



# 2022 NOFO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Abstract

*This document provides the answers to questions received about the 2022 “CoC NOFO” and the 2022 CoC “Unsheltered’ NOFO and includes updates from HUD.*

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## 2022 Local NOFO AAQ

*Note: All Questions and Answers are listed under the NOFO Competition the question was referring to. Currently this document includes questions submitted during the 8/11/2022 CoC General Membership Meeting and the Q and A session that was conducted on 8/16/2022.*

### 2022 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Competition Questions (HUD CoC NOFO)

#### CATEGORY: YHDP

#### **Q: Do YHDP Subrecipients need to submit an intent to Renew to the CoC by August 15, 2022?**

*A: The RTFH as the Applicant/ Grantee is responsible for the Intent to Submit and Attachment Documents. A YHDP 'new' Project is called a 'Replacement Project' it uses the funds of an existing project to apply for a project to replace the renewal.*

#### **Q: For YHDP (Y Renewal) Subrecipients with the 2022-2023 program budgets be the same as FY 2021-2022?**

*A: YHDP (Y Renewal) program budgets will remain the same for FY 2022-2023. The YHDP 2022- 2023 Budgets are not part of the current NOFO process.*

#### **Q: Will YHDP (Y Renewal) program budgets change for FY 2023-2024 (2022 NOFO)?**

*A: YHDP (Y Renewal) program budgets are being reviewed and worked on by RTFH (Recipient) at this time and will be sent to subrecipients as soon as they have been finalized.*

#### **Q: For YHDP (Y Renewal) Subrecipients that are wanting to renew their projects for 2023-2024 what documentation needs to be submitted to RTFH (For 2022 NOFO)?**

*A: For subrecipients funds to be distributed through 2023-2024 (2022 NOFO) a subrecipient will need to submit a 25% match commitment letter for all Y Renewal programs once all budgets have been finalized and have been sent out. RTFH (Recipient) will also need a copy of their 501c3 letter as well as any additional documentation as requested from each subrecipient last year. A new Commitment list has been added to the list of requested documentation as of 8/16/2022. Please see list of commitment letters below. Kat Durant at [Kathryn.durant@rtfhdsd.org](mailto:Kathryn.durant@rtfhdsd.org) will be the POC this year for YHDP (Y Renewal) Subrecipients.*



- *HMIS Commitment*
- *CES Commitment*
- *Letter of Commitment to Furthering, Equity, Inclusion, and Equal Access for Overrepresented and Underserved Homeless Persons*

#### CATEGORY: DOCUMENTATION

**Q: Can applicants obtain electronic signatures for all required Intents to Submit Forms?**

*A: Yes, RTFH is able to accept electronic signatures for all intent to Submit Forms.*

**Q: What is the latest deadline to begin expending awarded funds under the 2022 CoC NOFO?**

*A: Projects Awarded under the CoC NOFO must have a signed grant agreement with HUD dated no later than December 31, 2023.*

**Q: Does the NOFO require an MOU with a healthcare or substance abuse organization when we submit a Renewal Project Application?**

*A: Not required for FY 2022 CoC NOFO Renewal projects, but helpful to be considered competitive. A NEW project under the FY 2022 NOFO or Unsheltered NOFO this requirement is considered a MUST have within your project application if your project includes the healthcare leverage.*

#### CATEGORY: ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

**Q: Does the 2022 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) allow for Homelessness Prevention projects?**

*A: Currently HUD does not allow for the use of Homelessness Prevention funds under San Diego's CoC Program.*

**Q: Can a project applicant apply for a new Joint TH-RRH project under the 2022 CoC NOFO or can only the Collaborative Applicant apply?**

*A: Applying for a Joint TH-PH-RRH project is not limited to the agency that serves as the Collaborative Applicant (HUD Response on 8/22/2022).*

#### OTHER

**Q: Does the tradition FY 2022 CoC NOFO have to serve the entire County?**

*A: A single project does not have to serve the entirety of the San Diego County geographic region. A project can serve clients who are experiencing or at risk of being homeless within a certain city jurisdiction or the entire County. (Ex: Some projects may only serve those experiencing homelessness within a city limit or*



subregion because the agency's mission is dedicated to provide services to those residing in that specific city or subregion).

**Q: Are all organizations Subrecipients under RTFH when an agency is awarded funds under the FY 2022 CoC NOFO?**

*A: No. The only awards that have Subrecipients under the RTFH is for the funding that was initially awarded under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), which is no longer in the demonstration period. RTFH as the Collaborative Applicant, was required by HUD to be the applicant/ main recipient of funds in order to be awarded. For all other CoC funded projects the funds are released directly to the project applicant who is considered the “recipient”.*

*Collaborative Applicant (RTFH) Definition is below.*

*The **Collaborative Applicant** is the eligible applicant designated by the Continuum of Care (CoC) to collect and submit the CoC Registration, CoC Consolidated Application (which includes the CoC Application and CoC Priority Listing), and apply for CoC planning funds on behalf of the CoC during the CoC Program Competition. The CoC may assign additional responsibilities to the Collaborative Applicant so long as these responsibilities are documented in the CoC's governance charter.*

**Q: Are the 2022 general and detailed instruction guides for renewal projects available yet? I could only find 2021 guides.**

*The project details instruction for Renewals and New projects are below for the FY 2022 CoC NOFO.*

**Project Application Detailed Instructions (links are below)**

- [Renewal](#) (FY 2022)
- [New](#) (FY 2022)

**Q: What is the Renewal application called in E-SNAPs?**

*A: 2022 CoC Renewal Project. For your agency applications, add the Funding Source Registration, then when you go to create a project, choose, “Import data” and use the dropdown to highlight your 2021 application. Then name the 2022 project similarly, only if it contains a year, change it to 2022. Grants that were expanded or consolidated in 2021 should remove “expansion” or “consolidated” from the 2022 Project Name.*



**2022 Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Supplemental NOFO  
(Locally referred to as “Unsheltered NOFO”)**

**CATEGORY: ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

**Q: Can you provide an example of how an applicant can submit a NEW project proposal (Under the Unsheltered NOFO) for a Supportive Services (SSO) Project type?**

*A: The Unsheltered NOFO describes SSO projects that are not for coordinated entry on page 28 of the NOFO. The **application** must describe how the participants are assisted to obtain and maintain permanent housing. So, for example, a project that has housing resources (that are not already dedicated to homeless persons) supported from another resource could apply for supportive services to combine with the housing to essentially create Permanent Supportive Housing.*

**Q: If the grantee is a partner in a Limited Partnership that owns a PSH development, can the funds be used at that location if awarded under either NOFO?**

*A: Tentative Response- Property owned by the grantee or affiliate cannot be leased, but that tenant-based rental assistance, sponsor-based assistance, or project-based assistance can. The CoC has sent an AAQ to HUD to confirm. Will update AAQ once HUD response is received.*

**Q: Does the 2022 Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Locally referred to as Unsheltered NOFO) allow for Homelessness Prevention projects?**

*A: Currently HUD does not allow for the use of Homelessness Prevention funds under San Diego’s CoC Program.*

**Q: Did RTFH say that 50% of the Unsheltered NOFO needs to be health service related including substance abuse?**

*A: The Unsheltered NOFO, page 48, indicates that to get maximum points, the CoC must have written commitments from health care organizations equal to 50% of the funding being requested or in the case of substance abuse treatment or recovery, will provide access to services to all participants who qualify and choose those services.*

**Q: Can an applicant submit a new project proposal for emergency shelter options or only for Rapid Rehousing services?**

*A: The Rural Set Aside includes short term emergency lodging as an eligible activity; that option is not included for the Unsheltered Set aside.*

**Q: To confirm are expansions or transition projects not allowed under the Unsheltered NOFO?**

*A: Because the Unsheltered NOFO needs to be new projects, there are no existing renewal projects to expand or transition.*



**Q: Can the “Unsheltered NOFO” have projects submission that will serve our existing Joint TH and RRH YHDP units?**

*A: No. If a YHDP Subrecipient is interested in submitting an intent to submit under the “Unsheltered NOFO” it must be for brand NEW projects. A brand-new project cannot be connected to existing housing and or services that are currently being provided under an existing YHDP subrecipient contract. Under the “Unsheltered NOFO” HUD is not accepting expansion projects or consolidated projects.*

**CATEGORY: DOCUMENTATION**

**Q: Are the 2022 CoC Renewal and profile instructional guides available yet?**

*A: The detailed instructions for the CoC NOFO are now available. See 2022 CoC NOFO section above. Detailed guides are available for the Unsheltered NOFO. Please see the HUD Exchange Competition Page.*

**Q: When are Intent to Submit Forms due for the Unsheltered NOFO?**

*A: Intent to Submit forms for ALL NEW projects under the Unsheltered NOFO are due by **Tuesday September 6, 2022 (Day after Labor Day)**. Reminder the Unsheltered NOFO does no accept Renewal projects or Expansion projects. All intents must be for eligible new projects as outlined under the 2022 Supplemental NOFO to address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Unsheltered NOFO).*

**Q: What is the latest deadline to begin expending awarded funds under the 2022 Unsheltered NOFO?**

*A. Projects Awarded under the Unsheltered NOFO must be able to be under grant agreement by September 2024. (See Project Application 6A).*

**OTHER**

**Q: Will the plan the CoC is developing to submit with the Unsheltered application be available prior the deadline for projects?**

*A: The Unsheltered NOFO included details about the sections and questions that must be addressed in the Plan. Applicants are encouraged to review the guidance in the NOFO and the Detailed Instructions for the Collaborative Application.*