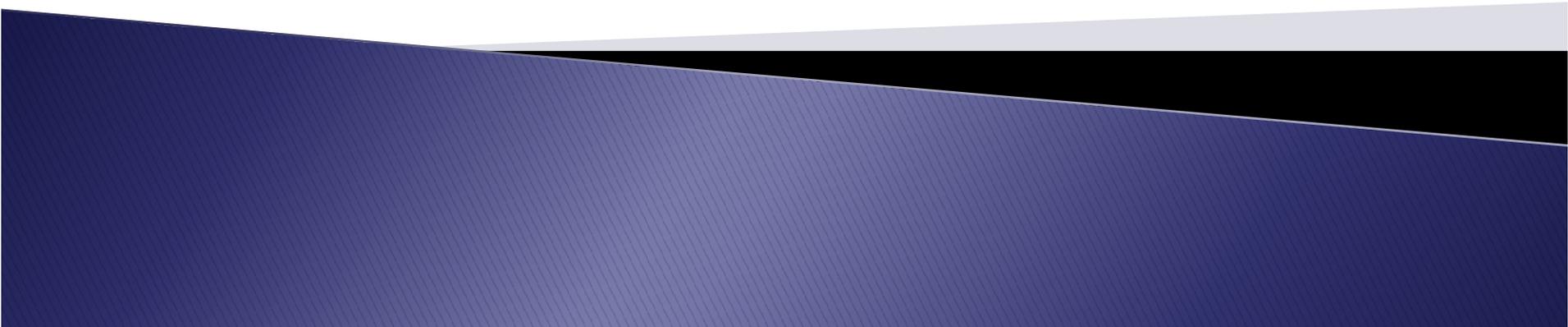


**Prince George's County
Continuum of Care
FY 2023 NOFO
Annual Competition
Information Session**

July 13, 2023



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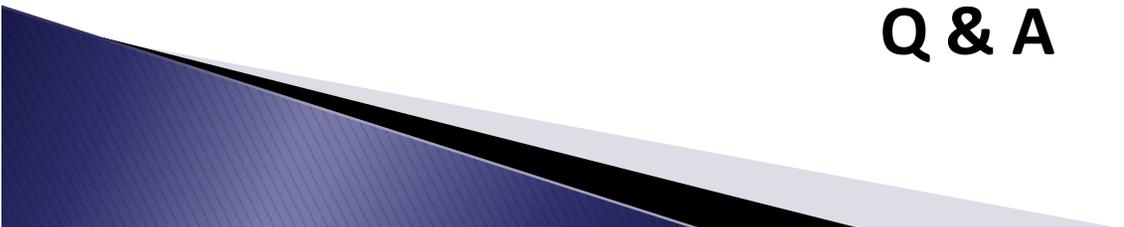
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Overview

HUD has made **\$3.134 billion** available in the FY 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for new and renewal CoC projects.

The County is eligible to apply for **\$11,587,687** in total funds

- ▶ **\$9,860,332** for the CoC Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- ▶ **\$690,223** for a CoC bonus project;
- ▶ **\$544,115** for a CoC DV Bonus project; and
- ▶ **\$493,017** for the CoC Planning project.

CoCs are required to prioritize projects using a two-tiered system:

- ▶ **Tier 1 = \$7,545,827** (93% of the CoC Annual Renewal Amount for non-YHDP projects eligible for renewal)
- ▶ **Tier 2 = \$1,802,303** (7% of the CoC combined Annual Renewal Amount for all non-YHDP projects eligible for renewal = **\$567,965** plus 100% of all CoC and DV bonus funds **\$1,234,338**)
- ▶ **Scored but Not Ranked = \$2,239,557** (YHDP renewal projects **\$1,746,540** plus CoC Planning **\$493,017**)

All projects are subject to placement in Tier 1 or Tier 2 based on the results of the review and ranking process



What's New?

- ▶ Planning maximum increased from 3% to 5% FPRN
 - ▶ CoC Bonus maximum increased from 5% to 7% FPRN
 - ▶ Added a new eligible CoC activity to ensure compliance with the VAWA emergency transfer and confidentiality protection requirements
 - ▶ Amended homeless definition to incorporate provisions of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022
 - ▶ Continued Emphasis:
 - ✓ Housing First (housing without service requirements or preconditions)
 - ✓ Strategic use of federal resources and projects that include joint applications and strong partnerships with healthcare and housing providers
 - ✓ Racial Equity
 - ✓ Meaningful Participation of People with Lived Experience
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HUD 2022-2026 Strategic Goals

Overarching priorities:

- ▶ Increasing equity; and
- ▶ Improving customer experience

Strategic goals:

- ▶ Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities
- ▶ Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing
- ▶ Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership
- ▶ Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities



HUD Policy Priorities

1. Ending homelessness for all persons

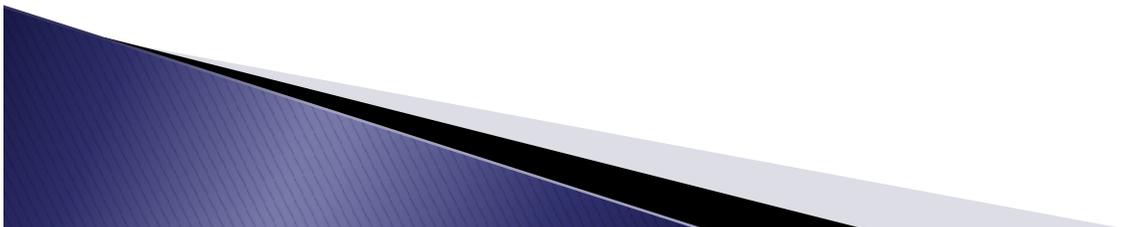
- ▶ Align CoC actions and strategies with the USICH “All in” strategic plan
 - ▶ identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness
 - ▶ Measure performance based on local data that consider the challenges faced by all subpopulations
 - ▶ Partner with housing, health care, and supportive services providers to expand housing options
 - ▶ Use local data to determine the characteristics of individuals and families with the highest needs and longest experiences of homelessness to develop housing and supportive services tailored to their need
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HUD Priorities

2. Using a Housing First Approach

- ▶ Rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing
- ▶ No service participation requirements or preconditions
- ▶ Reduce length of time people experience homelessness
- ▶ Engage landlords and property owners to identify an inventory of available housing and remove barriers to entry
- ▶ Adopt client centered service methods

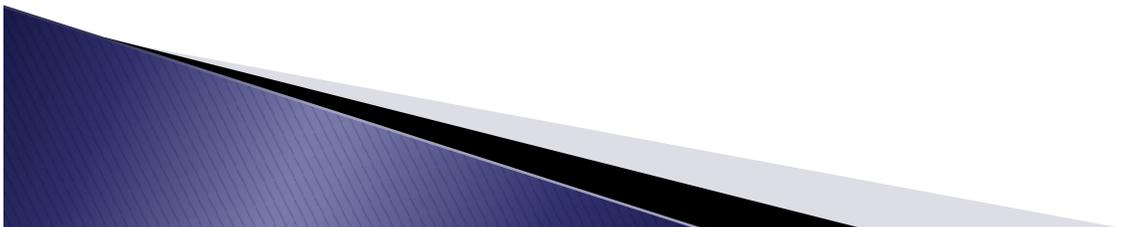
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness



HUD Priorities

4. Improving System Performance

- ▶ Renewal and New Projects should be evaluated based on how they work to either support or hinder overall system performance measures (exits to PH, returns to homelessness, reducing length of time homeless, increasing income for program participants)
- ▶ Effective use of Coordinated Entry
- ▶ Cost effectiveness
- ▶ Opportunities for implementation of continuous quality improvement and other process improvement strategies



HUD Priorities

5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies

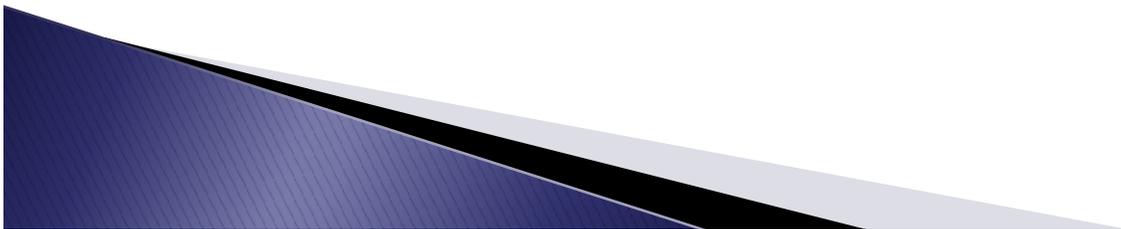
- ▶ Maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources
- ▶ Work closely with public and private healthcare organizations to ensure access to primary care and design approaches that improve the health and prevent disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness
- ▶ Partner with PHAs and other housing organizations to develop housing units and provide subsidies including HOME ARP opportunities and
- ▶ Partner with local workforce development centers



HUD Priorities

6. Racial Equity

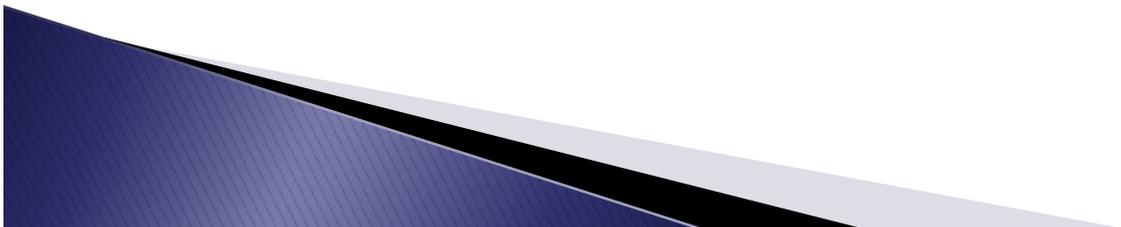
- ▶ System and program changes that address racial equity within the CoC
- ▶ Policies, procedures, and processes are inclusive, foster equal access and address and eliminate racial disparities affecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness



HUD Priorities

7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals

- ▶ System and program improvements that address the needs of LGBTQ+, transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals and families
- ▶ Policies, procedures, and processes ensure privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in projects
- ▶ Partnerships with organizations with expertise in serving LGBTQ+ populations



HUD Priorities

8. Persons with Lived Experience

- ▶ Impacted populations are involved in all aspects of planning, program design and policy development
- ▶ Priority is given to hiring people who have experienced homelessness in areas where their expertise is needed

9. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

- ▶ Advocacy and Engagement of local leaders to increase the CoC's affordable housing supply; including zoning and land use reforms.



Submission Options

Renewal: Submission of an existing project with no change to the project type or total budget.

New: Submission of a new project that meets organizational and project type eligibility

Consolidation: Consolidate two or more renewal projects into one project application (*must be the same recipient and the same grant type*). Multiple project applications are required.

Transition: Transition an eligible renewal project from one program component to another eligible new component over 1-year period. No more that 50% of each transition grant may be used for costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded.

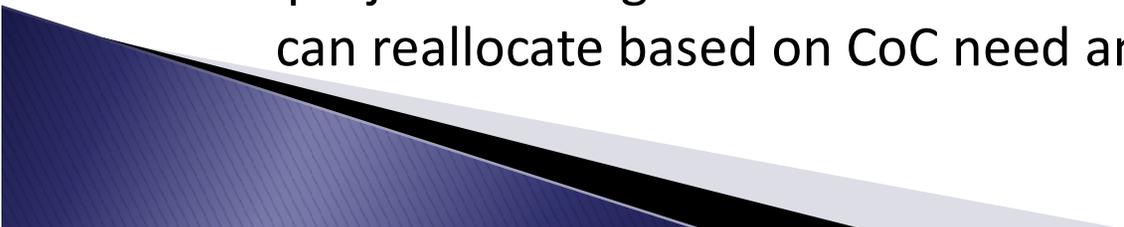


Submission Options

Expansion:

- ▶ Current CoC funded projects can expand current operations by adding units, beds, persons served. Applicants will be required to submit 3 applications: 1. Renewal project that will be expanded, 2. A new project application with just the expansion information; and 3. A renewal project application that incorporates the renewal and new expansion activities and the combined budget
- ▶ Non CoC funded project can submit a new project application for CoC funds to expand operations, but funds cannot be used to replace existing funding.

Reallocation: Project applicants can voluntarily reallocate all or part of their project funding **or** the CoC Review and Ranking Committee can reallocate based on CoC need and/or project performance.

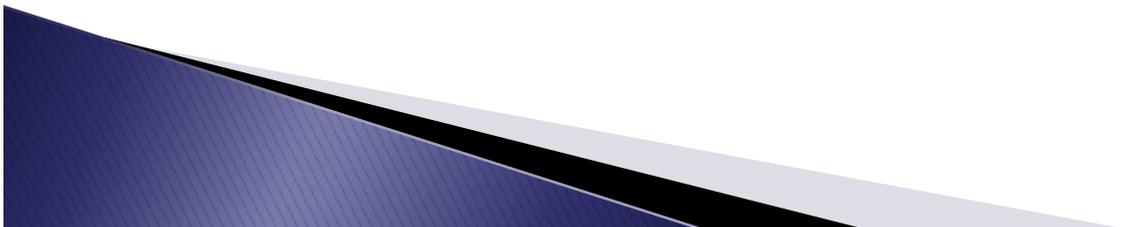


New Eligible Projects

CoC Bonus: Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-housing, and/or Joint Transitional /Rapid Re-housing

Note: CoC Priority will be given to PSH projects that serve individuals and families with the highest needs and longest experiences of homelessness; including persons with extremely high rates of physical and mental health illness and substance use disorders. Weight will also be given to those projects that demonstrate strong partnerships with PHA and healthcare organizations to creatively address these priorities.

DV Bonus: Rapid Re-housing and/or Joint Transitional /Rapid Re-housing



Eligible Applicants

Local and State Governments and/or Instrumentalities of such
Public Housing Agencies
Indian Tribes and THDEs
Non-Profit Organizations
Faith-Based Organizations

All Applicants MUST have the following in order to be considered:

- ▶ *Active SAMS registration and Valid UEI Number
(<https://www.sam.gov/SAM>)*
- ▶ *Code of Conduct on file with HUD*
- ▶ *NO outstanding delinquent federal debt*

CoC Priority will be given to projects where the Applicant and/or their sub-grantee are a Medicaid Reimbursable organization



Letter of Interest

Organizations should submit a letter of interest (LOI) by **11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023** if they are planning any of the following competition actions:

- Voluntary reallocation
- Expansion
- Consolidation
- Transition
- CoC and DV Bonus projects

LOIs should be sent to Contessa Riggs (contessa.riggs@maryland.gov) with a copy to Renee Ensor Pope (renee.pope@maryland.gov) and the CoC NOFO team (COC.princegeorges@maryland.gov)

Organizations submitting a completed LOI for a the CoC DV and non DV bonus application are highly encouraged to attend CoC Office Hours. Virtual meeting invites will be sent to all organizations who submitted an LOI by the established deadline.

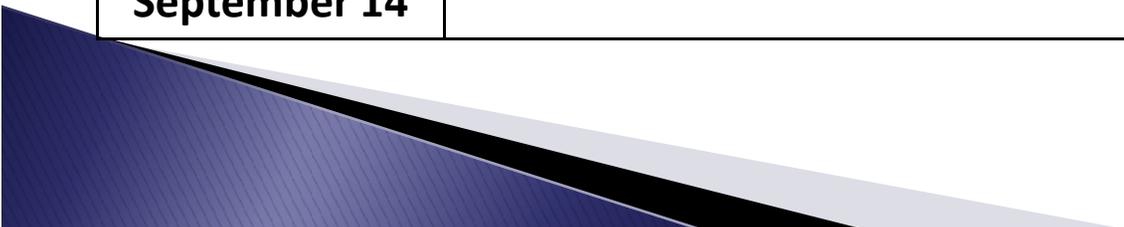
Organizations submitting an LOI for any other purpose will be contacted with further instructions

The CoC reserves the right to invite additional potential applicants as deemed necessary to ensure the best possible competition.



KEY DATES

Thursday July 13	Continuum of Care Competition Virtual Information Session
Thursday July 20	Letter of Intent to apply for Domestic Violence, Bonus, Expansion or intent to reallocate, consolidate or transition
Tuesday July 25	New and bonus projects - Provider Office Hours
Thursday August 3	CoC NOFA Office Hours
Thursday August 24	CoC Plenary and Final NOFA Office Hours
Friday August 25	New and Renewal Applications due to the CoC
Tuesday September 12	Notification of Decision to Applicants
Thursday September 14	CoC Plenary and Ratification of Ranking Recommendations



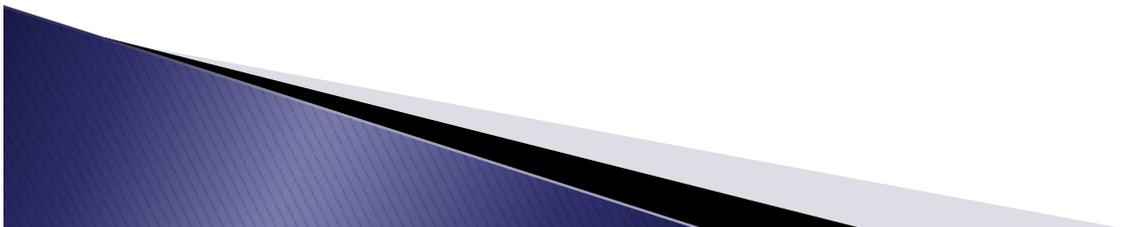
Review and Ranking Process

- ▶ All new and renewal projects will be reviewed & ranked by the CoC Project Review Committee (PRC) per the established CoC process.
- ▶ Projects will be assessed using a standard scoring tool.
- ▶ The PRC will prioritize projects based on CoC needs and project scores to maximize the opportunity for funding
- ▶ *Note: HUD will award a point value to each new and renewal project application that is in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale:*
 - *CoC Score: Up to **50** pts in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Collaborative Application*
 - *CoC Project Ranking: Up to **40** pts for the CoC's ranking of the project*
 - *Commitment to Housing First: Up to **10** pts how the project demonstrates that it is low barrier & prioritizes rapid placement.*



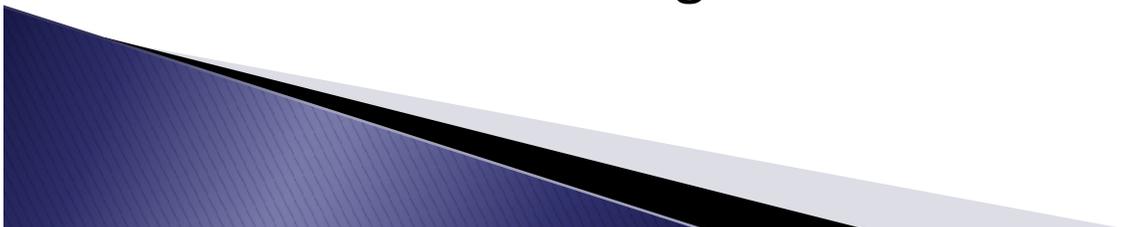
Review and Ranking Policy - Changes

- ▶ Edit policy to appropriately cite and comply with the FY 2023 NOFO
- ▶ Remove references to the 2022 Unsheltered NOFO
- ▶ Remove references to health outbreak readiness factors
- ▶ Add new scoring element and points for HMIS documentation including case notes and assessments



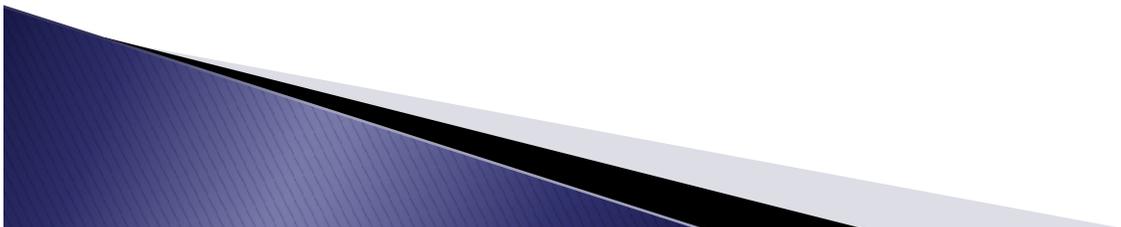
Renewal Scoring

- ▶ Program Effectiveness
- ▶ Past Performance
- ▶ Population Served
- ▶ Severity of Needs
- ▶ Program Outcomes
- ▶ Equity Factors
- ▶ LGBTQ+ Factors
- ▶ Housing First
- ▶ HMIS data quality and compliance
- ▶ Meaningful Participation of People with Lived Experience
- ▶ Match and Leverage



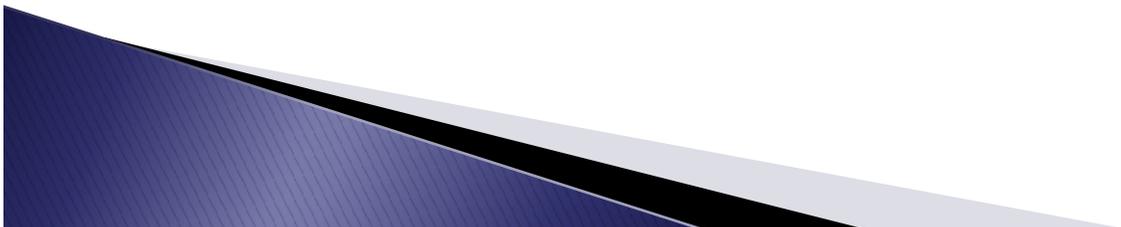
New / Bonus Scoring

- ▶ HUD and CoC Eligibility Threshold
- ▶ Experience
- ▶ Financial Capacity
- ▶ Project Type and Design
 - Type and quantity of housing
 - Population / Severity of Needs
 - Housing First
 - Access to immediate housing
- ▶ Match and Leverage
- ▶ Coordination with Housing and Health Care
- ▶ Equity Factors
- ▶ LGBTQ+ Factors
- ▶ Meaningful Participation of People with Lived Experience



Important Competition Resources

- ▶ HUD competition information can be found at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
- ▶ Local Continuum of Care competition information can be found at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2570/Continuum-Of-Care-Program>
- ▶ Questions: COC.princegeorges@maryland.gov



Questions?

