Stark Housing Network, Inc.

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

Application Workshop
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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 is providing a bi-annual (FY 2024 & FY 2025) 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

- FY 2024 & FY 2025 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*

Stark Housing Network

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 HUD CoC Program competition

FY 2024 & FY 2025
CoC Program Competition

FY 2024 & 2025 NOFO for the CoC Program competition was released Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Competition documents related to each process are posted to:
 FY 2024 CoC Program Competition:
CoC Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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

FY 2024 & FY 2025
Funding Opportunities

- Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for OH-508 (Canton, Massillon, Alliance/Stark County) - $3,677,230

- CoC Bonus funding - $411,268 *(estimated)*

- DV Bonus funding - $551,585 *(estimated)*

- Reallocation funding - $50,539

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
Building an Effective Workforce	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply		

FY2024 HCCSC Local Priorities

Priorities are listed in order of priority below, new and expansion projects that <u>increase housing units</u> will be prioritized:

1) Permanent Supportive Housing
2) Rapid Rehousing
3) Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
4) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

FY2024 & FY 2025 CoC NOFO Key Takeaways

- 2-Year NOFO

  - CoC/Collaborative Applicant's are required to submit a CoC application that will be applicable to the FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds

  - Collaborative applicants will be required to submit two separate project listings for FY 2024 during CY 2024 and FY 2025 during CY 2025

- 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 90 percent of the CoC's ARD)

- Available bonus funding increased for both CoC and DV

- Emphasis on past performance (NOFO pg. 58)

- Cost of Living Adjustments for conditionally selected grants

  - HUD will adjust amounts for the supportive services and HMIS cost budget lines for renewing projects by using a factor based on the State Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW); https://www.bls.gov/cew/data.htm

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 subsides 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

1. System for Award Management (SAM)
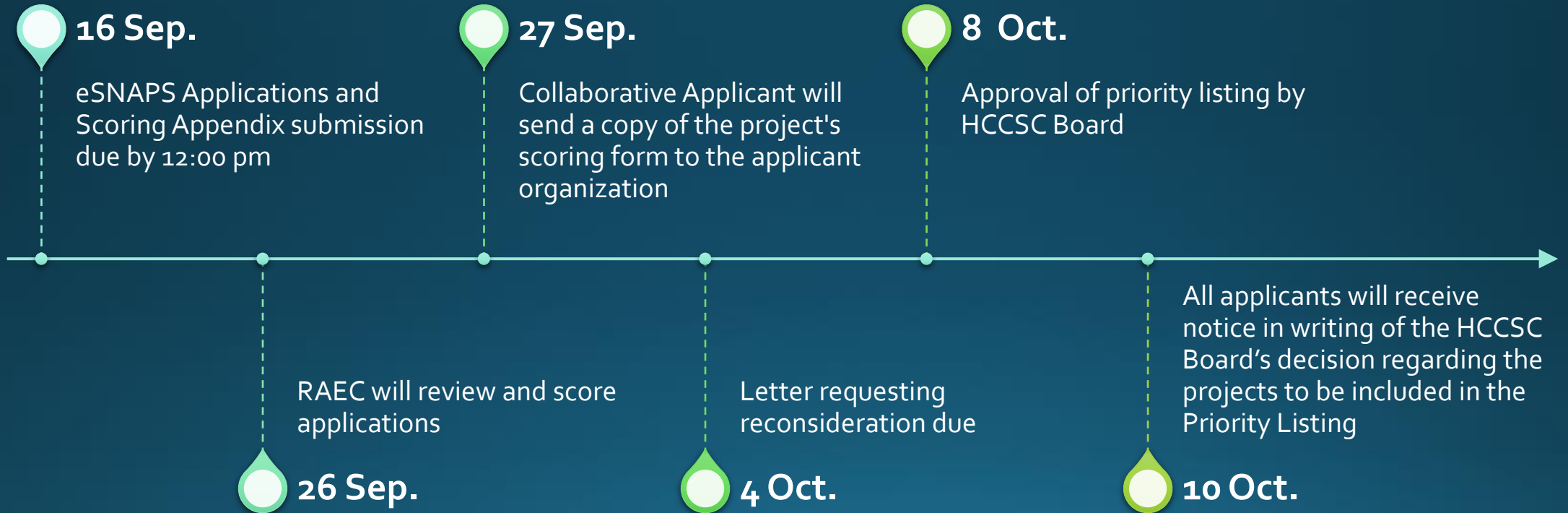   Project applicants must also complete or renew their registration with SAM

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, HCCSC Scoring Form Appendix, and HCCSC LOI Application workshop

HCCSC Competition Local Timeline

16 Sep.

eSNAPS Applications and Scoring Appendix submission due by 12:00 pm

27 Sep.

Collaborative Applicant will send a copy of the project's scoring form to the applicant organization

8 Oct.

Approval of priority listing by HCCSC Board

RAEC will review and score applications

26 Sep.

Letter requesting reconsideration due

4 Oct.

All applicants will receive notice in writing of the HCCSC Board's decision regarding the projects to be included in the Priority Listing

10 Oct.

2024 & 2025 HCCSC Funding Priorities

In order of priority, new and expansion projects that increase housing units will be prioritized:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- 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)

Eligible Activity Category VAWA Cost Line Item

- New, expansion, 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 confidentially 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
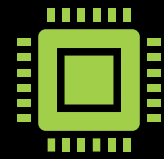
Complete applications require the submission of an e-snaps application and HCCSC Scoring Criteria and Score Sheet Appendix (including required attachments)

Resources

HUD Exchange

e-snaps : CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System - HUD Exchange

Home - Stark Homeless Continuum (starkcountyhomeless.org

Thank you!