



2024 Continuum of Care Grant Competition

Q&A FOR NEW PROJECTS

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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 Continuum of Care
- HUD released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2024 funding competition on July 31
- Washington County is eligible to apply for about \$5 million in annual renewal funding plus compete for potential new project funding



Current CoC-Funded Projects

- Clover Court, New Narrative
- Hillsboro Graduated Independent Living Program, New Narrative
- Reentry Housing, New Narrative
- Sojourner's House, Domestic Violence Resource Center
- Transitional Living Program, Boys and Girls Aid
- CoC Rapid Re-Housing for Families, Community Action
- Enhanced Support for Permanent Housing, Just Compassion
- Shelter Plus Care, Washington County
- Homeless Management Information System, Washington County



Grant Competition Process for New Projects

Local Competition

- New project applicants submit written proposals
- Proposals are scored based on local CoC criteria
- One or more proposals are selected for submission to HUD

National Competition

- HUD awards new project funding to CoCs based primarily on the CoC's overall Consolidated Application score
- Funding of any new projects is not guaranteed
- Funding decisions are announced winter/spring 2025
- Grant terms begin mid-to-late 2025



New Project Applications: Key Dates

- 9/4 Submission deadline for written proposals (by 5:00 pm)
- 9/16-9/19 Applicants respond to clarifying questions by email
- 10/10 Applicants are notified if their proposals are selected for submission to HUD
- 10/1-10/20 Washington County works with highest scoring applicant(s) to complete HUD application



Funding Available for New Projects

CoC Bonus (estimate: \$598,000)

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)

DV Bonus (estimate: \$360,500)

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

- Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)

→ Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent housing in which housing assistance (long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households that have at least one member with a disability in achieving housing stability.

Eligible population:

- Persons experiencing chronic homelessness, or
- Persons meeting eligibility criteria for Dedicated PLUS projects

→ Rapid Re-Housing

Permanent housing that provides short-term (up to 3 months) and medium-term (4-24 months) of tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.

Eligible population:

- Persons experiencing unsheltered or sheltered homelessness
- Persons at imminent risk of homelessness, or
- Persons fleeing domestic violence at risk of homelessness



Bonus Points

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 Funding Priorities

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, or
- Address and resolve disparities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in housing program outcomes.



Funding Uses

- Eligible funding uses include leasing, operating costs, rental assistance, and supportive services.
- No funds are available for capital costs under this RFP.
- Washington County encourages applicants to focus their 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).
- HUD allows administrative costs up to 10% of the project grant.

→ Other Requirements

- Eligible applicants: nonprofits, government entities, or faith-based organizations (individuals and for profits are not eligible)
- Matching funds equal to at least 25% of requested budget
- Participation in HMIS and coordinated entry
- Housing First approach

→ HUD Funding – What to Expect

- Adherence to all HUD funding rules, restrictions and limitations
- Compliance with HUD grant management, record keeping, financial management, and administrative requirements
- Ongoing data entry and reporting in HMIS
- Annual monitoring and performance evaluation
- Participation in annual renewal funding application process



Q & A

