

**Greater Richmond Continuum of Care
2024-2026 Virginia Housing Solutions Program Funding
FY25 (Year 1) Application Instructions
DUE DATE: March 11, 2024 4:30 PM**

Introduction

Funding through The Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) for homeless services and programs is now available. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will allocate approximately \$15 million in state and federal funds through this community-based application process. In FY22, the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC) received approximately \$1.6M in VHSP funding.

Individual project applications are submitted to the GRCoC through [this link](#) by March 11, 2024 at 4:30 to be reviewed and considered for funding. If recommended for funding, projects will be consolidated into a single collaborative application for submission to DHCD. Homeward, the planning and coordinating agency for homeless services in the Richmond area, is the designated collaborative applicant for the GRCoC to develop and submit this collaborative application.

Applicants are responsible for reviewing the [2024-2026 VHSP Program Guidelines](#) which contain detailed information about eligible activities and other requirements. The Guidelines and application forms are available at [Virginia Homeless Solutions Program \(endhomelessnessrva.org\)](http://endhomelessnessrva.org)

Available Funding

Project funding is now available for: 1) Emergency Shelter Operations; 2) Rapid Re-Housing; 3) Outreach; and 4) Coordinated Entry. Administrative costs are also eligible and should be included in the project application budget. Administrative costs are limited to a maximum of 5% of submitted budgets.

We anticipate receiving requests for funding that will exceed the funding available. Please note that not all eligible activities will be prioritized for funding and that not receiving funding is not a reflection on need, program quality, or grounds to appeal. Not all eligible programs can be funded through this funding source. For more information of [GRCoC's 2023-2024 funding priorities](#).

All are required to submit a Letter of Intent to establish a FY25 Coordinated Entry System Memorandum of Understanding with the GRCoC.

Eligibility to Apply

New applicants and previous grantees are invited to apply. New applicants are encouraged to apply and are asked to contact the CoC Programs Director at mrogers@homewardva.org to discuss their application. Applicants must meet all [GRCoC threshold requirements](#).

Project Application Deadline

The deadline for submission of applications with all attachments is **4:30 pm on MARCH 11, 2024**. Please submit the application and attachments **as separate PDF documents** through this link [GRCoC VHSP FY25 Project Applications](#). Applications received after the deadline will be automatically rejected.

Application Review and Ranking Process

The GRCoC Ranking Committee will review and rank previously-funded project based on GRCoC and VHSP funding priorities and performance measures. For new project applications, the Ranking Committee will review and score projects using the VHSP FY25 Scoring Form in addition to funding priorities.

Ranking Committee funding recommendations are submitted to the GRCoC Board for approval. Applicants will receive notification of the outcome of the project ranking following the Ranking Committee review and ranking. Further information is available at [Funding \(endhomelessnessrva.org\)](#).

Appeals to the Ranking Committee decisions must be made in accordance with the Appeals Process available at [Funding \(endhomelessnessrva.org\)](#). Applicants may appeal if they can:

- Prove their score is not reflective of the application information provided; or
- Describe bias or unfairness in the process, which warrants the appeal; or
- Document a compelling organizational necessity not specifically described elsewhere in this document.

Application Submission Link: [GRCoC VHSP FY25 Project Applications](#)

Please contact Michael Rogers, Homeward Continuum of Care Programs Director with any questions or concerns at mrogers@homewardva.org or 804-343-2045 ext. 215.