

CoC NOFO and Local Competition Overview



Department of Community Development
Homeless Division

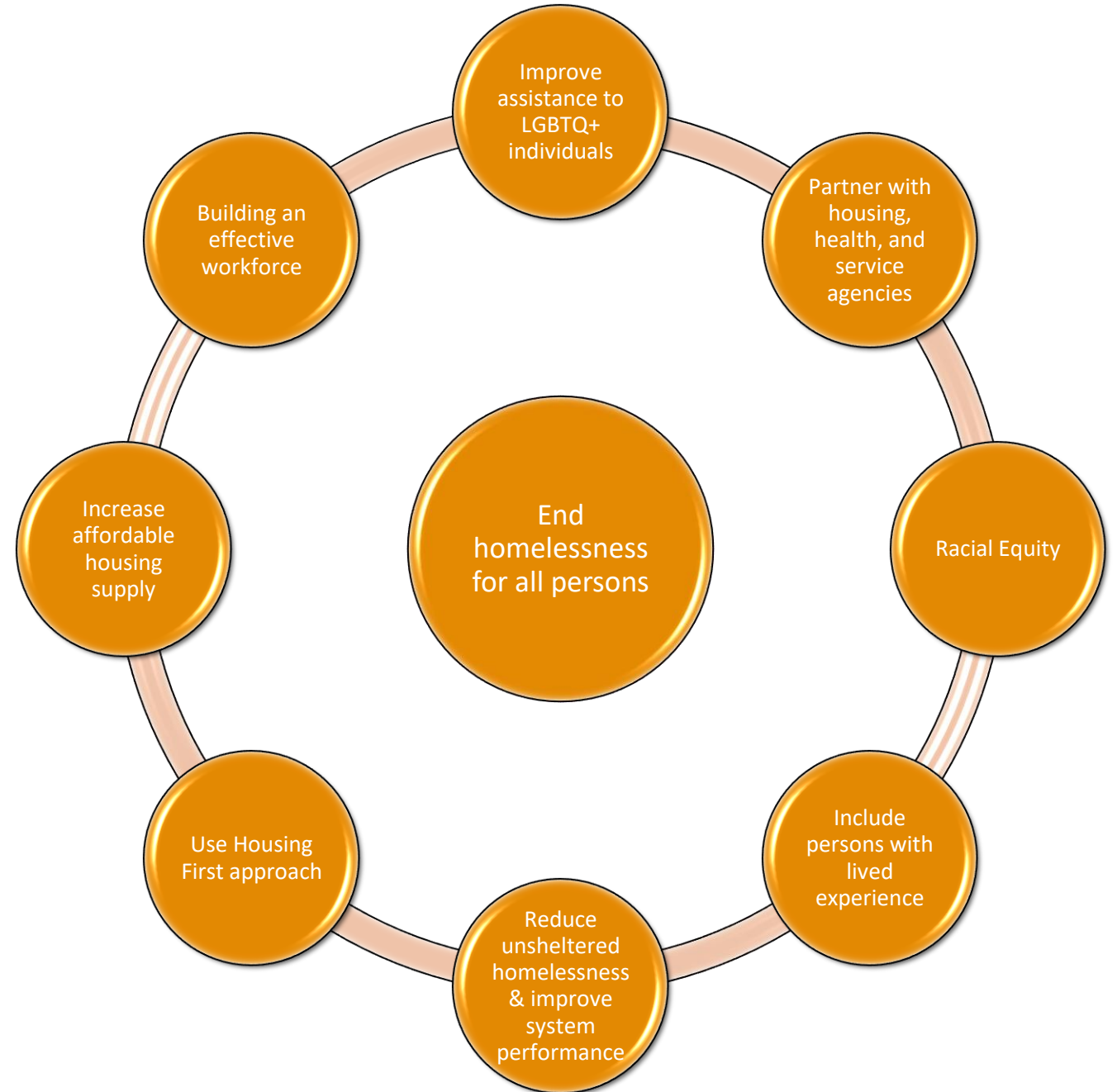
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CoC Program Description

The Continuum of Care Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

- Provides funding to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, youth, persons fleeing from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking while minimizing trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- To promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families;
- To optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities



Collaborative Applicant

Fulton County is the Collaborative Applicant for the Fulton County Continuum of Care

- Eligible applicant designated by the CoC to prepare and submit the CoC Registration and CoC Consolidated Application;
- Apply of the CoC planning funds on behalf of the CoC during the CoC Program Competition; and
- Additional Responsibilities as assigned by the Fulton County CoC Board.

2024 HUD CoC Annual NOFO

The Department of Housing & Urban Development released the FY 2024 & 2025 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Opportunity on July 31, 2024.

Funding available through this NOFO for the Fulton County CoC region is as follows:

Estimated ARD	Tier 1	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus	CoC Planning
\$2,814,593	\$2,533,133	TBD	TBD	TBD

2024 Local Competition Timeline

Date	Activity Details
July 23, 2024	Request for FY 2024 renewal project applications published in BidNet
August 15, 2024	Request for FY 2024 new project applications published in BidNet
August 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM	Renewal project supplemental applications and e-snaps applications due
September 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM	New project supplemental applications and e-snaps applications due
September 26 – September 30, 2024	Rating and Ranking Committee technical review and scoring of applications
October 1, 2024	Rating and Ranking Review Committee Meeting
October 10, 2024	Applicant notification, outside of e-snaps, of project inclusion
October 11 – 15, 2024	Applicant Appeals Process
October 16, 2024	Rating and Ranking debrief summary
October 16 – 18, 2024	Project Applicant Technical Assistance Sessions
October 25, 2024	Posting of the full CoC Consolidated Application & Priority Listing
October 28, 2024	Revised project applications due in e-snaps for HUD submission
October 30, 2024	CoC Consolidated Application and Priority Listing submitted by 8:00PM

*For full timeline of events for the 2024 Local Competition please click here: [FCCoC-FY-2024-NOFO--Local-Competition-Timeline-8142024-Final.pdf \(fultoncountyga.gov\)](https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/files/asset-manager/FCCoC-FY-2024-NOFO--Local-Competition-Timeline-8142024-Final.pdf)

What is New in 2024

- **Changes to Tiering:**

Tier 1 is set at 90 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). In FY 2023 Tier 1 was set at 93 percent. This means that the project competition at a national level will be more competitive.

- **2-Year NOFO:**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, authorizes HUD to issue a single two-year NOFO for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The application and selection process for the FY 2024 funds awarded through this NOFO will proceed much like it has in prior-year competitions. However, CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to the FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds. Projects that are awarded FY 2024 funds may be eligible for award of FY 2025 funds using their FY 2024 application submission and are not required to apply for renewal for FY 2025 funds.

What is New in 2024

- **DV Reallocation**

In this NOFO, HUD has expanded reallocation to include DV Reallocation. HUD establishes these terms to distinguish between funding sources that must continue to serve the same populations of the projects being reallocated.

CoCs may reallocate eligible Renewal projects that were previously funded, in whole or in part, with DV Bonus funding to create DV Reallocation projects that are dedicated to serving the same population. New DV Reallocation projects must be 100 percent dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act [see sections I.B.2.b.(24) and III.B.4.a.(4) of the NOFO for more information].

- **Cost of Living Adjustments**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 authorizes HUD to make reasonable cost of living adjustments to renewal amounts to help afford increasing cost of operations due to inflation. See section V.D.2. of the NOFO for more information.

Renewal Project Types

Eligible Project Types for Renewal:

1. Permanent Housing
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Rapid Rehousing
2. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH)
3. Supportive Services Only (for Coordinated Entry)
4. Dedicated HMIS

New Projects: CoC Bonus Project Types

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New Projects: DV Bonus Project Types

DV Bonus funding may be used for new projects and/or to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

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 - Rapid Rehousing
2. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH)
3. Supportive Services Only (for Coordinated Entry)

Expansion Projects (Renewal Only)

The process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants. The expansion project (i.e., the existing renewal project and the new expanded portion of the project) must meet the conditions below:

- A. The renewal project and the new expanded portion of the project must both have the same component type.
- B. Eligible project components: PH-PSH, PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO-CE, or HMIS · The new expanded portion of the project may be funded through reallocation, DV Bonus, and/or the CoC Bonus.
- C. If using DV Bonus funds, the new expanded portion of the project is solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking
- D. If using DV reallocation funds, to expand an existing renewal project that is not currently dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to dedicate additional beds, units, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants of this population, the entire project, including the renewal project being expanded, must serve 100 percent individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Once an expansion and its accompanying renewal application are submitted and ranked, applicants will submit a combined application for the competition.

Consolidated Projects (Renewal Only)

Eligible renewal project applicants will continue to have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects into one project application during the application process. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted. To be eligible for consolidation, the renewal projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component.

HUD will not permit a transitional housing and a permanent housing project to consolidate to form a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and will not permit a transition grant to be consolidated with any other project.

To apply for a consolidated grant, applicants must submit separate renewal project applications for each of the grants that are proposed to be consolidated, and each project application must identify that it is part of a consolidation. Project applications for the grants that are proposed to be consolidated will be ranked, and if all grants are selected, HUD will award the single consolidated grant. If one of the grants proposed to be consolidated is found to be ineligible for consolidation or is not selected, HUD will award all grants that are eligible for renewal and selected as separate grants.

Eligible Costs

- Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or new construction of PSH
- Leasing or Rental Assistance
- Supportive Services ([§ 578.53](#))
 - Moving Costs
 - Childcare
 - Transportation
 - Utility Deposits
 - Case Management
- Operating Costs ([§ 578.55](#)) TH and PSH-Leasing Only
 - Maintenance and repair
 - Property taxes and insurance
 - Electric, gas, and water
 - Furniture and equipment
- HMIS
- VAWA Costs – moving costs, travel costs, security deposits, utility costs, housing fees, case management for emergency transfers, etc.
- Project Administration – up to 10% for new projects

Project Rating and Ranking

All renewal and new applications will be reviewed by an unbiased review panel composed of representatives from neutral (non-applicant) organizations, referred to as the Rating and Ranking Committee. This committee will drive the rating and ranking process and will adopt a rating and ranking tool that meets all HUD and CoC requirements.

The CoC local criteria ensure that applicants are responsive to local needs and requirements, while also meeting the standards laid out in the FY 2024 & 2025 CoC NOFO. **The detailed Rating and Ranking tool will be made available to all project applicants and posted on the CoC's website as soon as possible.**

The Rating and Ranking process will take place between September 26 and September 30, 2024. The subcommittee members will be oriented to the NOFO, the CoC local competition, and the Rating and Ranking tool. The committee coordinator will review each application to ensure it meets the applicable HUD and CoC Threshold Requirements. Raters will then receive each application electronically and rate each application independently. On October 1, 2024 raters will convene to review rating scores and rank applications. Thereafter, the committee will discuss and adjust the ranking for each project based on its established criteria and the CoC's priorities. The committee will finalize the Ranking to best meet the priorities of the CoC.

CoC Threshold Criteria

- Project will use the local Homeless Management Information System established by the CoC. For Victim Service Providers (VSPs) project must use RI's comparable database for survivors of domestic violence.
- Project will follow the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedures
- Project will use a Housing First and Low Barrier approach
- Document, secured minimum match of at least 25% of the CoC funds requested (excluding leasing budget line item)
- Demonstrate the financial and management capacity to be able to administer federal funds including Acceptable Organizational Audit and Financial Review
- Active participation in the CoC. Agency representative has attended (renewal) or will commit to attending (new) a minimum of four CoC membership meetings

Competition Selection Process

HUD requires CoCs to rank project applications in two tiers reflecting HUD's funding priorities, local need, and a data-driven evaluation process evaluating individual project performance.

Tier 1 Projects:

- Equal to 90% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

Tier 2 Projects:

- The difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for but does not include CoC planning projects or projects selected with DV bonus funds.
- Projects in tier 2 are considered at a higher risk of not being funded.

** Please note that HUD makes the final award for CoC program grants. The CoC will notify all applicants when HUD makes an award announcement for FY 2024.

Local Competition Submission Requirements

- ❖ **Supplemental application(s) and e-snaps application(s) for Renewal Projects are due by 11:00 AM on August 26, 2024**
 - A complete submission includes:
 - Completed Renewal Supplemental Application(s) with all required attachments. **Must be submitted through BidNet.**
 - Completed and **submitted** e-snaps application(s) for each renewal application.

- ❖ **Supplemental application(s) and e-snaps application(s) for New/ Expansion Projects are due by 11:00 AM on September 13, 2024**
 - A complete submission includes:
 - Completed New/ Expansion Project Supplemental Application(s) with all required attachments. Must be submitted through BidNet.
 - Completed and submitted e-snaps application(s) for each New/ Expansion project application.

HUD e-snaps Applications

- e-snaps Portal: <https://esnaps.hud.gov/>
- Remember to create or update the Applicant Profile
 - For more information on how to use e-snaps: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- After the local competition, all applicants that receive notification that their project(s) are included on the Priority Listing will be required to submit their final applications to HUD in e-snaps.
- Attachments for final submission in e-snaps:
 - Code of Conduct – agency’s code of conduct must be listed on HUD’s [Code of Conduct E-library](#).
 - If there are updates to the agency’s Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct is not listed in the E-library the applicant must attach the agency’s approved Code of Conduct to the e-snaps application. See [Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs | HUD.gov](#) for more information about the Code of Conduct requirements.
 - Match verification/ letters

Important Resources

- NOFO Questions: CoCNOFO@hud.gov
- e-snaps Questions: e-snaps@hud.gov
- [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Website](#)
- [24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM](#)
- [HUD Exchange: CoC Program](#)
- [e-snaps Portal](#)
- [FY 2024 & FY 2025 CoC Program Competition: Funding Opportunity - HUD.gov](#)
- [2024 Renewal Project Detailed Instructions](#)
- 2024 Renewal Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
- [2024 New Project Detailed Instructions](#)
- 2024 New Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
- [FY 2024 Project Application HUD FAQs](#)
- [Fulton County Government - Bid Opportunities and RFPs | BidNet Direct](#)



Before We Go...

- Ensure that you review the NOFO and related guidance materials in their entirety.
- Find and download the Supplemental Applications on BidNet: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/>.
- Create or update your e-snaps user account and applicant profile now.
- Reminder! The CoC will only accept submission from applicants that submit a Supplemental Application through BidNet and an application in e-snaps for each project. This is required for both Renewal and New/ Expansion project applicants.
- Make sure you are receiving emails from homelessinfo@fultoncountyga.gov. The CoC will communicate important any important updates about the local competition and other CoC news using this email account.



Questions?