

Balance of State Continuum of Care 2021 NOFO Competition New Project Applicant Meeting

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DISCLAIMER

- ❑ This is a GENERAL overview of the CoC Program and Application (for eligible new projects to be scored and ranked under Georgia's BoS CoC competition).
- ❑ Applicants are responsible for reading the NOFO, regulations, and other related information as it is released on HUD's web site, HUD Exchange to see program and eligibility requirements.
 - ❑ **NOFO at Grants.gov:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=continuum%20of%20care>
 - ❑ **2021 CoC Competition at HUD.gov:** https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
 - ❑ **HUD Exchange e-snaps resources:** <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

2021 Balance of State CoC Process

- HUD released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on August 18, 2021
- The Standards, Rating & Project Review Committee (on 9/9/21) established and the Balance of State CoC Board (on 9/14/21) approved:
 - The 2021 Georgia BoS CoC NOFO Competition Policy, Process, Application Documents, Certification Policy Addendum, Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum, Notice of Intent to reclassify to DedicatedPLUS, and Other Materials for the NOFO including:
 - Program priorities according to type (Permanent Supportive Housing) and according to population served
 - Reallocation process
 - Scoring Criteria for the project application reviews
- Competition opened and all materials released on 9/14/21

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses



1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons (taking into account challenges faced by Veterans, Youth, Families, and Chronically Homeless)
2. Using a Housing First Approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
4. Improving System Performance
5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
6. Racial Equity
7. Persons with Lived Experience

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses



1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons (taking into account challenges faced by Veterans, Youth, Families, and Chronically Homeless)

- ❑ Prioritization of 90% of non-dedicated PSH beds for people who are chronically homeless; Bonus points for projects serving chronically homeless; PSH projects that increased chronic beds; projects serving or dedicated to Veterans/Youth-headed households; & Participation in Coordinated Entry

2. Using a Housing First Approach

- ❑ Points for projects that utilize the HF Model and commit to low-barriers models; points for projects that have policies to reflect individuals are rapidly placed and stabilized in permanent housing without preconditions regarding income, work effort, sobriety, or other; & applications scored through a HF/low-barrier lens

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (continued)



3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness

- ❑ Housing first scoring criteria
- ❑ Criteria largely performance-based for renewals
 - Measure rate of positive housing outcomes
 - Measure returns to homelessness
- ❑ Project performance emphasis in reducing homelessness
- ❑ Project performance in serving most vulnerable

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (continued)

4. Improving System Performance

- ❑ Criteria to measure system performance
- ❑ Underspending projects (returning \$10,000 or more) may be subject to reduction or reallocation (with exception of projects 2018 or later)
- ❑ Underperforming PSH and RRH projects may be reduced, reallocated, and/or placed in lower grouping in Tier 2.
- ❑ The two lowest scoring renewal RRH and PSH projects determined to be significantly underperforming, operating under capacity, or operating significantly out of compliance may be subject to replacement by new 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.

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (continued)

5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Social Service Agencies

- Bonus points for New PSH or RRH projects that will:
 - Utilize Housing Subsidies or Subsidized Housing Units not funded through CoC or Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
 - That will utilize Healthcare Resources to help participants

6. Racial Equity

- Assessment of whether people of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive assistance or positive outcomes (systemwide and project level)
 - DCA to provide projects will relevant racial equity data on populations served and permanent housing exits
 - Renewal applicants will need to provide relevant census data on counties where units are is located
- Scoring on project identification of barriers and steps taken/will be taken to eliminate barriers

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (continued)



7. Persons with Lived Experience

- ❑ Met with Youth Action Board to review project scoring criteria
- ❑ After the competition will do a thorough review with the Youth Action Board, to provide insight for next year's competition

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (continued)

2. Tiered Approach

- ❑ Tier 1 = top 100% of funding available to the CoC
- ❑ Tier 2 = difference between Tier 1 and max amount of renewal, reallocation & CoC bonus

❑ Estimated Funding Available

- ❑ Estimated ARD = \$19,505,138
- ❑ Tier 1 = \$18,798,052
- ❑ Tier 2 =
 - ❑ Possible Reallocation - \$707,086
 - ❑ CoC Bonus – (5% of PPRN) - \$1,192,227
- ❑ DV Bonus (15% of PPRN) - \$3,576,680
- ❑ Estimated Total = \$24,274,045

- ❑ Bos CoC will apply for bonus project funding, provided appropriate high-scoring new project applications are submitted

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (continued)

In Response

- ❑ BoS CoC may reduce or reallocate projects currently providing PSH or RRH for underperformance, underutilization, or significant capacity issues
 - Grant utilization
 - Operating Under Capacity
 - Performance
 - Operating significantly out of Compliance
- ❑ Consideration of Returns to Homelessness (prioritize PSH for people with disabilities)
- ❑ Consideration of maintaining or increasing units for chronically homeless

Balance of State CoC Competition (cont'd.)



- ❑ CoCs cannot receive bonus funds unless they demonstrate that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve system performance.
- ❑ HUD prioritizes funding for CoCs that demonstrate ability to reallocate lower performing projects to higher performing projects.
- ❑ Alignment with CoC and HUD priorities

Eligible Project Applicants



- ❑ Eligible Project Applicants include (NOFO pages 30-31):
 - ❑ 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)
 - ❑ Public Housing Agencies (as defined in 24 CFR 5.100), are eligible without limitation or exclusion

Eligible New Projects



- ❑ Funds for new projects will be available through bonus funds available to CoCs that receive a high enough score.
- ❑ Possible new projects available as a result of the reallocation of funding from existing projects (possibly \$707,086 pending contract execution and NOI submission).
- ❑ There are four types of new project applications that will be accepted:
 - ❑ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project
 - ❑ Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) project
 - ❑ Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects
 - ❑ Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) under DV Bonus only

Eligible New Projects (continued)

- New projects (1-yr term unless additional funding available permanent housing bonus ONLY):
 - RRH
 - PSH (100% Chronic or 100% DedicatedPLUS)
 - Not eligible under DV Bonus
 - No capital costs in this competition
 - Joint TH and PH-RRH Component
 - Operating/Leasing and Rental Assistance
 - No capital costs in this competition
 - SSO-CE (under DV Bonus ONLY)
 - Applicant must focus on DV
 - Expected up to \$150,000
- Reallocated funds used first if available (SSO-CE New Expansion, PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH only)
- New projects requesting 1 year of funding may request an initial grant term of 12 months to 18 months to allow for the additional start-up process (page 32 of the NOFO).

Expansion (pages 22, 40-41 of NOFO)

- *Expansion.* The process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area.
 - Expanding CoC Program Projects
 - To expand current operations of an eligible renewal project
 - Current project must receive an award to receive funding
 - DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand where the expansion is dedicated to survivors of DV
 - Renewal Applicants must submit the renewal project application and a new project application with the expanded information
 - Expanding Non-CoC Program Project
 - New application
 - CoC-funds prohibited from replacing state and local funds
 - Applicants must demonstrate they are not replacing other funding sources
 - New application
 - CoC-funds prohibited from replacing state and local funds

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (continued)

□ BoS CoC 2021 Ranking Priorities

- Renewal PSH and RRH projects that have been operational for over a year w/out significant capacity, compliance, or performance issues, operational projects transferred in the last 12-months or pending transfer, HMIS and Coordinated Assessment projects
- New RRH and PSH projects awarded in the 2019 competition (not operational for a year)
- New PSH, RRH, & Joint TH-RRH Component projects designated to utilize reallocated funds, if available
- Renewal PSH & RRH projects determined to be significantly underperforming or significantly operating under capacity
- New PH Bonus PSH, RRH and Joint TH & TH-RRH projects
- New DV Bonus RRH and Joint TH & TH-RRH projects
- New DV Bonus SSO-CE project

Additional BoS CoC NOFO Priorities and Policies (continued)

- ❑ New applicants should submit a proposal outline to indicate their intention to apply for a new project (doesn't commit to applying)
- ❑ No late new applications will be accepted
- ❑ All applications must pass a threshold review to move forward to the scoring portion. Threshold factors include, but are not limited to:
 - ❑ Financial Management Capacity and Experience
 - ❑ Past performance or Open Monitoring Findings, if applicable
 - ❑ Lack of match or leverage dollars
 - ❑ Use of HMIS (or HMIS comparable system, if a DV provider)
 - ❑ Incomplete or late (for new projects) applications
 - ❑ Ineligible populations, activities, location, etc.
 - ❑ Failure to obtain Certificate of Consistency (Local Approval)
 - ❑ Submission of Required certifications as specified in NOFO
 - ❑ Application outside of Balance of State's 152 counties
 - ❑ *Failure to provide a plan to coordinate mainstream resources

Additional BoS CoC NOFO Priorities and Policies (continued)



- ❑ Applicants must commit to following Written Standards, VAWA Policy, and utilizing Coordinated Entry System
- ❑ Projects awarded for the first time in 2019 (not operational for a year) will receive the median performance points for like applications. Those points will be averaged with that project's original application score (2019) score to account for project design and other factors related to implementation of that project
- ❑ PSH projects that classify as DedicatedPLUS are required to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project.

2021 HUD NOFO Competition



- ❑ As in past years, the application process is a two step process
 - ❑ Review Application and all required documents for New project ranking
 - Emailed to DCA (with all required attachments)
 - Application Packages due no later than 3:00pm, September 29, 2021
 - Applications will be scored and ranked by an application review subcommittee
 - ❑ HUD Application in *E-SNAPS*
 - This is required for ALL project applications
 - Must be complete, with all required attachments, no later than 5:00pm, October 13, 2021



Program and Project Applications

Project Size

- ❑ Average proposal size for new PSH, RRH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component project will depend on the area & coverage of proposed program
 - ❑ Average size of a large regional or metro area application to be approximately \$250,000
 - ❑ Average size of a smaller program in southern or rural parts of the State must be a minimum of \$100,000
- ❑ Average proposal size for new SSO-CE project is not expected to exceed \$150,000
- ❑ New Project Criteria:
 - ❑ Project Applicant in good standing with HUD, DCA, or other
 - ❑ Demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project and experience to administer federal funds
 - ❑ Applicant, subrecipient, project, and participant eligibility
 - ❑ Demonstrate connection to mainstream service systems
 - ❑ Participate/agree to participate in CoC's Coordinated Assessment System & HMIS (or comparable database)
 - ❑ Must administer programs or activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified homeless with disabilities

PSH Project Application - HUD Threshold



Permanent Supportive Housing (permanent housing for people that are chronically homeless and have a disability)*

❑ Must be 100% dedicated for individuals and families who are chronically homeless

OR

❑ Must meet requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.B.2g of the HUD NOFO

Eligible Expenses for New PSH Projects

- ❑ Rental Assistance (see § 578.51 for full guidance)
 - ❑ 25% Match Requirement
 - ❑ Fair Market Rent (FMR) to rent individual units to provide housing (based on FMR for location)
 - ❑ Utility allowance included in FMR
- ❑ Leasing (see § 578.49 for full guidance) – **Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance**
 - ❑ No Match Requirement
 - ❑ Can lease individual units to provide housing
 - ❑ Based on Fair Market Rent for location
 - ❑ No utilities unless they are included in the actual rent amount
- ❑ Operating Costs (see § 578.55 for full guidance) – **Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance**
 - ❑ 25% Match Requirement
 - ❑ Utilities to support Leasing (IF utilities not covered in rent)
 - ❑ Furniture
 - ❑ Equipment
- ❑ Supportive Services (see § 578.53 for full guidance)
 - ❑ Eligible Service Costs Limited (see NOFO)
 - ❑ 25% Match
- ❑ Administrative Costs (§ 578.59)
 - ❑ Up to 10% of Grant Amount (10% of subtotal)
 - ❑ Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on Continuum of Care requirements; and environmental review
 - ❑ Administrative costs cannot be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under § 578.43 through § 578.57
- ❑ HMIS (see § 578.57 for full guidance)
 - ❑ Data entry staff
 - ❑ Other

Please see full CoC Interim Regulations at:

https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule_FormattedVersion.pdf

RRH Project Application - HUD Threshold



- ❑ Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects funded through the 2021 NOFO may serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who meet the following criteria:
 - ❑ may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

Eligible Expenses for New RRH Projects

- ❑ Rental Assistance (see § 578.51 for full guidance)
 - ❑ 25% Match Requirement
 - ❑ Fair Market Rent (FMR) to rent individual units to provide housing (based on FMR for location)
 - ❑ Utility allowance included in FMR
- ❑ Supportive Services (see § 578.53 for full guidance)
 - ❑ Eligible Service Costs Limited
 - ❑ 25% Match
- ❑ Administrative Costs (§ 578.59)
 - ❑ Up to 10% of Grant Amount (10% of subtotal)
 - ❑ Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on Continuum of Care requirements; and environmental review
 - ❑ Administrative costs cannot be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under § 578.43 through § 578.57
- ❑ HMIS (see § 578.57 for full guidance)
 - ❑ Data entry staff
 - ❑ Other

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Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Project Application - HUD Threshold

- Joint TH and PH-RRH Component (Joint TH-RRH Component) projects funded through the 2021 NOF) may serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who meet the following criteria:
 - may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

Joint TH & PH-RRH Component Project Application - HUD Threshold



- ❑ HUD guidance for Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects (SNAPS In Focus):
 - ❑ Not intended to replace transitional housing projects that have been reallocated or lost funding in recent years
 - ❑ Provide crisis housing with financial assistance and supportive services determined by program participants to help them move to permanent housing as quickly as possible
 - ❑ Stays in the crisis housing portion of these projects should be brief and without preconditions, and participants should quickly move to permanent housing
- ❑ Projects can Help Address (SNAPS In Focus):
 - ❑ Communities with large number of unsheltered homelessness and unsheltered youth homelessness

Joint TH & PH-RRH Component Project Application - HUD Threshold

- ❑ Projects must serve people who meet the homeless definition under categories (1), (2), and (4)
- ❑ Joint component projects must:
 - ❑ Provide or connect participants to resources that help them improve their safety and well-being and achieve their goals.
 - ❑ Target and prioritize people with higher needs and most vulnerable.
 - ❑ Target people in unsheltered locations or homeless youth in areas in which the PIT demonstrates need for more housing options.
 - ❑ Demonstrate proposed service area is not covered by crisis housing **and** have a street outreach team, or be in a location where Coordinated Entry planning is occurring.

Eligible Expenses for New Joint TH & PH-RRH Component Projects (see page 23 of NOFO)

- ❑ TH Portion: Leasing (see § 578.49 for full guidance) – Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance
 - ❑ No Match Requirement
 - ❑ Can lease individual units to provide housing
 - ❑ Based on Fair Market Rent for location
 - ❑ No utilities unless they are included in the actual rent amount
- ❑ TH Portion: Operating Costs (see § 578.55 for full guidance) – Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance
 - ❑ 25% Match Requirement
 - ❑ Utilities to support Leasing (IF utilities not covered in rent)
 - ❑ Furniture
 - ❑ Equipment
- ❑ RRH Portion: Rental Assistance (see § 578.51 for full guidance)
 - ❑ 25% Match Requirement
 - ❑ Fair Market Rent (FMR) to rent individual units to provide housing (based on FMR for location)
 - ❑ Utility allowance included in FMR
- ❑ Both: Supportive Services (see § 578.53 for full guidance)
 - ❑ Eligible Service Costs Limited
 - ❑ 25% Match

Eligible Expenses for New Joint TH & PH-RRH Component Projects (cont'd)

- ❑ Administrative Costs (§ 578.59)
 - ❑ Up to 10% of Grant Amount (10% of subtotal)
 - ❑ Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on Continuum of Care requirements; and environmental review
 - ❑ Administrative costs cannot be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under § 578.43 through § 578.57
- ❑ HMIS (see § 578.57 for full guidance)
 - ❑ Data entry staff
 - ❑ Other

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Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus:
 - RRH, Joint RRH-TH Component, or SSO-CE
 - Only 1 SSO-CE, no limit to number of RRH or Joint RRH-TH Component, and limited to 1-year funding
 - Must demonstrate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches
 - RRH and Joint TH-RRH DV Bonus
 - Highest ranked projects that pass eligibility and quality threshold as funding allows
 - DV focused housing projects may be ranked with other new projects for CoC Bonus or reallocated funds if available
 - Expansions apply
 - Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
 - Highest ranked that passes eligibility and quality threshold DV Bonus
 - Only 1 SSO-CE will be included in final CoC ranking submitted to HUD
 - Proposal required that details how listed criteria will be addressed, which includes a budget request itemizing requested funds

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus (cont'd)

□ Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus (cont'd):

□ Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) (cont'd.)

- Highest ranked that passes organizational threshold and demonstrates ability to:
 - Implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
 - Include planning where the centralized or coordinated assessment system will easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area;
 - Be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area;
 - Include an advertising strategy designed specifically to reach homeless persons with highest barriers;
 - 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.

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus (cont'd)



□ CoCs submitting projects under DV Bonus must:

- Describe the data the CoC uses to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including data from a comparable database.
- Describe:
 - How many DV survivors in CoC's geographic area need housing, services, including survivors projects are currently serving;
 - How many DV survivors CoC is currently serving (to determine unmet need);
 - How the CoC collected the data;
 - Data source the CoC used for the calculations;

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus (cont'd)



- Based on that information, CoC must:
 - Describe the barriers for CoC to meeting those needs
 - If the CoC is applying for an SSO-CE project, describe how the current Coordinated Entry is inadequate to address the needs of DV survivors;
 - Describe how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified (SSO-CE);

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus (cont'd)



- ❑ CoC must also address the capacity of each project applicant applying for DV bonus projects to implement a DV Bonus project by describing:
 - Rate of housing placement of DV survivors;
 - Rate of housing retention of DV survivors;
 - Improvements in safety of DV survivors; and
 - How the project applicant addresses multiple barriers faced by DV survivors.
 - Applicants experience in utilizing trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches and how funding will meet this need.

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus (cont'd)

- Application narratives for RRH & TH-RRH requests under DV Bonus should:
 - Describe and quantify the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors;
 - Describe data source used to quantify the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors;
 - Provide data regarding rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention for DV survivors;
 - Describe improvements in safety achieved for DV survivors; and
 - Describe how the project applicant addresses multiple barriers faced by DV survivors.
- SSO-CE proposals should describe how the current Coordinated Entry is inadequate to address the needs of DV survivors.

Project Quality (V.C.3.b & V.C.3.c HUD NOFO)

- ❑ Whether type and scale of housing proposed will fit the needs of program participants
- ❑ Whether type and scale of the supportive services offered to program participants will ensure housing stability
- ❑ *Whether proposed project has a specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs and ensure that program participants are assisted to obtain benefits from mainstream programs for which they may be eligible.
- ❑ Whether program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs
- ❑ Also for Joint TH-RRH Component project, that the proposed project will provide enough rapid rehousing assistance that at any given time a participant may move from TH to permanent housing (2 times the resources for RRH versus TH).
- ❑ Joint TH-RRH Component projects are required to adhere to a housing first model as defined in Section III.B.2.o of the NOFO

Match and Leveraging Documentation

- ❑ All New project Review Applications are required to submit documentation dated July 1, 2021 or later, in order for the commitment to count for match or leverage.
- ❑ While match and leverage can be either cash or in-kind, please note that submitting only in-kind sources may call into question the strength and fiscal capacity to administer the project.
- ❑ Designated match and leveraging cannot be duplicated across applications.
- ❑ Review NOFO and HUD's New Project Detailed Instructions to determine what the match documentation requirements are for e-snaps applications.
- ❑ **Note:** If third-party match is listed in e-snaps application, a separate attachment screen will appear that should be used to attach MOU(s) documentation that confirms the in-kind match commitment.
- ❑ Leveraging should only be reported in the review application, and is not required in e-snaps

Match and Leveraging Requirements

- ❑ The recipient or subrecipient must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources for eligible costs.
- ❑ Match must be for eligible activities within the same category
 - ❑ HMIS dollars are not eligible match for Supportive Service Costs
- ❑ Examples of Eligible Sources of Cash Match include:
 - ❑ Applicant/Project Sponsor's own cash
 - ❑ Federal government grants/contracts (excluding CoC funds)
 - ❑ State and local government grants/contracts
 - ❑ Private grants or contributions
 - ❑ Program Income (see NOFO)
- ❑ Examples of Eligible Sources of Non-cash Match include:
 - ❑ In-kind donations
 - ❑ Volunteer time
 - ❑ Donated services
 - ❑ Donated Property
- ❑ For the project application in *E-Snaps*, there are new questions concerning program income. Agencies should list type of match and source. FORMAL documentation required at technical submission and MAY be a required attachment.
- ❑ Review application are scored on amount of match and leveraging listed with a goal of 100% match & leveraging (for maximum points.)



Eligible Populations

Populations Served Through Continuum of Care

Homeless Individuals & Families

- ❑ Originally from the streets or emergency shelters (or as expanded by NOFO).
- ❑ Homeless Verification - A household is homeless if you can prove with adequate documentation.
- ❑ All families served by new PSH or RRH projects MUST meet HUD definition of homelessness (or as expanded by NOFO) and agencies MUST complete/provide homeless verification on ALL people served.
- ❑ Example of Documentation format on DCA ESG web page at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/1922/documents/10>
- ❑ Families with children include ALL families with children.
- ❑ *Under the CoC Program, households with children may not be categorically excluded from any project based solely on the basis of their familial status.
- ❑ Equal access.

Participant Eligibility (NOFO page 16)

Projects funded through the 2021 NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for project participants:

- ❑ All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process.
- ❑ As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO.
- ❑ Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under (or families headed by youth aged 24 and under) who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence.
 - ❑ HUD interprets “youth-serving provider” as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under.
 - ❑ HUD interprets “living in unsafe situations” as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements

Participant Eligibility cont'd.

(NOFO page 17)



Project funded through the 2021 NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for project participants (cont'd.):

□ New Projects

□ New PSH projects must serve one of the following:

- Persons who meet the definition of DedicatedPLUS (Section III.B.2.g) where 100% units used to serve participants qualified as DedicatedPLUS); or
- Persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enrolled in project

□ RRH and Joint TH-RRH Component projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

Homelessness – Category 1

Category 1 – Literally Homeless

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- ❑ Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
- ❑ Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs; or
- ❑ Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

Homelessness – Category 2



Category 2 – Imminent Risk of Homelessness

Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

- ❑ Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
- ❑ No subsequent residence has been identified; and
- ❑ The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing

Homelessness – Category 4

Category 4 – Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV

Any individual or family who:

- ❑ Is fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence; dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
- ❑ Has no other residence; and
- ❑ (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

PSH Project Application - HUD Threshold



Permanent Supportive Housing (permanent housing for people that are chronically homeless and have a disability)

- ❑ Must be 100% dedicated for individuals and families who are chronically homeless
- OR
- ❑ Must meet requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.B.2.g. of the HUD NOFO

New Permanent Supportive Housing (Chronically Homeless)

PSH Projects **MUST** serve 100% Chronically Homeless Individuals or Families.

- (1) A “homeless individual with a disability” as defined in the Act, who
 - ❑ Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or emergency shelter; and
 - ❑ Has been homeless (as described above) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months
 - Occasions separated by a break of at least 7 nights
 - Stays in an institution of fewer than 90 days do not constitute a break
- (2) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility (hospital, jail, etc.) for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria above of this definition, before entering the facility; or
- (3) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless

****2019 Georgia Balance of State Point-in-Time Count**:**

- ❑ 267 (of 296) Chronically Homeless **Individuals** (90.2%)
- ❑ 12 (of 296, in 15 HH) Chronically Homeless Families (4.1%)
- ❑ 17 (of 296) Chronically Homeless HH with **ONLY** Children (5.7%)

New Permanent Supportive Housing (DedicatedPLUS)

Or PSH projects must meet requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.B.2.g. of the HUD NOFO (page 21), where:

- ❑ 100% of beds dedicated to serve:
 - ❑ Chronic Homeless
 - ❑ CoC TH to be eliminated (**N/A**)
 - ❑ Living on street or in shelter, but chronic & had been admitted & enrolled in PH in last year and unable to maintain placement
 - ❑ In Joint TH and PH-RRH component project & chronic prior to entry
 - ❑ Living on street or in shelter for at least 12 months in last 3 years, but not on 4 separate occasions **OR**
 - ❑ Receiving assistance through a VA-funded homeless program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to VA homeless program

Final Definition of Chronically Homeless

(Amends 24 CFR 91.5 and 24 CFR 578.3)

Summary of Major Changes

- ❑ Four occasions must total 12 months
- ❑ Replaced “disabling condition” with “homeless individual with a disability”
- ❑ “Occasion” is defined by a break of at least 7 nights not residing in an emergency shelter, safe haven, or residing in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g, staying with a friend, in a hotel/motel paid for by a program participant)
- ❑ Stays in institution of fewer than 90 days does not constitute as a break and count toward total time homeless
- ❑ New Recordkeeping Requirements under CoC Program
- ❑ Effective – CoC Program Recipients must comply for participants admitted after January 15, 2016

Definition of Disability

(as it relates to Chronically Homeless)



- The individual or family has a head of household with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.

Documenting Chronic Homeless Status: Disability (as it relates to Chronically Homeless)

- ❑ Must be third party, and includes:
 - ❑ Written verification from a professional licensed by the State to diagnose and treat the disability and certification that the disability is expected to be long-continuing or of an indefinite duration and substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently
 - ❑ Written verification from SSA
 - ❑ The receipt of a disability check
 - ❑ Intake staff-recorded observation of a disability that is accompanied by evidence above within 45 days
- ❑ **Documentation also required for homeless status and length of time homeless/occasions of homelessness

Homeless Verification

- ❑ A person is Chronically Homeless if you can prove with adequate documentation.
- ❑ All individuals and families with children served in New PSH projects MUST meet HUD definition of chronic homelessness or eligibility under DedicatedPLUS and agency MUST complete/provide homeless verification on ALL persons served.
- ❑ HUD Guidance at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4847/hearth-defining-chronically-homeless-final-rule/>

Examples of Persons NOT Eligible (PSH)

- ❑ Persons with resources for housing
- ❑ In housing paying excessive rent, in substandard or overcrowded housing
- ❑ Living long-term with immediate family, relatives or friends
- ❑ Living in a congregate living facility (other than a shelter)
- ❑ Living in a hospital or institution (for > 90 days) where the institution has a policy that requires housing placement at discharge
- ❑ Youth or adults in state custody

All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process.

New Rapid Re-Housing Projects & New Joint TH-RRH Component Projects

- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects funded through the 2021 NOFO may serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who meet the following criteria:
 - may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

**Homeless Verification also required.

- Individuals entering Joint TH-RRH projects lose Chronic Homeless Status

Examples of Persons NOT Eligible (RRH and Joint TH/RRH)

- ❑ Persons housed or with resources for housing
- ❑ In housing paying excessive rent, in substandard or overcrowded housing
- ❑ Living long-term with immediate family, relatives or friends
- ❑ Living in a congregate living facility (other than temporary shelter or transitional housing for homeless)
- ❑ Living in a hotel/motel (unless paid for by charitable organization or government program)
- ❑ Living in a hospital or institution (for > 90 days) where the institution has a policy that requires housing placement at discharge
- ❑ Youth or adults in state custody

All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process



Grant Requirements

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan

- ❑ Each project must have a Certification of Consistency from jurisdiction(s) where projects are located
- ❑ CoCs must submit Certificate for all grantees in a jurisdiction combined in **one** form (and submit certifications in CoC Application)
- ❑ DCA staff will email local Consolidated Plan representatives and cc Project Applicants
- ❑ In order to go forward in the application process and be included in the CoC application to HUD, local jurisdictions need to review/approve all projects
- ❑ Applicants **MUST** follow-up with respective jurisdictions!

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan (continued)

- ❑ Local Consolidated Planning Jurisdiction will need to review project application to determine if proposed project is consistent with their Consolidated Plan . Con Plan jurisdictions within the BoS CoC are:
 - ❑ Albany
 - ❑ Brunswick
 - ❑ Dalton
 - ❑ Gainesville
 - ❑ Hinesville
 - ❑ Macon-Bibb County
 - ❑ Rome
 - ❑ Valdosta
 - ❑ Warner Robins
 - ❑ Cherokee County
 - ❑ Clayton County
 - ❑ Gwinnett County
 - ❑ Henry County
- ❑ All other cities and counties fall under the State's Consolidated Planning jurisdiction.

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan (cont'd.)



- ❑ Applicants that propose to claim a reservation or trust land geographic area and to locate a project on a reservation or trust land must include a tribal resolution from the tribe authorizing the applicant to do so (NOFO page 49)
- ❑ Tribes do not need to include a tribal resolution to claim their own reservation or trust land or to a site a project on their own reservation or trust land.
- ❑ A tribal resolution is the formal manner in which the tribal government expresses its legislative will in accordance with its organic documents.
- ❑ In the absence of such organic documents, a written expression adopted pursuant to tribal practices will be acceptable.

Grant Requirements



Applicants are expected to read and understand HUD's CoC Interim Regulations and the 2020 CoC NOFO to ensure ability to comply with ALL requirements which include, but are not limited to:

- ❑ Match
- ❑ Leveraging
- ❑ Homeless Verification
- ❑ Disability Verification (if applicable)
- ❑ HMIS Participation
- ❑ Collaboration with McKinney Education Liaison (if applicable)
- ❑ Site Control
- ❑ Environmental Review
- ❑ Technical Submission
- ❑ Annual Performance Report
- ❑ Support Service Provision
- ❑ Certifications listed in NOFO
- ❑ Program Eligibility
- ❑ Etc...

2021 NOFO Educational Assurances



- ❑ Project Applicants must demonstrate that project has established policies and practices consistent with the laws related to the provision of educational and related services to individuals & families experiencing homelessness; and
- ❑ Projects serving families must demonstrate in application that a staff person has been designated to ensure that children are enrolled in school and receiving educational services, as appropriate (can include early childhood programs such as Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and McKinney-Vento education services); and
- ❑ Must address non-compliance (if applicable).
- ❑ Formal BoS CoC Educational Policy issued in 2015 for CoC and ESG funded projects.

2021 Compliance with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Rule

- ❑ November 16, 2016, HUD published its VAWA final rule (81 FR 80798), which provides various protections to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking under the CoC Program and other HUD programs.
- ❑ Grants awarded under 2017 NOFA were the first CoC Program grants required to comply with the VAWA rule as provided in 24 CFR 578.99(j)(3).
- ❑ To enable full compliance with this rule, BoS CoC established (6/20/17) an emergency transfer plan under 24 CFR 578.7(d) and made related updates to the written standards for administering CoC program assistance under 24 CFR 578.7(a)(9)(ii), (iii) and (v).
- ❑ 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 and be fully compliant, and if awarded, New projects will need to meet this by the execution of the FY 2021 grant agreement in CoC.

Executive Order 12372

(Screen 1E. SF-424)

- ❑ The State of GA does not participate in the intergovernmental review process.
- ❑ On Screen 1E, select “b” if your organization is located within a state that has chosen not to participate in EO 12372...”
- ❑ Applicants wanting to verify can find Georgia’s notice located at: <http://opb.georgia.gov/state-clearinghouse>

HUD’s detailed instructions on addressing the ‘Executive Order 12372’ requirements within the Project Application is located within the project applicant detailed instructions guide on pages 9.

HMIS Participation



- ❑ Mandated by HUD through Continuum of Care Process
- ❑ All non-DV agencies participating in the Balance of State CoC must actively participate in Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) through use of CoC Designated HMIS
 - ❑ DV agencies required to use a comparable system (***ClientTrack available**)
- ❑ HMIS Data is reported to HUD on an annual basis through the Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA)
 - ❑ LSA data is used by HUD to prepare the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), which Congress uses to determine future funding levels
- ❑ Data used by Continuum and Statewide for planning
- ❑ System Performance Data HUD's HDX system (Submitted February 26th)

Georgia BoS CoC HMIS Policy

- ❑ Enter all clients into HMIS
 - ❑ Authorization for Consent to Share in HMIS should be attempted for all clients
- ❑ ENROLL and DISCHARGE clients in a timely manner
- ❑ Comply with current privacy and security standards
- ❑ DCA staff monitor compliance with policy through:
 - ❑ Site Visits
 - ❑ System Utilization Reports
- ❑ Family Violence Providers are to use and submit HUD APRs from a comparable system* (***ClientTrack available**)
- ❑ The most recent HMIS Policy, Forms, Training resources and other information/resources are on DCA Website :
 - ❑ <https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/homeless-management-information-system-hmis>

Annual Performance Report



- ❑ Must report to HUD annually on the performance of the project
- ❑ Particularly interested in:
 - ❑ Increasing Housing Stability
 - ❑ Increased Income and Mainstream Benefits*
- ❑ Report is based on data from HMIS and is reported through the Sage HMIS Reporting Repository

*New projects must provide a plan to coordinate with mainstream resources

Overall System Performance



FY2021 NOFO - Continued Emphasis on Performance

Continuums Reporting System Performance (as compared to last year):

- ❑ Length of Time Homeless
- ❑ Returns to Homelessness
- ❑ Reduction in Number of Homeless Individuals and Families (PIT)
 - And Progress Ending Veteran, Family, Youth, Chronic Homelessness
- ❑ Employment and income growth
- ❑ Reduction in Number of First Time Homeless
- ❑ Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention
- ❑ Thoroughness of Outreach

- ❑ HMIS Data
 - ❑ Annual data should come directly out of HMIS
 - ❑ Point-in-Time data should come directly out of HMIS
 - ❑ Project performance measured in HMIS (and data quality)
 - ❑ CoC System Performance measured in HMIS



Application Scoring

Application Scoring



- There is one scoring criteria document for New Projects. The scores from this document will make up the total score for each New project review Application.
 - *2021 Georgia BoS CoC NEW Project Scoring Form*

All New Project Threshold

- ❑ Agency meets HUD's eligibility criteria
- ❑ Agency demonstrates adequate capacity to carry out grant (with proper documentation).
- ❑ Project meets eligible costs or activities requirements.
- ❑ Project sufficiently demonstrates eligible populations will be served.
- ❑ Project shows required match & sufficient commitments for leveraging to implement project.
- ❑ Agency does not have serious compliance or performance issues on current projects.
- ❑ Project demonstrates adequate impact or cost effectiveness.
- ❑ Project meets HUD Joint TH & PH-RRH Component Minimum Standards or SSO-CE DV Bonus Minimum Standards
- ❑ Project for Balance of State CoC's 152 county jurisdiction

All New Project Threshold



- ❑ Complete application, which includes all required documents, certifications, etc.
- ❑ Proposed has 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).
- ❑ Utilization, or commitment to utilize, ClientTrack HMIS (or a comparable family violence HMIS alternative) to capture client-level data on all clients in the project.
- ❑ Agency is following, or committed to following the Balance of State CoC's Coordinated Entry System policy and process.
- ❑ Project is able to demonstrate compliance with the Fair Housing Act and 24 CFR 5.105(A)(2) – Equal Access to HUD.
- ❑ Other, as identified by reviewers.

Additional New Project Threshold for Joint TH-RRH Component (see NOFO)



- ❑ Project must target people living in unsheltered locations or homeless youth in areas the PIT demonstrates a need for more housing options for homeless households.
- ❑ Applicant must demonstrate proposed service area is not covered by crisis housing **and** either have a street outreach team or be in a location where Coordinated Entry planning is occurring.
- ❑ Project must target and prioritize people with higher needs and most vulnerable.
- ❑ Demonstrate project will be Low Barrier and prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing
- ❑ Project must use a Housing First approach with client driven models.
- ❑ Must have low-barriers to entry and accommodate people with possessions, partners, pets, or other needs.
- ❑ Must incorporate client-choice, by finding appropriate PH, assist participants move to PH as clients are ready to move from crisis housing.

2021 New Project Scoring (171 Possible Points)

- ❑ Agency Capacity – 20 points
- ❑ Homeless and PSH/RRH/Joint TH-RRH Experience – 20 points
- ❑ Leasing, Rental Assistance, Services & HMIS Experience – 5 points
- ❑ Monitoring Findings or Concerns – 4 points
- ❑ Program Description (& Project Expansion if applicable) – 8 points
- ❑ Estimated Schedule (project implementation timeliness) – 3 points
- ❑ Housing First Model – 3 points
- ❑ Housing First - Entry Requirements – 8 points
- ❑ Housing First - Reasons for Termination – 8 points
- ❑ Determinations by Project Type – 6 points
- ❑ Coordinated Entry Participation – 9 points
- ❑ Educational Liaison – 5 points
- ❑ Permanent Housing Stability (services) – 5 points
- ❑ Increase in Employment and/or Income (services) – 10 points
- ❑ Supportive Services – 5 points
- ❑ Prioritization – 10 points
- ❑ Racial & Ethnic Equity (NEW) – 10 points
- ❑ Housing Stability – 4 points
- ❑ Income Performance – 4 points
- ❑ Project Evaluation – 2 points
- ❑ Budget – 10 points
- ❑ Project Match – 5 points
- ❑ Project Leveraging – 9 points

2021 New PSH Project Bonus Scoring (50 Possible Points)



- ❑ Veteran Prioritization* (*100% dedicated beds) – 5 points
- ❑ Youth Prioritization* (*100% dedicated beds to youth-headed households aged 18-24 yrs old) – 5 points
- ❑ Leveraging Housing Resources – 5 points
- ❑ Leveraging Healthcare Resources – 5 points
- ❑ 2021 Homeless Count Coordinator - 10 points
- ❑ Coordinated Entry Implementation (only agencies that are currently managing the assessment, prioritization, & referral process) – 20 points

Leveraging Housing & Healthcare



Bonus Points for New PSH or RRH projects (NEW):

- ❑ 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
 - Letters of commitment, contracts, or formal written documentation required
- ❑ That will utilize Healthcare Resources to help participants
 - Value of healthcare services provided must be at least 25% of funding requested
 - Formal written agreements that include the value of commitment and dates the healthcare resources will be provided required

Combined 2021 New PSH Project Scoring (221 Possible Points)



- ❑ Total possible points
 - ❑ 171 possible points – Project Application Score
 - ❑ 50 possible points – Bonus Score

- ❑ Please note – all new projects will be ranked against each other

- ❑ The highest scoring DV focused SSO-CE project that meets eligibility will be submitted under DV Bonus.

- ❑ Highest ranked DV focused housing projects may be ranked under the DV Bonus as funding allows, or ranked with other new projects for CoC Bonus or reallocated funds if available.

Overall HUD CoC Scoring



- ❑ As in past years, HUD looks not only at the individual project applications but at the CoC, as a whole.
 - ❑ Coordination and Engagement (96 points)
 - ❑ Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking (30 points)
 - ❑ HMIS (11 points)
 - ❑ Point-in-Time Count (3 points)
 - ❑ System Performance (23 points)
 - ❑ Coordination w/Housing & Healthcare (10 bonus points)

Other Highlights of HUD CoC Scoring



- ❑ Housing First & Low Barrier Projects
- ❑ Prioritization of Chronically Homeless for PSH
- ❑ Dedicated PSH beds for Chronically Homeless
- ❑ Prioritization of Families and Unaccompanied Youth
- ❑ Ending Veteran & Chronic Homelessness
- ❑ Severity of Needs in project review, ranking and selection
- ❑ Performance Monitoring
 - ❑ Utilization
 - ❑ Housing Stability
 - ❑ Participant Eligibility
 - ❑ Length of time homeless
 - ❑ Timely draw downs
 - ❑ Mainstream benefits



Application Process

Application Process & Timeline

- ❑ September 17th & 20th, 2021 - Informational Webinar for Renewal PSH & RRH Applicants, and materials from the webinar posted/distributed
- ❑ September 17th & 22nd, 2021 - Informational Webinars for NEW PSH, RRH, Joint TH & PH-RRH, and SSO-CE applicants and materials from the webinar posted
- ❑ September 21, 2021 – **Proposal Outlines for NEW PSH, RRH, Joint TH & PH-RRH, SSO-CE projects Due**
- ❑ September 28, 2021 – Review Application Packages deadline for Renewal Applicants (full details in BoS NOFO policy)
- ❑ September 29, 2021 - Review Applications for NEW PSH, RRH, and Joint Component projects, & SSO-CE, as well as all required copies and supplemental documents, due by **3:00 pm**.
- ❑ October 13, 2021 – **ALL project applications (renewal PSH, RRH, HMIS, CoC Planning, & Coordinated Assessment; and NEW PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH, & SSO-CE) must be entered into e-snaps by 5:00pm.**
- ❑ October 20 or 21, 2021 - Standards, Rating, and Review Committee meeting to approve and recommend ranking of projects held.
- ❑ October 28, 2021 - CoC Board meeting to approve ranking recommended by the Standards, Ratings, and Review Committee held.
- ❑ October 29, 2021 - Notification given to applicants of placement in scoring and ranking for all projects (due 11/1/21).
- ❑ November 3, 2021 - Corrections and resubmission of application in e-snaps due by 2:00pm.
- ❑ November 12, 2021 - Estimated public posting of CoC Application (due 11/14/21)
- ❑ November 14, 2021 - Estimated date to submit to HUD (due 11/16/21)

Review Application Packet

- ❑ Application Packages Due to be in DCA's office for scoring on **September 29, 2021 (by 3:00 pm) to include:**
 - ❑ The Review Application (New Project Review Application for PSH, RRH, or Joint TH-RRH Component) OR SSO-CE Proposal
 - ❑ Match/Leveraging documentation
 - ❑ Certification Policy Addendum
 - ❑ Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum
 - ❑ 501(c)(3) documentation for applicants & sub-recipients and/or TDHE documentation (as applicable)
 - ❑ A current list of Board Members
 - ❑ The most recent Financial Audit
 - ❑ A current IRS Form 990
- ❑ Packages must contain a complete response
- ❑ **MUST** be received by September 29th (BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov)
- ❑ Then HUD Application due in e-snaps on October 13th

Certification Policy Addendum (due 9/29/21 with a Review Application)

- ❑ Bed Prioritization for Chronically Homeless Policy
- ❑ Low Barrier Housing
- ❑ Housing First
- ❑ BoS Written Standards Policy
- ❑ BoS Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy
- ❑ Projects Classified as DedicatedPLUS
- ❑ Application Submission Assurances
 - ❑ Any certifications fully complete and submitted in the Application or Applicant Profile in e-snaps as required
 - ❑ Code of Conduct submitted in Applicant Profile as required in E-snaps (IF not on HUD's list)
 - ❑ Certification of Consistency (follow up with providing project information to local government following DCA's email)

Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum (due 9/29/21 with application)



- Application Submission Assurances
 - Coordinated Entry System Participation Defined
 - Participation requirements in implementation communities
 - Participation requirements outside of implementation communities
 - Certifications and Assurances

Review Application Packet



□ Email materials to:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing

BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov

Attn: Tina Moore/CoC Application

MUST be received by DCA on or before deadline.



E-Snaps Information

(Electronic Formal Application to HUD)

E-SNAPS Submission

- ❑ In addition to the review application (and supporting materials) that need to be completed for each project, agencies **MUST** complete and submit CoC Project Application(s) electronically in E-SNAPS
 - ❑ <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- ❑ This must be submitted by **October 13, 2021 (5:00 PM)**
- ❑ There will be a general review of the submissions for completeness and accuracy and agencies will be expected to make any required corrections no later than **November 3, 2021 (2:00 PM)**
- ❑ Failure to complete the *e-snaps* portion of the application process and/or failure to respond and make the necessary corrections may result in a project not being included in the BoS CoC application to HUD
- ❑ ****Applicant Profiles should have current Code of Conduct, if not on HUD listing), and all other required documents**

E-SNAPS Submission

- Instruction Guides available at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

- HUD Exchange e-snaps Resources



HUD EXCHANGE

e-snaps
e-snaps is the electronic Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Application and Grants Management System that HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) uses to support the CoC Program funding application and grant awards process for the CoC Program.

[Get Help with e-snaps](#) [Log in to e-snaps](#)

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 <p>Get Started in e-snaps</p> <p>e-snaps 101 Toolkit Find resources to access e-snaps and connect to the correct organizational and CoC e-snaps accounts. Create an e-snaps User Profile Access Your Organization's e-snaps Account Determine What Type of Applicant You Are View the e-snaps 101 Toolkit</p>	 <p>Navigate e-snaps</p> <p>e-snaps 201 Toolkit Find resources to navigate e-snaps from login to application submission. Update the Applicant Profile Access the Project Application in e-snaps View the e-snaps 201 Toolkit</p>	 <p>Apply for Project Funds</p> <p>Application Resources Find resources that help applicants submit funding applications. Apply for Project Funds</p>	 <p>Complete CoC Requirements</p> <p>Collaborative Applicant Resources Find resources that help Collaborative Applicants meet registration and application requirements and submit the CoC Consolidated Application. View Resources for the CoC Collaborative Applicant</p>
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RESOURCES

HUD 2021 Continuum of Care NOFO, Competition, & Program pages:

- ❑ **NOFO at Grants.gov:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=continuum%20of%20care>
- ❑ **2021 CoC Competition at HUD.gov:** https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
- ❑ **HUD Exchange e-snaps resources:** <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- ❑ **HUD Exchange CoC Program:** <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

CoC Regulations

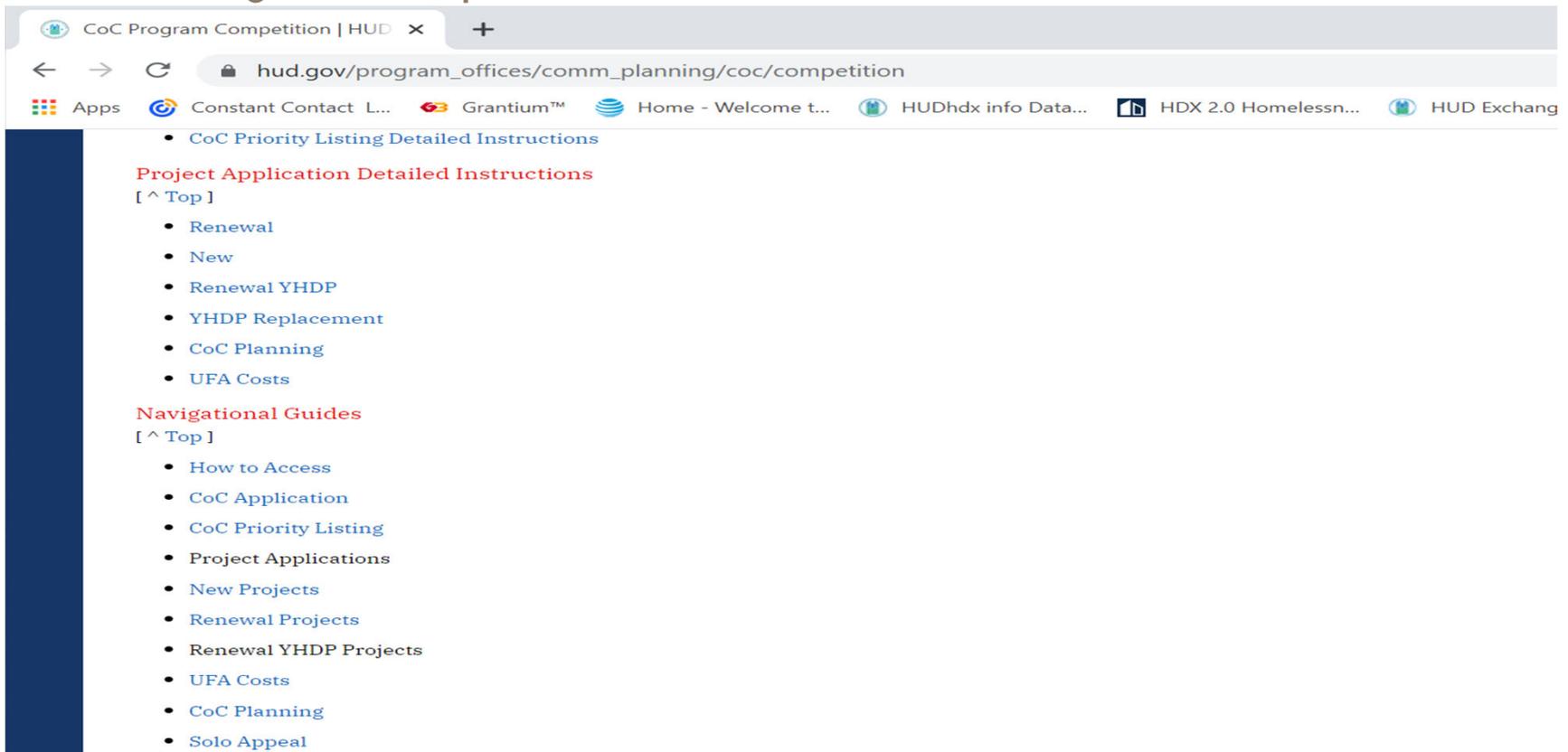
<https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/#regulations>

E-SNAPS Submission

- Instruction Guides available at:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

□ CoC Program Competition Resources



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- CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions**
- Project Application Detailed Instructions**
 - [^ Top]
 - Renewal
 - New
 - Renewal YHDP
 - YHDP Replacement
 - CoC Planning
 - UFA Costs
- Navigational Guides**
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 - How to Access
 - CoC Application
 - CoC Priority Listing
 - Project Applications
 - New Projects
 - Renewal Projects
 - Renewal YHDP Projects
 - UFA Costs
 - CoC Planning
 - Solo Appeal

E-SNAPS Submission (continued)

- ❑ Project Application Detailed Instructions, Navigational Guides (e-snaps instructions), and FAQs
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
- ❑ Technical issues with e-snaps should be emailed to HUD at e-snaps@hud.gov
- ❑ Project Applicants that require information and technical support concerning the HUD NOFO and the application in e-snaps may submit a question to HUD at CoCNOFA@hud.gov
- ❑ Please remember that online systems can freeze up and slow down with excessive traffic
 - ❑ Do not wait until the last minute

E-SNAPS Attachments

- ❑ The following HUD required forms are built into e-snaps and must be fully completed and electronically signed before project applicants have access to the project application:
 - ❑ Project application charts, narratives, and attachments
 - ❑ SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
 - ❑ SF-424 Supplement , Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Applicants (non-profits only & survey is voluntary)
 - ❑ Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (for each project)
 - ❑ SF-LLL – Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)
 - ❑ HUD-50070 – Certification of a Drug-free Workplace
 - ❑ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, and
 - ❑ Applicant Certifications
 - ❑ Documentation of Applicant AND Subrecipient Eligibility
- ❑ Within Applicant Profile
 - ❑ Applicant Code of Conduct

CoC Project Review in E-snaps

- ❑ CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications submitted to HUD
- ❑ CoCs are expected to closely review information provided in each project application in order to ensure:
 - ❑ Eligibility of participants
 - ❑ Eligibility of activities
 - ❑ Data consistent in application
 - ❑ Narratives are fully responsive to question and that it meets all criteria for that question as required by NOFO and included in detailed instructions
 - ❑ New Project Detailed Instructions:
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-New-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf>

Nonprofit Documentation



- ❑ Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility. Project applicants must attach appropriate documentation for each private nonprofit subrecipient organization identified as a nonprofit.
- ❑ Private nonprofit status is documented by submitting either:
 - ❑ IRS 501(c)(3) form or
 - ❑ Certification from licensed CPA that the organization meets each component of the definition of a private nonprofit organization as defined by 24 CFR 578.3

TDHE Documentation (New)



- ❑ Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility. Project applicants must attach appropriate documentation for each Indian Tribe or Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) recipient and subrecipient organization identified in the application.
 - ❑ TDHEs status documentation
- ❑ Applicants that propose to locate a project on a reservation or trust land must include a Tribal Resolution to locate a project on a reservation (NOFO page 7)
 - ❑ Tribes do not need to include for a project on their own reservation or trust land

HUD Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Grants Programs (pages 29-30 and 83-84 in NOFO)

- ❑ Resolution of Civil Rights Matters
- ❑ Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts
- ❑ Debarment and/or Suspension
- ❑ Pre-selection Review of Performance
- ❑ Sufficiency of Financial Management System
- ❑ False Statements
- ❑ Mandatory Disclosure Requirement
- ❑ Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct
- ❑ Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities
- ❑ Equal Protection of Faith-Based and Community Organizations
- ❑ Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
 - ❑ Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-income Persons (Section 3)
 - ❑ Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- ❑ Equal Access to Housing Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

HUD Requirements for Compliance with Administrative, National, & Department Policy (page 83-84 in NOFO)



1. Compliance with Non-discrimination and Related Requirements
2. Equal Access to Housing Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity
3. Ensuring the Participation of Small Disadvantaged Business, and Women-Owned Business
4. Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations
5. Uniform Relocation Act
6. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation.
7. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
8. Drug-Free Workplace
9. Safeguarding Resident/Client Files
10. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L.109-282) (Transparency Act), as amended
11. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities
12. Violence Against Women Act
13. Conducting Business in accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct
14. Environmental Requirements

HUD Notices

- **HUD Mailing List Notifications (click on title for link)**

- [SNAPS Competitions](#)

The SNAPS Competitions listserv provides notification from HUD about important information related to the annual Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive funding process.

- [SNAPS Program Information](#)

The SNAPS Program information listserv provides information from HUD about program content authored by SNAPS.

- **The [e-snaps AAQ is No Longer Processing Questions!](#) All Questions sent to HUD related to the CoC Competition **MUST** be sent to:**

- CoCNOFO@hud.gov - questions regarding the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition process; or

- e-snaps@hud.gov - questions related to e-snaps functionality (e.g., password lockout, access to user's application account, updating Applicant Profile).

Resources



- ❑ **Balance of State CoC**

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care>

- ❑ **Balance of State CoC 2021 Competition page**

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2021>

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