

## 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Highlights

### Subject

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grants.

### Key Dates

July 5, 2023 NOFO Released by HUD

Local Timeline - Process has multiple due dates, for processes such as providing an Intent to Submit Form; Submitting a series of verification documents; application narratives and required attachments; etc. Please refer to [Local Timeline](#) found on the RTFH website for details.

August 24, 2023, the CoC must have received all proposals for new or renewal projects by this date.

September 26, 2023, all sections of the application and required attachments are posted to the Regional Task Force on Homelessness website.

September 28, 2023 all sections of the application and required attachments must be received by HUD no later than 5:00 PM, Pacific Time (7:59:59 PM Eastern).

### Funding Levels

Category	Amount (estimated, pending verification of PPRN RPRN)	Description
<b>Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)</b>	\$32,156,290	Funds needed to support all eligible renewals, expiring in calendar year, 2024.
<b>Youth Homeless Demonstration Project Set Aside (YHDP)</b>	\$3,949,614	Funds reserved for YHDP renewal or replacement projects (included in ARD above)
<b>Base ARD</b>	\$28,206,676	Renewal ARD Funding minus YHDP Set aside.
<b>Tier 1</b>	\$26,232,208	Maximum funds Available in Tier 1 (93% of ARD – YHDP)
<b>Tier 2 ARD</b>	\$1,974,468	Minimum ARD funds required to be placed in Tier 2 (7% ARD)
<b>Planning Grant Funds</b>	\$1,607,815	Funds reserved for Collaborative Applicant Planning Grant Application (5% of ARD)
<b>CoC Bonus Funds</b>	\$2,250,940 (estimated)	Maximum funds for CoC Bonus Projects to serve Chronic or Dedicated Plus homeless persons. (7% FPRN)

<b>Domestic Violence Bonus Funds</b>	\$1,893,000 (estimated)	Maximum funds allowed for new projects 100% dedicated to DV. (10% of Preliminary PRN)
<b>Reallocation</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Funds made available by local decision-making processes, included in ARD.

### **Changes from Prior NOFO**

#### *CoC Bonus Project Funding*

The 2023 NOFO allows CoCs to apply for up to 7% of their Final Prorata Need for CoC Bonus projects to serve 100% individuals meeting the Chronic or Dedicated Plus definitions. This is an increased allocation of 2%.

#### *CoC Planning Grant*

The RTFH as the Collaborative Applicant can submit a CoC Planning Grant Application for up to 5% of the ARD. This is a 2% increase in allocation.

#### *Executive Order #12372 Intergovernmental Review*

The CoC Program is not subject to E.O. 12372 in 2023. Previously, the program was subject to this E.O. but was not selected for review. This change means you will select a different response to that question in your Renewal Project Application(s).

#### *Homeless Definition*

Category 4 of the Definition of Homelessness has been updated to recognize the statutory changes associated with the 2022 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization (VAWA). The 2023 NOFO applies the revised definition to all references to 'homeless' for all purposes. The revised definition was provided during [VAWA training](#) and is found on page 5 of the NOFO. Agencies are reminded that to implement the new definition, updated policies and standards are needed to reflect the new criteria.

#### *New Eligible Activities – VAWA Compliance and Facilitation*

As noted during the CoC Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization (VAWA) training, HUD is allowing new budget line items (BLI) to be included in the 2023 Application. Renewal Project Applicants wishing to use the new BLI can request a budget modification during the competition to add funds for the new activities. Renewal projects would transfer funds from an existing BLI to support the new BLI.

Applicants can also request a project expansion to increase funding for these activities.

#### *Text Telephone Services (TTY)*

The Federal relay Service previously used has expired and is no longer available. The NOFO is updated to include use of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) relay services. See:

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

### *YHDP Changes*

Until this year, YHDP renewal projects were ‘held harmless’. The 2023 NOFO, however, allows CoCs to reallocate YHDP Round 1 renewal projects. The San Diego YHDP projects were funded from Round 2. We anticipate that the YHDP will be subject to reallocation based on performance and/or community need in 2024.

The NOFO allows YHDP projects to integrate selected YHDP ‘Special Activities’ into the design of YHDP renewal and Replacement Projects. Renewal Applicants need to request any special activities they wish to continue, or to add new Special Activities through the NOFO. Changes need to be coordinated through the RTFH as the Grantee/Applicant. Details can be found in Section I.B.3.n and III B.4.b(6) of the NOFO.

### **Local Notes**

HUD continues its investment in core strategies such as Housing First, affirmatively pursuing Fair Housing, partnering with housing and healthcare resources, cost effectiveness, full utilization of funds, improving services for underserved groups (for example: LGBTQ+), employment of Persons with Lived Experience, promoting environmental justice, and improvement on seven (7) system performance measures. Each of these items will be included in the local review process.

### *Furthering Equity & Supporting underserved Communities*

As part of the 2022 CoC application process, applicants committed to up to five (5) actions intended to promote equity in serving all persons who are unsheltered or at risk of homelessness. The commitment included certification that organizations will retain evidence of actions taken to fulfill their signed commitment. The 2023 CoC Rating and Ranking Process will be reviewing all commitments and associated evidence.

### *Performance Improvement Plans*

The 2022 CoC Rating and Ranking process introduced the “Performance Improvement Plan” requirement. The 2023 process will review information relevant to the PIP and will make recommendations for which projects (those subject to PIP in 2022 and applications for 2023) will be required to engage in the PIP, as well as any funding allocation impacts.

### *YHDP Projects*

The 2023 process for listing YHDP projects will be similar to the 2022 process. YHDP projects will be listed separately from Tier 1 and Tier 2 however, will be reviewed and listed in accordance with their respective reviews.

### *Communication*

Renewal Agencies and Prospective Applicants are reminded that official NOFO notices and other key information are posted on the RTFHSD.org website. You are strongly encouraged to frequently check the website for updates.