on behalf of program participants residing in permanent housing.
7. Short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters, either directly or through vouchers.
8. Repairs, (such as insulation, window repair, door repair, roof repair, and repairs) that are necessary to make housing habitable to be used for transitional or permanent housing by people experiencing homelessness. The total cost of repairs may not exceed \$10,000 per structure.
9. Capacity building activities. Capacity building activities are those activities that maintain or improve the skills of recipients. Eligible capacity building activities include employee education, job training, staff retention activities such as financial incentives to staff, paying for continuing education opportunities, cross training within an organization, staff training and professional licensing or certification, and other professional development activities. An applicant may apply for up to 20% of funds requested as part of the project, including project administrative costs, for capacity building activities.

10. Emergency food and clothing assistance. The cost of providing meals or groceries and clothing to program participants are eligible costs.
11. Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs to house homeless individuals and families.

Maximum funds available to our CoC:

CoC total of \$1,451,985.

Grants require 25% match of funds requested. If your agency does the unit leasing (instead of providing rental assistance where the client is on the lease, the agency leasing \$ does not need to be matched. Match \$ cannot be providing match to other grants. More info on match [HERE](#).

Grant Terms

- 3-5 years: acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation (2 years to complete the acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation, and require the remaining grant activities to serve program participants for 3 years.)
- 3 years: all other projects

Detailed Instructions for New Project Applications.

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 at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conduct. If the organization's Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD's website, the project applicant must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in e-snaps.

E-snaps

E-snaps online application system must be used. Click [HERE](#) for links to Get Started in *e-snaps*, *Navigating e-snaps*, and *Apply for Project Funds*.

e-snaps Project Application Navigational Guide

CoC Deadlines:

- By FRI AUG 12 Noon: Contact Justin Vorbach (justinv@swmhp.org or 507.530.2942) and indicate if you plan to apply for these funds.
- WED SEP 7 Noon: Grant draft applications due. Email pdfs to justinv@swmhp.org
- TH SEP 8, 10 – 12: CoC Meeting. Review of Draft of CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs
- FRI SEP 9, 10 - 12: Grant Scoring and Ranking Meeting

- WED SEP 12 Noon: Feedback on grant first drafts returned to applicants. CoC notifies project applicants about whether their projection application(s) will be accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing, rejected, or reduced by the CoC.
- FRI SEP 16 Noon: Grant second drafts applications due. Email pdfs to justinv@swmhp.org
- FRI SEP 23 Noon: Project Application Ranking is shared with CoC / Applicants
- FRI SEP 30 Noon: All Project Applications are submitted in e-snaps.
- FRI OCT 7 Noon: CoC posts (online) all parts of the Special NOFO Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application, the CoC Application attachments, and the CoC Priority Listing, and notifies key community members and stakeholders that the CoC Consolidated Application is available.
- TH OCT 13 10 – 12: CoC Meeting. Review of Final Submission and vote to approve.
- FRI OCT 14 Noon: Submission of Special NOFO Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application, the CoC Application Project Application attachments, and the CoC Priority Listing.

Project Scoring

Project Scoring Criteria	Description	Points
CoC Score	Score is determined in direct proportion to the score received on required questions from the CoC application. Not all CoC application questions are required for CoCs applying only for rural projects.	Up to 50 points
CoC Project Ranking	Score is determined based on the CoC's ranking of the project application.	Up to 40 points
Serving Structurally Disadvantaged Areas	A total of 10 points is available for applications that commit to serving individuals/families in geographic areas that have high levels of homelessness, housing distress, or poverty and are located where CoC services have been entirely unavailable, such as trust lands and reservations.	10 points
		Total: 100 Points

Points for CoC Collaborative Application:

SCORING AREAS	POINTS
Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	4
System Performance (up to 2020!)	18
Coordination and Engagement	8

CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs	59
1. Leveraging housing resources (new units, landlord recruitment)	18
2. Leveraging healthcare resources	10
3. Current strategy to identify, shelter, and house individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness	6
4. Updating CoC strategy to identify, shelter, and house individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness with data and performance	12
5. Identify and prioritize households experiencing or with histories of unsheltered homelessness	5
6. Involving Individuals with lived experience of homelessness in decision-making	8
7. Supporting underserved communities and supporting equitable community development	
Total (44.5 points needed to be considered for funding)	89

Other considerations:

- \$161,498 in reallocated funds, plus additional Domestic Violence bonus and CoC bonus funds are available for new grant applications via the regular CoC FY2022 NOFO. These grants do not require an emphasis on serving those with severe service needs, unsheltered status or those considered hardest to serve.