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FY 2023 HUD CoC NOFO Local Process and Funding Priorities

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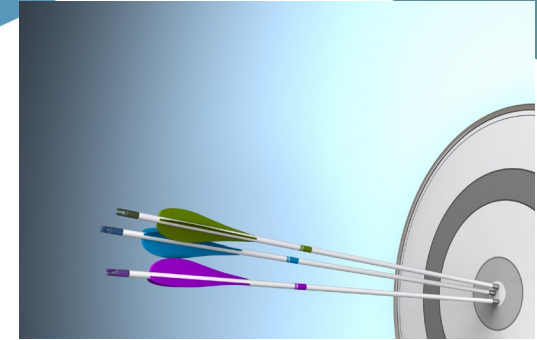
Acknowledgements

The information in this session draws from:

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY2023 (FR6700-N-25)
- HUD FY 2023 Detailed Instruction Guides related to CoC NOFO
- Local CoC Priorities – RTFH, Consolidated Plans
- Local Rating and Ranking Information – www.RTFHSD.org



Session Goals



- Identify HUD Homeless Policy Priorities
- Build Awareness of CoC NOFO Priorities
- Provide Overview of NOFO Timeline
- Identify Eligible Project Types for NEW Projects
- Outline Steps in Applying for NEW Projects
- Address general questions



1. End Homelessness for all persons.
2. Use a Housing First approach.
3. Reduce unsheltered homelessness.
4. Improve System Performance.
5. Partner with Health, Housing and Service Agencies.
6. Promote Racial Equity.
7. Improve Assistance to LGBTQ+ persons.
8. Engage Persons with Lived experience.
9. Increase Affordable Housing supply.

HUD Homeless Policy Priorities

The selection criteria in the NOFO are linked to nine (9) goals for ending homelessness.

(Criteria: NOFO V.B.)



NOFO Priorities

The NOFO sets priorities for the CoC as a whole and for individual projects.



EXAMPLES

- Inclusive, coordinated response.
- Meaningful inclusion of persons with lived experience: planning, decision-making, staff.
- Advancing racial equity.
- Assisting under-served populations: BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities or severe service needs.
- Victims of Domestic Violence, Youth
- Serving unsheltered persons.
- Leveraging other resources for health care, housing, and services.
- Performance outcomes.
- Creation of housing, non-congregate housing.



Local Priorities

- The Regional Task Force on Homelessness Regional Community Action Plan and the CoC NOFO scoring reflect the local priorities.
- The local priorities mirror the HUD policy priorities, NOFO priorities, and systems performance measures.
- Creation of housing; advancing racial equity, serving vulnerable populations (underserved groups, severe service needs, seniors, victims of violence); measurable positive performance outcomes; effective use of funds to move unsheltered persons to permanent housing and economic stability all play a role in improved system performance,



Concepts in the RTFH Community Action Plan

- Strong equitable, inclusionary system.
- Centering on racial equity and social justice.
- Valuing the voices of persons with lived experience.
- Meet the needs of unsheltered persons.
- Align resources across sectors, including healthcare, housing, public and private resources.
- Develop new housing opportunities.
- Use data-driven evaluation to improve system performance.
- Address the needs of unsheltered persons, veterans, youth, older adults, families, and persons with disabilities.



Funding Available for New Projects

Fund Name	Purpose	Amount
CoC Bonus	Create new projects (including expansion of successful renewals). Expand number of units and beds available in CoC.	\$2,250,940
Domestic Violence Bonus	Create new (including expansion of successful renewals) 100% dedicated to Victims of Domestic Violence	\$2,324,883
Reallocated Funds	Create new projects (including expansion of successful renewals) matching local priorities	TBD – typically less than \$500,000
NOTE:	LEVERAGING HEALTHCARE/ HOUSING IN ANY	NEW PROJECT.



Eligible New Project Types

- New CoC Bonus projects: Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, or Joint Transitional + Rapid Rehousing serving eligible persons (p.32) particularly those integrating housing and health services.
- New DV Bonus Projects: Rapid Rehousing or Joint Transitional + Rapid Rehousing Projects dedicated to Domestic Violence victims. Cannot fund Permanent Supportive Housing projects. 100% of households must meet Victim of Violence eligibility. Housing assistance limited to 24 months or less.
- New Projects through Reallocation: Eligible for project types allowed for non-RTFH organizations. Cannot expand Safe Haven or Youth Homeless Demonstration Projects.



New Project Type Detail

Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH): Serving chronically homeless, or DedicatedPlus. Housing assistance lasts until no longer needed, often many years. Chronically homeless persons have a diagnosed disability and lived a year or more in homelessness.

Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH): Tenant-based rental assistance is limited to 24 months or less. Participants can move between components. Assistance level conforms to the CoC Written Standards.

Joint Transitional Housing + Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH): combines transitional housing and Rapid rehousing into one project. Must be able to offer both components to all participants, Participants select which program component to enter. (See p. 17)



System Participation Requirements

All new projects in the must:

- Adopt a Housing First Approach.
- Enter Data into the HMIS or DV Alternate Comparable Data Base.
- Use the Coordinated Entry System to fill units and beds.
- Document match of at least 25% of all funds requested (except leasing).
- Comply with HUD Interim Rules and Certifications and Assurances listed in NOFO
- Ensure their Code of Conduct is registered with HUD.



Evaluation

New projects are evaluated in accordance with HUD Threshold Standards as well as local rating factors.

A scoring rubric listing the elements that are scored will be posted on the RTFHSD website.

The Project Application completed in E-Snaps provides agency and project description and capacity and budget information.

To evaluate the performance outcomes of a new project, data and evidence from comparable projects provided by the applicant organization will be used.

All new projects must be rated and ranked based on the criteria.(6 categories)

Review the Request for Project Applications NOFO documents on the RTFHSD website NOFO Page.



E-SNAPS, DROP BOX, POINT OF CONTACT

Three mechanisms for providing application material for local review, rating and ranking are:

- 1) Agency Drop Box Folder established by the RTFH. Contact Kathryn.Durant@rtfhdsd.org if you do not have a Drop Box.
- 2) E-SNAPS. This electronic portal is where you describe your organization, register to apply for CoC NOFO funding, create and complete a project application, and when awarded, resolve any technical issues with HUD.
- 3) POC. Identifying and providing contact information for two persona in your organization who will receive information and can be contacted if necessary.



DROP BOX

Use the Drop Box established by RTFH. Do not create your own Dropbox for this process.

The Agency Drop Box Folder contains may file folders.

Each has been named for you.

By the end of the process, you will have upload all documents for your Application to your Drop Box



E- SNAPS

- E-Snaps is HUD's online, electronic portal for the CoC (and YHDP) programs
- You must have an organizational profile and sign on accounts to use the system.
- HUD provides a detailed guide to describe how to register and use e-Snaps.
- You will complete the narratives for your new project application in e-Snaps.
- If you have followed the HUD Detailed Guide and still have challenges, the NOFO team will answer questions on how to navigate e-Snaps



STEPS in PROCESS

- Request a Drop Box
- Complete the Intent to Submit and associated documents (See Request for Project Applications).
- Create a new project in e-Snaps.
- Note: you must complete Standard Forms and Certification sections 1A-L before you will see the rest of the New Project questions.
- Check your application for completeness and internal consistency.
- Use the Detail Guide. Create a .PDF of your work DO NOT CLICK SUBMIT.



Steps, continued

- Upload the Furthering Equity Commitment to Drop Box on or before August 7th.
- CHECK for UPDATES on the RTFHSD.org website - DAILY.
- WATCH for email communication to the agency's Points of Contact.
- Prepare your application and required attachments in e-Snaps.
- Create .pdf and upload to Drop Box before August 24,2023.
- Upload all required attachments.
- Watch for announcement of the list of projects that will be included in the Application to HUD



Steps, continued

- Watch for announcement of the list of projects that will be included in the Application to HUD.
- The announcement will include the amount of funds you will be allowed to apply for, and the rank order.
- Make adjustment to budget in the application to match the announced allocation.
- Watch for additional communication from the NOFO Team for other changes that are needed.
- Make those changes in your application.
- Wait for a notice that you are ready to click 'submit'. Click and take a deep breath.



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Questions?

THANK YOU!