Continuum of Care (CoC)
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
FY2022 Conference
Webinar Reminders

- The webinar is being recorded and the recording along with the slides will be posted on our website.
- All Attendees will be muted so as not to disrupt the webinar.
- If you have a question, either use the “raise your hand” feature or type your question into the question box.
  - Both are available in your webinar control panel.
The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
• Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) releases a CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for its homeless assistance programs.
• This process maintains funding for already funded programs.
• It also sometimes provides for bonus funding that will allow new programs to be added to the CoC.
• The NOFO application process is done collaboratively, meaning ALL project applications are submitted as one by the lead agency directly to HUD.
• This is the ONLY way to apply for CoC funding.
• NOFO funding for the entire CoC is approximately $45 million
**CoC Funding Application Process**

1. **CoC Registration**
   a. This is the process of notifying HUD that the CoC plans to apply for funding.
   b. Usually in late Spring

2. **GIW Released**
   a. HUD posts the Grant Inventory Worksheet so that each CoC can review the projects that will be up for renewal.
   b. The CoC completes the review process with the local HUD Field Office then submits the GIW back to HUD.
   c. Usually in early Summer

3. **Revised GIW**
   a. HUD posts the reviewed & revised GIWs
   b. Usually in mid Summer

4. **NOFO drops**
   a. Usually in late Summer

5. **CoC Consolidated Application is submitted**
   a. Usually in early Fall
In addition to submitting applications for each CoC project, the Lead Agency must also complete a CoC Application Narrative.

The application scores the entire CoC on several factors including:

- Communication
- Steering Committee participation
- Coordinated Access implementation
- Prioritization of the most vulnerable (severity of needs)
- Amount of funds reallocated
- HMIS bed participation & coverage rate
- Submission of all required HUD reports
- Number of homeless (PIT)
- Number of first-time homeless
- Length of time homeless
- PH placement, retention, & exits
- Returns to homelessness
- Increase in income
Impact of poor performance

- Even projects that are NOT CoC funded can impact the overall CoC scoring.
  - HMIS bed participation & coverage rate
    - If organizations have projects that houses individuals experiencing homelessness in any way & choose NOT to enter those projects in HMIS.
  - Number of homeless (PIT)
    - If the PIT goes up instead of down
  - Number of first-time homeless
    - Any residential project in HMIS
  - Length of time homeless
    - Any residential project in HMIS
  - PH placement, retention, & exits
    - Any residential or outreach project in HMIS
  - Returns to homelessness
    - Any residential project in HMIS
  - Increase in income
    - CoC funded projects only

- A low score on any of the above results in a low CoC overall score. This means that no new funding will be awarded & projects in Tier 2 are at risk.
1. A CoC ranking tool is used to determine how well a project is doing.
2. The tool uses actual HMIS project data, CA & CoC participation, financial spend-down, & equity surveys.
3. Annual Progress Reports (APRs) are pulled from HMIS to populate the scoring tool, as well as the other measures.
4. Projects are then ranked from highest to lowest scoring.
5. Tier 1:
   - Projects are placed in Tier 1 starting with highest until all available Tier 1 funding is used up
   - Projects that are in Tier 1 are usually “safe” as long as they pass eligibility & score high enough.
6. Tier 2:
   - Remaining projects are placed in Tier 2
7. HUD awards go to highest ranked CoC’s Tier 1 first until all funds are used up.
New Projects

- Can only happen if:
  - CoC reallocates funding from a poor performing projects or any that choose not to renew; or
  - If HUD allows for a specific amount of bonus funding.
- New funding will only go towards permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing projects.
- New project applications must go through a committee presentation that will review needs of the CoC, commitment to housing first, ensure funds are not being supplanting, & project has necessary match.
  - New projects must demonstrate the ability to match 25% of awarded grant with non-CoC funds.
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| Tuesday, August 16th, 2022  | 2:00-3:30pm *CoC Grant Conference*  
Tentative Date based on release of ARD  
Virtual Sign Up  
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3415849900279004171 | Mandatory for new and renewing*  
If Renewal Agency is interested in an Annual NOFO TA session please email nofo@homelesshouston.org to schedule. The last day for TA sessions will be Friday, August 19, 2022 |
| Wednesday, August 17, 2022 | 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Project  
Technical Assistance | Mandatory – Several Sessions Available  
Tentative Date based on release of ARD  
Virtual Sign Up |
| Wednesday, August 24, 2022  | 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Project  
APR Changes in HMIS  
Optional – Several Sessions Available | APR Date Range: August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022  
Any changes made after this deadline will not be reflected in scored APR. APRs will be pulled on August 24, 2022  
DV Agencies need to submit Comparable Database APR CSV Files to nofo@homelesshouston.org. |
| Wednesday, August 24, 2022  | 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Project  
DV APRs due to Lead Agency  
Optional – Several Sessions Available | DV Agencies need to submit Comparable Database APR CSV Files to nofo@homelesshouston.org. |
| Wednesday, August 24, 2022  | 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Project  
Reduction/Reallocation Letters Due  
Optional – Several Sessions Available | The Lead Agency will evaluate the letters and submit a recommendation for approval to The Steering Committee by Thursday, August 25, 2022. |
| Friday, August 26, 2022     | 9:00-4:00PM CST  
*New Project  
Technical Assistance | Mandatory – Several Sessions Available  
Virtual Sign Up |
| Monday, August 29, 2022     | 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Project Applications  
& Attachments Due  
Completed Application due in eSnaps. | CoC Forms due to nofo@homelesshouston.org  
CoC Forms due to nofo@homelesshouston.org  
Completed Application due in eSnaps. |
| Friday, September 2, 2022   | 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Scoring Reports  
Returned to Agency  
Notification via email. | Notification via email. |
| Tuesday, September 6, 2022  | 11:59PM CST  
*New Projects & Attachments Due  
Completed Application due in eSnaps. | CoC Forms due to nofo@homelesshouston.org  
CoC Forms due to nofo@homelesshouston.org  
Completed Application due in eSnaps. |
| Tuesday, September 6, 2022  | 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Scoring Reports Issues Due  
Optional – Several Sessions Available | Optional – Several Sessions Available  
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| Wednesday, September 7, 2022| 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Scoring Reports Finalized  
Optional – Several Sessions Available | Scoring reports are finalized to prepare for ranking release. No changes can be made to the renewal scoring after this date. |
| Thursday, September 8, 2022 | *New Project Presentations  
Scheduling determined by need. | Scheduling determined by need. |
| Friday, September 9, 2022   | 11:59PM CST  
Renewal Project Applications & Technical Assistance Notes Returned to Agencies  
Notification via email, if any feedback/updates required. | Notification via email, if any feedback/updates required. |
| Wednesday, September 14, 2022| 11:59PM CST  
Final Renewal Project Applications Due  
Due in eSnaps. | Final Renewal Project Applications Due  
Due in eSnaps. |
| Wednesday, September 14, 2022| 11:59PM CST  
*New Project Applications & Technical Assistance Notes Returned to Agencies  
Notification via email. | *New Project Applications & Technical Assistance Notes Returned to Agencies  
Notification via email. |
| Friday, September 16, 2022  | 11:59PM CST  
Project Ranking Released  
Notification via email & posted online. | Notification via email & posted online. |
| Wednesday, September 21, 2022| 11:59PM CST  
Deadline to Submit Grievances  
Submitted electronically in accordance with posted Grievance Procedure. | Deadline to Submit Grievances  
Submitted electronically in accordance with posted Grievance Procedure. |
| Wednesday, September 21, 2022| 11:59PM CST  
Final New Project Applications Due  
Due in eSnaps. | Final New Project Applications Due  
Due in eSnaps. |
| Friday, September 23, 2022  | 11:59PM CST  
CoC Consolidated Application Posted  
Application due September 30, 2022 by 5pm CST | CoC Consolidated Application Posted  
Application due September 30, 2022 by 5pm CST |
| Wednesday, September 28, 2022| 11:59PM CST  
Submit FY 22 COC NOFO  
Application due September 30, 2022 by 5pm CST | Submit FY 22 COC NOFO  
Application due September 30, 2022 by 5pm CST |
Ending homelessness for all persons:

- Identify, engage, & effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness.
- Measure performance based on local data that consider the challenges faced by all subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area (e.g., veterans, youth, families, or those experiencing chronic homelessness).
- Partner with housing, health care, and supportive services providers to expand housing options, such as permanent supportive housing, housing subsidies, and rapid rehousing.
- Use local data to determine the characteristics of individuals and families with the highest needs and longest history of homelessness to develop housing & supportive services tailored to their needs.
Housing First:

• Prioritizes rapid placement & stabilization in PH & does not have service participation requirements or preconditions.
• Reduce the length of time people experience homelessness.
• Engage landlords & property owners to identify an inventory of housing available for RRH & PSH participants, remove barriers for entry, & adopt client-centered service methods.
Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness:

- Unsheltered homelessness has increased across the nation, including a rising number of encampments.
- People living unsheltered have extremely high rates of physical & mental illness & substance use disorders.
- CoCs should explore all available housing resources to provide PH options for people who are living unsheltered:
  - CoC & ESG funded assistance
  - Housing subsidies
  - Supportive services
HUD Homeless Policy Priorities - 4

Improving System Performance:
• CoC’s should use SPMs to determine how effectively they are serving people experiencing homelessness.
• Use CA process to promote participant choice, coordinate housing & services, & make homelessness assistance open, inclusive, & transparent.
• Review all renewals for FY22 to determine their effectiveness in serving individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as cost effectiveness.
• Look for opportunities to implement continuous quality improvement.
Partnering with Housing, Health, & Service Agencies:

- Improve how all available resources are utilized to end homelessness using outcome & cost performance data.
- Work closely with public & private healthcare organizations & assist program participants to receive primary care, receive housing-related services & obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs.
- Partner closely with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) & state & local housing organizations to utilize Coordinated Access, develop housing units & provide housing subsidies to people experiencing homelessness.
- Partner with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities.
HUD Homeless Policy Priorities - 6

Racial Equity:

• In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, & other people of color are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

• HUD is emphasizing system & program changes to address racial equity within CoCs.

• Develop a coordinated community response to prevent & end homelessness created in partnership with a racially diverse set of stakeholders & people experiencing homelessness.

• Partner with organizations with experiencing serving underserved populations.

• CoCs should review local policies, procedures, & processes to determine where and how to address racial disparities affecting individuals & families experiencing homelessness.
Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals:

- CoCs should address the needs of LGBTQ+, transgender, gender non-conforming, & non-binary individuals & families in their planning processes.
- When considering which projects to select, CoCs should ensure privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in projects.
- CoCs should consider partnering with organizations with expertise in serving LGBTQ+ populations.
HUD Homeless Policy Priorities - 8

Persons with Lived Experience:

- Include in the local planning process people who are currently experiencing or have formerly experienced homelessness to address homelessness.

- People with lived experience should determine how local policies may need to be revised & updated, participate in CoC meetings & committees as stakeholders, provide input on decisions, & provide input related to the local competition process (e.g., how rating factors are determined).

- CoCs should seek opportunities to hire people with lived experience.
**Increasing Affordable Housing Supply:**

- CoCs play a critical role in educating local leaders & stakeholders about the importance of increasing the supply of affordable housing & specific consequences of the lack of affordable housing.
- CoCs should communicate with jurisdiction leaders, including for the development of the Consolidated Plans, about the harmful effects of the lack of affordable housing.
- CoCs should engage local leaders about steps such as zoning & land use reform that would increase the supply of affordable housing.
NOFO Changes

• HUD revised its rating factors regarding CoC evaluation of racial disparities to place greater emphasis on racial equity and increased the number of points in Section VII.B.1.q of this NOFO on whether CoCs and homeless providers have identified barriers that lead to racial disparities, have taken steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity, and have implemented measures to evaluate the efficacy of the steps taken.

• Points were added to Section VII.B.2.e of this NOFO that will be awarded to CoCs that are promoting racial equity through the local CoC competition.
  ✓ These points will be awarded on the rating factors; review, selection, and ranking processes used; and if rating and ranking of projects is based on the degree to which projects have identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and are taking or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.
• HUD revised the rating factors for addressing the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) individuals to place greater emphasis on CoCs implementing and training their providers on the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies that ensure LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination.

• Points were added to Section VII.B.1.f of this NOFO that will be awarded to CoCs that are updating their CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies based on stakeholder feedback and assisting providers in developing their own agency anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies.
NOFO Changes (cont.)

• HUD is asking CoCs to demonstrate how they will build on partnerships established to respond to COVID-19 to ensure they are prepared to prevent and respond to future infectious disease outbreaks amongst people experiencing homelessness.

• For the DV bonus, HUD added scoring factors based on the responses to questions that demonstrate CoCs’ collaboration with victim service providers in the CoC Application, projects’ plans to include survivors with lived experience in policy and program development and the inclusion of victim-centered practices in operating their projects.

• HUD added points to CoCs that take steps to engage local leaders about increasing the affordable housing supply.
FY22 Funding Available

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Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)

• Formula amount that is based on cities and counties claimed by the CoC as part of its geographic area during the CoC Program Registration process.
• To determine the amount of funding available for each city and county, HUD uses the formula set forth at 24 CFR 578.17(a).
• Each year, HUD publishes the PPRN on the HUD Exchange website.
• The PPRN for each area is calculated based on population as set forth in 24 CFR 578.17(a).
• After enactment of the annual appropriations act for each fiscal year, and issuance of the NOFA/NOFO, HUD will publish the Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) with funds available.
## Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

The total renewable funding amount of all the CoC’s projects that will be eligible for renewal in each FY CoC Program Competition

- Before any required adjustments to funding due to Fair Market Rent (FMR) changes.

Incorporates funding only for eligible activities that were funded in the original grant, or grant as amended

- Operating, supportive services, leasing, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administrative costs
- Funding for new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and any project administrative costs related to those activities is not renewable and will not be calculated in a project’s ARA.

Project administrative costs cannot exceed 10 percent of the grant awarded (24 CFR 578.59).

Because grants for CoC planning and UFA costs are not eligible for renewal, these projects cannot be included in the GIW and are not included in the ARD calculation for CoCs.
Tier 1

- 95% of the CoC's ARD
  - $41,802,596 (includes reallocation, if any)

- Renewal projects only in order to protect them
  - Our CoC puts renewals in Tier 1 by rank in order to protect local funding

- Projects in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest to the lowest scoring CoC

- If insufficient funding is available to award all Tier 1 projects, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately.
  - Some Tier 1 projects would then fall into Tier 2
  - This is why local project scoring is important
Tier 2

• Difference between Tier 1 & the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, & CoC bonus
  ➢ $2,200,137
• HUD awards a point value to each new & renewal project applications in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale:
  ➢ Up to 50 points in direct proportion to CoC score
    ➢ Ex: If CoC receives 100 out of 200 points, project receives 25 out of 50
  ➢ Up to 40 points for CoC ranking
  ➢ Points assigned will be 50 times the quantity (1-x) where x is the ratio of all funding requests ranked higher in Tier 2 plus ½ of funding to the total amount in Tier 2
    ➢ Ex: If a CoC can apply for $500,000 in Tier 2 & applies for 5 projects ranked in Tier 2 of $100,000 each, the highest-ranked project would receive 36 pts, & next projects 28, 20, 12, & 4 points.
  ➢ Up to 10 points for Housing First
• Projects straddling Tiers
  ➢ HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1 using factors described above
  ➢ HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project
  ➢ If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).
Renewal Projects

- Eligible for renewal if grant is currently in operation & executed to later than December 31, 2022 & expire in 2023.
- Projects must match GIW.
- Renewal process cannot be used to make changes to your renewal project.
  - All substantive changes for the project such as population served, number of units and beds, shifts in Budget Line Items (BLIs) of 10 percent or more, etc. must be submitted, reviewed, and approved by your local HUD field office representative.
- APR Dates
  - August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022
- **Attachments on website**
- CoC Planning not ranked
- System projects such as HMIS, CA, & SSOs for outreach are not scored & will be ranked at 50% of ARD.
Renewal Projects - Consolidations

Applicants can consolidate two or more (but no more than ten) eligible renewal projects of the same component type and must ensure:

- Budget Line Items (BLIs) for the consolidated project application submitted exactly match the sum of the BLIs for each of the individual projects as they appear on the GIW or grant agreement;
- Inclusion of the expiring grant numbers with period of performance and budget period start and end dates for the projects that are consolidating;
- Current period of performance and budget period end dates must end in 2023;
- Are in good standing with HUD, meaning none of the projects have:
  - Outstanding audit or monitoring findings,
  - Outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears,
  - Unresolved construction delays,
  - A history of poor financial management/drawdown issues,
  - History of low occupancy levels, or lack experience in administering the project type, or
  - Other capacity issues.
- The projects have the same recipient and are for the same component.
Expansions

- Existing projects can apply for a new expansion, but the expansion will come out of CoC or DV Bonus.
- Requests must expand existing projects to increase the number of units, persons served, or increase services provided to existing program participants.
  - Detailed explanation is required in the expansion application
  - Existing project number must be entered in the expansion
- Project applicants must submit separate renewal & new project applications and must go through all of the steps for new project applications (including presentations).
Scoring & APRs

- FY22 CoC NOFO Scoring Tool (new & renewals)
- FY22 Project Narratives (new & renewals)
- Annual Performance Reports (renewals)
- Committee Presentation (new)
Scorecards & APRs
All applications must demonstrate the following in order to be recommended for funding:

1. Provide SAM Registration & UEI Number ([www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov))
2. Nonprofit documentation
3. [CoC NOFO Ranking Tool](#)
4. Past Performance
   a. Evidence of timely & regular expenditures of any prior government award(s) of similar amounts for the preceding 12 months
   b. Evidence of timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable)
   c. Evidence of timely resolution of monitoring findings
   d. No outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon
   e. No audit finding(s) for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory
   f. Evidence of having met performance targets as established in prior grant agreements
5. Project Quality Thresholds as outlined in the [Project Eligibility & Threshold](#) document
6. Evidence of 25% project match
Renewal Projects - eSnaps

- **Renewal Application Detailed Instructions**

- Project application in e-snaps won’t open until all HUD required forms are completed & electronically signed:
  - SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;
  - SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application required for nonprofit applicants only where completion and submission of this survey in voluntary;
  - Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Update/Disclosure;
  - SF LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable);
  - Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace;
  - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities; and
  - Applicant Certifications.

- Parts 1, 2, 7, & 8 are all the same regardless of project type
Renewal Projects - eSnaps

• Do you wish to submit this application without making changes?
  ➢ This is required
  ➢ Only select “Submit without Changes” if no changes are needed from the FY2019 application submission reviewed and approved by HUD.
  ➢ If there are changes to FMR, DO NOT select this option.
  ➢ This will leave Parts 2 through 6 of the application in read-only mode and indicates to HUD that you have not made changes and are requesting to renew your project application per the project details as imported from your prior year’s new or renewal project application into the FY 2021 project application.

• “Make Changes” if:
  ➢ you did not import last year’s application data; this question will automatically be set and cannot be edited;
  ➢ you need to make changes due to a condition(s) placed on last year’s application that impacts the renewal information (e.g., BLIs, 100 percent dedicated beds, population); or
  ➢ executed grant agreement amendment affecting the renewal project information.
- Up to $2,068,435 available
- Must be PSH or RRH only
- Includes expansions
- Must be presented to a scoring committee & then approved by CoC Steering Committee
- Must follow Housing First
- Must demonstrate that the project will ADD capacity to & improve the system and not supplant existing units or funding
- Must demonstrate coordination with housing providers (PHAs) and healthcare organizations
- Must provide 25% match
- [New Project Application Detailed Instructions](#)
- [Coalition Website](#)
- [HUD CoC Competition Page](#)
New Project Review

1. Applications & attachments will be reviewed for threshold

2. Applications passing threshold will be scheduled for a committee presentation

3. Committee will review all applications & assign a score

4. Scores from tool and committee will be averaged

5. Ranking will be based on highest scoring projects to lowest scoring or until funds run out, whichever is first.

6. Final ranking and scores will be posted online
DV Bonus

- Up to $3,785,371 available
- Must be RRH or Joint TH/PH-RRH only & includes expansions
- Must be presented to a scoring committee & then approved by CoC Steering Committee
- Must follow Housing First
- Must demonstrate that the project will ADD capacity to & improve the system and not supplant existing units or funding
- Must serve 100% of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Must provide 25% match
- Will fall in Tier 2 but if awarded will be removed & all other projects move up
DV Bonus Scoring

• **CoC Score**
  • Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application.

• **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 VII.B.1.e, Section VII.B.2.c, and Section VII.B.3.b.

• **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 need, and how the project will fill that gap.

• **Quality of the Project Applicant Experience**
  • Up to 15 points based on the previous performance of the applicant in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.

• **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 (e.g., Housing First, Trauma-Informed Care, Confidentiality) in operating their project. Full points will be awarded to project applicants that can demonstrate they are already adopting victim-centered practices.

• **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.
• All renewal & new PSH projects are required to select that 100% of their beds will be DedicatedPLUS.

• This will help in the CoC’s goal on ending chronic homelessness

• DedicatedPLUS:
  • experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3;
  • residing in a transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project;
  • residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or Safe Haven and had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project within the last year but were unable to maintain a housing placement and met the definition of chronic homelessness as defined by 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the project;
  • residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3; residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, Safe Haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions and the individual or head of household meet the definition of ‘homeless individual with a disability; or
  • receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA’s homeless assistance system.
Important Websites & Emails

- For questions related to the NOFO:
  - Email CoCNOFO@hud.gov
- For questions related to eSnaps (forgot password or accessing applications):
  - Email e-Snaps@hud.gov
- Do not use the HUD AAQ desk as questions will not be seen by HUD.
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