

**HUD's Office of Special Needs
Assistance Programs**

**HUD's Funding
Opportunity:
Special NOFO to
Address Unsheltered
and Rural
Homelessness**

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AGENDA

Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Overview of HUD's Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- Collaboration with the CoC in Rural Areas

OVERVIEW OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)

What is a CoC

Nonprofits serving people experiencing homelessness

DV service providers

Faith-based organizations

Governments (State and Local)

Businesses

Advocates

Public Housing Agencies

School Districts

Social Service Providers

Mental Health Agencies

Hospitals

Universities

Affordable Housing Developers

Law Enforcement

People who are currently or formerly experiencing homelessness

What does a CoC do?

- Establish and operate a system to prevent and end homelessness for a defined geographic area
 - Operate the CoC
 - Design and operate a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
 - CoC planning
- Apply for CoC grants

Who are our CoCs?



CoC Program

Eligible Components

- Permanent Housing
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only
- HMIS

Eligible Costs

- Acquisition
- Rehabilitation
- New Construction
- Leasing
- Rental Assistance
- Operating
- Supportive Services
- HMIS
- Project Administrative
- CoC Planning
- Unified Funding Agency

HUD'S SPECIAL NOFO TO ADDRESS UNSHELTERED AND RURAL HOMELESSNESS

Special NOFO: Overview

- Approximately \$322 million is available through this Special NOFO, divided as follows:
 - \$54,500,000 for the Rural Set Aside
 - \$267,500,000 for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside
- CoCs that registered in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Registration are eligible to apply.
- Project applications must be submitted to the CoC to be included on the CoC Priority Listing. All projects must be rated and ranked on the appropriate project listing, including CoC Planning and UFA Costs.
- Grant terms will be 3-years.
- The deadline is October 20, 2022.

Special NOFO: Policy Priorities

- Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness
- In Rural Areas - Reduce Homelessness Amongst Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness and Those with Severe Service Needs
- Provide Assistance on Tribal Lands
- Involve a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness
- Advance Equity
- Use a Housing First Approach

Special NOFO: Set Asides within the Competition

- **Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside**
 - CoCs may apply for projects in an amount up to their FY 2022 PPRN or \$60,000,000, whichever is less
 - Projects may serve any geographic area of the CoC
 - HUD will select a CoC's projects for funding based on CoC score
- **Rural Set Aside**
 - CoCs may apply for projects in an amount up to 150% of the PPRN of the rural areas in their geographic area
 - Projects may only serve geographic areas within their CoC that meet the definition of "rural area"
 - HUD will select projects for funding based on a formula comprised of the following factors: CoC score, CoC ranking of the project on the priority listing, and serving structurally disadvantaged areas

Special NOFO: Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

- Leveraging Housing
- Leveraging Healthcare Resources
- Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness
- Updating the CoC's Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance
- Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness
- Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making
- Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development

Special NOFO: Eligible Project Types

- **Permanent Housing**
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
 - Permanent Housing- Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH)
- **Joint TH and PH-RRH**
- **Supportive Service Only**
 - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
 - Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
 - Standalone SSO
- **HMIS**
- **CoC Planning** (for Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside Only)
- **UFA Costs** (for Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside Only)

Special NOFO: Eligible Costs

- In general, all the activities eligible in the CoC Program will be eligible for projects awarded under this competition to carry out. Except:
 - Hard costs (acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation) will only be funded under the Rural Set Aside
 - CoC Planning and UFA costs will only be funded under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside
 - Additional eligible activities will be permitted for projects funded under the Rural Set Aside (see next slide)

New Eligible Costs - Rural Set Aside

- Projects requesting funding under the Rural Set Aside may also apply for the following eligible costs as part of their project:
 - Up to 6 months of rent or utility arrears after 2 months of nonpayment of rent or utilities;
 - Short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters, either directly or through vouchers;
 - Repairs, up to \$10,000 per structure, that are necessary to make housing habitable to be used for transitional or permanent housing;
 - Emergency food and clothing assistance;
 - Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs to house individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and
 - Capacity building activities.

Participant Eligibility

- Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside. Projects funded under this set aside must have the following eligibility for program participants:
 - Meet the criteria of paragraph (1) of the definition of homeless, except that persons coming from TH must have originally come from places not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, safe havens, or institutions where they resided for 90 days or less and originally came from places not meant for human habitation, safe havens, or emergency shelters
 - Meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless
- Rural Set Aside. Projects funded under this set aside may serve persons who:
 - Meet any of the criteria of the definition of homeless, except to serve persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (3) the CoC must receive HUD approval to do so

Other Project Requirements

- All projects funded under this Special NOFO must adopt and follow a Housing First approach
- All projects must pass eligibility and quality thresholds outlined in the NOFO to be considered for funding
- All applicants must demonstrate, in their project application, how they are consistent with the CoC's Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

PARTNERING WITH COCS

Partnering with CoCs

Why Partner?

- To attain common goals for sustained workforce development, strengthening community health, and improving quality of life
- To respond to the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 and the subsequent economic recession
- To influence a net-gain in affordable housing
- To support community-members who may need services to maintain housing
- To increase resources coming into rural communities

Partnering with CoCs

Connecting to your CoC:

- Use [CoC grantee contact information](#) to contact the CoC collaborative applicant; alternatively you could approach the HMIS lead, or a local grantee/service provider
- CoC's each have their own governing structures and priorities
- What kind of CoC am I trying to partner with?

Partnering with CoCs

Considerations for meaningful partnership:

- Center people and equity

Resources

- **HUDExchange:** <https://www.hudexchange.info>
- **HUDExchange CoC Program page:**
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>
- **CoC Special NOFO Webpage:**
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/specialCoCNOFO

Questions?

