

Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care

Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Governance Board

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Annual Competition

FY 2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Competition

The Georgia Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) is issuing the following guidance for the FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition. This guidance applies to all renewing Continuum of Care grants for permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Coordinated Assessment projects as well as for new applications submitted either for rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, Joint TH and PH-RRH component, or Domestic Violence bonus projects. This announcement is being provided in accordance with the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Program Competition (Docket No. FR-6800-N-25) at: https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_24_198, <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/355762>, and https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition. Information can also be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>.

The HUD NOFO allows for non-competitive renewal and replacement of expiring Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) grants. However, there are currently no expiring YHDP grants in the CoC. As such, these will not be addressed further in this policy document.

While the HUD NOFO addresses both the FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program Competition, this policy document only pertains to CoC and YHDP Renewal grants that meet the renewal eligibility requirements for FY 2024 funding and applicants seeking new projects under the FY 2024 competition. CoC and YHDP renewal grants eligible to be renewed with FY 2025 funding will be addressed in a forthcoming policy.

Funding for new projects is only available through the process of reallocation, the CoC bonus, or the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. The Balance of State CoC may only create new project(s) through the CoC Bonus Project up to 12% of the Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) amount, which is estimated to be around \$3,928,332, based on the Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) amount. The Balance of State CoC may only create new project(s) under the DV bonus up to 15% of the PPRN amount, which is estimated to be around \$4,910,415, to create DV Bonus projects. Applications for new projects made available through reallocation will only be considered if an active renewal project does not submit an application for renewal funding or if the application review sub-committees determine the need to reallocate from eligible renewal projects due to those projects not meeting threshold, poor performance, and underspending due to significantly operating under capacity. There is no estimated amount to be reallocated at this time.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), designated as the Collaborative Applicant for the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC), is responsible for overseeing and managing the application process for the FY 2024 HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance funding process. HUD requires that the CoC develop a process for submitting one consolidated application for the FY 2024 CoC program. The Collaborative Applicant works with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee

to develop and recommend the process for CoC Board approval. The BoS CoC Board approved this policy on August 28, 2024.

The following document outlines the policy and process for the FY 2024 funding cycle.

Timeline

Action	Date
Final CoC Review Step for the CoC Registration submitted	April 29, 2024
GIW Change Forms due to HUD	July 10, 2024
CoC NOFO released by HUD	July 31, 2024
Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee meeting to approve policy, materials, and recommend process for scoring and ranking	August 21, 2024
CoC Board meeting to approve policy, materials, and process recommended by Committee	August 28, 2024
2024 Balance of State CoC NOFO Competition Policy, process, timeline, review applications, scoring criteria, addendums, and other competition materials released	August 28, 2024
Informational Webinar for Renewal PSH and RRH applicants (and webinar materials distributed to each renewal applicant)	August 29 th & September 3 rd , 2024
Proposal Outlines (Notice of Intent) for new projects due	September 3, 2024
Informational Webinar for YHDP Renewal applicants (and webinar materials distributed to each YHDP renewal applicant)	August 30 th & September 4 th , 2024
Informational Webinar for NEW applicants (and webinar materials posted) – See page 13 for registration links.	August 30 th & September 3 rd , 2024
Review Applications for Renewing PSH and RRH projects (Non-YHDP) and supplemental documents (listed on pages 11-12 of this document) due by 3:00 PM.	September 10, 2024
Review Applications for Renewing YHDP projects and supplemental documents (listed on page 12 of this document) due by 3:00 PM.	September 10, 2024
Review Applications (including both Addendums) for NEW PSH, RRH, and Joint TH & PH-RRH Component projects, as well as all required copies and supplemental documents (listed on page 14 of this document), due by 3:00 pm	September 11, 2024
Review Application Proposals for NEW SSO-CE DV Bonus project, due 3:00 pm	September 11, 2024
Internal review	September 8-20, 2024
Review Team Sub-Committee application review of renewal and new projects	September 23-24, 2024
ALL project applications and updated certifications must be entered into <i>e-snaps</i> by 5:00 pm	September 27, 2024
Standards, Rating, and Review Committee meeting to approve and recommend ranking of projects	October 7 th , 2024
CoC Board meeting to approve final ranking as recommended by Committee	October 15 th , 2024

Applicants notified of placement in scoring and ranking for CoC application OR rejection from CoC application (MUST be at least 15 days before HUD NOFO deadline)	October 15, 2024
ALL project application corrections due in <i>e-snaps</i> by 2:00 pm	October 16, 2024
Estimated public posting of CoC Application (MUST be at least 2 days before HUD NOFO deadline)	October 28, 2024
Estimated CoC application submission to HUD (due 10/30/24).	October 29, 2024

Summary of Changes and Policy Priorities for the FY 2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Funding Cycle

Please note that there have been significant changes in the process and method by which local CoCs are being scored under Federal priorities in recent years. All applicants and interested parties are strongly encouraged to read this document, as well as the HUD FY 2024 Continuum of Care NOFO and any supplemental materials (<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2024-coc>), <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/355762>, and <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>) in their entirety to ensure there is complete understanding of the information provided. Some of the major changes and policy priorities include:

- Renewing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects will be eligible for ranking and renewal. In addition, renewing PSH projects where 100 percent of the beds were dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and families, as described in Section I.B.2.b.(2), under the grant that is being renewed may either be reallocated as a DedicatedPLUS project or may continue as a renewal dedicating 100% of the beds to chronically homeless individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness. Additional guidance for DedicatedPLUS projects can be found on page 15 of the FY 2024 HUD NOFO.
- PSH projects that HUD awarded as DedicatedPLUS in a previous CoC Program Competition are required to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.
- In order to be eligible for renewal in FY 2024, projects must be currently in operation and have an executed grant agreement dated no later than December 31, 2024 and have an expiration date in Calendar Year (CY) 2025 (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025). Grant agreements for FY 2023 funds must be executed by December 31, 2024. If a project application is not executed by December 31, 2024, HUD may withdraw any funds conditionally awarded for FY 2024.
- Projects implemented prior to the 2021 competition or transferred prior to 2022 that underspend and/or are significantly operating under capacity may be subject to full or partial reallocation. Reallocation of underperforming projects is contingent on appropriate high-scoring new project applications. If there are not adequate new project applications to include in the final ranking, the CoC reserves the right to include the lower scoring renewal project. Any project that has less than \$10,000 at the end of the grant, that is not deemed to be underperforming or operating under capacity as defined in this policy, will not be in jeopardy of having the grant amount reduced.

- As in previous years, HUD will continue the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding process. Tier 1 is equal to 90 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in Section I.B.3.h. of the NOFO minus the Annual Renewal Amounts (ARA) of non-competitive YHDP renewal and YHDP replacement projects. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of CoC renewal (including DV Renewal), CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, DV Reallocation, and CoC bonus funds that a CoC can apply for. Tier 1 is estimated to be \$20,496,753, and Tier 2 renewal is estimated to be \$2,277,417. The CoC bonus amount is estimated to be \$3,928,332. The DV Bonus is estimated to be \$4,910,415. The YHDP ARA is \$5,849,612. The total estimated funds available is \$37,462,528.
- Projects that were awarded for the first time under the 2022 CoC Competition, and later, as first-time grants, that have not yet been up and running for a full year, will automatically receive median performance scores for like applications for performance in the scoring and ranking process. Those points will then be averaged with that project's original application score in order to take into account project design and other important factors related to the implementation of that project.
- Fully operational projects providing permanent housing that were transferred in the last year, or are pending transfer, will be held harmless and automatically included in Tier 1.
- Project evaluation of renewal project applications submitted by victim service providers will be completed utilizing data generated from a comparable database where the CoC can review performance on housing stability and other factors to determine the level projects improve safety for the population they serve. Where complete performance data related to the scoring criteria is not provided, the CoC will assign median points for that criteria.
- Through this competition the following types of new project applications will be accepted: (a) PSH for the chronically homeless individuals and families; (b) PSH where 100% of the beds meet the NOFO requirements of a DedicatedPLUS project for individuals, households with children, and unaccompanied youth; (c) RRH for individuals and families; (d) Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects individuals and families; and (e) SSO-Coordinated Entry project under the DV Bonus.
- New project applications requesting funding for new construction or rehabilitation activities will not be accepted.
- Points in the scoring criteria will be available for permanent housing projects (PSH or RRH) that are currently using, or commit to using, the Housing First model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions. To receive any of these points, applicants should demonstrate that the project is low barrier, prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and has no service participation requirements and no preconditions to entry. Please note, renewal applicants must meet, or improve, the level committed in a project application submitted in a previous competition. Renewal projects will also be scored on whether or not they have policies and procedures that support commitment to rapid placement into housing without preconditions (other than mandated exceptions).
- Points in the scoring criteria will be available to all project applications that are low barrier projects (or commit to being low barrier projects) and do not terminate program participants for failure to participate in supportive services, make progress on a service plan, loss of income or failure to

improve income, or other activities not covered in a lease agreement typically found for unassisted persons in the area. Please note that renewal applicants must meet, or improve, the level committed in a project application submitted in a previous competition.

- Beginning with the 2015 competition, any project application(s) that indicates a Housing First approach and/or commits to operating as a low barrier program and is reviewed, approved, and ranked by the CoC and awarded CoC Program funds is required to operate as a Housing First and/or low barrier project. Projects that indicate they will not continue as such in the required Certification Policy Addendum will not receive the points for the Housing First and low barrier scoring criteria and may be determined out of compliance and placed in the bottom of Tier 2.
- BoS CoC bonus points will be available for new projects that exclusively dedicate units/beds in order to prioritize Veterans or youth households where the head of household is aged 18-24. Bonus points will be available for new projects proposed by applicant actively serving as a lead agency in a Coordinated Entry implementation and for renewal projects critical to current Implementation communities for Coordinated Entry. Actively serving as a lead agency is defined as managing the local assessment, prioritization, and referral process for Coordinated Entry. Bonus points will be available for PSH renewal projects dedicated to providing housing to people who are homeless with a disability and for renewal projects that increased the number of beds dedicated to serving persons who are chronically homeless. Bonus points will be available for applicants who served as a homeless count coordinator for the 2024 Homeless Count conducted in January of 2024, in an effort to assist the CoC to identify people experiencing homelessness in their area.
- All renewal BoS CoC PSH projects that do not already have 100% of their beds dedicated to people who are chronically homeless will be required to prioritize at least 90% of their non-dedicated beds to people who are chronically homeless*. The BoS CoC is prioritizing homeless individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness consistent with *Notice CPD 16-011: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status*. Chronically homeless individuals and families should be given priority for permanent supportive housing beds not currently dedicated to this population as vacancies become available through turnover. Permanent supportive housing renewal projects serving specific disabled subpopulations (e.g., persons with mental illness or persons with substance use disorder) must continue to serve those subpopulations, as required in the current grant agreement. However, chronically homeless individuals and families within the specified subpopulation should be prioritized for entry. The full notice can be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5108/notice-cpd-16-11-prioritizing-persons-experiencing-chronic-homelessness-and-other-vulnerable-homeless-persons-in-psh/>. *Projects that committed to prioritizing 100% of non-dedicated beds to people who are chronically homeless in previous competitions are required to continue at 100%.
- Renewal projects originally awarded under a previous year's DV Bonus must continue to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3, even when reallocated. CoCs may reallocate eligible Renewal projects that were previously funded, in whole or in part, with DV Bonus funding to create DV Reallocation projects that are dedicated to serving the same population. New DV Reallocation projects must be 100 percent dedicated to serving 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, or stalking who qualify 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 [see sections I.B.2.b.(24) and III.B.4.a.(4) of this NOFO for more information].

- YHDP Renewal projects are non-competitive YHDP projects and must not be ranked by CoCs. HUD will select YHDP projects for funding if they pass project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and for YHDP project renewal threshold; as explained in section III.C.4.c. of this NOFO. The Youth Action Board (YAB) will review the YHDP Renewal project applications and provide feedback to YHDP recipients.
- In order maintain alignment to HUD priorities for this funding and to keep homeless people with disabilities who are residing in PSH projects from becoming homeless, with the exception of the HMIS grants, and the Coordinated Assessment renewal grants, which are critical to the operations of the CoC, and will therefore be placed mid-Tier 1, the BoS CoC will rank projects within the following groupings:
 - o Renewal PSH and RRH projects that are currently housing people who are homeless, without significant capacity, compliance, or performance issues that have been in operation over a year (based on score), operational projects transferred in the last 12-months or pending transfer, HMIS, and Coordinated Assessment projects
 - o New RRH and PSH projects awarded in the 2022 or 2023 competition that have not been operational for a full year, and do not have data for a complete year to report on (based on score)
 - o New PSH, RRH, and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects that are designated by the CoC to utilize any reallocated funds, if available (based on score)
 - o Renewal PSH and RRH projects determined to be significantly underperforming based on the degree to which they do NOT improve system performance (in the areas of serving eligible participants less than 75%, have low rates of housing stability, or a high rate of participants returning to homelessness), operating significantly out of compliance, or operating significantly under capacity (projects that are both utilizing 50% or less of the units and returning a significant amount of funds with the exception of projects transferred in the last year).
 - o New PH Bonus PSH, RRH, and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects (based on score)
 - o New DV Bonus RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects (based on score)
 - o New DV Bonus SSO-CE project (1 based on score)
- In the event of a tie, decisions to be based upon funds requested/number served at capacity/serving a CoC priority population (chronic, veterans, youth)
- Projects implemented prior to the 2021 competition that underspend and/or are significantly operating under capacity may be subject to full or partial reallocation. Reallocations, if necessary, will be made based on the guidance in the 2024 NOFO. The four lowest scoring renewal RRH and PSH projects determined to be significantly underperforming, operating under capacity, or found to be operating significantly out of compliance may be subject to replacement by new RRH, PSH, or Joint TH & PH-RRH Component projects, provided the applications pass the threshold review and score highly enough. Project level performance will be further assessed to determine impact on CoC System Performance Measures as part of decisions to reallocate. Reallocation of underperforming projects is contingent on appropriate high-scoring new project applications. If there are not adequate new project applications to include in the final ranking, the CoC reserves the right to include the lower scoring renewal project(s) at the bottom of the ranking.

- HUD will score new and renewal projects ranked in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale (please see full details on pages 29-30 the NOFO):
 - o CoC Score – up to 50 points will be in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application;
 - o CoC Project Ranking – up to 40 points will be based on the CoC’s ranking of the project application(s);
 - o Commitment to Housing First – up to 10 points will be based on project application’s commitment to follow a housing first approach as defined in section I.B.2.b.(15) of the NOFO.
- As noted above, HUD is also allowing for CoCs to apply for CoC Bonus funding to create one or more new project applications. HUD guidance shows that for CoCs to receive grants for new projects, other than through reallocation, CoCs must competitively rank projects based on how they improve system performance as outlined in Section V.B.2.b of the NOFO.

HUD is allowing CoCs to apply for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus funding this year. The CoC is only allowed to submit one project application for the SSO-CE project type, but again this year the CoC will be able to submit multiple applications for PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH housing project types. For the SSO-CE project type, the CoC will submit the highest ranked project that passes eligibility and quality threshold review. For the highest ranked housing projects that pass eligibility and quality threshold review, the CoC will submit as funding availability allows. Any additional DV focused housing projects submitted under the DV Bonus would then be ranked with any regular permanent housing CoC bonus projects (see Section I.B.3.j. of the NOFO).

- Compliance with Violence Against Women Act Rule. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a federal law that, in part, provides housing protections for people applying for or living in units subsidized by the federal government who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to keep them safe and reduce their likelihood of experiencing homelessness. The *Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022: Overview of Applicability to HUD Programs* notice can be found at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-01-04/pdf/2022-28073.pdf>. All CoC-funded projects must follow the *Georgia Balance of State CoC Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policies and Procedures* established on 6/20/17 (located at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/policies>) and be fully compliant. New and first-time renewal projects should be fully compliant by the time the local CPD Field Office issues the FY 2024 grant agreement for a project in the CoC’s geographic area.
- The Collaborative Applicant will submit an application for planning funds as allowed by HUD. CoC Planning applications are not required to be ranked, and the funds are not part of the pro rata amounts available for projects.
- The CoC will not reallocate any funding to Transition Grants. While the FY 2024 HUD NOFO is allowing Transition Grants as described in Section II.B.2.b.(30) of the NOFO, there are no recipients that have received consent to apply for a transition grant.
- Applicants that will not be submitting an application for the renewal of a project currently funded through the CoC is requested to submit a letter with a completed *GA BoS CoC Notice of Intent – Non-Renewal of Project* form to Tina Moore at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov as soon as possible.

General Information

In addition to the information presented in this document, it is expected that all applicants read the HUD FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care NOFO, related scoring criteria, and any supplemental materials (<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2024-coc>), (https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition), and (<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>), in their entirety to ensure there is complete understanding of the information provided.

All agencies submitting an application, whether for a new project or a renewal project, must submit a complete application packet for each project, as described below, in order to be considered for scoring.

It is the responsibility of the agencies to ensure that all the application materials are received by DCA, by the established deadlines. Applications are required to be scored and ranked by the CoC in order to be included in the CoC's project listing submitted to HUD, and an applicant's failure to meet deadlines may result in the denial of an applicant's request for funds.

In FY 2024, eligible renewal project applications will continue to have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects (but no more than ten projects) into one project application during the application process as described in Section I.B.3.d of the HUD NOFO. To be eligible for consolidation, projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component. Applicants that are eligible must submit separate renewal projects for each of the grants that are proposed to be consolidated (to the CoC for scoring and ranking and in *e-snaps*). Each project application will identify the grant number that will survive after consolidation, which must be the grant number with the earliest start date in CY 2025. Project applications for the grants that are proposed to be consolidated will be ranked (individually), and if all those grants are selected, HUD will conditionally award the single consolidated grant based on its ranked position to include the amount of funding of all grants included in the consolidation. Full details can be found in Section III.B.4.b.(7) of the FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO.

Applicants requesting renewal of grants for rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the Fair Market Rent (FMR) if the actual rent per unit under lease is less than the FMR. If a per-unit amount reduction is requested, applicants must provide copies of the leases to establish the actual rents.

As noted in the Detailed Instructions for New and Renewal Projects on HUD's CoC Competition page (https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition), FY 2023 FMR amounts are used at the time of application, and FMR amounts in effect at the time of HUD's application submission deadline will be used for projects that HUD selects for funding. Renewal projects designated to use Actual Rent amount for Rental Assistance will need to adjust accordingly.

All renewal project applications (non-YHDP) must pass a threshold review and will then be scored according to specific criteria. The criteria will consist of current data in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) including system performance measures, participation in the CoC's Coordinated Entry System, project performance, cost effectiveness, project commitment to serving the most vulnerable participants with severe needs and vulnerability, the most recent HUD or DCA monitoring visit, and the scoring of the review application. All applications will be scored by an independent review

panel. The independent review panel will submit their results to the Collaborative Applicant who will consolidate all scores, rank projects, and publish the results with the BoS CoC Board's approval.

All new project applications must pass an organizational threshold review and will then be scored according to specific criteria.

New project applications that score high enough will be eligible to be included in the prioritization tiering presented to HUD. Please note, however, eligibility does not guarantee funding. The BoS CoC Board will make the final determination of which projects will be ranked and presented to HUD for funding consideration within the limited funding available.

In addition to the application packet required to score and rank projects, all renewing and new projects must also complete the HUD application in *e-snaps*. Completing the application in *e-snaps* does not guarantee that the project will be put forth in the HUD application, nor does it guarantee that the project will be funded. Please note that within *e-snaps* previously submitted renewal applications may be able to import data into the FY 2024 renewal project application.

The BoS CoC is required by CoC regulations to operate a HMIS, establish a "centralized or coordinated assessment system," and carry out planning activities in accordance with the Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule. Therefore, all renewal applications for HMIS and coordinated assessment will be prioritized for placement in Tier 1.

DCA, as the Collaborative Applicant, will post any additional details of the competition and HUD resources as they become available on the Continuum of Care webpage. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they check the both the BoS CoC (<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2024-coc>) and the related HUD CoC pages (https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition AND <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>) websites regularly for the latest updates. Please note that all of HUD's competition and *e-snaps* materials, notices, and training guides can be accessed on the HUD pages.

Project applicants must agree to enter client data into Georgia's BoS Homeless Management Information System (ClientTrack), participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry System, and participate in the homeless counts in Georgia's BoS jurisdiction. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about a client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as the Collaborative Applicant, believes in a commitment to end homelessness throughout the State of Georgia. To this end, DCA encourages all grantees to ensure that no household is turned away because they have previously resided in a differing Continuum. However, as these projects are funded to address homelessness in the Balance of State Continuum of Care, each project should demonstrate how they are targeting, providing outreach, and participating in local coordinated entry implementation areas (as applicable), or working with providers in the county(ies) of the project's location, in order to reduce homelessness in the Balance of State CoC.

Project applicants are required to be registered with <https://sam.gov/content/home> (before submitting an application), if they have not already done so, and complete or renew their registration in the System

for Award Management (SAM) per Section IV.B of the FY 2024 HUD NOFO. For more information on the SAM registration and required UEI number requirement go to: <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>. HUD will not enter into a grant agreement with an entity that does not have a UEI Number or an active SAM registration.

All project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 24 CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants. If the organization's Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD's website, the project must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*.

All project applicants must have a Certification of Consistency from the jurisdiction in which each of the proposed project(s) will be located. This assures the application for funding is consistent with the jurisdiction's HUD-approved consolidated plan as described in the NOFO. DCA staff will work with applicants and the appropriate Consolidated Planning jurisdiction for the required form *HUD-2991 - Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan*, but it is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with respective jurisdictions to ensure those jurisdictions have the project information they need to provide the certification(s) in a timely manner.

Project applicants must ensure that applications (Review Application and HUD application in the E-Snaps system) are complete and the information within the application is consistent throughout the application. Narratives must be fully responsive to the question being asked, and responses should meet all criteria for that question as required by the NOFO and detailed instructions provided in E-Snaps. Applicants must also ensure that proposed program participants are eligible for the program component type selected, and proposed activities are eligible under 24 CFR part 578. Applicants should also ensure that all required attachments correspond to the attachments as required in E-Snaps contain accurate and complete information.

In accordance with CoC review criteria, the CoC strongly encourages HUD-funded projects to have written agreements in place with educational supports and services for children ages 0-5, such as Public Pre-K, Head Start, Child Care (Child Care and Development Fund), and home visiting (including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV). To the extent that renewal projects serve households with children and have written agreements as noted, the CoC requests any written agreements to be submitted within the renewal submission packages (electronically).

HUD is allowing new eligible Continuum of Care activities for VAWA costs and Rural costs again this year. Applicants that are interested should review the NOFO for more information (pages 47-49).

Appeals

In accordance with 24 CFR part 578.35 and Section VII of the NOFO, applicants have the right to appeal if they believe that they were improperly denied the right to participate in the CoC planning process in a reasonable manner; were improperly denied or decreased funding; or were improperly denied a Certification of Consistency from the local government with the Consolidated Plan. The appeal MUST be carried out in the timeframe and process announced by HUD within the NOFO.

Renewal (Non-YHDP) Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing (Including Legacy Shelter Plus Care)

All applicants for renewing PSH and RRH projects must submit the following no later than **September 10, 2024, at 3:00 pm**. The following materials must be received for each project in order for an application to be considered complete:

- The 2024 BoS CoC Renewal Project Review Application;
- The Competition Certification and Policy Addendum document for all projects;
- The Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum for all projects;
- The Notice of Intent 2024 Grant Consolidation (where applicable);
- Project Policies and Procedures;
- Proof of active Sams Registration;
- Written agreements with educational supports and Services for children ages 0-5 (as applicable);
- Written narrative document describing how this project works with local employment agencies and employers to prioritize training and employment opportunities for participants (or how project will do so);
- HUD APR from Sage (applicants will need to pull the data from HMIS and then upload the CSV-APR into Sage using the Test run function in order to create the required report (for 7/1/2023-6/30/2024);
- HUD Data Quality Report (7/1/2023-6/30/2024);
- Most recent monitoring (HUD monitoring for Non-S+C projects and DCA monitoring for S+C projects), including corrective action plans and documentation regarding resolution of findings, when applicable; and
- Supportive documents showing timely draw downs (eLOCCS reports for a 12-month period).

For renewal projects that were consolidated under a previous CoC Competition, the consolidated project replaces the individual projects. As such, the review application and all materials submitted for each consolidated project should represent the combined projects. Applicants should be able to run an APR covering the required period of 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 in HMIS for the combined projects, so that when the CSV-APR is uploaded into Sage, it will produce an APR with the combined data. Applicants who need technical assistance with this should contact HMIS staff at BoSHMIS@dca.ga.gov or BoS CoC staff at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

The CoC continues work to assess racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance. In order for the CoC to assess each project, the 2024 review application for renewal projects will again this year include a question assessing racial equity in housing. Renewal applicants will be provided racial demographics of the number/percentage of people served (using APR data from 7/1/2023-6/30/2024) and the number of people exiting to permanent destination (using an Active Client List from HMIS covering the period of 7/1/2023-6/30/2024). Renewal applicants will need to pull census data for their county and add it to their application alongside their HMIS demographic information that is being provided using the link in the review application. If a project serves multiple counties, please use the census data for the county where the majority of the units are located. Renewal applicants are requested to identify any barriers to participation in their project(s) (e.g. lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population. Additionally, how they identified those barriers, what steps have been taken, and will be taken to eliminate the identified barriers must be provided. Applicants are also asked to identify how they will track and evaluate their progress on eliminating barriers. Renewal projects will also be requested to provide information on how they will partner with people with lived experience/expertise and involve input from people with lived

experience/expertise into the design, implementation, and evaluation of their project. All projects reviewed will be scored on this.

Renewal application materials (non-YHDP) can be emailed to Tina Moore, CoC Program Coordinator at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

In addition to the BoS CoC application materials required to score and rank projects, all renewal projects must complete and submit the HUD application in *e-snaps* by 5:00 pm on September 27, 2024.

Late submissions of the supplemental materials to an application package for a renewal project will result in a deduction of points.

Renewal Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Applications

All applicants for renewing YHDP projects must submit the following no later than **September 10, 2024, at 3:00 pm**. The following materials must be received for each project in order for an application to be considered complete:

- The 2024 BoS CoC Renewal YHDP Review Application;
- Project Policies and Procedures;
- The Competition Certification and Policy Addendum document for all projects;
- The Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum for all projects;
- Most recent QPR submitted in Sage;
- Proof of active Sams Registration;
- Final Technical Submission submitted to HUD for the awarded YHDP project

YHDP Renewal Application materials can be emailed to Charles Wheeler, CoC Program Coordinator at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

In addition to the BoS CoC application materials, all YHDP renewal projects must complete and submit the HUD application in *e-snaps* by 5:00 pm on September 27, 2024.

As indicated in HUD's FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO (page 24), YHDP Renewal projects are non-competitive YHDP projects and must not be ranked by CoCs. HUD will select YHDP projects for funding if they pass project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and for YHDP project renewal threshold; as explained in section III.C.4.c. of the FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO. This will be the first year that YHDP projects are coming in for renewal, so YHDP reallocation does not apply for the FY 2024 competition (page 5 of the NOFO).

New Project Application Information

In line with information presented in the 2024 NOFO (pages 32-33), the BoS CoC will seek applications for new permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects that will serve 100 percent persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project, new PSH projects classified as DedicatedPLUS that will serve individuals, households with children, and unaccompanied youth, new rapid re-housing (RRH) projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, and new Joint TH & PH-RRH Component that will serve homeless individuals and families. Applications may be submitted for the Expansion of an eligible project, and projects may be assigned reallocated funds or bonus funds as applicable (depending on project type), and as funds are available, in the final ranking.

As noted in Section III.B.4.a.(6) of the NOFO, for project applicants that are proposing to expand a current CoC Program-funded project and combine it with a current eligible CoC Program renewal project, applicants will be required to submit two project applications to include: the renewal project application that will be expanded; and a new project application with just the expansion information. Applicants that are proposing to expand a project will need to describe the part of the project that is being expanded and demonstrate to HUD that they are not replacing other funding sources.

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), as defined in Section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103), and Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) that wish to make application for new grants. Full information on Eligible Applicants can be found in Section III.A.4 of the NOFO.

All agencies interested in applying for a new PSH, RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH Component, or DV SSO-CE project should complete and submit a Proposal Outline (Intent to Apply) to alert the Collaborative Applicant of their intent no later than September 3, 2024. The Proposal Outline form is attached to the notice, and it will also be available at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2024-coc>. Submitting a Proposal Outline will signal DCA staff to forward information to organizations (intending to submit a new project application) regarding the New Applicant webinar, HUD training events, webinars, etc., as well as any updated CoC policies, updated scoring criteria, notice of CoC changes, etc. This information will be sent to renewal applicants automatically.

HUD will allow new reallocated projects, DV Bonus projects, and new expansion projects of existing CoC Program-funded projects to request funding limited to 1 year. For projects requesting regular CoC Bonus funds, the grant term for new project applications requested should be limited to 1-year. However, as additional funding is available, the review team may allow higher scoring new project(s) to request a term allowed as defined on page 56 of the HUD NOFO, as match requirements can be met. However, the CoC may elect to decrease the term for any new project that is approved for the final priority ranking list to allow additional projects to be included in the request for funding. Additionally, as indicated on page 56 of the NOFO, HUD will allow new projects to request a 1 year of funding with a longer initial grant term of 12 months to 18 months) not to exceed 18 months to that will allow for the additional start-up process (within electronic E-Snaps application).

There will be **two webinars for NEW Applicants on Friday, August 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM AND Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM** to discuss the Review Application document, competition policy, scoring criteria, etc. To receive login details for these webinars, you will need to register, and once registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar. **Please click below to register for the webinar time slot you prefer (the second webinar is a repeat of the first):**

- To register for 2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care **New Applicant Informational Webinar #1 on Friday, August, 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM** EDT go to: <https://gadca.webex.com/weblink/register/rf93cb1db44854b05b423abfc67088e6a> (meeting password BoSNew2024NOFO / Meeting Number 2633 067 0716)
- To register for 2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care **New Applicant Informational Webinar #2 on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM** EDT go to: <https://gadca.webex.com/weblink/register/r5648e2eefc9d556adc044a07adb5da0f> (meeting password BoSNew2024NOFO / Meeting Number 2633 424 5625)

All agencies submitting an application for a new PSH, new RRH, new Joint TH and PH-RRH component, or SSO-CE project must submit a complete application package to the Department of Community Affairs. A complete application package includes:

- The 2024 BoS CoC NEW Project Review Application or SSO-CE proposal (as applicable) for new projects (including match/leveraging documentation and both required Addendum documents (*CoC Competition Certification-Policy Addendum* and *BoS Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum*);
- Proof of active Sams Registration;
- FY 2024 BoS DV Bonus Questions Supplemental (if requesting DV Bonus funding);
- The agency 501(c)(3), if applicable (the 501(c)(3) for any sub-recipients must also be attached);
- A current list of Board of Directors;
- The most recent independent financial audit, or equivalent financial statement; and
- A current 990 IRS Form: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, if applicable.

All complete new project packages must be received by the CoC Collaborative Applicant, the Department of Community Affairs, by **September 11, 2024, at 3:00 pm**. Submissions must be emailed to Tina Moore, CoC Program Coordinator at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

It is the responsibility of the agencies to assure that a complete copy of all application materials for each proposed new project is received by Tina Moore, by the above deadline. No late submissions for new projects will be accepted.

In addition to the application packet described above, applicants for new RRH, PSH, Joint TH and PH-RRH Component, and SSO-CE projects must also complete, and submit, the HUD application (including all required certifications and documentation) in *e-snaps*.

The complete scoring criteria for new PSH, RRH, and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects will be posted on the Balance of State Continuum of Care webpage at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2024-coc>. Applicants are strongly advised to review the criteria before submitting an application.

Applicants must clearly demonstrate that they have experience and sufficient capacity to serve fragile, chronically homeless, and service resistant clients, and that sufficient services will be provided to clients proposed to be served.

Applicants for New projects are asked to identify steps they will take to identify barriers to participation in their project faced by person of different races and ethnicities, and what steps will be taken to eliminate identified barriers. New applicants are also required to provide information on their experience working with BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities.

Applicants for New projects are also be requested to provide information on how they will partner with people with lived experience/expertise and involve input from people with lived experience/expertise into the design, implementation, and evaluation of their project.

Bonus points will be awarded to new PSH or RRH projects that will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through CoC or Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). For PSH, at least 25% of units in project are subsidized by Non-CoC, Non-ESG source. For RRH, at least 25% of program participants are served by Non-CoC, Non-ESG source.

Bonus points will be awarded to new PSH or RRH projects that utilize healthcare resources to help participants. Value of healthcare services provided must be at least 25% of funding requested.

Threshold Criteria for All New Permanent Supportive Housing (100% Chronic and DedicatedPLUS), New Rapid Re-Housing, and Joint TH and PH-RRH component project applications.

The CoC reserves the right not to review incomplete applications or projects that don't meet eligibility requirements. Applications may receive a threshold denial for any of the following reasons:

- Agency does not meet HUD's eligibility criteria.
- Agency does not demonstrate adequate capacity to carry out grant.
- Application proposes ineligible costs or activities.
- Application proposes to serve ineligible populations.
- Application does not show required match or insufficient commitments for leveraging.
- Proposed project does not have a specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social, and employment programs to ensure that program participants are assisted to obtain benefits from the mainstream programs for which they may be eligible (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
- Compliance or performance issues on current projects.
- Project does not demonstrate adequate impact or cost effectiveness.
- Project does not meet key federal requirements.
- New proposals must be located within Georgia's 152 county Balance of State Continuum of Care jurisdiction. Applications proposing projects in the following jurisdictions are not eligible to be submitted under the BoS CoC application: Atlanta, Fulton County, DeKalb County, Cobb County, Columbus-Muscogee County, Augusta-Richmond County, Athens-Clarke County, Savannah, and Chatham County. To submit an application in one of the listed jurisdictions, you should contact the appropriate CoC jurisdiction for information.
- Agency submits an incomplete application, which includes not submitting the necessary documents listed above, or certifications/documentation as required in the HUD application.
- Agency does not utilize, or commit to utilize, ClientTrack HMIS (or a comparable family violence HMIS alternative) to capture client-level data on all clients in the project.
- Agency does not follow, or commit to follow, the Balance of State CoC's Coordinated Entry System policy and process.
- Project does not demonstrate how the applicant will carry out the proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations, and how applicants will meet the requirements of the definition of AFFH at 24 CFR 5.151 or demonstrate Equal Access to Housing.

Additional Threshold Criteria for Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects are as follows:

- The Joint TH and PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components—transitional housing and permanent housing-rapid rehousing—in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. HUD will require the recipient to adopt a Housing First approach (see Sections I.A.4.b.(2) and I.B.2.b.(15) of the HUD NOFO) across the entire project and program participants may only receive up to 24-months of total assistance. For more information about Joint TH/PH-RRH component project threshold requirements, see Section III.C.4.b. of the NOFO.
- Joint component projects must

- Demonstrate the project will follow a low barrier approach and prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing.
- Demonstrate the project will be able to provide both components to all participants.
- Use a Housing First approach with client-driven service models and focus on helping people move to permanent housing.
- Incorporate client-choice.
- Target and prioritize people experiencing homelessness with higher needs and who are most vulnerable.
- Limit costs as follows (NOFO page 17):
 - Leasing (structure or units) and operating costs for TH portion only
 - Short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance in RRH portion
 - Supportive services, costs of contributing data to the HMIS, and project administrative costs.

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Projects

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 provides additional funding for DV Bonus projects for rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities determined critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. In the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition, the CoC is able to apply for a DV Bonus for PH-RRH projects, Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects, and SSO projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE). The CoC is only allowed to submit one project application for SSO-CE under the DV Bonus, but there is no limit to the number of PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH project applications that can be submitted this, which are limited to a 1-year funding request and must demonstrate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches.

Allowed DV Bonus project types under the FY 2024 HUD NOFO are:

1. Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) projects that follow a housing first approach.
2. Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that follow a housing first approach.
3. SSO Project for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) (see below for requirements).

The Balance of State CoC is only allowed to submit one project application for SSO-CE under the DV Bonus. The CoC is able to submit any number of PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects provided that each application is for at least \$50,000. For DV Bonus projects submitted, the Balance of State CoC will rank projects that pass eligibility and quality threshold review according to their application score, as funding allows. DV focused housing projects may be submitted under the DV Bonus, CoC bonus, or utilizing reallocated funds and would then be ranked with any other new projects in the funding area designated. An applicant may apply to expand an existing renewal project in accordance with Section I.B.2.b.(6) (page 15) of the NOFO, including one that was previously funded with DV Bonus funding. DV Bonus funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

As noted, only one DV SSO-CE project will be included in the final CoC project ranking submitted to HUD. The CoC will consider proposals submitted by interested agencies who meet organizational threshold and demonstrate ability to:

- Implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence,

dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different);

- Include planning where the centralized or coordinated assessment system will be easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking information regarding homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area;
- Include a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area;
- Utilizes a standardized assessment process;
- Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs; and
- Cover the entire 152-county Balance of State CoC jurisdiction.

SSO-CE Applicants interested should submit a proposal to request these funds detailing how listed criteria will be addressed, which includes a budget request itemizing requested funds. The grant term is limited to 1-year.

For projects submitted by the CoC to be considered as part of the DV Bonus, following final submission, HUD will award a point value to each project application combining both the CoC Application score and responses to the domestic violence bonus specific questions in the CoC Application using the following 100-point scale, including points based on CoC Application score and responses to the domestic violence bonus specific questions in the CoC Application [see (1), (2), and (3) below] (pages 31-32 of NOFO):

- (1) For Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH /PH-RRH) component projects:
 - (a) *CoC Score*. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application
 - (b) *CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers*. Up to 10 points in direct proportion to the score received on the following rating factors in the CoC application: Section V.B.1.e., Section V.B.2.c, and Section V.B.3.b.
 - (c) *Need for the Project*. Up to 10 points based on the extent the CoC quantifies the need for the project in its portfolio, the extent of the need, and how the project will fill that gap.
 - (d) *Quality of the Project Applicant Experience*. Up to 15 points based on the previous performance of the applicant in serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.
 - (e) *Demonstration of inclusion of victim-centered practices*. Up to 8 points based on the quality of the project's plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors by adopting victim-centered practices (e.g., Housing First, Trauma-Informed Care, Confidentiality) in operating their project. Full points will be awarded to project applicants that can demonstrate they are already adopting victim-centered practices.
 - (f) *Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise*. Up to 7 points based on the project's ability to demonstrate its plan to involve survivors in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.
- (2) PH-RRH and Joint TH-RRH component projects must follow a housing-first approach.
- (3) Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing

homelessness who are experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different):

- (a) *CoC Score*. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application.
- (b) *CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers*. Up to 10 points in direct proportion to the score received on the following rating factors in the CoC application: Section V.B.1.e, Section V.B.2.c, and Section V.B.3.b.
- (c) *Need for the Project*. Up to 25 points based on the extent to which CoC demonstrates the need for a coordinated entry system that better meets the needs of individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and how the project will fill this need.
- (d) *Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise*. Up to 15 points based on the project's ability to demonstrate its plan to involve survivors in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

Match and Leveraging

Applications must meet HUD's match requirements and have at least 25% of the amount of the HUD funding request in total match (outside of the amount for leasing). New project applications must also meet the CoC's requirement to report an additional 75% of the amount of the HUD funding request in total leveraging (leveraging only required for new projects this year), to score the maximum amount of points available for match and leveraging for the BoS CoC scoring (100% match and leveraging for new projects). Leveraging includes all funds, resources, and/or services that the applicant can secure on behalf of the client being served by the proposed project. While leveraging includes all cash and in-kind matching resources, it is broader in scope, including any other services, supplies, equipment, space, etc. that are provided by sources other than HUD.

Review Application guidelines for New projects state that projects should only report match and leveraging where there are commitment letters on file that are dated May 1, 2024 or later, and documentation should be submitted to HUD as required. New project application packages are required to include match and leveraging documentation for the scoring and ranking process.

E-Snaps Information for All Renewal and New Applications

Applicants should review and follow the steps as outlined herein and in the NOFO to ensure that applications are complete and submitted in a timely manner.

For reference, the Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule was published in the Federal Register on July 31, 2012, and was effective on August 31, 2012. This information can be accessed at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/>.

For information on accessing HUD's *E-Snaps* system to complete and submit a full BoS CoC Project Application, please go to: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>. Note that once the competition begins, there will be a significant time delay if applicants need to register new users on the *E-Snaps* system. All applicants should ensure that they have access to the system immediately.

Major Disaster Area Notification

If a major disaster impacts a CoC's geographic area, as declared by the President under the Stafford Act, during the CoC Program application process that will impact local competition deadlines as outlined in

section IV.G.2.a of the HUD NOFO, the CoC’s Collaborative Applicant must send written notification to Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Program at CoCDisaster@hud.gov. News releases related to Georgia can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters>. CoCs in impacted areas are required to notify HUD of this prior to the close of this competition.

Other Information

DCA is committed to providing equal access to all of its programs, services and activities regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age. Any individual who needs an accommodation because of a disability or documents in accessible electronic formats (e.g. PDF) should contact Tina Moore at 404-327-6870 or email fairhousing@dca.ga.gov. Individuals who are hearing- or speech-impaired should use the Georgia Relay services at 1-800-255-0056 or by dialing 7-1-1 (no charge to use Georgia Relay within the local calling area). More information on Georgia Relay can be found at <https://georgiarelay.org/>.

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Attached is one (1) document:

- 1) 2024 Balance of State CoC Proposal Outline