

Overview of NOFO and Applications to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

Deadline: The deadline for submitting applications to HUD is October 20, 2022. Applicants must complete and submit their applications in *e-snaps*.

Available Funds. Approximately \$322,000,000 is available. Of this amount, \$267,500,000 is available for projects as part of the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and \$54,500,000 is available only for projects that serve rural areas.

Funding:

- Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside. The maximum award for this funding opportunity is the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) or \$60,000,000, whichever is less.
- Preliminary Pro Rata Need is a little more than \$2 billion for the approximately 400 CoCs nationwide.
- Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside amount available is \$267,500,000 or approximately 13% of the \$2 billion.
- San Bernardino City & County CoC amount available is \$15,642,926.

Eligible activities:

1. Permanent Supportive Housing
2. Rapid Re-housing
3. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing
4. Supportive services only – Coordinated Entry
5. Supportive services only – non-coordinated entry
(SSO-Street Outreach and SSO Other)

Street Outreach.

Applicants should select this SSO subtype if the project will fund street outreach activities necessary to reach unsheltered homeless individuals and families

- to connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services and
- provide urgent non-facility-based care to those who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility.

SSO-Other.

Project will fund stand-alone support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or who have been homeless in the prior 6-months **but are now residing in permanent housing (that is not PSH or RRH).**

This means, the recipient is providing supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness **for whom the applicant is not also providing housing or housing assistance.** Means stand-alone supportive services.

Examples of stand-alone supportive services include

- (1) Housing navigation activities for people experiencing homelessness when the applicant is not also providing any ongoing housing assistance (e.g., rental assistance),
- (2) Childcare services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness,
- (3) Drop-in centers that provide supportive services to people experiencing homelessness, and
- (4) Family reunification services to reunite people experiencing homelessness with their families.

Project Application: Funding/Budget

1. The initial grant term for projects will be 3 years
2. Match must be no less than 25 percent of the total request, including Administration costs, but excluding Leasing costs (i.e., Leased Units and Leased Structures).
3. CoC Program funds cannot be awarded if used to replace state or local government funds.
4. No funds may be used to shelter program participants in existing shelter beds.

Six Eligible costs:

1. **Rent or utility assistance** after 2 months of nonpayment of rent or utilities to prevent eviction or loss of utility service. Funds may be used to pay rent or utility arrear payments up to 6 months on behalf of program participants residing in permanent housing.
2. **Short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters**, either directly or through vouchers. Eligible costs include lodging costs in motels or hotels for program participants; pro-rata share of sheltering program participants in existing shelters so long as the costs are actual costs of creating new and temporary beds in emergency shelters and not to permanently increase the capacity of the shelter. No funds may be used to shelter program participants in existing shelter beds.

3. **Repairs**, (such as insulation, window repair, door repair, roof repair, and repairs) that are necessary to make housing habitable to be used for transitional or permanent housing by people experiencing homelessness. The total cost of repairs may not exceed \$10,000 per structure.

4. **Capacity building activities** maintain or improve the skills of recipients include employee education, job training, staff retention activities such as financial incentives to staff, paying for continuing education opportunities, cross training within an organization, staff training & professional licensing or certification, & other professional development activities. Applicant may apply for up to 20% of funds requested as part of the project, including project administrative costs, for capacity building activities.

5. **Emergency food and clothing assistance.** The cost of providing meals or groceries and clothing to program participants are eligible costs.

6. **Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs** to house homeless individuals and families. Federal Inventory property programs means the Use of Federal Real Property to Assist the Homeless program authorized by title V of the Act, and implemented by 24 CFR part 581, and the Single Family Property Disposition Program authorized by section 204(g) of the National Housing Act.

Primary Project Application Questions: Supportive Services for Participants

1. Describe how program participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing.
2. Describe the specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which program participants may be eligible.
3. For all supportive services available to program participants, indicate who will provide them and how often they will be provided.

Primary Project Application Questions: Project Description

1. Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project.
2. Describe how the proposed project is consistent with the plan described by the CoC in response to Section VII.B.4 of this NOFA?

CoC Consolidated Application submitted by Collaborative Applicant

CoC Consolidated Applications will be assessed on a 100-point scale for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside.

CoCs must receive at least 50 percent of the points available, not including bonus points, for the funding opportunity (i.e., 50 points for the Unsheltered Set Aside)

For the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside, HUD will award up to a total of 70 points based on the CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

Max page limit describing the following plan elements is 15 pages

CoCs must develop and submit a plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs.

The Plan is limited to 15 single-spaced pages, using Times New Roman 12 point font and must describe the following 11 activities:

1. The CoC's current strategies for conducting coordinated and comprehensive outreach
2. How the CoC provides access to low- barrier shelter and other temporary accommodations
3. How the CoC provides immediate access to low- barrier permanent housing.

4. How the CoC leverages both mainstream housing and healthcare resources
5. Actions to stabilize unsheltered individuals and their families in housing
6. How the CoC increases access to employment opportunities for those experiencing homelessness.
7. How the CoC will support underserved communities

8. How the CoC identifies barriers that led to any disparities in communities being served
9. How the CoC supports equitable community development by taking steps to address such barriers when using these funds
10. How the CoC will involve individuals with lived experience in the decision-making process of the CoC.
11. How the CoC will ensure Special NOFO resources will reducing unsheltered homelessness in their CoC, especially in areas historically marginalized.

Bonus Points: HUD will award bonus points to CoCs based on number of unsheltered people reported in 2019 PIT Count.

- 30 points – 10,000 or more people
- 20 points – 5,000 to 9,999 people
- 10 points – 1,000 to 4,999 people
- 0 points – 999 or fewer people

Of CA's 44 CoCs:

- 1 CoC has 10,000 or more unsheltered people;
- 3 CoCs have 5,000 to 9,999 unsheltered people;
- 18 CoCs have 1,000 to 4,999 unsheltered people; and
- 22 CoCs have 999 or fewer unsheltered people.

No state will receive more than 10 Consolidated Application awards

Next Steps:

1. Announcement with Timeline
2. CoC Convenes Committee of at least 3 persons with Lived Experience (PLE) to assist in planning and endorse plan
3. Letter Signed by Working Group Comprised of Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness. The letter must be signed by either (1) at least three members involved in the working group comprised of individuals with lived experience or (2) an authorized representative of the workgroup (e.g., a working chair) along with evidence that the person is authorized to represent the group. The letter must demonstrate support of the priorities in the CoCs Plan
4. Applicants will enter proposed applications into E-snaps
5. Establish Grant Review Committee

RESOURCES:

CONTINUUM OF CARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO ADDRESS UNSHELTERED AND RURAL HOMELESSNESS (SPECIAL NOFO)

[HTTPS://WWW.HUD.GOV/PROGRAM OFFICES/COMM PLANNING/COC/SPECIALCOCNOFO](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/special_coc_nofo)

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