



## **Continuum of Care (CoC)**

**Notice of FY23 Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) Meeting with Interested Agencies  
Wednesday, July 26, 2023 9-11 am, MDHA Collaboration Center, 701 South 6<sup>th</sup> St.**

New funding for

- DV Bonus
- CoC Bonus

&


Renewal Funding



## **FUNDING AVAILABLE- Nationwide**

- **\$3,134,000,000 available - 10.85% increase over FY2022 funding**

## **Nashville Funding Available**

- **CoC Bonus \$533,751**
  - **Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus funding \$500,012**
  - **Renewal projects \$7,625,011**
  - **Competitive!**
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# CoC Projects Funded in FY2022

<b>Field Office:</b>	Knoxville									
<b>CoC Number:</b>	TN-504									
<b>CoC Name:</b>	Nashville-Davidson County CoC									
<b>CA Name:</b>	Metropolitan Development & Housing Agency									
<b>CoC's ARD (Estimated):</b>	<b>\$7,625,011</b>									

Applicant and Project Information			Current Budget Line Item Amounts							
Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Component	Leasing	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	HMIS	Admin	Total Units	Total ARA
Metropolitan Social Services	HMIS RENEWAL FY2022	HMIS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138,961	\$2,547	0	\$141,508
Urban Housing Solutions, Inc.	PSH (fka Homeless Recovery)	PH	\$0	\$0	\$501,818	\$442,826	\$0	\$39,159	0	\$983,803
The Mary Parrish Center	Renewal The Mary Parrish C	TH	\$0	\$0	\$4,488	\$19,200	\$0	\$0	0	\$23,688
Metropolitan Development	MDHA Shelter Plus Care Con	PH	\$0	\$2,160,084	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$97,000	161	\$2,257,084
Campus for Human Develop	Omega COC 2022 Room In T	PH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,628	\$0	\$1,994	0	\$45,622
Safe Haven Family Shelter	SHFS RRH Consolidated 2022	PH	\$0	\$242,616	\$5,640	\$0	\$0	\$1,860	42	\$250,116
Metropolitan Social Services	COORDINATED ENTRY FY2022	SSO	\$0	\$0	\$116,480	\$0	\$0	\$11,520	0	\$128,000
The Salvation Army, a Georg	The Salvation Army Nash Joint	Int TH & PH-RR	\$0	\$81,360	\$58,197	\$77,059	\$0	\$10,000	5	\$226,616
The Mary Parrish Center	Renewal The Mary Parrish C	Int TH & PH-RR	\$0	\$122,796	\$98,120	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	8	\$225,916
The Mary Parrish Center	Renewal The Mary Parrish C	SSO	\$0	\$0	\$98,120	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	0	\$103,120
The Mary Parrish Center	Renewal The Mary Parrish C	PH	\$0	\$88,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,434	6	\$90,150
The Salvation Army, a Georg	Lif Nav Rapid Rehousing 2022	PH	\$0	\$29,124	\$33,541	\$0	\$0	\$0	3	\$62,665
Oasis Center, Inc.	YHDP Rapid Rehousing Proje	PH	\$0	\$533,112	\$587,682	\$12,902	\$1,000	\$82,933	40	\$1,217,629
Oasis Center, Inc.	YHDP Diversion Project for Y	SSO	\$0	\$0	\$566,247	\$27,023	\$1,000	\$44,730	0	\$639,000
Park Center, Inc.	Nashville Housing First Colle	PH	\$109,045	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,422	0	\$115,467
Safe Haven Family Shelter	Safe Haven DV Bonus 2022	PH	\$0	\$448,068	\$258,189	\$0	\$0	\$0	29	\$706,257
The Salvation Army, a Georg	LifNav Escape Empower Equi	Int TH & PH-RR	\$0	\$294,432	\$73,813	\$0	\$3,000	\$37,125	20	\$408,370

The purpose of this NOFO is to support existing effective efforts to end homelessness, and create new projects to serve and house chronic homeless persons or survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking who qualify as homeless.

CoCs must demonstrate a comprehensive, coordinated approach to reducing homelessness.

The CoC's comprehensive approach should advance equity and demonstrate involvement of individuals with lived experience of homelessness in service delivery and decision making.

The CoC's comprehensive approach should include partnership with health and housing agencies to leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources. These partnerships should support the Housing First and public health principles defined by HUD.

- **HUD 9 Homeless Policy Priorities- FY2023 NOFO**

**1. Ending homelessness for all persons.** 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 highest needs and longest experiences, challenges faced by all subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area (e.g., veterans, youth, families, or those experiencing chronic homelessness)

**2. Use a Housing First approach.** Prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and do not have service participation requirements or preconditions. Engage landlords and property owners to identify an inventory of housing available for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing participants remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods. Assess how well Housing First approach is being implemented.

**3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness.** In recent years, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness has risen significantly; they have extremely high rates of physical and mental illness and substance use disorders.

**4. Improving System Performance.** Use system performance measures (e.g., average length of homeless episodes, rates of return to homelessness, rates of exit to permanent housing destinations) to determine how effectively they are serving people experiencing homelessness. Use CE to promote participant choice, coordinate homeless assistance and mainstream housing. Include cost-effectiveness, implement continuous quality improvement and other process improvement strategies. HUD recognized effects of COVID-19 on CoC performance and data quality and, in 2021, reduced the points available for rating factors related to system performance. This FY 2022 CoC NOFO significantly increases the points available for system performance rating factors.

**5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies.** Maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources:

a. work closely with public and private healthcare organizations and assist program participants to obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs. This includes developing close partnerships with public health agencies to analyze data and design approaches that reduce homelessness, improve the health of people experiencing homelessness, and prevent and address disease outbreaks, including HIV/AIDS.

b. partner closely with Public Housing Agencies/state and local housing organizations to utilize CE, develop housing units, and provide housing subsidies to people experiencing homelessness/ help CoC Program participants exit permanent supportive housing through Housing Choice Vouchers and other available housing options. CoCs and PHAs should work together to target Emergency Housing Vouchers, HUD-VASH, Mainstream Vouchers, Family Unification Program Vouchers, and other housing voucher programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness. Coordinate with state/local housing agencies on new HOME program resources provided through the Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services Program that was created through the American Rescue Plan;

c. partner with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities

## HUD 9 Homeless Policy Priorities- FY2023 NOFO

**6. Racial Equity.** In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. HUD is emphasizing system and program changes to address racial equity within CoCs. Responses to preventing and ending homelessness should address racial inequities to ensure successful outcomes for all persons experiencing homelessness using proven approaches, such as: developing a coordinated community response created in partnership with a racially diverse set of stakeholders and people experiencing homelessness and partnering with organizations with experience serving underserved populations. Review policies, procedures, and processes to identify barriers that result in racial disparities, and take steps to eliminate barriers to address disparities.

**7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals.** Address the needs of LGBTQ. Ensure privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation & partner with organizations with expertise in serving LGBTQ+ populations.

**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 and updated, to improve the effectiveness of homelessness assistance programs, including participating in planning and oversight activities and developing local competition processes. CoC leaders and stakeholders should also prioritize hiring people who have experienced homelessness in areas where their expertise is needed (e.g. peer outreach and support).

**9. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.** The lack of affordable housing is the main driver of homelessness. CoCs play a critical role in educating local leaders and stakeholders about the importance of increasing the supply of affordable housing and the specific consequences of the continued lack of affordable housing. CoCs should be communicating with jurisdiction leaders, including the development of Consolidated Plans, about the harmful effects of the lack of affordable housing, and they should engage local leaders about steps such as zoning and land use reform that would increase the supply of affordable housing. This FY2022 CoC NOFO awards points to CoCs that take steps to engage local leaders about increasing affordable housing supply.

## *New Project Options*

- (a) **New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** projects must serve one of the following:
  - (i) Dedicated PLUS; or
  - (ii) persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project.
- (b) **New Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing/RRH, and SSO-CE** projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3. Additionally, these projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).
- (c) **New DV Bonus projects** (RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, and SSO-CE) must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

- PSH – *Provides indefinite leasing or rental assistance combined with supportive services for disabled persons experiencing homelessness so that they may live independently. For this NOFO, construction, renovation and acquisition are eligible.*
- RRH- *Housing search and relocation services & short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into housing.*



- Eligible participants- New Permanent Supportive Housing
- **Chronically Homeless** -- As stated in HUD's Definition of Chronically Homeless final rule is:
  - (a) A "homeless individual with a disability," as defined in section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(9)), who:
    - i. Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
    - ii. Has been homeless and living as described in paragraph (a)(i) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described in paragraph (a)(i). Stays in institutional care facilities for fewer than 90 days will not constitute as a break in homelessness, but rather such stays are included in the 12-month total, as long as the individual was living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or an emergency shelter immediately before entering an institutional care facility;
  - (b) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (a) of this definition, before entering the facility;
  - (c) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (a) or (b), including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

# Dedicated Plus (“Chronic Lite”)

- **DedicatedPLUS** - A DedicatedPLUS project is a permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) project where 100% of the beds are dedicated to serve individuals, households with children, and unaccompanied youth that at intake are:
  - (1) experiencing chronic homelessness (CH); OR
  - (2) residing in a Transitional Housing (TH) project that will be eliminated and were chronically homeless when entered TH project; or
  - (3) residing in Emergency Shelter or unsheltered location and had been enrolled in a PSH or RRH project (having met CH criteria upon entering) within the last year, but were unable to maintain housing placement; or
  - (4) residing in TH funded by a Joint TH and Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness prior to entering the project; or
  - (5) residing in Emergency Shelter or unsheltered location for at least 12 months in the last three years, but have not done so on four separate occasions and the individual or head of household meets the definition of ‘homeless individual with a disability’; or
  - (6) 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.

## CoC & DV Bonus Projects

- 1 or > 1 project app ok for both- except only one DV-CE
- Nashville earns points if at least 1 new project commits 25% leverage for housing units AND 25% health care value. Both housing & health care can be in 1 project, or can be in 2 separate new projects
- DV Bonus- applicant agency does not have to be DV provider

# What HUD is Looking for in Community Responses - System Level Elements



Continuously advance best practices



Streamline the delivery of assistance



Leverage the expertise of people who have experienced homelessness



Advance equity in service design and delivery



Utilize local data and measure outcomes

Sourced from NAEH and HUD

# What HUD is Looking for in Community Responses

## Program Components

Coordinated Homeless Outreach

Health Care and Supportive Services

Strategy to offer Low Threshold/Non-  
Congregate Shelter

Housing First/Reduce Barriers to Housing

Leverage Mainstream Housing and Engage  
Landlords

# Eligible Project Types

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- Permanent Housing- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)  
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- Permanent Housing- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)  
*Housing search and relocation services & short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into housing.*
- Joint Transitional Housing TH/ Rapid Rehousing RRH (services/rental assistance for < 24 mo)
- Supportive Service Only (Coordinated Entry)
- HMIS
- CoC Planning – will not be ranked

# Eligible Activities

- Rental assistance
- Operating costs
- Acquisition, Rehabilitation, New construction
- Leasing
- Supportive Services in PSH or RRH
- HMIS
- Supportive Services Only- Coordinated Entry
- CoC Planning

# Supportive Services eligible with PSH & RRH

## Eligible Support Services are:

- Annual Assessment of Services
- Moving costs (1-time)
- Case management
- Childcare
- Education services
- Employment assistance and job training
- Food
- Housing search and counseling services
- Legal services
- Life skills training
- Mental health services
- Outpatient health services
- Outreach services
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Transportation
- Utility deposits



# Threshold Requirements of HUD CoC Funded Projects

**All CoC funded projects are required to comply with all federal rules and regulations listed in the NOFO, as well as participate in the CoC. Requirements include (but are not limited to):**

- Provide the following documentation to HUD via agency's e-snaps application to determine eligibility: HUD form 50070, HUD form 2880, Agency Code of Conduct, SAM Registration, and UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) number. Other documents may be required.
- Utilize Housing First principles in the implementation of the project.
- Participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry, follow all related policies and procedures, regular program-level attendance at Care Coordination Meetings.
- Participate in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) & comply with all related policies and federal mandates
- Participate in the CoC as an active member.


# HUD System Performance Measures

**This FY 2023 CoC NOFO continues to emphasize system performance rating factors.**

- **1. Reduce the length of time persons remain homeless**
  - **2. Reduce returns to homelessness**
  - **3. Reduce the number of homeless persons**
  - **4. Access jobs and income growth for homeless persons in CoC**
- Program-funded projects**
- **5. Reduce the number of persons who become homeless for the first time**
  - **6. Successful housing placement**




# The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care Application Process

- Interested organizations must complete the NOFO local competition application. The application forms will be emailed to the CoC listserv and posted on MDHA's website (go to Community Development – Continuum of Care – CoC Competition Materials).
  - Applications must be submitted via email to Suzie Tolmie, Homeless Coordinator by email: [stolmie@Nashville-MDHA.org](mailto:stolmie@Nashville-MDHA.org)
  - HUD encourages organizations and entities who have never received CoC funding to submit an application. BUT...
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# CoC Ranking

- Project applications will be reviewed by the CoC Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) and prioritized during its Rank and Review process in September
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# 2023 NOFO Timeline

Draft & subject to change

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NOFO Released by HUD

July 5

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RFA Notices Released

Renewal – July 3; New- July 28

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NOFO webinar

August 17

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Local Applications Due

Renewal- Aug 1; New- September 24

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PEC Rank and Review  
(tentative)

Renewals- August 16; New- August 30

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Scores Released

September 1

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Deadline for Appeals

September 5

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Collaborative Application and Project Priority List Posted

September 26

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CoC Submits Final Collaborative Application in e-snaps

September 28

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# Questions, Comments for NEW PROJECTS

End of information for NEW PROJECTS & on to Renewal Project Section

# Renewal Projects

- YHDP- not ranked- but Round 1 Grantee funding is competitive
- FY2022 New Projects (The Salvation Army & Urban Housing Solutions)- under Grant Agreement?
- Detailed Instructions/e-snaps access to FY23 applications now available
- *Separate* Detailed Instructions specifically for YHDP renewals
- E-snaps- Before accessing and completing a project application, access & update the Project Applicant Profile; then Register for Funding Opp, access project app
- Questions