

Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (SW MN CoC) 2023 Local CoC Program Competition

Call for Projects\* / Anuncio de fondos disponibles\*\*

\*If you need assistance with this announcement or with applying due to disability, contact Abby Guilford, SW MN CoC Coordinator at [swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org](mailto:swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org) or (763) 458-9790. All questions about this announcement can also be directed to Abby Guilford.

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The Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (MN-511) is seeking project applicants for FY 2023 funding via the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program competition. HUD released its [Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2023-CoC-NOFO-Publication.pdf) for FY2023 Continuum of Care Program Competition (FR-6500-N-25) on July 5, 2023.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program ([24 CFR part 578](https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule_FormattedVersion.pdf)) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

This Call for Projects advises all potential applicants of the general requirements that must be met in any project application for consideration of submission to HUD through the [Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (CoC)](https://www.swmhp.org/communities-resources/continuum-of-care/) Local Competition.

New projects applications are welcome from any eligible and qualified applicant, including organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. Notify CoC Coordinator Abby Guilford ([swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org](mailto:swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org) or 763-458-9790) of intent to apply for a new project by Monday, July 31, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. All Draft Application submissions for both new and renewal projects are due by Monday, August 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. for the CoC Local Competition project reviews. They are to be emailed to [swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org](mailto:swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org) in PDF form. [E-snaps](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/) is the required online application system for the HUD CoC Program national competition.

For renewal projects: PDF file first draft applications are due by Monday, August 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. to [swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org](mailto:swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org).

For more detail, please review the [Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2023-CoC-NOFO-Publication.pdf) for FY2023 Continuum of Care Program Competition (FR-6300-N-25) and the [CoC Program Rule found in 24 CFR 578](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule_FormattedVersion.pdf).

1. Funding Available

The SW MN CoC is eligible to apply for $1,376,688 for existing renewal projects and new projects created through reallocation. This amount is called the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). The CoC is also eligible to apply for approximately $68,834 for CoC planning. Bonus funds for new projects to serve any eligible population are available, with the amount to be announced once published by HUD. Bonus funding specifically to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless under [HUD Homeless Definition Category 4](https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefinition_RecordkeepingRequirementsandCriteria.pdf) with the amount to be announced once published by HUD.

All renewal funding is for grant terms of one year, with the exception of new projects and those that include acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction.

1. New this year

Changes from previous NOFO are listed on [pages 5-10 of the NOFO.](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2023-CoC-NOFO-Publication.pdf)

1. Eligible Applicants Project Component Types for the Local Competition

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)). Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. Grants must only provide service in the “Southwest” region of Minnesota shown on the map [HERE](https://www.hmismn.org/coc-regions).

New and Renewal projects can receive more information from the 2023 Local Competition Guide found on the CoC website.

All other information regarding applicant eligibility, criteria, rating can be found in Section V of the [NOFO on pages 33 - 36.](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2023-CoC-NOFO-Publication.pdf)

1. Scoring

Local Applications will be scored and ranked using the SW MN CoC’s Scoring Tool found on the CoC’s website.

E. Matching Funds

[24 CFR 578.73](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule_FormattedVersion.pdf) provides the information regarding grant budget match requirements. Project applicants that intend to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for match.

F. Project Applications

New projects applications are welcome from any eligible and qualified applicant, including organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. First draft application submissions are due by Monday, August 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. [E-snaps](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/) is the required online application system for the HUD CoC Program national competition. For renewal projects: Draft applications in pdf format can be downloaded in pdf format and emailed by Monday, August 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. to swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org.

Required HUD national competition application (e-snaps) requirements for all projects:

* Complete, correct, and consistent Project Application, with complete and current Applicant Profile
* HUD required forms and attachments (in e-Snaps applicant profile and application)
* Project data as needed to complete the regional CoC Collaborative Application

G. Timeline

**FY2023 SW MN HUD CoC NOFO Timeline to Completion**

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| Date & Time | Event | Action | Notes |
| Wednesday, June 14 | Intent to Apply due | Send to Abby Guilford at [swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org](mailto:swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org) | Renewal projects |
| Tuesday, July 18 | Call for New and Expansion projects sent out | Contact Abby Guilford ([swmn.coordiantor@swmhp.org](mailto:swmn.coordiantor@swmhp.org)) | New, expansion projects |
| Monday, August 14 | Project application first drafts due: New, Renewal, Bonus, Planning | Email PDF to Abby Guilford at [swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org](mailto:swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org) | New, expansion, Renewal, Planning projects |
| Thursday, August 10 | SW MN CoC Meeting and progress review | Online and Willmar MN |  |
| Monday, August 21 | Initial feedback on project applications sent to app writers.  Applicants notified if their projects will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced. | Email will go out from Project Performance and Review Committee Members | New, expansion, renewal projects |
| Wednesday, August 23 | Project Ranking Meeting | Online meeting | Project Performance and Review Committee Members |
| Thursday, August 31 | Initial Ranking is posted on CoC website | Online posting | New, expansion, and renewal projects |
| Wednesday, September 6 | Appeals due | Email to Abby Guilford at swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org | Projects ranked in Tier 2 |
| Friday, September 8 | All project applications submitted in e-snaps. | Done in e-snaps by applicants. | New, expansion, renewal, planning projects |
| Monday, September 11 | Voting to approve Project Ranking & Collaborative Application is completed. | Email voting | CoC Governing Board |
| Wednesday, September 13 | Final Project Ranking and CoC Collaborative Application posted on CoC website. | <https://www.swmhp.org/communities-resources/continuum-of-care/> |  |
| Monday, September 25 | CoC Project Applications, Project Ranking, Project Planning Application and CoC Collaborative Application **Submitted!** | e-snaps |  |
| Friday, September 28 | ABSOLUTE Deadline to HUD |  |  |

H. HUD Resources and Technical Assistance

* [*e-snaps* Navigation and Application Resources](https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/)
* [**CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION Resource Page**](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition)
* [**Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care page**](https://www.swmhp.org/communities-resources/continuum-of-care/) with information on local features of the FY2023 Collaborative and Project Applications to Housing and Urban Development.