FY2024 CoC New Project Funding (HUD NOFO)

Information Session

August 16, 2024

9:00 am

Presentation Overview

1. Continuum of Care (CoC) Structure
2. CoC Funding Process
3. CoC Grants:
    a. Eligible projects
    b. Budget line items
    c. Eligible participants
    d. Threshold Requirements
    e. Rating Factors
4. Competition Timeline
5. FAQs + open time for Q&A

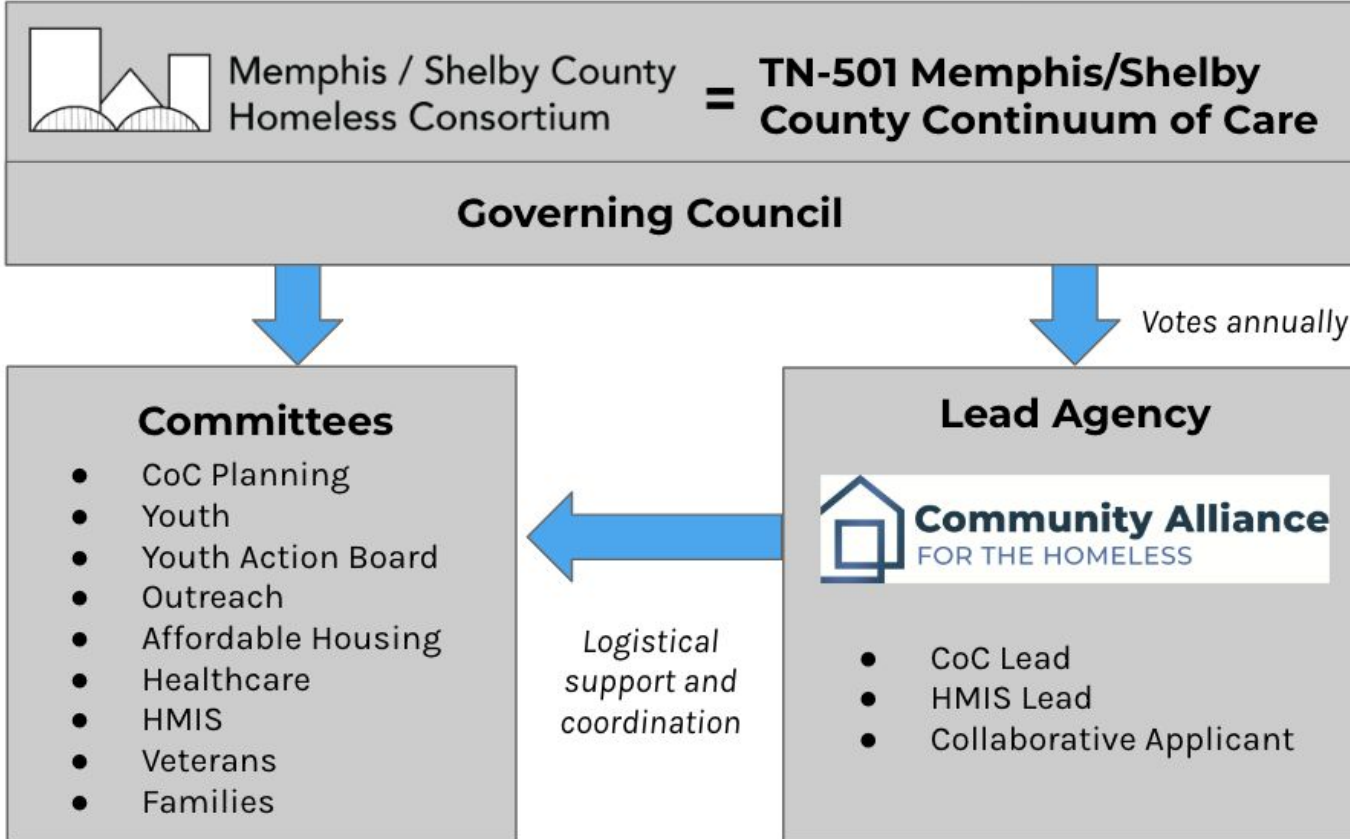# Continuum of Care Structure Overview

What is the Continuum of Care?

- Developed by Department of Housing & Urban Development in 1994
- Goal: promote coordination of federal homeless assistance programs within communities
- CoC can refer to the planning process, the stakeholders, the geographic area, or the funding itself
- Approximately 400 CoCs in the USA
- Each CoC has a Lead Agency that oversees the following responsibilities:
  - Operating the CoC
  - Coordinated Assessment
  - Written standards for providing assistance
  - Designing/operating Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
  - Preparing application for CoC Program Funds

Local CoC Governance Structure

Memphis / Shelby County Homeless Consortium **=** **TN-501 Memphis/Shelby County Continuum of Care**

Governing Council

Votes annually

Committees

- CoC Planning
- Youth
- Youth Action Board
- Outreach
- Affordable Housing
- Healthcare
- HMIS
- Veterans
- Families

Logistical support and coordination

Lead Agency

Community Alliance
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- CoC Lead
- HMIS Lead
- Collaborative Applicant

Continuum of Care Funding Process

CoC Funding Process

HUD releases CoC Program NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) for fiscal year and local CoC publishes local timeline and deadlines

Applicants submit new or renewal project applications in e-snaps (HUD's grant application platform)

Community's Rank & Review Committee prioritizes projects based on performance evaluation, strategic resource allocation, and community impact

Prioritization list of new and renewal projects is submitted to HUD alongside community's Consolidated Application

HUD makes all final funding determinations based on project review, community's application score, and project prioritization list

- Largest annual federal funding source for homeless services and programs

- The NOFO is typically released in early summer, submitted late summer, awarded at the first of the year, and projects begin the following spring/ summer

CoC Funding Process

- All projects are reviewed and ranked by a committee formed from the Governing Council of the Memphis/Shelby County Homeless Consortium and community members.

- New and renewal projects are placed on *one* prioritization list and submitted to HUD

- Our community's total potential funding (PPRN) is pre-determined by HUD each year. Opportunities for new funding include:
  - Reallocation of existing project(s)
  - Bonus awards (if high-scoring consolidated community application)
    - CoC Bonus
    - Domestic Violence Bonus

CoC Funding Process

- Once local Rank and Review is complete, CAFTH submits all projects to HUD with a Collaborative Application. HUD makes the final determination of funding, and there is no guarantee all or any will be funded.

- Funding available **nationally: $3,500,000,000 (2024)**

- Funding _potentially_ available locally:

  - **$10,561,720** Memphis/Shelby County CoC ARD (2024)

  - **$1,863,553** YHDP ARD (2024)

  - **$1,064,960** DV Bonus Maximum (2024)

- **This year's NOFO released a two year application (2024/2025).**

2-year NOFO Process Application (FY24 and FY25)

- CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to the FY24 and FY25 funds.

- For projects awarded FY24 funds - the project may be eligible for FY25 funds using their FY24 application submission and are not required to apply for renewal for FY 25 funds

- Projects that will have to apply for FY25 funds:
  - Projects not awarded FY24 funds
  - Any applications for projects created through the reallocation of eligible YHDP renewal grants, including YHDP reallocation

Continuum of Care Grants

Eligible Project Types

What types of housing & services can you provide with a CoC HUD Grant?

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**
  - Long term, not time-limited
  - Chronically homeless with disability required

- **Rapid Rehousing (RRH)**
  - Short term, up to 24 months

- **Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)**
  - Combination, up to 24 months

More details on all of these can be found here:
https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/

Who Eligible Project can Serve

Participants eligible to be served by new projects, are as follows:

1. **New PH-PSH** projects awarded CoC funds must serve one of the following:
   a. persons eligible to be served by Dedicated PLUS projects as described in section Page 33 of 128 I.B.2.b.(5) of the 2024 NOFO
   b. persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project.

2. **New PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH,** and **SSO-CE projects** awarded CoC funds must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3, Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Who Eligible Project can Serve (cont'd)

Participants eligible to be served by New Projects, are as follows:

3. **New DV Bonus** and **DV Reallocation projects (RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH,** and **SSO-CE)** must serve 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, and stalking who qualify as homeless 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.

Project Requirements per HUD

Permanent Supportive Housing

Serves people experiencing chronic homelessness:

- Meets definition of literal homelessness for 1+ year continuously **OR**
4 or more times over the past 3 years with the time totaling 1 year

- Has a disability

Project Requirements per HUD

Rapid Rehousing or Joint TH-RRH

Updated (2023) Category 4 Definition of Homelessness:

- Is **experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or** 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 residence; and
- Lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

Project Service Requirements

Supportive Services Requirements:

- **Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)**. Recipients and subrecipients are required to make available supportive services to program participants for the entire duration of their residence in the project.
- **Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)**. Participants enrolled in this project component are expected to meet with their case management at least once per month. The location, duration, and content of such meetings will vary according to the program participant's need. Supportive services to RRH participants may be provided for up to six months after program exit. Note that while RRH participants are expected to engage in monthly case management, they should be able to decline participation in supportive services and have it not jeopardize their tenancy or enrollment in the program.
- **Transitional Housing (TH)**. Recipients and subrecipients must make supportive services available for program participants throughout the duration of their residence in TH and may provide supportive services for up to six months after program exit.

Eligible Budget Line Items

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)**
  - Acquisition/Rehab/New Construction *(not renewable and not for new DV Bonus projects)*
  - Administrative (up to 10%)
  - Leasing & Rental Assistance
  - Supportive Services
  - Operating Costs
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- **Rapid Rehousing**
  - Administrative (up to 10%)
  - Rental Assistance
  - Supportive Services
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)\

Eligible Budget Line Items

- **25% match** of "total" grant amount is required
  - Cash match
  - In-kind match

- Leasing line items do not require match

- Match must be documented with project application

- More info about Matching Requirements in the HUD Virtual Binders:

https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/match-requirements/

Project Requirements per HUD

- All projects must follow **Housing First** principles
  - Evidence-based practice to ending homelessness
  - Housing <u>first</u>, *then* paired with <u>services</u>

- Must agree to house individuals or families regardless of:
  - Having too little or no income
  - Active or history of substance abuse
  - Having a criminal record
  - History of victimization

- Must agree to ***not*** terminate individual or family for:
  - Failure to participate in supportive services
  - Failure to participate in religious activities
  - Failure to make progress on a service plan
  - Loss of income or failure to improve income
  - Any other activity not covered in a typical lease agreement

Project Requirements per HUD

All program participants are referred through the CoC's <u>Coordinated Entry System</u>.

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a collaborative community response to anyone experiencing homelessness. It provides streamlined and equitable access to housing interventions for people experiencing homelessness in Memphis/Shelby County.

The Coordinated Entry System contains access points for populations, who are assessed and prioritized based on vulnerability and eligibility, then referred to CoC-funded housing programs.

More on our website here:
https://www.cafth.org/coordinated-entry-system/

Project Application Requirements

All New Project Requirements:

1. Full Submitted Application in e-snaps
2. Completed Housing First Agreement
3. Completed Coordinated Entry Agreement
4. Potential Interview with the Rank & Review Committee (Oct.4th)

Dv Bonus New Project Additional Requirements:

5. DV Bonus Supplemental Application
6. Completed Comparable Database Agreement

Threshold Criteria & Rating Factors

Threshold Criteria

Your project should be grounded in the following HUD policy priorities:

- Ensuring racial equity
- Building an effective workforce
- Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals
- Including persons with lived experience/expertise
- Increasing affordable housing supply
- Ending homelessness for all persons
- Use a housing first approach.
- Reducing unsheltered homelessness
- Improving system performance.
- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies.

Threshold Eligibility Criteria

The Applicant must:

- Have an accounting financial management system that satisfies HUD requirements (Ex: Accountant).
- Have **no** outstanding delinquent federal debts.
- Have **no** debarments/suspensions from doing business with federal government.
- Disclose any violations of Federal criminal law potentially affecting Federal award.
- Agree to participate in Coordinated Entry if funded
- Follow a Housing First approach
- Document the required 25% match
- Become a Memphis/Shelby County Homeless Consortium Member: Be a current Memphis/Shelby County Homeless Consortium Member: https://www.cafth.org/membership-portal-homepage/
- Have a current LiveGive Midsouth profile
- 501(c)3 designation (or be unit of government)
- Complete SAM and UEI Registration: www.sam.gov

Scoring Criteria for New Projects

(50%) - Agency Experience
> (15%) - Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds
> (15%) - Experience in performing activities proposed
> (10%) - Experience in leveraging other Federal, State, local, and private sector funds
> (10%) - Past performance with other CoC Projects (if applicable)

(50%) - Proposed Project
> (10%) - Project Scope
> (10%) - Supportive Services
> (10%) - Mainstream Benefits
> (10%) Housing Retention
> (10%) - Cost per unit/household compared to community average

Additional Scoring Criteria for DV Bonus Projects

DV Bonus - from Supplemental DV application
Only used to compare DV Bonus applications to other DV Bonus applications

(50%) - Agency Experience
> (10%) - Experience providing housing to DV survivors
> (10%) - Experience ensuring DV survivor safety
> (10%) - Experience evaluating ability to ensure DV survivor safety
> (10%) - Experience in using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches
> (10%) - Experience meeting service needs of DV survivors

(50%) - Proposed Project
> (40%) - New project implementation of trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches
> (10%) - Commitment to use the HMIS comparable database (CDB)

NOFO Competition Timeline

FY2024 CoC Competition Timeline

- **8/23/24**- Virtual e-snaps information session for both new and renewal projects at 10 am.

- **9/4/24**- Consumer surveys for renewal projects due by 3:00 pm.

- **9/13/24** (9-12pm) and **9/16/24** (1-4pm) - In person e-snaps office hours for new, renewal, and YHDP projects from 9 am to 12:00 pm.

- **9/27/24** - All new, renewal, DV, and YHDP project applications are due in e-snaps by **2:59:59pm CT.** All of the following are also due via email to Stephanie@cafth.org.
    - Housing First agreement
    - Coordinated Entry agreement
    - CDB agreement (DV Bonus Projects Only)
    - DV Bonus Supplemental Application (DV Bonus Projects Only)

FY2024 CoC Competition Timeline (cont'd)

- **10/3/2024**-Rank and Review committee meets for renewal applications.

- **10/4/2024**-Rank and Review committee meets for New and DV bonus applications.

- **10/4/2024**- Projects notified of ranking or rejection.

- **10/11/2024**-Deadline for appeal of rejection. All projects making an appeal of rejection must submit their appeal via email to Stephanie@cafth.org by Tuesday, October 11, 2024 at 9:59:59 am.

- **10/25/2024**- Public posting of Consolidated Application Draft and Prioritization List.

- **10/30/2024**- Deadline for public comments and submission to HUD.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) **How are new project applications submitted?**

   – All project applications are submitted in a platform called E-snaps. HUD's e-snaps website: esnaps.hud.gov

   – e-snaps toolkits: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/

2) **Where can I find detailed information about submitting a new project application?**

   – New project detailed instructions and navigational guides : https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY-2024-CoC-NEW-Application-Detailed-Instructions-7-31-2024.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions

3) Why are applications not submitted directly to HUD?
- HUD requires communities to come together to submit CoC applications to stimulate community-wide planning and coordination of programs
- Process also allows for local prioritization and determinations

4) Where can I go for more information as HUD releases it?
- ➜ 2024 CoC NOFO Local Competition Details: https://www.cafth.org/2024-coc-nofo/
- ➜ HUD Exchange CoC Resources: www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

Frequently Asked Questions

5) Can I submit a question to HUD about the NOFO?

Yes!

CoCs, Collaborative Applicants, and project applicants that require information and technical support concerning this NOFO and the application in e-snaps may submit an inquiry to

CoCNOFO@hud.gov

Frequently Asked Questions

6) What are my next steps, now that I've attended the New Project Information Session?

We recommend that you…

1) Read the notice, more than once! https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/Accessing-the-FY-2023-Project-Application.pdf
2) Go to the esnaps resources listed in the item #1 of the FAQ slides. Learn how to create a login and profile for your organization. https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/
3) Visit https://www.cafth.org/2024-coc-nofo/ frequently for updated information.
4) Go to our homepage and subscribe to our newsletter for notifications directly to you inbox! You will also see the link to join the Consortium.
5) Reach out with any questions, any time!

Thank you for attending!

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