



2023 Continuum of Care Grant Competition

NEW PROJECT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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Department of Housing Services

→ Funding Opportunity

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition
- Federal grant competition administered by US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Washington County Department of Housing Services is the Collaborative Applicant for the local CoC (OR-506CoC)
- HSSN is the local CoC's governance body
- HUD released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY23 competition on 7/5
- Washington County is eligible to apply for about \$5 million (renewal + new)



Grant Competition Process for New Projects

Local Competition

- Washington County released a Request for Proposals on 7/10
- New project applicants submit written proposals and make presentations to HSSN
- Proposals and presentations are scored based on criteria developed by CoC Board
- Highest scoring proposals within each category are submitted to HUD for funding

National Competition

- New project applications are scored by HUD based on:
 - ✓ CoC Consolidated Application score
 - ✓ Project ranking
 - ✓ Application review
- Funding of any new projects is not guaranteed
- Funding decisions are announced spring 2024



Funding Available for New Projects

CoC Bonus (estimate: \$350,000)

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Re-Housing

DV Bonus (estimate: \$240,937)

For projects serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking

- Rapid Re-Housing



Bonus Points for New Project Proposals

Bonus points awarded by HUD and in the local competition for new projects that include partnerships with health care and/or housing:

- **Health care:** Commitment from a health care organization to provide access to:
 - (a) treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify, or
 - (b) health care services to program participants equal to at least 25% of the funding being requested for the project.
- **Housing:** Housing subsidies not funded through the federal CoC or ESG programs for at least 25% of the units or participants.



Additional Local Priorities for New Projects

Funding prioritized for projects that:

- Increase Washington County's system capacity for Permanent Supportive Housing and/or Rapid Re-Housing, and
- Support permanent housing placement and retention.

Additional points for projects that:

- Support shelter participants to transition to permanent housing as quickly as possible, reducing the length of time that people experience homelessness,
- Are specifically focused on helping people transition from unsheltered homelessness to permanent housing, and/or
- Address and resolve disparities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in housing program outcomes.



Local Guidance on CoC Funding Requests

- Eligible uses of HUD CoC funding include leasing, operating costs, rental assistance, supportive services, and capital.
- Washington County encourages applicants to focus their CoC funding requests on leasing and rental assistance costs.
- Washington County will work with applicants to fund supportive services (if needed in addition to resources applicant commits).



CoC Board's Rating Criteria for New Projects

Evaluation Criteria		Scoring	Data Source	
Project Design and Applicant Qualifications		Points	HSSN	Proposal
A.	Project intends to participate in the CoC HMIS (or a comparable database for domestic violence or VAWA providers such as Osnum) and Coordinated Entry system in compliance with CoC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures and HUD Coordinated Entry Notice.	Yes: 3 points No: 0 points		X
B.	Project will implement use of Housing First principles, including no preconditions or barriers to entry except as required by funding sources, and provision of necessary supports to maintain housing and prevent a return to homelessness.	Up to 3 points	X	
C.	Project will prioritize services for underserved and marginalized populations (including Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/e, Asians, Pacific Islanders, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+) through implementation of low-barrier, accessible and culturally responsive services, and connections with culturally specific services.	Up to 3 points	X	
D.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) has experience providing similar services to the population targeted by the proposed project and has demonstrated effectiveness in achieving successful outcomes.	Up to 3 points	X	
E.	Project aligns with the eligible program types in HUD's NOFO. The population to be served meets the eligibility requirements for the type of program and the service model meets current HUD requirements.	Yes: 1 point No: Disqualified		X
F.	Project reflects the specific priorities for CoC funding identified in the HUD NOFO and the local CoC RFP for this year's funding competition.	Up to 10 points	X	
G.	Project maximizes potential bonus points available through this year's HUD NOFO.	Up to 3 points		X
H.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) commits to actively participate in CoC meetings if awarded funding.	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points		X
I.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) plans rapid implementation of the project to begin housing the first participant in 180 days or less following HUD grant award.	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points		X
Financial Review				
J.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) has active SAM registration with current information, valid Unique Entity ID number and no Debarments and/or Suspensions.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points		X
K.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) demonstrates the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project and the capacity to administer federal funds.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points		X
L.	Applicant or Subrecipient (if any) has an acceptable audit/financial review that does not contain findings or other indications of financial or accounting problems.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points		X
M.	Applicant or Subrecipient (if any) provides 25% match commitment that satisfies CoC Program Rule 24 CFR Part 578.73 requirement that includes source and amount.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points		X
N.	Applicant or Subrecipient (if any) demonstrates the capacity to leverage additional resources and partnerships to support effective project implementation.	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points		X
O.	Budget costs are reasonable and allowable. Project is cost effective when projected cost per person served is compared to CoC average within project type.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points		X
Performance Outcomes				
P.	Severity of Needs: Applicant demonstrates how the project will assist underserved populations, including persons with a history of victimization (such as domestic violence or sexual assault), criminal histories, substance use disorders, and/or chronic homelessness.	Up to 2 points	X	
Q.	Housing Emphasis: Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) prioritizes 75% or more of Federal CoC Program funds to provide housing activities (e.g. rent assistance, leasing units, acquisition, rehabilitation and/or construction of affordable housing units).	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points		X
R.	Reduce Length of Time Homeless: Applicant demonstrates how the project will identify and house homeless populations to reduce the length of time people experience homelessness.	Up to 4 points	X	
S.	Permanent Housing Placement and Reduced Returns to Homelessness: Applicant describes the housing barriers experienced by the target population and demonstrates how the project will increase permanent housing placement and retention in housing.	Up to 4 points	X	
T.	Increase Income: Applicant demonstrates how project will increase participants' income through employment and connections to other income as appropriate.	Up to 3 points	X	
U.	Increase Disability Income Benefits: Applicant or Subrecipient has at least one staff person who has completed SOAR training.	Yes: 3 points No: 0 points		X
V.	Increase Connections to Mainstream Resources: Applicant demonstrates how project will connect participants to mainstream resources and services such as OHP enrollment, connections to community-based resources, SNAP, etc.	Up to 3 points	X	
W.	Serve Priority Populations: Applicant describes the project's commitment to and demonstrates effective strategies for serving vulnerable populations such as chronically homeless individuals and families, households with zero income, participants with two or more disability types, and persons living in places not meant for human habitation.	Up to 3 points	X	

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New Project Presentations and Scoring

1. New Project Proposal Presentations (30 minutes)

CoC Bonus:

- Community Action – Expansion of Rapid ReHousing for Families
- Washington County Behavioral Health Division – Housing Healthcare Partnership with CareOregon

2. New Project Scoring (30 minutes)

- Breakout room instructions
- Agencies meet in breakout rooms to complete scores
- Return to main room to review next steps



HSSN Members Eligible to Score

- Boys & Girls Aid
- Carol Greenough-WC BHC/Family Promise
- Centro Cultural
- Community Action
- City of Beaverton
- City of Hillsboro
- Community Housing Fund
- CPAH Oregon
- Drew McVey-Citizen At-Large
- DVRC
- Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home
- Family Promise GWC
- Family Promise Tualatin Valley
- Forest Grove Foundation
- Here Together Oregon
- Homeplate Youth Services
- Housing Independence
- Just Compassion EWC
- Karen James-Community Advocate/WC BHC
- Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon
- Metropolitan Public Defender
- New Narrative
- Open Door HousingWorks
- Oregon DHS
- Oregon Law Center
- Project Homeless Connect
- Providence St. Vincent's Hospital
- PSU-HCAC
- SD-Beaverton/HEN
- SD-Forest Grove/HEN
- SD-Hillsboro/HEN
- The Salvation Army
- US Department of Veteran Affairs

Any agency or individual with a conflict of interest (e.g. Board member or staff of a new project applicant) may not participate in the scoring for projects within that category.



Breakout Room Instructions

- 25 minutes
- Appoint one person to complete the scoresheets for your agency
- One scoresheet per agency per project
- The scoresheet was emailed with the meeting packet
- Use “save as” to rename the form before scoring each proposal
- Use “Ask host for help” button if you have any questions

Links are available in the chat for the scoresheet (if needed) and this presentation.
Copy the links before moving into your breakout room.



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2023 CoC New Project Applications: HSSN Member Scores

Project Name:



CoC Scoring Agency:



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Scoring Form Submission

Submit one scoresheet per agency for each project

Email the scoresheets **by 5 pm today** to
CoCinfo@washingtoncountyor.gov

(the email address is on the bottom of the scoring form)