



# **Riverside County FY 2024 The Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

## **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Workshop**

Please enter your organization name in the chat box

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 1:00-2:00pm

# NOTICE

- ▶ The following presentation will be recorded for reference and uploaded to our CoC website.
- ▶ Unless you are speaking, it is requested that all attendees please mute your microphones during the meeting so that everyone can hear the meeting effectively.
- ▶ Please type any questions you may have in the chat box. We will answer as many as possible. All answers to questions will be posted on our CoC Program NOFO website.

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

## Continuum of Care Staff

- ▶ Tanya Torno, Deputy Director
- ▶ Marisol Alaniz, Sup. Development Specialist
- ▶ Emma Perez-Singh, Development Manager

# AGENDA

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2. Funding Available For Services
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# Purpose and Overview

- ▶ The Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) Department on behalf of the Riverside County Continuum of Care is seeking proposals from qualified applicants for the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Builds Competition.](#)
- ▶ The goal is to end homelessness by funding new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects.
- ▶ Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) is the CoC Administrative Entity and managing this effort.
- ▶ Aim: Strengthen community response to homelessness while promoting equity and sustainability.

# Funding Available For Services

- ▶ The Riverside County Continuum of Care is eligible to apply for up to \$ 7,500,000 in funding and an additional \$2,000,000 set aside for CoCs with units located on Tribal Reservations or Trust Lands under HUD's CoCBUILDS Competition.
- ▶ The project(s) selected through this RFP will be evaluated, ranked and approved by the CoC Board of Governance (BoG) for inclusion in the Riverside County's CoCBUILDS Competition Application.
- ▶ For this NOFO, the following will be considered for funding: New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units which must include a capital costs budget for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation.
  - ▶ The application may request no more than 20 percent of an award for CoC Program eligible activities and costs associated with the new PSH projects (see Section IV.G.1 of Attachment A-CoCBUILDS NOFO), and no more than 10 percent for administrative costs.
  - ▶ Ineligible or late project applications will not be reviewed.

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who fail to meet any of the following threshold eligibility requirements are deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants are not rated or ranked and will not receive HUD funding.

- ▶ **Resolution of Civil Rights Matters:** Outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved before the application submission deadline. Applicants with unresolved civil rights matters at the application deadline are deemed ineligible.
- ▶ **CoC Review of Project Applications:** CoCs are required to review proposed CoCBuils applications locally. HUD encourages inclusion of one or more subrecipients that will contribute towards the goals of this NOFO (e.g., capital costs, housing, supportive services).

# Population to Be Served

## Target Population

- ▶ For PH-PSH Projects where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 or individuals or families eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS projects as described in Section I.B.2.b.(2) of the 2024 HUD COC NOFO.



# Key HUD Strategic Goals

## HUD's Strategic Planning Goals

1. **Support Underserved Communities:** Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.
2. **Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing:** Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.
3. **Promote Homeownership:** Promote homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements, and wealth-building in underserved communities..
4. **Advance Sustainable Communities:** Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

# HUD Homeless Policy Priorities

1. **Increasing Affordable Housing Supply:** The lack of affordable housing is the main driver of homelessness.
2. **Ensuring Access to Supportive Services and Public Services:** Providing voluntary supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, particularly for these households that also include a family member who has a disability, can ensure the households have the tools and resources needed to successfully maintain permanent housing.
3. **Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies.** Using cost performance and outcome data, CoCs should improve how all available resources are utilized to end homelessness.
4. **Racial Equity:** In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color are substantially over-represented in the homeless population. HUD is emphasizing system and program changes to address racial equity within CoCs.

# GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ This program requires match. 24 CFR 578.73 of the Rule requires that recipients must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds (i.e., Leased Units and Leased Structures), with no less than 25% of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources. *(Note: Since HUD typically includes a slight increase in Fair Market Rent [FMR] during the CoC Program Award process, please include a match letter for 30% of your proposed amount.)*
- ▶ All project proposals must utilize the Housing First Approach and participate in Coordinated Entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with Riverside CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) process which can be found at [CES Policies and Procedures](#).
- ▶ Projects should demonstrate coordination with **HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities and Program Highlights** under Section 4 of this application which include incorporating projects that include partnerships with housing and healthcare providers.
- ▶ Applicants are strongly encouraged to utilize [Riverside County 2023 Homeless Point in Time Count Report](#) and [Infographics](#) as well as the [County of Riverside Homeless Action Plan](#) to ensure project proposals are taking a systems level approach.
- ▶ Consistency with Consolidated Plan: Proposed activities in the application must be consistent with the [2024-2025 One Year Action Plan of the 2024-2029 Five-Year Riverside County Consolidated Plan](#), and the location of the proposed activities must be consistent with the geographic areas specified in the Riverside County Consolidated Plan.

# 2024 HUD NOFO APPLICATION TIMELINE/SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#	Activities	Dates	Information
1	Release of RFP	Monday, September 16, 2024	
2	Primary Contacts	<b>Tanya Torno - Deputy Director</b> <a href="mailto:Ttorno@rivco.org">Ttorno@rivco.org</a> <b>Marisol Alaniz -Sup. Development Specialist</b> <a href="mailto:malaniz@rivco.org">malaniz@rivco.org</a> <b>Emma Perez-Singh - Development Manager</b> <a href="mailto:emmasingh@rivco.org">emmasingh@rivco.org</a>	
3	HUD CoCBuils Competition Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Workshop	Wednesday, September 25, 2024 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM PST	Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 226 430 607 625 Passcode: ZWmwbR Dial in by phone:+1951-465-8390,,836467901# United States, Riverside Find a local number Phone conference ID: 836 467 901# Web links to the recording and slides will be posted on the competition <a href="#">website</a> .
4	Last day to submit written questions related to HUD CoCBuils Competition	Monday, September 23, 2024 5:00 PM PST	Submit via e-mail to <a href="mailto:CoC@rivco.org">CoC@rivco.org</a>
5	Responses to submitted questions posted on website	Friday, September 27, 2024 11:59 PM PST	Posted to: <a href="#">CoC website</a>
6	Project proposal submission due date and time	Monday, October 14, 2024 1:30 PM PST	Submit via e-mail to <a href="mailto:CoC@rivco.org">CoC@rivco.org</a>

# HUD CoCBUILDS APPLICATION PROCESS

# RFP SCORING

The application is based on 100 points and has a minimum score threshold of 60 points. Each rating factor includes a maximum number of pages per response. Any pages above the maximum length will not be reviewed or considered.

- **Development Experience and Leveraging (24 Points)**
- **Managing Homeless Projects (12 Points)**
- **Implementation Schedule (12 Points)**
- **Property Maintenance (5 Points)**
- **Unmet Housing Need (7 Points)**
- **Management of Rental Housing (10 Points)**
- **Coordinated Entry (3 Points)**
- **Coordination with Housing Providers, Healthcare Organizations, and Social Service Providers (10 Points)**
- **Experience Promoting Racial Equity (8 Points)**
- **Community Integration for Persons with Disabilities (7 Points)**
- **Section 3 Requirement (2 Points)**

*CoCBuilds Total Application Points: **Maximum Points: 100***

# HUD Preference Points

## Optional Policy Initiative Preference Points: Environmental Justice (2 Points)

You may voluntarily choose to address preference point policy initiatives in your application. Addressing these policy initiatives is not a requirement to apply for or receive an award. If you voluntarily choose to address a policy initiative in your application, you will be required to adhere to the information submitted with your application should you receive an award. The proposed information will be included as a binding requirement of any Federal award you receive as a term and condition of that award.

# LOCAL BONUS POINTS

Local Bonus Points will be given to project proposals that meet the following criteria for additional consideration: (Total 20 Bonus Points)

- **Project Vouchers:** Bonus points will be awarded to projects that have secured project-based vouchers (PBV).
  - < 25% PBV of total units = 5
  - > 25% PBV of total units =10
- **Additional Funds Committed (5 Points):** Bonus points will be awarded for additional funds committed to the project such as: HOME, CDBG, PLHA, HOME-ARP, HHAP, ESG, HHIP
- **Environmental Review (5 Points):** Bonus points will be awarded for projects that submit evidence of completed and approved environmental review.



# EVALUATION PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated based on the criteria to be appropriate by the County, which may include, but not necessarily limited to the following:

- ▶ Applicant's ability to meet qualification requirements for this funding as noted in Section 8. Scoring Criteria and Bidder's Response of this RFP.
- ▶ Applicant's experience and ability to provide appropriate services.
- ▶ Financials
- ▶ Technical capability and project methodology.
- ▶ Any other factors the County determines to be appropriate.

Applications will be given thorough review. All communication during the application process and review selection phase may be directed to the primary HWS contact. Attempts by the Applicant to contact any other County representative may result in disqualification of the Applicant's application to this or any other solicitation.

# QUESTIONS

Additional questions after this workshop will need to be sent to [CoC@rivco.org](mailto:CoC@rivco.org)

# THANK YOU!

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