

Stark Housing Network, Inc.

Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC) Collaborative Applicant

Application Workshop
Thursday, August 10, 2023

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

“The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.”

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funding Competition

- HUD annually provides a national funding program competition for communities to reduce or end homelessness
- HUD releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that outlines how much funding is available, what project types have been prioritized, competition guidelines, and application processes
- FY2023 HUD identified four funding opportunities for CoC's
 - Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
 - New & Expansion Project / Bonus Funding
 - CoC Planning Grant
 - Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

HUD Competition Requirements

CoC's implement a review and ranking process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications

Local prioritized project applications are submitted to HUD

Collaborative Applicant is responsible for submitting the local priority listing to HUD as a part of the *Consolidated Application*



Collaborative Applicant that oversees the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County activities

Oversees projects' compliance with HUD and HCCSC regulations

Completes and submits the *Consolidated Application*, to HUD during the annual HUD CoC Program competition

FY2023 CoC Program Competition

FY2023 NOFO for the CoC Program competition was released Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Competition documents related to each process are posted to:

FY 2023 CoC Program Competition:

[FY 2023 CoC Program Competition: Funding Opportunity - HUD Exchange](#)

Additional resources related to eSNAPS are available on the [e-snaps page on the HUD Exchange](#)

HUD's Consolidated Application



The Consolidated Application consists of three different areas:

1. CoC Application
2. Project Applications
3. Priority Listing

Project Priority Listing is determined through the eSNAPS Application (project application) and Scoring Criteria Appendix Responses

HCCSC

FY2023 Funding Opportunities

- Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for OH-508 (Canton, Massillon, Alliance/Stark County) - \$3,361,712
- CoC Bonus funding - \$253,606
- DV Bonus funding - \$362,294

HUD - Homeless Policy Priorities and Program Highlights

Ending homelessness for all persons

Use a Housing First approach

Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness

Improving System Performance

Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies

Racial Equity

Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals

Persons with Lived Experience

Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

FY2023 CoC NOFO

Key Takeaways

- HUD will continue the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding selection process for all new, reallocated, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and renewal project applications (Tier 1 is equal to 93 percent of the CoC's ARD)
- New Eligible Continuum of Care Activities
 - VAWA Costs Budget Line Item
 - Rural Costs Budget Line Item (*not applicable for Stark County*)
- Leverage housing and healthcare resources when applying for new projects including expansion projects (bonus points awarded)
- Focus on demonstrating efforts to address the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals including training and policies on anti-discrimination
- Involving individuals with lived experience of homelessness in service delivery and decision making
- Promoting racial equity by rating and ranking project applicants that have identified barriers to project participation and taken steps to eliminate the identified barriers
- Focus on rate of housing placement and retention based on outcome data for both renewal and new project applications

DV Bonus Key Take-a-Ways

- Component types
 - PH-RRH or Rapid Rehousing
 - SSO-CE or Coordinated Entry (supportive services only)
- New project and expansion renewal project applications are eligible
 - Existing renewal projects
 - Bonus funds for expansion must be solely for units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served by DV bonus funding
- Application scores based on the CoC score and project score
- HCCSC Scoring Criteria Score Sheet includes multiple questions and additional questions may be asked by the collaborative applicant based on the project application in e-snaps

Leveraging Housing Resources

- Examples: Private organizations, state or government, including HOME funding provided through the American Rescue Plan, Public Housing Agencies, including the use of a set aside or limited preference, faith-based organizations, or Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG programs
- Housing subsidies that provide at least 25 percent of the units included in the project (PH-PSH) or 25 percent of the program participants to be served (PH-RRH)
- Include letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support to the project

Leveraging Healthcare Resources

- Examples: Direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project or provision of health care services by a private or public organization tailored to the program participants of the project
- Acceptable forms of commitment are formal written agreements and must include:
 - value of commitment, and
 - dates the healthcare resources will be provided
- Amount equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested for the project will be covered by the healthcare organization, or in the case of a substance use treatment or recovery provider, all participants who qualify and choose the services will have access to treatment or recovery services

New Applicants – HUD Requirements

1. UEI Number Requirement (Unique Identity ID)

Project applicants must provide a valid UEI number registered and active at [SAM.gov | Home](https://sam.gov)

1. System for Award Management (SAM)

Project applicants must also complete or renew their registration with SAM

3. Employer Identification Number (EIN)

4. eSNAPS registration

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

** For additional requirements refer to Section III. of the NOFO, eSNAPS, and the HCCSC Scoring Form Appendix*

HCCSC Competition Local Timeline



2023 HCCSC Funding Priorities

- Rapid Re-Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

** HCCSC/CoC funded housing projects may only serve persons who are either literally homeless or fleeing domestic violence (HUD Homeless Definition - Category 1 or 4)*

NEW Eligible Activity Category VAWA Cost Line Item

- New and renewal project applications are eligible to apply
- Activity category is not subject to CoC program's spending caps on administrative costs (current cap is 10%)
- Renewal Projects
 - can add this cost by shifting up to 10% of funds from one eligible activity to a VAWA cost line item; or through expansion (applying for additional/new funding)
- Activity Description: Facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance with the emergency transfer plan requirement in 34 U.S.C. 12491(e) and monitoring compliance with the confidentiality protections in 34 U.S.C. 12491 (c)(4)



VAWA Cost Line Item - Examples of Eligible Costs



Emergency Transfer Facilitation

- Moving costs
- Travel costs
- Security Deposits
- Utilities
- Housing Fees
- Case Management
- Housing Navigation
- Technology



Monitoring and Compliance with VAWA

- Monitoring and evaluation of compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements
- Developing and implementing strategies for corrective actions and remedies
- Program evaluation
- Training and compliance
- Reporting to collaborative applicant and other interested parties
- Costs for establishing methodology to protect survivor information
- Staff time associated with maintaining adherence to confidentiality requirements

Expansion and Consolidated Applications

New expansion projects through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus

- Increase number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or addition of activities to HMIS or SSO-CE projects required
- Must submit separate renewal and new project applications

Consolidation Project combines two or more eligible renewal projects

- Budget line items must match, same recipient and component type, etc.
- Must submit renewal project applications for the individual projects (grant with the earliest start date will survive)

Helpful Tips

- Review the application, application appendix, and scoring criteria form before submission
- Double check all attachments to ensure all the required information including your response can be read
- Use the detailed instruction guide when completing the application in e- snaps
- Complete applications require the submission of an e- snaps application and HCCSC Scoring Criteria and Score Sheet Appendix (including required attachments)

Resources

[HUD Exchange](#)

[e-snaps : CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System - HUD Exchange](#)

[Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County](#)

Thank you!