

HUD's Office of Special Needs
Assistance Programs

**Special NOFO to
Address Unsheltered
and Rural
Homelessness**



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- Participants can post questions during this webinar through the “Q&A” pane.
- HUD will answer questions from the question pool in the second part of the webinar.
- All Lines are muted

OVERVIEW

Overview

- Approximately \$322 million is available through this Special NOFO, divided as follows:
 - \$54,500,000 for the Rural Set Aside
 - \$267,500,000 for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside
- CoCs that registered in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Registration are eligible to apply
- Project applications must be submitted to the CoC to be included on the CoC Priority Listing. All projects must be rated and ranked on the appropriate project listing, including CoC Planning and UFA Costs.
- Grant terms will be 3-years.
- The deadline is October 20, 2022

Policy Priorities for the Special NOFO

- Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness
- In Rural Areas - Reduce Homelessness Amongst Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness and Those with Severe Service Needs
- Provide Assistance on Tribal Lands
- Involve a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness
- Advance Equity
- Use a Housing First Approach

Set Asides within the Competition

- **Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside**

- CoCs may apply for projects in an amount up to their FY 2022 PPRN or \$60,000,000, whichever is less
- Projects may serve any geographic area of the CoC
- HUD will select a CoC's projects for funding based on CoC score

- **Rural Set Aside**

- CoCs may apply for projects in an amount up to 150% of the PPRN of the rural areas in their geographic area
- Projects may only serve geographic areas within their CoC that meet the definition of "rural area"
- HUD will select projects for funding based on a formula comprised of the following factors: CoC score, CoC ranking of the project on the priority listing, and serving structurally disadvantaged areas

CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION – SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Criteria – Overview

- Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside
 - CoC Consolidated Applications will be assessed on a 100-point scale
 - CoCs must receive at least 50 points to be considered for any funding under this Competition
- Rural Set Aside
 - CoC Consolidated Applications will be assessed on an 89-point scale
 - CoCs must receive at least 44.5 points to be considered for any funding under this Competition

Selection Criteria – Overview

- The Consolidated Application is made up of 4 scoring sections with several sub-questions:
 1. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking (4 points)– statutory selection criteria – all parts required to apply for funding under the Rural Set Aside
 2. System Performance (18 points) – statutory selection criteria – all parts required to apply for funding under the Rural Set Aside
 3. CoC Coordinated and Engagement (8 points) – statutory selection criteria – all parts required to apply for funding under the Rural Set Aside
 4. CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs (70 points for Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and 59 points for Rural Set Aside) - attached narrative – only some parts required to apply for funding under the Rural Set Aside

In Detail - CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

- Much of the information required will be in the form of written responses to elements described in the NOFO.
- The written response will not be submitted through a text box in *e-snaps*, but instead will be typed in a separate document and attached to the Consolidated Application in the attachments screen.

In Detail - CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

- The narrative attachment must:
 - Use paper size 8-1/2 x 11 inches;
 - Use single-spacing;
 - Use at least a ½ inch for all margins;
 - Use 12-point, Times New Roman;
 - Sub-pages (e.g., with numbers and letters such as 25A) will be counted as separate pages;
 - Limit of one page per sheet of paper;
 - Number all pages consecutively
- Any other attachments required in this section (e.g., letters of commitment) will NOT count toward the 15-page limit

In Detail - CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

- Leveraging Housing – Entire Section Required for Rural Set Aside
 - Development of new units and creation of housing opportunities
 - Landlord Recruitment
- Leveraging Healthcare Resources – Entire Section Required for Rural Set Aside

In Detail - CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

- Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
 - Current street outreach strategy – Required for Rural Set Aside
 - Current strategy to provide immediate access to low-barrier shelter and temporary housing
 - Current strategy to provide immediate access to low-barrier permanent housing – Required for Rural Set Aside

In Detail - CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

- Updating the CoC's Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance
- Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness. – Required for Rural Set Aside
- Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making – Required for Rural Set Aside
- Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development – Required for Rural Set Aside

Unsheltered Homelessness Bonus Points

- Points will be awarded to CoCs applying for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside based on the number of people reported as unsheltered in the 2019 PIT Count. The points will be as follows:
 - 30 points – 10,000 or more people
 - 20 points – 5,000 – 9,999 people
 - 10 points – 1,000– 4,999 people
 - 0 points – 999 or fewer people

Selection

- Unsheltered Set Aside
 - HUD will select CoCs for funding based on the CoC score. This means the highest scoring CoC will have its rated and ranked projects that pass threshold selected for funding.

Selection (cont.)

- Rural Set Aside
 - HUD will select projects in order, up to the CoC's maximum funding amount, based on project application scores. The 100-point scale used to select projects is:
 - CoC Score. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on questions from the CoC Application Required to be answered for the Rural Set Aside.
 - CoC Project Ranking. Up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project.
 - 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.

Geographic Diversity

- Ensuring geographic diversity is an important consideration in selecting projects under this Special NOFO.
- In instances where any of the HUD regions do not have at least one funded CoC, HUD reserves the right to fund projects to a CoC, up to their maximum allowable amount, with the highest total score.
- If more than 10 CoCs from a single state qualify for funding through the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside, HUD will fund the 10 highest scoring CoCs.

PROJECT LEVEL INFORMATION

Eligible Project Types

- **Permanent Housing**
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
 - Permanent Housing- Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH)
- **Joint TH and PH-RRH**
- **Supportive Service Only**
 - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
 - Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
 - Standalone SSO
- **HMIS**
- **CoC Planning** (for Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside Only)
- **UFA Costs** (for Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside Only)

Eligible Costs

- In general, all the activities eligible in the CoC Program will be eligible for projects awarded under this competition to carry out. Except:
 - Hard costs (acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation) will only be funded under the Rural Set Aside
 - CoC Planning and UFA costs will only be funded under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside
 - Additional eligible activities will be permitted for projects funded under the Rural Set Aside (see next slide)

New Eligible Costs - Rural Set Aside

- Projects requesting funding under the Rural Set Aside may also apply for the following eligible costs as part of their project:
 - 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.

Participant Eligibility

- Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside. Projects funded under this set aside must have the following eligibility for program participants:
 - Meet the criteria of paragraph (1) of the definition of homeless, except that persons coming from TH must have originally come from places not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, safe havens, or institutions where they resided for 90 days or less and originally came from places not meant for human habitation, safe havens, or emergency shelters
 - Meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless
- Rural Set Aside. Projects funded under this set aside may serve persons who:
 - Meet any of the criteria of the definition of homeless, except to serve persons meeting the criteria of paragraph (3) the CoC must receive HUD approval to do so

Other Project Requirements

- All projects funded under this Special NOFO must adopt and follow a Housing First approach
- All projects must pass eligibility and quality thresholds outlined in the NOFO to be considered for funding
- All applicants must demonstrate, in their project application, how they are consistent with the CoC's Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

Resources

- **CoC Special NOFO Webpage:**
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/specialCoCNOFO
- **Questions:** SpecialCoCNOFO@hud.gov

Questions?

