

# **Balance of State Continuum of Care 2023 NOFO Competition NEW Project Applicant Meeting**

**Webinar #1 August 4, 2023 / 10:00 am**  
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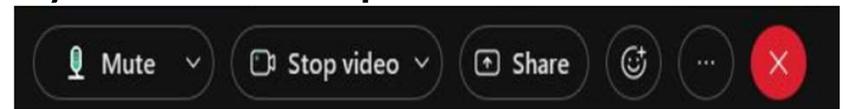
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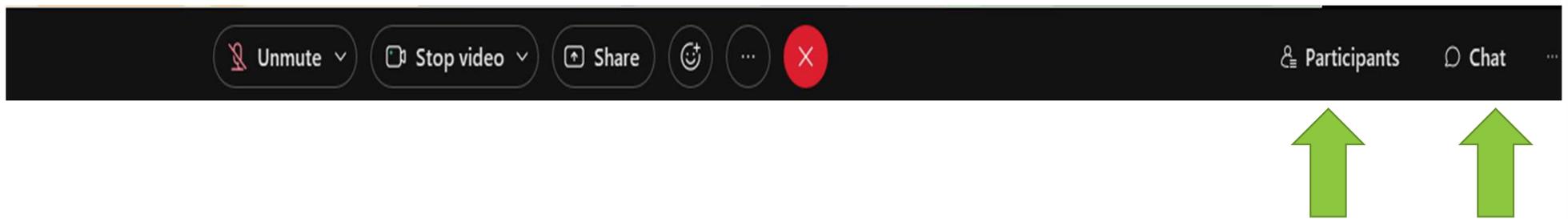


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# WebEx Introduction

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# DISCLAIMER

- This is a GENERAL overview of the CoC Program and Application (for eligible renewal 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 CoC web pages to see program and eligibility requirements.
  - **NOFO at Grants.gov:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349091>
  - **2023 CoC Competition at HUD.gov:**  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc)  
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  - **HUD Exchange e-snaps resources:** <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

# 2023 Balance of State CoC Process

- HUD released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on July 5, 2023
- The Standards, Rating & Project Review Committee (on 7/26/23) established and the Balance of State CoC Board (on 8/1/23) approved:
  - The 2023 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 8/1/23

# Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses

1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons (taking into account challenges faced by Veterans, Youth, Families, Chronically Homeless, and People with Disabilities)
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. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
8. Persons with Lived Experience
9. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

# Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses

## 1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons (taking into account challenges faced by Veterans, Youth, Families, Chronically Homeless, & People with Disabilities)

- Prioritization of 90% of non-dedicated PSH beds for people who are chronically homeless; Bonus points for projects currently providing PSH; Bonus points for projects serving chronically homeless; Bonus points for 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 2020 or later)
- Underperforming PSH and RRH projects may be reduced, reallocated, placed in a lower grouping in Tier 2, and/or at the bottom of the ranking.
- The four 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 with relevant racial equity data on population served and permanent housing exits
  - Renewal Applicants will need to provide relevant census data on counties where units are located
- Scoring on project identification of barriers and steps taken/will take to eliminate barriers
- Scoring on tracking progress and evaluating racial and ethnic equity (**NEW**)
- Scoring on experience working with BIPOC, LGBTQ populations, and people living with disabilities (**NEW**)

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

## 7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals

- Working to have membership training on inclusivity and creating safe spaces
- Using a trauma informed approach leveraging lived expertise
- This is some of the work being done in YHDP implementation planning
- Scoring on experience working with BIPOC, LGBTQ populations, and people living with disabilities

## 8. Persons with Lived Experience

- Set a goal to create an advisory group comprised of people with various lived experience of homelessness

## 9. Increase Affordable Housing Supply

- Scoring criteria around leveraging housing
- Partnerships with Home ARP and other housing partners

# HUD Strategic Goals

## Applicable Goals and Objectives from HUD's Strategic Plan

### **Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities**

Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.

### **Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing**

Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.

### **Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership**

Promote homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements, and wealth-building in underserved communities.

### **Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities**

Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

- HUD expects alignment in applications to the applicable strategic goals and objectives. Use the information in this section to describe in your application the specific goals, objectives, and measures that your project is expected to help accomplish. If your project is selected for funding, you are also expected to establish a plan to track progress related to those goals, objectives, and measures. HUD will monitor compliance with the goals, objectives, and measures in your project

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

## 2. Tiered Approach for Ranking

- Tier 1 = top 93% of funding available to CoC (Renewal Amount)
- Tier 2 = difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC bonus amount available for PH bonus projects
- Estimated Funding Available:
  - Estimated ARD = \$20,644,888
  - Tier 1 = \$19,199,749 (93% ARD)
  - Tier 2 = \$1,445,142 (7% ARD)
    - Possible Reallocation (no estimated amount at this time)
    - CoC Bonus = \$1,889,803
  - DV Bonus = \$2,699,719
  - Estimated Total Available = \$25,234,410
- 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
  - System Performance
  - Performance Based Criteria
    - Special populations
    - Project effectiveness
  - Alignment with CoC and HUD priorities
  - Consideration of Returns to Homelessness (prioritize PSH for people with disabilities)
  - Consideration of maintaining or increasing units for chronically homeless

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

- CoCs cannot receive new projects unless they competitively rank projects based on how 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 page 35):
  - 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 (there is no estimated amount at this time).
  
- ❑ 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 unless DV Bonus RRH, Joint TH-RRH, SSO-CE, or reallocated funds):
  - RRH
  - PSH (100% Chronic or 100% DedicatedPLUS)
    - 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
    - Applicant must focus on DV
- Reallocated funds used first if available (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 39 of the NOFO).

## **Expansion (pages 15-16, 39, 43, 59, etc. 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**
    - Must have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing 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
  - Applicants must describe the part of the project being expanded, and demonstrate the project is not replacing other funding sources

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

- Balance of State CoC 2023 Ranking Priorities
  1. 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
  2. New RRH and PSH projects awarded in the 2021 or 2022 competition (not operational for a year)
  3. New PSH, RRH, & Joint TH-RRH Component projects designated to utilize reallocated funds, if available
  4. Renewal PSH & RRH projects determined to be significantly underperforming, significantly operating under capacity, or significantly operating out of compliance
  5. New PH Bonus PSH, RRH and Joint TH & TH-RRH projects
  6. New DV Bonus RRH and Joint TH & TH-RRH projects
  7. New DV Bonus SSO-CE project

# Additional CoC Policy Highlights

- New applicants should submit a proposal outline to indicate their intention to apply for a new project by August 7, 2023 (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:
  - Organizational and financial capacity
  - Ineligible populations, activities, location, etc.
  - Past performance or compliance issues (if applicable)
  - Lack of match or leverage dollars
  - Use of HMIS (or HMIS compatible system, if a DV provider)
  - Incomplete or late (for new projects) applications
  - Application outside of Balance of State's 152 counties
  - New Projects must provide a plan to coordinate mainstream resources
  - Project does not demonstrate how applicant will carry out proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and demonstrate Equal Access to Housing.
- Applicants must demonstrate project will meet key federal requirements, fair housing, equal access, etc.

## Additional CoC Policy Highlights (continued)

- Applicants must comply with following Written Standards, VAWA Policy, and utilizing Coordinated Entry System (New projects must commit to following policies)
- Projects awarded for the first time under 2021 competition and later (not operational for a year) will receive median performance points for like applications. Those points will then be averaged with that project's original application score (2021) to account for project design and other factors related to implementation of that project.
- Fully operational projects providing permanent housing that were transferred in the last year, or have a transfer pending, will be held harmless and automatically included in Tier 1.
- PSH projects that were awarded as DedicatedPLUS in a previous competition are required to continue to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.

# 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Competition (Notice of Funding Opportunity/NOFO)

- 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)
      - NEW Application packages due no later than 3:00 pm, August 16, 2023
      - 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, August 25, 2023

# Program and Project Applications

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# HUD New Project Criteria

- New Project Criteria:
  - Project Applicant in good standing with HUD, DCA, or other funder
  - 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

# Additional CoC Policy Highlights

- All applications must pass a threshold review to move forward to the scoring portion. Threshold factors include, but are not limited to:
  - Organizational and financial capacity
  - Ineligible populations, activities, location, etc.
  - Past performance or compliance issues (if applicable)
  - Lack of match or leverage dollars
  - Use of HMIS (or HMIS compatible system, if a DV provider)
  - Incomplete or late (for new projects) applications
  - Application outside of Balance of State's 152 counties
  - New Projects must provide a plan to coordinate mainstream resources
  - Project does not demonstrate how applicant will carry out proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and demonstrate Equal Access to Housing.
- Applicants must demonstrate project will meet key federal requirements, fair housing, equal access, etc.

# 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 I.B.2.b.(7) 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](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule_FormattedVersion.pdf)

# RRH Project Application - HUD Threshold

- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects funded through the 2023 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 2023 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.

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

- Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects:
  - Combines TH and RRH:
    - Recipients should prioritize those with the highest needs using an evidence-based approach designed to provide stable housing and services that, to the greatest extent possible, move the participant towards self-sufficiency and independence.
    - Not intended to replace transitional housing projects
- Threshold factors for Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects include:
  - Demonstrate project will follow a Low Barrier approach and prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing
  - Demonstrate 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 those with higher needs and most vulnerable

# Eligible Expenses for New Joint TH & PH-RRH Component Projects (see page 17 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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# 2023 NOFO Updates Include:

- Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022
  - New CoC Program activities
  - Ability to utilize new Category 4 definition of homelessness (as allowed by CoC Written Standards)
- New Eligible CoC Activities
  - VAWA Costs Budget Line Item (New, Renewals through Expansion, or Budget adjustments)
    - Emergency Transfer Facilitation
    - Monitoring Compliance with VAWA
  - Rural Costs Budget Line Item (New or Renewals through Expansion)
    - See page 43 of the NOFO (“rural as defined in Section I.B.2.b.(26) of the HUD NOFO”)

# VAWA Costs Budget Line Item (**New**)

## **(a) CoC grant funds may be used for Emergency Transfer Facilitation –**

(Examples of eligible costs include the costs of assessing, coordinating, approving, denying and implementing a survivor's emergency transfer which includes the items listed below.) Please check the costs that this project will be requesting within the budgets (check all that apply). Not a scored question

- Assistance with moving costs. Reasonable moving costs to move survivors for an emergency transfer.
- Assistance with travel costs. Reasonable travel costs for survivors and their families to travel for an emergency transfer.
- Security Deposits. Grant funds can be used to pay for security deposits of the safe units the survivor is transferring to via an emergency transfer.
- Utilities. Grant funds can be used to pay for costs of establishing utility assistance in the safe unit the survivor is transferring to.
- Housing Fees. Fees associated with getting survivor into a safe unit via emergency transfer, includes but not limited to application fees, broker fees, holding fees, trash fees, pet fees where the person believes they need their pet to be safe, etc.
- Case management. Grant funds can be used to pay staff time necessary to assess, coordinate and implement emergency transfers.
- Housing navigation. Grant funds can be used to pay staff time necessary to identify safe units and facilitate moves into housing for survivors through emergency transfers.
- Technology to make an available unit safe. Grant funds can be used to pay for technology that the individual believes is needed to make the unit safe, including but not limited to doorbell cameras, security systems, phone and internet service when necessary to support security systems for the unit, etc.
- Applicant is not requesting to move CoC funds for these activities.

# VAWA Costs Budget Line Item (**New**)

## **(b) CoC grant funds may be used for Monitoring Compliance with the VAWA Confidentiality Requirements**

(Examples of eligible costs include the costs of ensuring compliance with the VAWA confidentiality requirements which includes items listed below.) Please check the costs that this project will be requesting within the budgets (check all that apply). Not a scored question

- Monitoring and evaluating compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- Developing and implementing strategies for corrective actions and remedies.
- Program evaluation of confidentiality policies, practices and procedures.
- Training on compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- Reporting to Collaborative Applicant, HUD and other interested parties on compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements
- Costs for establishing methodology to protect survivor information.
- Staff time associated with maintaining adherence to confidentiality requirements.
- Applicant is not requesting to move CoC funds for these activities.

# Eligible Costs Associated with Rural Areas (New)

**Eligible Costs Associated with Rural Areas:** Section 5707 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (PL 117-263, December 23, 2022, 136 Stat 2395) amends section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to allow projects in rural areas [as defined in section I.B.2.b.(26) of this NOFO] to use Continuum of Care Program funds to pay for the following eligible activities (listed below). Please check the costs that this project will be requesting within the budgets (check all that apply). Not a scored question

- Payment of short-term emergency lodging, including in motels or shelters, directly or through vouchers.
- Repairs to units in which homeless individuals and families will be housed; or are currently not fit for human habitation.
- Staff training, professional development, skill development, and staff retention activities.
- Applicant is not requesting CoC funds for these activities.

HUD has determined that this new eligible Rural cost category may be included in new project applications or added to eligible renewal projects through expansion. HUD will publish a list of CoCs located in rural areas as defined in section I.B.2.b.(26) of the HUD NOFO.

# 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
  - Scored on demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise
  - RRH and Joint TH-RRH
    - Must follow Housing First approach
    - 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.)

- 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)

## Extra Narrative & Data Requirements

- 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:
    - The number of DV survivors in CoC's geographic area need housing, services, including survivors that projects are currently serving;
    - The number of DV survivors CoC is currently serving (to determine unmet need);
- 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)**

### **Extra Narrative & Data Requirements**

- DV bonus project applicants will need to provide additional data to the CoC to show the capacity 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)

### Extra Narrative & Data Requirements

- Additional application narratives in e-snaps for RRH & Joint TH-RRH funding requests under DV Bonus will also need to:
  - 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.

# DV Bonus & HUD Scoring

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 (page 15 of NOFO):

(1) For Rapid Re-Housing and joint TH and 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 VI.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*. Up to 15 points based on previous performance of the applicant in serving survivors of 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.

(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.

# DV Bonus & HUD Scoring

- (2) PH-RRH and joint component projects must follow a housing-first approach.
- (3) For SSO Project for Coordinated Entry:
  - (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 survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and how the project will fit 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.

# Project Quality (III.C.5.b HUD NOFO)

## PSH & RRH

- Whether type and scale of housing proposed will fit the needs of program participants
- Whether type of supportive services offered to program participants will ensure housing stability
- \*Whether proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants.
- Whether program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs
- The average costs per household served is reasonable, meaning that costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve

## Project Quality (III.C.5.b HUD NOFO) Joint TH-RRH Component

- Whether type and scale of housing proposed will fit the needs of program participants
- 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 by having twice as many units) or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for population being served.
- Whether type of supportive services offered to program participants will ensure housing stability
- \*Whether proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants.
- Whether program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs
- The project adheres to a Housing First model as defined in Section I.B.2.b.(15) of the NOFO
- The average costs per household served is reasonable, meaning that costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to

# Match and Leveraging Documentation

- ❑ All New project Review Applications are required to submit documentation dated May 1, 2023 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 activities that would be eligible under the CoC Program (if it's eligible as a CoC cost, it's eligible as match)
- Examples of Eligible Sources of Cash Match include:
  - Applicant/Project Sponsor's own cash
  - Federal government grants/contracts (excluding McKinney-Vento 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 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 percent match & leveraging (for maximum points.)

# Eligible Populations

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# 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 30)

Projects funded through the 2023 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, 2023, 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

## **General Participant Eligibility cont'd. (NOFO page 32)**

Projects funded through the 2023 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 I.B.2.b (7)) 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

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-1/>

# 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

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-2/>

# Homelessness – Category 4\*

## Category 4 – Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV

Any individual or family who:

- Is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
- Has no other safe residence; and
- Lacks the resources or support to obtain other safe permanent housing\*.

\*Category 4 updated as allowed under the 2022 Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act, and BoS CoC Written Standards (HUD Rulemaking pending)

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-4/>

# 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 I.B.2.b.(7) 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

\*\*2022 Georgia Balance of State Point-in-Time Count\*\*:

- 508 (of 654) Chronically Homeless **Individuals** (78%)
- 146 (of 654, in 53 HH) Chronically Homeless Families (22%)

# New Permanent Supportive Housing (DedicatedPLUS)

Or PSH projects must meet requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section I.B.2.b.(7) of the HUD NOFO (page 14), where:

- 100% of beds dedicated to serve:
  - Experiencing chronic homelessness
  - 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 (**N/A**)
  - 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

## **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

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/determining-and-documenting-disability/>

# 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 2023 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

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# System for Award Management (SAM) Registration (Special NOFO Section IV.B.1)

## SAM Registration (Required)

- Project Applicants are required to be registered with <https://www.sam.gov/SAM> before submitting application
- Annual renewal required
- More information on the SAM registration and required UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) 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.
- The process may be slow, so **please start now.**

# 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)
- Renewal projects providing housing in a different county than last year need to let DCA know
- **DCA staff will email local Consolidated Plan representatives and cc New 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 60)
- 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 2023 CoC NOFO policy 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...

# 2023 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.

# 2023 Compliance with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Rule

- The Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) is a federal law that protects individuals who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. VAWA includes protections for survivors who are applying for or residing in covered housing programs.
- On March 15, 2022, the President signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, which included the Violence Against Women Acts Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022). VAWA 2022 reauthorizes, amends, and strengthens VAWA.
- 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 NOFO 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 in May 2023, the CoC Written Standards updated Category 4 Definition in response to Violence Against Women Act of 2022;
- 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.

## 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 10-11.

# 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 28<sup>th</sup>)

# Georgia BoS CoC HMIS Policy

- Enter all clients into HMIS
  - Unless otherwise stated, persons applying for/receiving services from an HMIS participating agency agrees to allow users of HMIS to collect and share information.
- ENROLL and DISCHARGE clients in a timely manner
- Complete Annual Assessments 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

FY2023 NOFO - Increased 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 (clean data for application)
  - 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

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# 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.
  - *2023 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 (cont'd.)

- 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 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
- Must incorporate client-choice,

## 2023 New Project Scoring (181 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

## **2023 New Project Scoring (181 Possible Points) (cont'd.)**

- 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
- Experience working w/ BIPOC, LGBTQ populations – 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

## **2023 NEW 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
- 2022 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:

- 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
- That will utilize Healthcare Resources to help participants
  - Value of healthcare services provided must be at least 25% of funding requested

## **Combined 2023 NEW Project Scoring (231 Possible Points)**

- Total possible points
  - 181 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 Scoring

As in past years, HUD looks not only at the individual project applications but at the CoC, as a whole.

- CoC Coordination and Engagement - 85 points (from 83)
- Project Ranking, Review and Capacity - 27 points (from 30)
- Homeless Management Information Systems - 9 points (same)
- Point-in-Time Count - 5 points (same)
- System Performance - 60 points (from 59)
- Coordination with Housing and Healthcare – 14 points (same)

**Total Available = 200 (same)**

# 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
- Racial Equity
- Performance Monitoring
  - Utilization
  - Housing Stability
  - Participant Eligibility
  - Length of time homeless
  - Timely draw downs
  - Mainstream benefits

# Application Process

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## 2023 Balance of State CoC Process – Going Forward (NEW Projects)

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Informational Webinars for BoS CoC Competition Policy, Renewal RRH and PSH applicants held by DCA (and materials from the webinar posted).
- **August 7, 2023 - Proposal Outlines for new PSH, RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH Component or SSO-CE projects due.**
- August 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Informational Webinars for New PSH, RRH, Joint Component, and SSO-CE applicants (and materials from the webinar posted).
- August 15, 2023 – Review Applications & supplemental documents for Renewing PSH and RRH projects due by 3:00 pm.
- **August 16, 2023 – 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.**
- **August 25, 2023** - ALL project applications (renewal PSH, RRH, HMIS & CE and new PSH, RRH, Joint Component, and SSO-CE) and updated certifications must be entered into *e-snaps* by 5:00 pm.
- TBD: September 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Standards, Rating, and Review Committee meeting to approve and recommend ranking of projects held.
- September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - CoC Board meeting to approve ranking recommended by the Standards, Ratings, and Review Committee held.
- September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Notification given to applicants of placement in scoring and ranking for all projects (due 9/13/23).
- **September 14, 2023 – Correction and resubmission of application in *e-snaps* due by 2:00 pm.**
- September 26, 2023 – Public Posting (due 9/26/23)
- September 27, 2023 – CoC application submission to HUD (due 9/28/23)

# Review Application Packet

- Application Packages Due to be in DCA's office for scoring on **August 16, 2023 (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 August 16<sup>th</sup> ([BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov](mailto:BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov))
- Then HUD Application due in e-snaps on August 25, 2023

# Certification Policy Addendum (due 8/16/23 in package for New projects)

- Bed Prioritization for Chronically Homeless Policy
- Low Barriers to Entry
- 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 8/16/23 in package for New projects)

- 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](mailto:BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov)

Attn: Tina Moore/CoC Application

**MUST** be received by DCA on or before deadline  
(August 16, 2023 3:00 PM) .

# **2023 HUD CoC Application Process-** ***e-snaps Information*** *(Electronic Formal Application to HUD)*

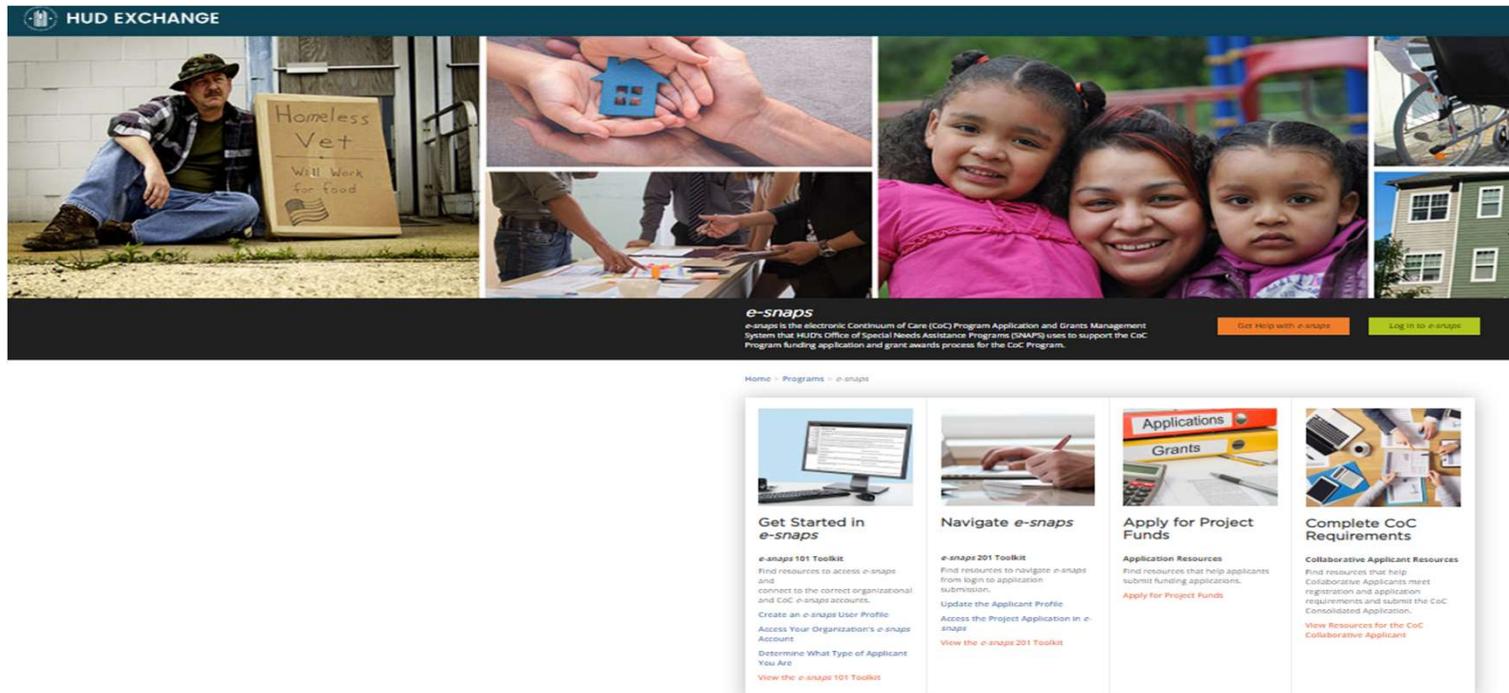
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# E-SNAPS Submission

- 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 **August 25, 2023 (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 **September 14, 2023 (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)**

# 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](#)

Home > Programs > e-snaps

Get Started in e-snaps	Navigate e-snaps	Apply for Project Funds	Complete CoC Requirements
<b>e-snaps 101 Toolkit</b> 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 <a href="#">View the e-snaps 101 Toolkit</a>	<b>e-snaps 201 Toolkit</b> Find resources to navigate e-snaps from login to application submission. Update the Applicant Profile Access the Project Application in e-snaps <a href="#">View the e-snaps 201 Toolkit</a>	<b>Application Resources</b> Find resources that help applicants submit funding applications. <a href="#">Apply for Project Funds</a>	<b>Collaborative Applicant Resources</b> Find resources that help Collaborative Applicants meet registration and application requirements and submit the CoC Consolidated Application. <a href="#">View Resources for the CoC Collaborative Applicant</a>

# RESOURCES

## HUD 2023 Continuum of Care NOFO, Competition, & Program pages:

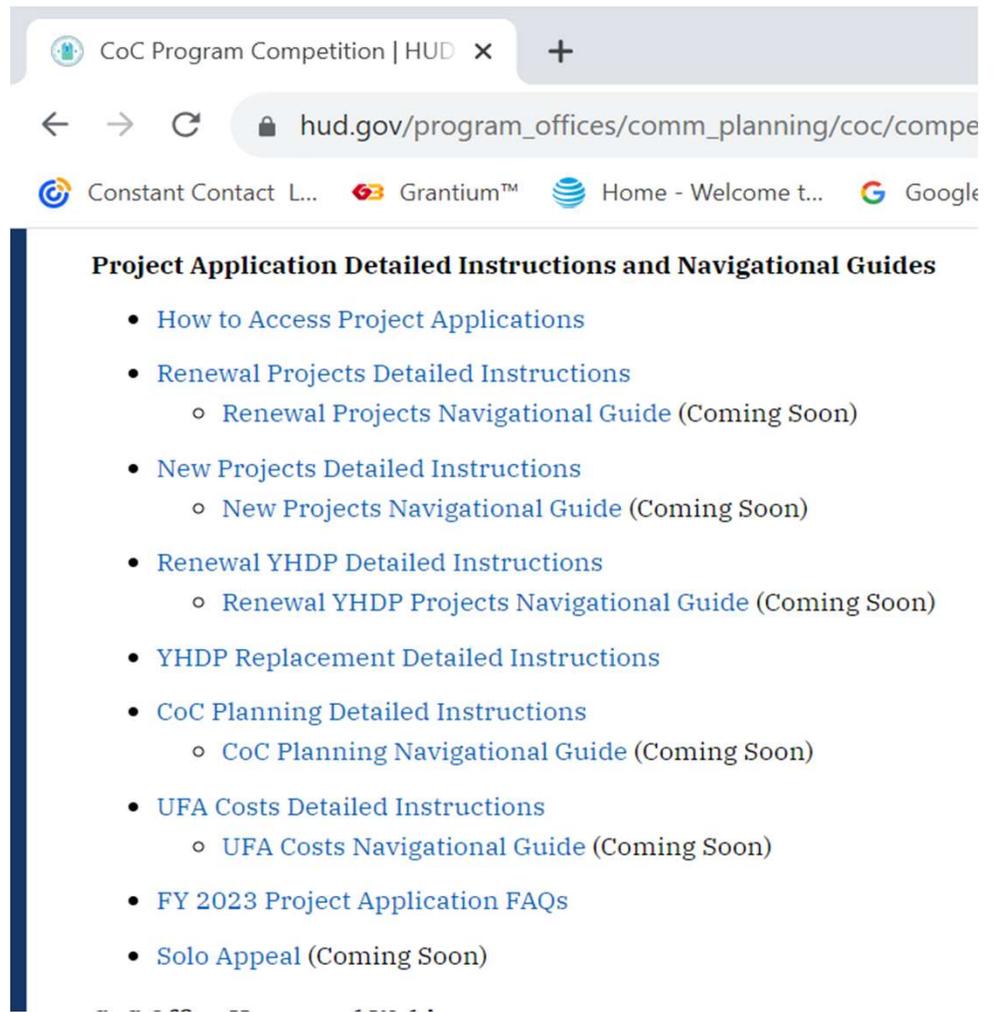
- **NOFO at Grants.gov:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349091>
- **2023 CoC Competition at HUD.gov:**  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc)  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/competition](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_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/programs/coc/toolkit/introduction-to-the-coc-program/#coc-program-laws-regulations-and-notices>

# E-SNAPS Submission

- Instruction Guides available at (coming soon):  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/competition](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition)
- *CoC Program Competition Resources*



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Browser Tab:** CoC Program Competition | HUD
- Address Bar:** hud.gov/program\_offices/comm\_planning/coc/competition
- Page Title:** Project Application Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guides
- Content:** A list of links for detailed instructions and navigational guides, including:
  - How to Access Project Applications
  - Renewal Projects Detailed Instructions
    - Renewal Projects Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
  - New Projects Detailed Instructions
    - New Projects Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
  - Renewal YHDP Detailed Instructions
    - Renewal YHDP Projects Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
  - YHDP Replacement Detailed Instructions
  - CoC Planning Detailed Instructions
    - CoC Planning Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
  - UFA Costs Detailed Instructions
    - UFA Costs Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
  - FY 2023 Project Application FAQs
  - Solo Appeal (Coming Soon)

# ***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](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](mailto: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 [CoCNOFO@hud.gov](mailto:CoCNOFO@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 1A-1F
  - Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (for each project)
  - HUD-50070 – Certification of a Drug-free Workplace
  - Certification Regarding Lobbying,
  - Applicant Certifications
  - SF-LLL – Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)
  - 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/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/competition](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition) and  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

# Nonprofit Documentation

- Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility. Project applicants must attach appropriate documentation for each private nonprofit recipient and subrecipient organization identified as a nonprofit.
- Private nonprofit status is documented by submitting either:
  - IRS 501(c)(3) form or equivalent nonprofit documentation
  - 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

- 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 34)
  - 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 Includes (pages 35+ in NOFO)

- Resolution of Civil Rights Matters
- Advancing Racial Equity
- Participative Planning and Implementation
- Renewal Project Requirements
- Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Requirements
- Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts
- Debarments or Suspensions, or both
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirement
- Pre-selection Review of Performance
- Sufficiency of Financial Management System
- False Statements
- Failure to conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct
- Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities

## **Administrative, National, & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Applicants and Recipients of Financial Assistance Awards Includes Compliance with... (pages 111-113 in NOFO)**

1. The Fair Housing Act
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
3. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975
4. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
5. The Americans with Disabilities Act
6. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements
7. Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements,
8. Accessible Technology requirements,
9. Equal Access Requirements
10. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation
11. OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
12. Drug-Free Workplace requirements
13. The requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files
14. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006
15. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements
16. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct
17. System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements
18. [section 106\(g\) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 \(TVPA\), as amended \(22 USC 7104\(g\)\)](#)
19. Eliminating Barriers That May Unnecessarily Prevent Individuals with Criminal Histories from Participation in HUD Programs
20. Equity requirements, which include compliance with racial equity and underserved communities and LGBTQ+ 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.
- **All Questions sent to HUD related to the CoC Competition (Annual Competition) MUST be sent to:**
  - [CoCNOFO@hud.gov](mailto:CoCNOFO@hud.gov) - questions regarding the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition process; or
  - [e-snaps@hud.gov](mailto: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 2023 Competition page

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2023-coc>

# Questions?

## General CoC / Application submission questions:

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BoS HMIS Team - [BoSHMIS@dca.ga.gov](mailto:BoSHMIS@dca.ga.gov)



