
FY22 CoC Program NOFO Summary

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On August 1, 2022, HUD published its [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). Additional notices and sections of the NOFO (e.g., [CoC Registration](#)) have been released previously and are available online.

This summary highlights some of this year's new areas; however CoCs and project applicants MUST review not only the CoC Program NOFO and related e-snaps application components such as the detailed instructions, but also the [CoC Program interim rule](#) and other competition materials (FAQs and NOFO related broadcasts) that will be made available on the [HUD Exchange website](#) and [HUD.gov](#).

KEY DATES

TASK	DATE
✓ Project Applications submitted to CoC	See local competition documents for CoC-Specific Deadlines <i>HUD Requirement:</i> <i>No later than August 30, 2022 (Tuesday)</i> <i>(30 days before the application deadline)</i>
✓ Project Applicants notified by CoC of acceptance, rejection or reduction of project application	See local competition documents for CoC-Specific Deadlines <i>HUD Requirement:</i> <i>No later than September 15, 2022 (Thursday)</i> <i>(15 days before the application deadline)</i>
✓ Post CoC Consolidated Application to website and Notify stakeholders: CoC Application and Priority Listing	No later than September 28, 2022 (Wednesday, two days) before CoC submission to HUD
✓ Submit to HUD Deadline	No later than September 30, 2022, 8:00 p.m. EST (Friday)

CO C CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

The application components are available through [e-snaps](#) and the instructional guides are available on [grants.gov](#). All CoC Consolidated applications must be submitted from a Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the CoC online through [e-snaps](#) by the HUD established deadline.

The process for submitting the CoC Consolidated Application includes three-parts:

1. *FY22 CoC Application* (formerly known as Exhibit 1)
2. *FY22 Project Application(s)* (formerly known as Exhibit 2 and includes new and renewal applications)
3. *FY22 CoC Priority Listing*

CoC Application Scoring Criteria

The NOFO includes very comprehensive information about scoring and point allocation for the application. CoCs and project applicants are strongly encouraged to review the NOFO carefully.

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The CoC application assessment is on a 200-point scale this year with 25 bonus points available.

	Topic	Points
1.	CoC Coordination and Engagement*	83 points <i>(decreased by 13)</i>
2.	Project Capacity, Review and Ranking	30 points <i>(same)</i>
3.	HMIS	9 points <i>(decreased by 2)</i>
4.	Point-in-Time Count	5 points <i>(increased by 2)</i>
5.	System Performance a. Reducing number of people homeless back to 10 points b. Reduction in LOT homeless 1 point lower than FY19 c. PH placement or retention 2 points higher than FY19 d. Returns to homelessness back to 8 points e. Increasing jobs and income 2 points higher than FY19 f. HMIS PMs reinstated at 4 points (1 less than FY19)	59 points <i>(increased by 36)</i>
6.	Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14 points (NEW)
	BONUS POINTS	
7.	CoC Merger BONUS points	25 points <i>(decreased by 10)</i>

**Some performance and strategic planning questions moved to this section*

The FY 2022 CoC Application, with all charts and narratives completed (as applicable) and all required attachments including:

- a. CoC Review, Score, and Ranking Procedures
- b. CoC Public Notice
- c. CoC Review and Ranking Process
- d. Notification to Project Applicants
- e. Public Notification of Ranked Project Applications
- f. PHA Administrative Plan.
- g. Leveraging Healthcare Resources
- h. Projects to Serve Persons Defined as Homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 (if applicable)

Note: As of 8/8 detailed instructions and CoC application materials are not yet available to communities. The above is subject to change based future HUD publications.

Project Listing Attachments

- HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with Consolidated plan dated between June 30, 2022 and September 30, 2022. *(See page 22, item e. of NOFO for additional guidance)*

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NEW ITEM and KEY CHANGES TO FY22 NOFO

Scoring and Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 points available • Tier 1 calculation is equal to 95% of ARD (minus YHDP renewal and replacement projects) • YHDP renewal and replacement grants are non-competitive • System Performance total increased by 36 points to be 59 (almost FY19 levels) • Transition Grants – 50% cap for original activities removed – no cap but must be fully transitioned by end of operating year • New Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CoC Bonus Project funding available ○ Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project funding available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scoring criteria changed (p7) ○ 3.5% of total points for new projects utilizing housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs ○ 3.5% of total points for new projects that have formal agreements with healthcare organizations to utilize healthcare resources to serve participants
Eligible Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) as eligible Collaborative Applicants, recipients or subrecipients • Indian Housing Block Grant program formula areas are now eligible to be added to the CoC’s geographic area • Full implementation of the above modifications with final changes and published PPRNs
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased points for evaluation of racial disparities and for work done to identify barriers, eliminate barriers and implemented evaluation of efficacy to increase racial equity • Increased points for implementing and training providers on CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies to ensure LGBT+ individuals and families receive services, shelter and housing free from discrimination. • Increased points for updating CoC policy based on stakeholder feedback and assistance to providers to develop agency anti-discrimination policies • Included definition of ‘Underserved Communities’

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<p style="text-align: center;">Policy Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ending homelessness for all persons. • Use a Housing First approach. • Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness • Improving System Performance • Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies • Racial Equity • Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals • Persons with Lived Experience • Increasing Affordable Housing Supply • Coordination with other systems in projects and to respond to homelessness • Increased focus on promoting Racial Equity and Assessing Racial Disparities • Added the following policy priorities (see pages 11 of NOFO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals ○ Increasing Affordable Housing Supply
<p style="text-align: center;">CoC Application Point Adjustments and Removed Questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase points for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ inclusive membership ○ coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private and Other Organizations ○ addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals ○ promoting racial equity in the local CoC Process ○ sheltered and unsheltered count ○ effective youth count ○ system PMs closer to FY19 levels (see chart above for some specifics) ○ leveraging housing resources and healthcare and including in regular competition points • Decreased points for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ensuring families are not separated ○ discharge planning ○ mainstream benefits and other assistance ○ comparable database to evaluate domestic violence providers ○ HMIS bed coverage • Removed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Covid questions from FY21 but is asking CoC to demonstrate how they will build on partnerships developed during COVID to ensure CoCs are prepared to prevent and respond to future infectious disease outbreaks amongst people experiencing homelessness

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<p>CoC Application Content Changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added questions to addressing the needs of victims of domestic violent, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (NEW) • Emphasis on addressing the needs of LGBT individuals and CoC proves to train providers, update policy from stakeholder feedback, assist agencies in policy development and demonstrating process to evaluate compliance with CoC polices and any non-compliance found (NEW) • Added question about reversing existing criminalization polices (NEW) • Mainstream benefits training timeline set and SOAR certification focus (NEW) • Non-congregate shelter question (NEW) • Partnership with Public Health Agencies question • Changed some content of coordinated assessment question to emphasis rapid PH, reducing burdens and updating process based on feedback • Emphasis on promoting racial equity through assess racial disparities and taking necessary steps to address disparities through analysis, action and setting measures • Revised narrative related to people with lived experience being actively included throughout the CoC structure and process development • Emphasis on increasing affordable housing supply through zoning and land use policy or reducing regulatory barriers to housing development (NEW) • DV project scoring revised to focus on submitting PM data to COC • Ranking requirement instructions simplified • Revised criteria for points in returns to homelessness, successful permanent housing placement and jobs and income growth to give credit for meeting a minimum threshold of if positive % performance meets a threshold standard (FINALLY!) (NEW) • Leveraging Housing Resources and Healthcare Resources are not in regular competition points for total of 14pts • To be awarded points for inclusion, in the CoC process, of people who have lived experience they must have experienced homelessness within the last 7 years or currently be a program participant • Project review process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Addition of a domestic violence provider capacity question related to submitting data from comparable database (Revised) ○ Emphasis on rapid return to permanent housing in project review process ○ Revision to narrative on promoting racial equity when reviewing applications
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<p>Project Application New Items and Changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CoC Bonus Projects</u> – 5% of FPRN • <u>DV Bonus Projects</u> – 10% of PPRN. Allowed to apply for multiple RRH and Joint TH-RRH DV Bonus projects. One new DV CES application per CoC. <i>(see DV Bonus below for more details)</i> • <u>New Projects</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New projects may continue to request a grant term of 12-18 months to allow for typical start-up process to establish project • <u>Expansion Projects</u> Projects that are expanding their current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the renewal project application that will be expanded; and (2) a new project application with the expansion information. • <u>YHDP Renewal Project</u> - are allowed to apply and are non-competitive with separate instruction documents • Continued requirement that youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentations homeless status as a condition for receiving services • Defined a youth serving provider and their ability to serve youth who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternatives
<p>DV Bonus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May apply for any number of RRH or Joint TH-RRH projects with minimum application being \$50,000 • Only one new Coordinated Entry application per CoC • May use DV Bonus to expand an existing renewal project not originally awarded with DV funds, if expansion would be to service survivors of DV in the project • May use DV Bonus to expand an existing renewal project originally awarded with DV funds, if expansion would be to service survivors of DV in the project
<p>YHDP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewals and replacement projects will be non-competitively renewed • YHDP projects are eligible for renewal provided they meet the requirements of the CoC Program and if operating end date is between 1/1/2023 and 12/31/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not eligible for reallocation process ○ No consolidations with non-YHDP project ○ No use of expansion process • YHDP renewal or replacement projects will not be required to meet the 25 percent match requirement if the applicant is able to demonstrate it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available for youth experiencing homelessness (NEW) • A List of CoC Program ineligible activities that can be funded under YHDP renewal and replacement grants is listed in NOFO

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PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Allowable project applications types for the FY22 NOFO are as follows:

- Renewal projects including ability to consolidate renewal projects
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) renewal and replacement projects
- New Projects – stand alone, transition or expansion of current renewal
 - Bonus funding only
 - Reallocation funding only
 - Reallocation and Bonus funding combined projects
 - Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects
- CoC Planning projects (*Collaborative Applicant only*)
- UFA projects (*Collaborative Applicant only*)

Basic Requirements for Project Application Process

- CoCs must ensure an inclusive process for soliciting projects. As part of the solicitation projects, CoCs must establish local deadlines and points are attached to compliance with these deadlines. (*See Key Dates chart on first page*)
- All accepted, accepted and reduced, and rejected, project applications must be notified in writing outside of the e-snaps system by the CoC. Accepted and reduced, and rejected must indicate the reason(s) for the action.

Project Application Attachments – New and Renewal (page 57 of NOFO)

- Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility
- Applicant Code of Conduct – verify if listed on [HUD website](#), if not listed attach updated file that is in compliance with 2 CFR 200 requirements to project application
- The following are built into e-snaps and required for all project applications
 - SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (*built into e-snaps*)
 - SF-424 Supplemental, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities (*built into e-snaps*)
 - Form HUD-2880 Applicant/Recipient Disclosure (*built into e-snaps*)
 - SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (*built into e-snaps*)
 - Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace (*built into e-snaps*)
 - Certification Regarding Lobbying
 - SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (*built into e-snaps*)
 - SF-424B (*built into e-snaps*)
 - SF-424D (*built into e-snaps*)
- Transition Projects additional attachments
 - A copy of the most recently awarded project application from e-snaps

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Funding for New and Renewal Projects

- Projects will be funded in the following order until no more funds are available:
 - CoC Planning projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
 - UFA Cost projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
 - YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement projects
 - DV Bonus projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
 - Projects fully in Tier 1 that pass eligibility and threshold review
 - Projects in Tier 2 in order of point value that pass eligibility and threshold review.
- Project applications that straddle Tier 1 and Tier 2 selected using the above criteria for Tier 1 and Tier 2. The portion of the project in each Tier will be evaluated separately and project feasibility of the Tier 1 portion will be reviewed if the Tier 2 project portion is not funded.
- CoCs that receive a higher score have a better chance of being awarded projects ranked in Tier 2.

	Amount	Selection Criteria
Tier 1	95% of combined ARD (NEW)	Projects in this tier will be conditionally selected based on CoC score ranked from highest to lowest.
Tier 2	Difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of CoC renewal, reallocation and CoC bonus funds. (Does not including YHDP renewals and replacements, CoC planning, UFA or projects selected with DV Bonus)	Projects in this tier will be conditionally selected by assigning a point value to each new and renewal project using a 100-point scale. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CoC Score</i>: up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score receive on the CoC application • <i>CoC Project Ranking</i>: up to 40 points for the CoC’s ranking of the project application. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity (1-x) where x is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2. • <i>Commitment to Housing First</i>: up to 10 points for how the project demonstrates it is low barrier and prioritized rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing, does not have preconditions to entry.

Renewal Projects

- Renewal project applications can request only 1 year of funding.
- Eligible renewal projects requesting rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the FMR, based on actual rent costs per unit.
- Total request for each renewing project cannot exceed the ARA approved by HUD for that project
- CoCs can request renewal funding for:
 - CoC Program and S+C projects that have a signed grant agreement and will expire in calendar year 2023
- PSH renewals may choose to change a project to 100% DedicatedPLUS.

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Bonus Funding

- CoCs can request up to 5% of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) provided it has demonstrated the ability to reallocate lower performing projects and demonstrated that all project applications are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance.
 - HUD issued a report containing the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rate Need (PPRN), Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) and Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- CoCs can choose to submit one or more projects for the Bonus, but the total amount requested by all the Bonus projects cannot exceed 5% of the CoC's FPRN.

Reallocation Funding

- CoC may shift funds in whole or part from existing renewal projects to create one or more new projects.

Bonus and reallocation projects may be one of the following types:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with 100% of beds designated to DedicatedPLUS (see definition in chart)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with 100% of beds dedicated to people experiencing chronic homelessness
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) (see eligibility criteria below), or
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) project (see eligibility criteria below)
- Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project; or
- Supportive Services Only (SSO-CES) project specifically for a coordinated assessment system
- Bonus and reallocation projects may create new projects or expand renewal projects to add capacity to add units, people or services.

CoC Planning

- Up to 3% of the FPRN or \$1,250,000, whichever is less, is available for CoC planning projects

UFA Costs

- Up to 3% of the FPRN or \$1,250,000, whichever is less, is available for UFA costs for approved CoCs

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding

- CoCs can request up to 10% of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) for new DV Bonus projects in the amount listed on the HUD issued [report](#)
- Each project must be at least \$50,000 and must be less than \$5 million
- CoCs may apply for the following types of projects:
 - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) (*see criteria below*),
 - Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) project, or
 - SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems (SSO-CE) (*one project application per CoC*)
- DV Bonus funds may apply to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to DV to dedicated additional units, beds, persons served or services to this population
- DV Bonus projects must be ranked on the New Project Listing

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- Projects will be chosen based on CoC Application score and response to specific question in the CoC application on a 100-point scale
 - RRH and Joint TH-RRH:
 - CoC Score – up to 50 points in direct proportion to the CoC Application score
 - CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers (VSP) – up to 10 points in direct proportion to the score received on specific rating factors in CoC Application (questions TBD) **(Revised)**
 - Need for Project – up to 10 points based on the extent the CoC quantifies the need for the project in the portfolio, the extent of the need, and how the project will fill the gap (question TBD) **(Revised)**
 - Quality of the Project Applicant – up to 15 points based on previous performance of applicant in serving population AND their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes **(Revised)**
 - Demonstration of inclusion of victim-center practices – up to 8 points based on quality of a project’s plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors by adopting victim centered practices in operating project. Full points if demonstrate already adopted. **(NEW)**
 - SSO – Coordinated Entry:
 - CoC Score – up to 50 points in direct proportion to the CoC Application score
 - CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers (VSP) – up to 10 points in direct proportion to the score received on specific rating factors in CoC Application (question TBD) map them out) **(Revised)**
 - Need for the Project – up to 25 points based on the extent to which the CoC demonstrates the need for a CES that better meets the needs of survivors of DV and how the project will fill the need **(Revised)**
 - Demonstration of inclusion of victim-center practices – up to 15 points based on quality of a project’s plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors by adopting victim centered practices in operating project. Full points if demonstrate already adopted. **(NEW)**

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New Project Funding Opportunity	Eligible Project Types	Eligible Participant Populations
<p>Bonus Funding <i>(Available amount set by HUD and funding may be used by one or more projects)</i></p> <p>AND</p> <p>Reallocation Funding <i>(Available amount dependent on CoC reallocations and funding may be used by one or more projects)</i></p>	<p>PSH</p> <p>Rapid Re-Housing</p> <p>Joint TH and RRH</p> <p>Dedicated HMIS</p> <p>SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems</p>	<p>PSH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% bed designated as DedicatedPLUS OR • People experiencing chronically homeless <p>DedicatedPLUS projects - 100% of beds are dedicated to serve individuals, families and unaccompanied youth that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiencing chronic homelessness • Residing in TH that will be eliminated and were experiencing chronically homelessness at TH entry • In place not meant for human habitation, shelter or safe haven BUT were experiencing chronic homelessness AND had been in permanent housing (PH) project within last year and were unable to maintain housing placement • Residing in TH funded by Joint TH-RRH component project AND were experiencing chronically homelessness prior to entering the project • In place not meant for human habitation, shelter or safe haven for at least 12 months in the last 3 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 • In a Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program AND met one of the above at initial intake to the VA homeless assistance system <p>RRH and Joint TH-RRH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3
<p>Domestic Violence Bonus <i>Available amount set by HUD.</i></p> <p><i>Funding may be used by one CES project and other housing projects. There is no limit on RRH and Joint TH-RRH projects.</i></p>	<p>Rapid Re-Housing</p> <p>Joint TH and RRH</p> <p>SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems for People Experiencing DV (one per CoC)</p>	<p>All projects types dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in paragraph (4) at 24 CFR 578.3</p>