Special NOFO Start up Session: Data Systems



Logistics

The Start Up Sessions will all be recorded and shared with communities

Please use the chat to ask questions throughout the session

There will be time to ask questions orally at the end of the session

Agenda

Questions from the Last Session

Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Setup

Reporting

Using Data to Inform Strategic Changes

eLOCCS

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Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Setup

Lead with People with Lived Experience

The data tells an important story about who is being served

Work with people with lived homeless experience to regularly analyze data

They will bring critical insights about what the data says (or doesn't say)

Ensure you have equitable representation when reviewing and analyzing data

What is HMIS?

What is Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)?

A local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of and experiencing homelessness.

Who owns the HMIS?

Each Continuum of Care (CoC) is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards.

What is HUD's Role in HMIS?

HUD establishes the data and technical standards, including what elements must be collected and rules around governance, data quality, privacy, and security.

What is a Comparable Database?

A comparable database is a database that is comparable to an HMIS in data collection and functionality.

The core difference – comparable databases must be unique to each provider and the data in that database can only be shared via aggregate data sharing (no personally-identifiable information – PII – can be shared).

Who uses a comparable database: Primarily victim service providers but could also include other organizations that are prohibited from using HMIS due to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

For more details on who should use a comparable database refer to HUD's <u>When to Use a Comparable Database</u> resource.

Basics of HMIS Project Setup

Correct project setup is critical.

Your HMIS System Administrator will be a crucial resource to ensure you setup your projects correctly in HMIS.

Look to your grant agreement to see what project types you should select in HMIS.

Determine whether to create a new project or expand the data collection for an existing project.

Rely on the <u>CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness</u> (Special NOFO) HMIS Project Setup Guidance when setting up projects.

Reporting

The recipient will be responsible for reporting (they should work with their HMIS Lead but the recipient will be responsible for submitting the reports).

Recipients will report quarterly. This report will include narratives and aggregate data on clients. Every 4th quarter (i.e., annually) the recipient will submit financial information.

HMIS,CES, CoC Planning, and UFA Costs grants will only report annually.

Reporting will occur after each fiscal quarter (January, April, July, October), beginning the first quarter after your project begins.

Recipients will have 30 days to submit the report.

Reporting

Recipients will report in HUD's <u>Sage HMIS Reporting Repository</u>.

Reporting on the aggregate data on clients will be the same as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Annual Performance Report. See the CoC Full APR template.

There will be a separate training on reporting in Sage.

Impact on Other HUD Reports

Projects associated with the Special NOFO will participate on all other HUD reports based on project type, including

- Housing Inventory Count (HIC),
- Point-in-Time (PIT) count,
- System Performance Measures (SPMs), and
- Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) data.

The intent is to see the impact that this effort has on your CoC's larger homeless response system.

Interactions with Other Partners

Stability Vouchers are an important permanent housing resource in your CoCs' homeless response efforts.

 We expect you to enter data on your stability vouchers in HMIS, similar to the expectation for HUD-VASH.

There are a lot of people interested to see the lessons learned from your efforts and the data that tells the story.

CoCs should be discussing what data they plan on sharing and with whom. We encourage you to work with local researchers as well as national research efforts, like the efforts by the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Determine what data you can share with other critical partners, like healthcare partners

• Consider whether data sharing is needed for strategic planning or service delivery, or both.

Privacy Considerations

Privacy considerations outlined in the <u>CES Notice</u> apply here, including:

- Written policies and procedures for obtaining consent to share and store client data, including information about specific disabilities.
- Client choice regarding what information they share.
- Client's not being denied housing or services for not providing data or for not consenting to share their data.

CoCs should ensure there is a grievance policy if there is a violation of their privacy or confidentiality.

CoCs should be evaluating their privacy notices to determine what changes are needed to align with their overall data strategy

For more information about implementing effective privacy practices, see the <u>Coordinated Entry Management and Data Guide</u>.

Using Data to Inform Strategic Changes

Create a regular time and place to review the data from your efforts.

These meetings should include people with lived homeless experience among, front line staff, and others who offer a broad perspective.

Make time to hear a qualitative analysis as part of this review.

Determine what changes you may need to make to your overall unsheltered strategy based on what you learn.

Use other visualization and data quality tools to evaluate your data, including <u>Stella P</u> and <u>Eva</u>.

Evaluate Whether Grant Changes are Needed

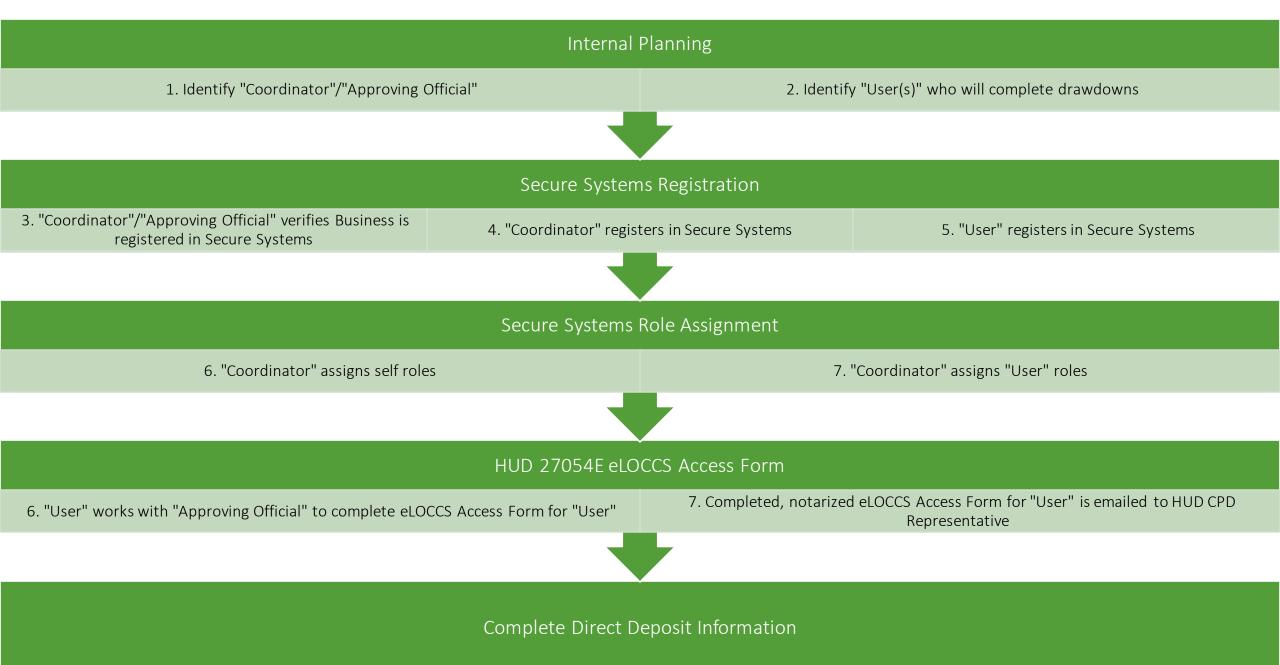
Determine based on your regular community analysis if you will need to make changes to specific grants.

If so, determine what changes are needed and why you need them.

Work with your HUD Field Office to determine what is possible and to make the appropriate changes to your grants.

eLOCCS & Secure Systems

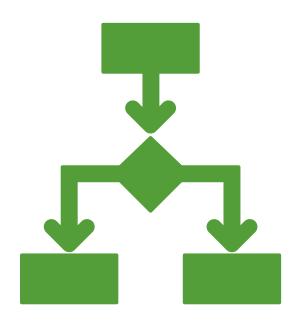
How to Obtain eLOCCS Access



Internal Planning: Staffing eLOCCS

Internal Planning

- Identify who the "Coordinator" (Secure Systems) and "Approving Official" (eLOCCS) is:
 - Must be above "User" in organizational chart
 - Final sign off on voucher and backup documentation review
- Identify who the "User(s)" of both Secure Systems and eLOCCS will be
 - Multiple "User(s)" in both systems is recommended
 - Drawdown access is enabled via eLOCCS



Secure Systems

Secure Systems is the "security check" to be able to get into eLOCCS

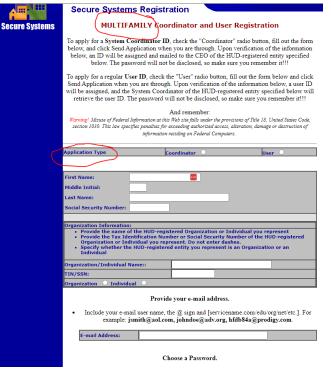
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M-ID will come via post mail for both "Coordinator" and "User"

 If "Coordinator" already has their M-ID and login information, the "User" doesn't have to wait for mailer- use "User Maintenance" function to look-up M-ID.

Assigning Roles:

"Coordinator" must assign the roles to both themselves and the "User(s)" before proceeding to the next step of completing the eLOCCS form. Use page 21 of the <u>eLOCCS</u> <u>registration guide</u> to assign roles.



Tips for Completing the eLOCCS Form

eLOCCS Form HUD-

27054E: <u>https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2705</u> <u>4E.pdf</u>

- Before starting with any form, always check with your HUD Field Representative or HUD Financial Analyst to ensure you have the most up to date version of the form!
- Don't forget page 2: Program area is "SNAP" and "Special Needs Assistance Program" - do NOT include an "S" at the end

Please note: Your M-ID is considered sensitive information and thus should be emailed to HUD via encryption service

Tips for Completing the Banking Form

SF-1199A Direct Deposit Sign Up

Form: <u>https://www.gsa.gov/system/files/SF1199A-20.pdf</u>

- Before starting with any form, always check with your HUD Field Representative or HUD Financial Analyst to ensure you have the most up to date version of the form!
- Block F should say "SNAP" (SNOFO/CoC program)

Planning for Draws from LOCCS

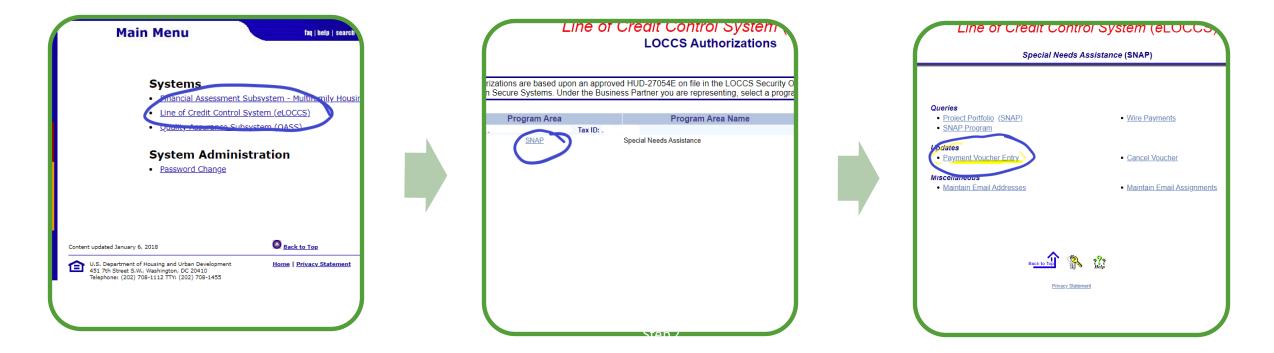
Minimum draw requirements:

- Draw down funds at least once per quarter of the operating year after eligible activities commence.
- When applicable, distribute funds to subrecipient no later than 45 days after receiving an approvable request for funds from the subrecipient.
- CoC program is a reimbursement grant.
- All draws for costs incurred within the period of performance must be completed/reconciled no later than 90 days from the date of the end of the project's grant term.

Internal planning questions/decisions:

- Who needs to be involved to collect the backup documentation for each draw?
- What documentation do I need to collect for the various eligible, allowable and allocable costs I am drawing down for?
- Where do we store the voucher documentation so that its easily produced for HUD's review?

Completing Draws in eLOCCS



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eLOCCS/Secure Systems Reminders

- Secure Systems is managed by HUD PIH REAC Office.
 - This office requires the **actual user/coordinator** to call to get assistance (verify via SSN, etc.).
- eLOCCS is managed by Fort Worth Accounting Center (FWAC).
 - This office requires HUD financial staff to communicate with them on behalf of grantee.
- eLOCCS Getting Started Guide: <u>https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CFO/documents/eLOCCS_Getting_St_arted_Guide-Sept_2022.pdf</u>
- Other Guides/Forms/Links: <u>https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/cfo/finsys/</u> <u>eLOCCS_access/quick_reference</u>

Reminder to read the emails received once given access to either system- emails contain important information about timelines to recertify and login.

Resources

HMIS Resources

When to Use a Comparable Database

<u>CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO) HMIS Project</u> <u>Setup Guidance</u>

Coordinated Entry Management and Data Guide

Stella and System Modeling - HUD Exchange

HMIS Eva - HUD Exchange

eLOCCS and Secure System Resources

eLOCCS Getting Started Guide

eLOCCS Resource Page

Questions?