



FY 2023 Continuum of Care Funding Competition

NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) released on
July 5, 2023

What is the CoC Program?

According to HUD FY 2023 NOFO, p. 3

Program designed to:

- Promote a community wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness
- Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
- Optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness

How much funding is available for FY 2023 Competition?

Nationally: Approximately \$3.134 billion

Locally:

Estimated ARD (Annual Renewal Demand): \$4,890,112

Tier 1: \$4,547,804

CoC Bonus: \$342,308

DV Bonus: \$235,610

CoC Planning: \$244,505

Reallocation: \$461,957

How are CoC funds currently used in Madison/Dane CoC?

Permanent Supportive Housing

Dane County
Housing Initiatives
Tellurian
Porchlight
The Road Home

Coordinated Entry

Institute for Community
Alliances

Rapid Rehousing

The Salvation Army
Lutheran Social Services
Community Action
Coalition

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Institute for Community
Alliances

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

City of Madison

Planning Grant

City of Madison - CoC
Coordinator Position

Goals & Objectives from HUD's Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities

Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.

Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing

Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.

Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership

Promote homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements, and wealth-building in underserved communities.

Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities

Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities

- 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

CoC Consolidated Application

Due September 28, 2023

Made up of 3 parts:

- CoC Application (pgs 74-105 of NOFO give basics of questions and scoring)
- Project Applications
- CoC Priority Listing



*NOFO Points of
Interest*

Changes from previous NOFO

- YHDP renewals can continue to select and use YHDP Special Activities
- Planning grant will be 5% of FPRN, previously was 3%
- New Budget Line Items
 - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA): Facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance with the emergency transfer requirement and monitoring compliance with the confidentiality protections of the confidentiality requirement
 - Rural costs (likely won't be applicable for Madison/Dane CoC)
- Amendment to criteria for qualifying as “homeless”
 - Any individual or family who:
 - Is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, staling, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
 - Has no other safe residence; and
 - Lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing

Tier 1 and Tier 2

- Tier 1 is equal to 93% of our Annual Renewal Demand amount
- Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC bonus funds
- Planning grant is not ranked
- DV Bonus ranking -if selected for DV bonus, removed and everything moves up, if not retains ranked position
- YHDP Renewals will not be ranked

NOFO, pgs.14-15

New projects created with Domestic Violence Bonus

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Rehousing component projects (TH-RRH)
- Supportive Services only- Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) (only CE lead can apply)

P. 44 of the NOFO

New projects created through reallocation or with CoC Bonus

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Rehousing component projects (TH-RRH)
- Dedicated HMIS project (only HMIS lead can apply)
- Supportive Services only- Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) (only CE lead can apply)

Leveraging Housing Resources

CoCs will receive full points by demonstrating that they have applied for at least one PSH or RRH project that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs. The CoC must demonstrate that these housing units will:

- in the case of PSH, provide at least 25% of the units included in the project

- in the case of RRH, serve at least 25% of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project

Housing leverage can come from the following sources: private organizations, state or local government (including through the use of HOME funding provided through the American Rescue Plan), Public Housing Agencies (including through the use of a set aside or limited preference), faith-based organizations or federal programs other than the CoC or ESG programs.

CoCs may receive less than full points for demonstrating commitments less than the threshold described above.

Leveraging Healthcare Resources

CoCs must demonstrate through a written commitment form a healthcare organizations that:

- in the case of a substance use disorder treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and choose those services; or

- the value of assistance being provides is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25% of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization.

Sources of healthcare resources include: direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project (e.g. Medicaid) and provision of health care services by a private or public organization (e.g., Ryan White funded organization) tailored to the program participants of the projects.

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Participant Eligibility

- Must participate in coordinated entry and selection of program participants must be consistent with coordinated entry processes
- Youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition as a condition of receiving services *under this NOFO* (some additional language specific to youth serving providers)

P. 30 of the NOFO

Participant Eligibility - Renewals

- Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Persons eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS
 - Persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project
- Rapid Rehousing, Joint TH and RRH, and Coordinated Entry may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3. May serve those under paragraph 3 if CoC is approved to do so (Madison/Dane CoC is not approved).
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- New DV Bonus projects must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- Must follow Written Standards

DedicatedPLUS

A permanent supportive housing project where 100% of the beds are dedicated to serve individuals, households with children, and unaccompanied youth (including pregnant and parenting youth) who at intake meet one of the following categories:

- Experiencing chronic homelessness
- Residing a transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project
- Residing in a place not meant for human habitation or emergency shelter and had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project within the last year but were unable to maintain a housing placement and met the definition of chronic homelessness prior to entering the project.
- Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH-RRH project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness
- Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, Safe Haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions and the individual or head of household meet the definition of 'homeless individual with a disability'
- Receiving assistance through a VA-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance program

Other Federal Statutes

CoCs may request up to 10% of funding be approved to serve homeless households with children and youth defined as homeless under other federal statutes who are unstably housed. The only project types that will be funded to serve this population are Supportive Services Only and Joint TH-RRH. CoCs making this request must demonstrate that serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives for ending homelessness.

NOFO p.109

Expansion

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, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC.

Can use DV Bonus to expand a project, but those funds must be used to serve survivors.

YHDP Projects cannot use the expansion process

Required to submit:

- Renewal project application that will be expanded; and
- A new project application with the expansion information
- Both must be ranked by the CoC with unique ranking numbers

Consolidation Project

Project applicants can consolidate two but no more than ten eligible renewal projects.

The projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component.

Must submit renewal project applications for the individual projects to be considered in the consolidation.

NOFO, p. 24, 50-52

Transition Grant

A grant to fund a new project to transition an eligible renewal project being eliminated through reallocation from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period.

To be eligible, must have consent of the CoC.

NOFO, p. 19

Match

Must provide 25% match

- Cash - can use funds from any source: federal (excluding CoC), State, local, private, may also use program income
- In-kind - may use the value of any real property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to the project as match, provided that if they were paid for with grant funds, they would be eligible; services provided by third party must be documented by an MOU

NOFO, p. 40-41
24 CFR 578.73

How to apply for CoC funds? Renewal Project

1. Create an account in [e-snaps](#)
 - a. Use the navigation/instruction guides
 - b. Complete project application in esnaps and submit before August 29, 2023 at Noon
2. Complete the FY2023 [CoC Renewal Project Application - Supplemental Questions](#). Please review the [scoring tool](#) before completing. Submit completed application to hsc@cityofmadison.com by August 29, 2023 at Noon.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please do not wait until the deadline to submit the application. No grace period will be granted.

How to apply for CoC funds? New Project

1. Let Torrie know that you are planning to apply. Reach out with questions.
2. Create an account in [e-snaps](#)
 - a. Use the navigation/instruction guides
 - b. Complete project application in esnaps and submit before August 29, 2023 at Noon or submit by September 11, 2023 and complete application listed in c.

OR

- c. Complete the [FY2023 CoC New Project Application \(E-snaps\)](#) and submit before August 29, 2023 at Noon
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Review of what to submit

Renewal Projects

Submit the following by **August 29, 2023 at Noon**

1. Renewal Application in E-snaps
2. FY2023 CoC Renewal Project Application-Supplemental Questions

Materials should be submitted to hsc@cityofmadison.com.

New Projects

Submit the following by **August 29, 2023 at Noon**

1. New Project Application in E-snaps
OR
FY2023 CoC New Project Application (E-snaps)*
2. FY2023 CoC New Project Application - Supplemental Questions

If submitting the FY2023 CoC New Project Application (E-snaps), applicant must also submit application in E-snaps by **September 11, 2023 at NOON**.

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Then, what happens?

Torrie will review applications for completion and send to the review team.

Review team will read applications and score them.

A Q&A session will be held for applicants to give a brief overview of their project and answer questions of the review team. (Wednesday, September 6th 10-1)

Review team will prepare a proposed funding slate and present to the HSC Board of Directors.

HSC Board of Directors will vote on funding slate on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 1-2 PM.

Funding slate will be submitted to HUD with all application materials by September 28, 2023.

Resources

Homeless Services Consortium - Competition page:

<https://www.danecountyhomeless.org/fy2023-coc-competition>

Written Standards: <https://www.danecountyhomeless.org/governance>

FY 2023 CoC Program Competition:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2023-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

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