

Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

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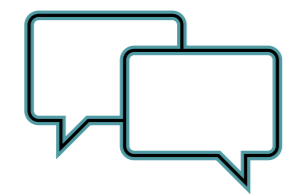
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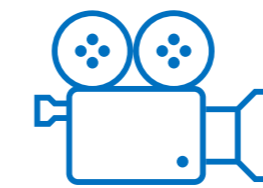
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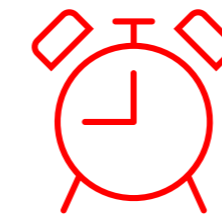
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Recording today's presentation



Several topics to cover, limited time together.

The information provided in this webinar does not contain the full details of the NOFO.

Continuum of Care

What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

A regional or local planning body that manages the CoC funded housing and services provided to the homeless community in their area.

“A community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.”

The **KS BoS CoC** consists of every county in KS except Sedgwick, Shawnee, Johnson and Wyandotte.

Purpose of a CoC:

Develop a long-term strategic plan and manage year-round planning efforts

Promote a more structured and strategic approach to housing and services for people experiencing homelessness

Improve administrative efficiency and enhance response coordination and effectiveness

Prepare an application for McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance competitive grants

NOFO

What is a NOFO?

The **Notice of Funding Opportunity** (NOFO) includes a description of the project and the entities that are eligible to apply. If you are interested in applying for a funding opportunity, first review the eligibility criteria located within the NOFO.

Entities that Can Apply

1. Nonprofit organizations
2. States
3. Local governments or instrumentalities of state and local governments.
4. Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Entities
5. Public Housing Authorities

For-profit entities are ineligible from applying.

Priorities

1. Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness and Serving Those Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in Rural Areas
2. Provide Assistance on Tribal Lands
3. Involve a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness
4. Advance Equity
5. All projects funded under this NOFO is required to use a Housing First Approach

Special NOFO Consolidated Application

The Collaborative Applicant (KSHC) is responsible for submitted the CoC Consolidated Application.

The CoC Consolidated Application includes:

- 1. CoC Application:** The Collaborative Applicant must provide information about the CoC planning body, governance structure, overall performance, the strategic planning process, and their CoCs Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs.
- 2. Project Application(s):** All project applications are completed by project applicants. They must have the following:
 - a) Population(s) to be served
 - b) Type of housing and services to be provided.
 - c) Budget

Special NOFO Consolidated Application

3. Priority Listing Forms:

- a. Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside Priority Listing
- b. Rural Set Aside Priority Listing
- c. CoC Planning

Each project application is reviewed, approved and assigned a priority rank number or it is rejected.

The project listing forms rank all project applications in order of priority and identify any project applications rejected by the CoC.

Reasons for Project Applicant Rejections

1. All proposed program participants aren't eligible for the program component type selected;
2. The information provided in the project application and proposed activities are not eligible and consistent with program requirements at 24 CFR part 578, unless otherwise provided in Section V.3.e.(2) of the NOFO for the Rural Set Aside;
3. Each project narrative is not fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all the criteria for that question as required by this NOFO;
4. The data provided in various parts of the project application are not consistent;
5. Any project ranked on the Rural Set Aside project listing will not exclusively serve rural areas as defined by the NOFO; and,
6. All required attachments correspond to the list of attachments in e-snaps that must contain accurate and complete information that are dated between June 22, 2022 and October 20, 2022.

Further information, regarding the submission of the Project Application will be provided in the official training

HUD Project Quality Threshold

Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing (4 out of 5)

1. The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants.
2. The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
3. The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply and which meet the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
4. Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, housing that meets accessibility related needs, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
5. The proposed project is consistent with the CoC Plan.

HUD Project Quality Threshold

Joint TH and PH-RRH (4 out of 6)

1. The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., ensuring a range of bedroom sizes to assist various family sizes.)
2. The proposed project will provide enough rapid rehousing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid rehousing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.
3. The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.

HUD Project Quality Threshold

Joint TH and PH-RRH (4 out of 6)

4. The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply and which meet the needs of the program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
5. Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, housing that meets accessibility related needs, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
6. The proposed project is consistent with the CoC plan.

HUD Project Quality Threshold

Supportive Services Only - SSO (4 out of 6)

1. The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to those with the highest service needs, including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.
2. Program participants are assisted to obtain and maintain permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs.
3. The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply and which meet the needs of the program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
4. The project proposed will participate in coordinated entry. (CES is worth 2 points)
5. The proposed project is consistent with the plan described by the CoC in response to Section VII.B.4 of this NOFO.

With HUD's approval SSO will be able to serve Category Three.

CoC Special NOFO

Two Funding Opportunities

Rural Set Aside**\$6,005,340**

- The KS BoS CoC is the only CoC eligible to apply for this in Kansas.
- Projects may only serve the geographic area considered “rural” by HUD. Can serve in every county except Butler, Doniphan, Douglas, Harvey, Johnson, Kingman, Leavenworth, Miami, Pottawatomie, Riley, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sumner, and Wyandotte.

Unsheltered Set Aside**\$5,328,385**

- May serve any geographic area of the KS BoS CoC.
- Must focus on reducing those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Eligible Costs & Projects

- Project Types: PSH, RRH, Joint-TH/RRH, ES (Hotel), SSO (CES, Street Outreach, Standalone SSO), and HMIS
- Hard costs (acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation).
- Up to 6 months of rent or utility arrears after 2 months of nonpayment of rent or utilities;
- Short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters, either directly or through vouchers;
- Repairs, up to \$10,000 per structure, that are necessary to make housing habitable to be used for transitional or permanent housing;
- Emergency food and clothing assistance;
- Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs to house individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and
- Capacity building activities such as employee education, job training, staff retention activities, financial incentives to staff, etc.

Rural Set
Aside

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Participant Eligibility

All program participants must meet Category One or Category Four of Homelessness

Category One:

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals) *However, persons from TH must have originally come from the other definitions.
- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

Participant Eligibility

All program participants must meet Category One or Category Four of Homelessness

Category Four:

- Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
- Has no other residence; AND
- Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

Eligibilities Costs & Projects

- Project Types: PSH, RRH, Joint-TH/RRH, SSO (CES, Street Outreach, Standalone SSO), HMIS and CoC Planning

Acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation funds are not eligible.

**Unsheltered
Homeless
Set Aside**

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Participant Eligibility

All program participants must meet any criteria of Homelessness.

Category One and Four are allowed.

Category Two:

- An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
 - (i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing.

Category Three

Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under the definitions of homelessness but who do under other federal statutes. However, the CoC must receive HUD approval to serve category three.

CoC Special NOFO

Scoring Overview

KS BoS CoC Scoring

- HUD requires that each CoC conducts an internal scoring process in order to prioritize programs for funding.
- These scoring matrixes will be discussed during the official KS BoS CoC training for all interested parties. TBD

HUD Scoring

- For this special NOFO, HUD will receive all the CoC NOFO Applications, including the prioritized list of programs from above, then will score the applications to determine if we scored high enough to be funded.

HUD Scoring

Project Capacity, Review and Ranking

4 Points

Existence of a coordinated, inclusive and outcome-oriented community process for developing the application

CoC Coordinated and Engagement

8 Points

Coordination with other systems of care that serve homeless individuals and families including sources other than the CoC program.

System Performance

18 Points

CoC system-wide performance measurement process related to reducing homelessness.

CoC Plan For Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Needs

70 Points for Unsheltered
59 Points for Rural Set Aside

See next slide

CoC Plan

18 Points

Leveraging Housing Resources: CoCs that demonstrate efforts to increase the number of permanent housing units available to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including the extent to which the amount of assistance provided will be supplemented with other, non-CoC Program and non-ESG funded, housing resources that are not already dedicated to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and how landlords are incentivized to house individuals experiencing homelessness.

10 Points

Leveraging Healthcare Resources: CoCs that develop permanent housing projects that utilize healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

9 Points

CoCs Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness: CoC's that have current strategies to regularly engage individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the locations where they reside and connect them to low barrier shelter, temporary housing, or permanent housing as available and appropriate.

CoC Plan

8 Points

Updating the CoCs Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance: CoCs that demonstrate they will continuously review data and best practices and use that information to update their strategies to reduce unsheltered homelessness.

12 Points

Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness: CoCs that demonstrate a comprehensive method to identify and provide street outreach services to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and with histories of unsheltered homelessness and prioritize them for permanent housing.

5 Points

Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making: CoCs meaningfully include persons with lived experience of homelessness in the decision-making process of the CoC.

8 Points

Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development: CoCs support and serve underserved communities in their geographic area and offer equitable housing interventions to address their needs.

HUD Scoring

Of the CoC NOFO

Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside

CoC Point Scale: 100

Minimum: 50

Does not mean we will be funded but will mean that we now have the opportunity to be funded.

HUD will select CoC's for funding based on the 100 point CoC score, meaning the highest scoring CoCs will have its rated and ranked projects that pass thresholds funded. HUD will select projects in this manner until no more funds are available.

Rural Set Aside

CoC Point Scale: 89

Minimum: 44.5

HUD will directly award a point value to each project applicant using a 100-point scale based on the following:

- 1. CoC Score:** Up to 50 points for the application.
- 2. Project Ranking:** Up to 40 points. These are directly related to the CoC's Listing.
- 3. Serving Structurally Disadvantaged Areas:** 10 points if the project applicant makes a commitment to serve individuals and families in geographic areas that have high levels of homelessness, housing distress or poverty AND are located where CoC services have until now been entirely unavailable.

Special NOFO Process

Letter of Intent

The Letter of Intent will be available on **Monday, July 25th**

Deadline:
August 8th

Submit Project Applications

Agencies are required to submit their applications into eSnaps.
TBD.

Deadline:
September 20th

Rank & Review

The Process in which the project applications will be ranked and reviewed.

Scheduled for:
September 26th to 29th

Notification to Agencies

KSHC will notify agencies of their acceptance, rejected, or reduced by the CoC.

Deadline:
October 5th

Posting

KSHC will post the NOFO Consolidated application on the website.

Deadline:
October 18th

CoC Consolidated Application

KSHC must submit the complete application to HUD.

Deadline:
October 20th by 8:00pm ET

Let's Read the Questions in the Chat.