

# FY 2022 Continuum of Care Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Summary

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## Background

On June 22, 2022 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released for the first time a Continuum of Care (CoC) Supplemental Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (“Special NOFO”).

**This CoC Supplemental Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness NOFO Competition (“Special NOFO Competition”) is separate from the FY 2022 HUD CoC Program Competition:**

- No information provided as part of this competition will be carried forward to the CoC’s FY 2022 CoC Program NOFO application.
- Any amounts applied for or awarded under this Special NOFO will not impact the amount the CoC may apply for or be awarded in the FY 2022 CoC Program NOFO Competition.
- CoCs do not need a separate registration for this Special NOFO Competition. However, only CoC Collaborative Applicants registered through the FY CoC Program Registration process are eligible to apply.

**The funding package that includes the Special NOFO Competition provides for:**

- **\$322 million nationally to address unsheltered homelessness, including a set-aside of \$54.5 million specifically for rural communities.**
- \$43 million to fund approximately 4,000 new incremental vouchers to public housing authorities through a separate process from the Special NOFO (“Stability Vouchers”).

Eligible applicants are:

- Continuum of Care Collaborative Applicants as designated by CoCs **registered through the FY 2022 CoC Program Registration process** (Collaborative applicants may apply either as the direct recipient or on behalf of designated project applicants)
- County governments
- Special district governments
- City or township governments
- State governments
- Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)
- Nonprofits, as demonstrated by criteria at 24 CFR 5.109(l)(1) through 24 CFR 5.109(l)(5).
- Public Housing Agencies as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100

For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

This summary includes the highlights of the Special NOFO. Additional information about project application requirements and standards will be available locally. Details about anything in this summary can be found in the Special NOFO as posted on Grants.gov, available at:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=341301>

## Highlights and Considerations

- This is not the annual NOFO for the CoC Program competition, but rather a separate competition for new funding. On the June 28, 2022 kickoff webinar, HUD said that the CoC Program NOFO should be released in the next several weeks, but not the week of July 4-8, and will likely have a close date earlier than the Special NOFO.
- CoCs that are eligible to apply for the Rural Set Aside (see Appendix B for rural areas) must only serve rural areas within the CoC’s geographic area. The eligible costs under the Rural Set Aside are broader than the standard eligible costs allowed for CoC projects (see the below Eligible Costs section). Rural Set Aside projects can also serve households that are considered homeless

under 24 CFR 578.3 paragraph 3, with some limitations.

- Unlike recent CoC Program NOFOs, this funding opportunity does not limit the Supportive Services Only project component type to Coordinated Entry.
- Unlike recent CoC Program NOFOs, this funding opportunity does not limit Permanent Supportive Housing to serving people experiencing chronic homelessness; however, program participants must be literally homeless (Category 1) or experiencing domestic violence (Category 4), and must have a qualifying disability. CoCs will need to describe their prioritization schemes for these projects in their Plans.
- The initial grant term for all projects (other than acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation projects, which can only be applied for as part of the Rural Set Aside) will be 3 years, after which they will be eligible for renewal through the annual CoC Program competition. Maximum award amounts listed in Appendix A are for the three-year period (not per year).
- Unlike the HUD CoC Program Priority Listing, HUD is requiring that CoC planning and UFA costs (both of which are only eligible to be submitted as part of the Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside application) be ranked on the Priority Listing with a unique rank number.
- Most of the national competition points awarded by HUD will be based on the CoC developing a 15-page "Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs." This Plan requires letters of commitment, contracts or other formal written agreements for New Units and Housing Opportunities that leverage non-CoC/ESG funds, for Healthcare Partnerships, from Public Housing Authorities, and from a Lived Experience Workgroup.
- There are up to 30 bonus points (on top of 100 total points) in the national competition for the Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside for CoCs with high unsheltered counts (10,000 to 1,000 people) as reported in the 2019 Point in Time count. CoCs with 999 or fewer unsheltered people reported in the 2019 Point in Time Count will not receive any of these bonus points.
- Selection for the Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside will be based on CoC score, so if a CoC is selected, it will receive funding for all of its projects within the maximum funding amount that meet quality thresholds. For the Rural Set Aside, projects will be scored individually based on the CoC score, the project ranking, and for serving structurally disadvantaged areas.
- HUD may adjust the selection of competitive projects based on Geographic Diversity. In instances where any of the HUD regions do not have at least one funded CoC, HUD reserves the right to fund projects to a CoC, up to their maximum allowable amount, with the highest total score.
- HUD will not provide funding to more than 10 CoCs in a single state. If more than 10 CoCs from a single state qualify for funding, HUD will fund the 10 highest scoring CoCs.

## Important HUD-Required Dates

- **Wednesday, June 22, 2022** → The CoC Supplemental Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness NOFO is released.
- **Date TBD (expected in next couple of weeks)** → The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications will be available in *e-snaps*.
- On or before **Tuesday, September 20, 2022** (30 days prior to Special NOFO application deadline) → All project applications are required to be submitted to the CoC.

- On or before **Wednesday, October 5, 2021** (15 days prior to Special NOFO application deadline) → The CoC is required to notify all project applicants who submitted their project applications to the CoC by the CoC-established deadline whether their project application(s) will be accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing, rejected, or reduced by the CoC.
- On or before **Tuesday, October 18, 2021** (2 days prior to Special NOFO application deadline) → CoCs must post on their website (or a partner's website) all parts of the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application, the CoC application attachments, and the Priority Listing, and notify community members and key stakeholders that the CoC Consolidated Application is available.

**Submission Deadline:**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 8:00 PM EDT/7:00 PM CDT/5:00 PM PDT**

- On or before **Thursday, October 20, 2022** → Due date for Consolidated Applications; all Collaborative Applicants must meet the application submission deadline to be eligible for funding.
- HUD may issue more than one conditional funding announcement.

## Funding Available for Our CoC

This year, in the OR-501 CoC, the eligible application amounts are as follows:

- **Maximum Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside Amount:** \$8,379,613
- **Maximum Rural Set Aside Amount:** \$0 (not eligible as rural community)

CoCs may apply for projects under one or both funding opportunities if eligible for both Set Aside Amounts.

**A Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside** is a funding opportunity included in the Special NOFO, designed to support communities in their efforts to understand and reduce unsheltered homelessness across their geographic area, where projects must serve individuals and families who qualify as homeless under paragraph (1) except that persons coming from transitional housing must have originally come from places not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, safe havens, or institutions where they resided for 90 days or less and originally came from places not meant for human habitation, safe havens, or emergency shelters, or paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3. Unlike the Rural Set Aside, projects may be located in any part of the CoC's geographic area.

**A Rural Set Aside** is a funding opportunity included in the Special NOFO where all projects must only serve rural areas within the CoC's geographic area. To be considered for the Rural Set Aside, projects must serve 100% rural areas as described in Section III.C.2.k of the NOFO.

## 2022 HUD CoC Special NOFO Policy Priorities

CoCs will be evaluated based on the extent to which they further HUD's policy priorities. The policy priorities listed are:

### 1. Unsheltered Homelessness

- a. Unsheltered homelessness is continuing to rise in many areas of the country and recent analysis of homelessness data shows that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report significantly greater health challenges and experiences of trauma and violence than their sheltered peers. These challenges often begin before they lose their housing.
- b. This Special NOFO supports this highly vulnerable population by supporting CoCs in their efforts to identify people living in unsheltered situations, including encampments, and connects them with health and housing resources.

- c. This Special NOFO supports CoCs in their efforts to enhance their Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect more comprehensive data on people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in their geographic area.
- 2. Unsheltered Homelessness and Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in Rural Areas**
  - a. Rural areas often lack the resources and infrastructure for providing homeless services and permanent housing. Additionally, rural areas often require unique strategies to solve challenges specific to their geography.
  - b. To support CoCs in their efforts to end unsheltered homelessness in their rural areas, this Special NOFO targets resources to rural areas and provides additional eligible activities to address some of the unique needs of rural areas.
- 3. Providing Assistance on Tribal Lands**
  - a. Indian Reservations and Trust Lands may be all or part of a CoCs' geographic areas, and Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities are eligible recipients of CoC Program funds.
  - b. This Special NOFO provides additional incentives for creating projects that serve individuals and families in geographic areas that have high levels of homelessness, housing distress, or poverty, and are located where CoC services have until now been entirely unavailable, such as, for example, Trust Lands and Reservations.
- 4. Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness**
  - a. Ending homelessness cannot be achieved by homeless service organizations alone. It requires coordination with a variety of other stakeholders, including affordable housing developers, mainstream service providers, the business community, victim service providers, political leaders, and healthcare providers.
  - b. This Special NOFO supports and encourages CoCs to invite a variety of stakeholders to develop and implement a CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs.
- 5. Advancing Equity:**
  - a. In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color as well as individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ and individuals with disabilities are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.
  - b. HUD is emphasizing system and program changes to address equity within CoCs through identifying and addressing the needs of subpopulations who are disproportionately more likely to experience homelessness, such as the populations identified above, and other populations who are disproportionately more likely to experience homelessness.
  - c. CoCs should be reviewing their strategies to support and serve underserved communities in their geographic area, identify barriers that led to any disparities in communities being served, and take steps to eliminate these barriers. This includes, in conjunction with people experiencing homelessness, reviewing local policies, procedures, and processes to determine where and how to address disparities affecting underserved communities experiencing homelessness.
- 6. Use a Housing First Approach**
  - a. Housing First prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions.

- b. Projects funded under this Special NOFO should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing, and the CoC should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness as well as ensure projects are correctly implementing a Housing First approach.
- c. Additionally, CoCs should engage landlords and property owners to identify an inventory of housing available for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing participants, remove barriers to entry, and adopt service delivery methods that respond to the preferences and needs of the individual or family presenting for assistance.

## Application Package

The **CoC Special NOFO Consolidated Application** is made up of three parts described below.

1. **CoC Application** must provide information about the CoC planning body, governance structure, overall performance, the strategic planning. This part of the application is scored and will determine the order in which CoCs are funded.
  - a. CoCs may apply for both the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and the Rural Set Aside (if they have rural areas in their geography), or only the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside or the Rural Set Aside.
  - b. If CoCs are planning to apply for funds through the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside they must complete the entire application as described in Section VII.B of the Special NOFO. If a CoC is only planning to apply for funds through the Rural Set Aside, however, they need only answer the questions marked as required for the Rural Set Aside in Section VII.B of the Special NOFO.
  - c. The CoC Application must include:
    - i. CoC Review, Score, and Ranking Procedures
    - ii. If applying for the Rural Set Aside, a list of projects that will serve Persons Defined as Homeless under Paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3
    - iii. Longitudinal Systems Analyst Report (LSA)
    - iv. The CoC's Plan for serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs (described in Section VII.B.4 of the Special NOFO and no more than 15 pages, excluding requested attachments)
    - v. Letters of Commitment, Contracts, or Other Formal Written Agreements Demonstrating the Development of New Units and New Housing Opportunities for People Experiencing Homelessness (including the number of units and the date they will be available)
    - vi. Written Commitments from Hospitals, Healthcare Clinics, Insurance Agencies, Medicaid State Agencies, Public Health Departments, Mental Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Center, or Drug Treatment Facilities (including the type of services being made available on a voluntary basis, the value, and the dates the resources will be provided)
    - vii. Letter Signed by a Workgroup Comprised of Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness (the letter must demonstrate the support of the priorities in the CoCs Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Needs)
    - viii. Letter of Commitment from Public Housing Authorities serving the CoC's geographic area.



2. **Project Applications** are completed in e-snaps by agencies applying for projects and must describe the population(s) and subpopulation(s) they will serve, the type of housing and services that will be provided, and the budget activities that are being requested.
  - a. Collaborative Applicants applying for CoC planning and UFA Costs (if designated as an UFA by HUD) must provide a description of the activities that will be carried out with CoC Program grant funds.
  - b. CoCs that submit project applications under the Rural Set Aside that include costs for new construction or rehabilitation must ensure the project application includes a letter from the CoC in support of the new construction and rehabilitation activities.
    - i. This letter must include specific details as to how the project will comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) and HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.
3. **CoC Priority Listing** can include up to four project listings, including all project applications submitted to the CoC for funding consideration that are either approved and ranked or rejected. The four potential project listings (as applicable by CoC) are:
  - a. Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside project listing
  - b. Rural Set Aside project listing
  - c. UFA Costs project listing
  - d. CoC Planning project listing

## CoC Review of Project Applications

HUD expects each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for the project applications submitted to HUD in the Special NOFO Competition.

HUD requires CoCs to review and rank projects submitted by project applicants in order of priority and identify any project applications rejected by the CoC. There must be separate priority listings generated for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and the Rural Set Aside. In this Special NOFO, **HUD is also requiring that CoC planning and UFA costs (only eligible to be submitted as part of the Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside application) be ranked with a unique rank number.** All projects must pass HUD's eligibility and threshold requirements to be funded, no matter their priority.

CoCs are expected to closely review information provided in each project application to ensure all participants will be eligible for the program component type selected and that the proposed activities are eligible. Additionally, the CoC must ensure any project ranked on the Rural Set Aside project listing exclusively serves rural areas as defined by the Special NOFO.

## Eligible Projects and Participants

The following project types are eligible under the Special NOFO, in support of the CoC's Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Services Needs, as described in Section VII.B.4 of the Special NOFO on Page 45:

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**
- **Rapid Rehousing (RRH)**
- **Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH)**
- **HMIS**

- **Supportive services Only (SSO) projects** (Note: this is less restrictive than the CoC NOFO, which only allows for SSO projects to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.)
- **CoC Planning** for Collaborative Applicants applying for the Unsheltered Set Aside (will not be awarded for the Rural Set Aside). The maximum amount available for CoC planning project is three (3) percent of the total amount awarded to recipients from the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside.
- **UFA Costs Projects** for Collaborative Applicants approved for UFA designation in the FY 2022 Continuum of Care Registration applying for the Unsheltered Set Aside (will not be awarded for the Rural Set Aside). The maximum amount available for UFA Costs is three (3) percent of the maximum award amount for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside.

HUD will review all project applications to determine if they meet project quality threshold requirements (except UFA project applications, which are not subject to threshold review). See pp. 24-30 of the Special NOFO for details.

HUD has different eligibility requirements for program participants for the Unsheltered Homelessness and Rural Set Asides as follows:

- **Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside:** Program participants must meet Category 1 (literally homeless) or Category 4 (Domestic Violence). At least one member of the household must also have a qualifying disability for PSH.
- **Rural Set Aside:** Program participants may qualify under any definition of “homeless” in 24 CFR 578.3, except to serve Category 3, they must receive approval from HUD.

#### Allowable Grant Terms

- **The initial grant term for all projects** (other than acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation projects) **will be 3 years**, including for CoC planning and UFA costs. Grant terms may be extended, consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309. While not explicitly stated in the Special NOFO, [HUD's June 22, 2022 press release](#) notes that **projects will be eligible for renewal through the annual CoC Program competition**, with the exception of capital costs.
- The initial grant term for projects awarded funds for acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation (which are only permissible for projects awarded under the Rural Set Aside) and other activities to serve program participants will be 3 to 5 years. These grants will provide up to 2 years to complete the acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation activities, and upon completion of the acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation, will require the remaining grant activities to serve program participants for 3 years.

#### Eligible Costs

1. **Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside:** eligible activities are those identified in the CoC Program regulations at 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 (except no projects applying for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside may apply for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction).
2. **Rural Set Aside:** eligible activities are those identified in the CoC Program regulations at 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 and SSO, PSH, RRH, and/or Joint TH-RRH projects that are awarded Rural Set Aside funding **may also use the funding on the following activities eligible under the Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program under Section 491 of the McKinney-Vento Act** (42. U.S.C. 11408) that are not otherwise eligible under the Continuum of Care Program:



- a. Rent or utility assistance after 2 months of nonpayment of rent or utilities to prevent eviction or loss of utility service. Funds may be used to pay rent or utility arrear payments up to 6 months on behalf of program participants residing in permanent housing.
- b. Short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters, either directly or through vouchers. Eligible costs include lodging costs in motels or hotels for program participants; pro-rata share of sheltering program participants in existing shelters so long as the costs are actual costs of creating new and temporary beds in emergency shelters and not to permanently increase the capacity of the shelter. No funds may be used to shelter program participants in existing shelter beds.
- c. Repairs, (such as insulation, window repair, door repair, roof repair, and repairs) that are necessary to make housing habitable to be used for transitional or permanent housing by people experiencing homelessness. The total cost of repairs may not exceed \$10,000 per structure.
- d. Capacity building activities. Capacity building activities are those activities that maintain or improve the skills of recipients. Eligible capacity building activities include employee education, job training, staff retention activities such as financial incentives to staff, paying for continuing education opportunities, cross training within an organization, staff training and professional licensing or certification, and other professional development activities. An applicant may apply for up to 20% of funds requested as part of the project, including project administrative costs, for capacity building activities.
- e. Emergency food and clothing assistance. The cost of providing meals or groceries and clothing to program participants are eligible costs.
- f. Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs to house homeless individuals and families. Federal Inventory property programs means the Use of Federal Real Property to Assist the Homeless program authorized by title V of the Act, and implemented by 24 CFR part 581, and the Single Family Property Disposition Program authorized by section 204(g) of the National Housing Act (12. U.S.C. 1710(g)) and implemented at 24 CFR part 291
  - i. Eligible costs are: preparing and submitting applications to obtain ownership of the real property; transfer taxes; recording fees; closing costs; building permit and zoning fees; attorney's fees; rehabilitation of buildings and structures on the property necessary to bring them into compliance with local building codes and to convert them to the intended homeless assistance use; water, sanitation, sewer and utility hook-up fees and deposits and bringing lines to the property; wells; septic systems; and improving access to the real property from public roads.
- g. Additionally, staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out the above eligible activities are eligible as part of those activities.

These additional eligible costs will be renewable under the regular CoC Program in future years for projects awarded under this special NOFO.

## Important Points for All Project Applicants

- **SAM Registration.** Applicants must be registered with <https://www.sam.gov/SAM> before submitting their application. In addition, Applicants must maintain an active SAM registration with current information while they have an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by HUD.
- **UEI Number Requirement.** Applicants must provide a valid UEI number, registered and active at [/www.sam.gov/](https://www.sam.gov/) in the application.
- **Code of Conduct.** All project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD. Be sure to review

the [Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs](#) page on HUD's website to ensure your organization is listed (which means you have submitted an approved Code of Conduct. If you do not see your organization on the list, be sure to attach a current and complete Code of Conduct to your Project Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*).

- **HUD-2991 Form: Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan:** as part of the Priority Listing, a HUD-2991 form must be included for each project application. The HUD-2991 form must be completed, signed and dated between **June 22, 2022 and October 20, 2022**. Additional requirements for applicants that propose to locate a project on a reservation or trust land are found in section I.E.4(c)(2) of the Special NOFO.
- **2022 FMRs Will Be Used for Applications.** HUD clarified in their kickoff webinar that, while FY 2022 FMRs will be used in *e-snaps* for submitting project application budgets, HUD will be applying FY 2023 FMRs at the time of award due to the competition closing in the 2023 Fiscal Year, which make result in adjustments to units in rental assistance and leasing budget line items. However, the maximum award amounts will not change from what is published in Appendix A.
- **Past Performance.** In evaluating project applications, HUD will consider a project applicant's past performance in managing funds and may reduce scores based on the past performance review. For more details on the past performance review, see page 24 of the Special NOFO.
- **Attachments.** All required attachments correspond to the list of attachments in *e-snaps* that must contain accurate and complete information that are dated between **June 22, 2022 and October 20, 2022**.
- **Housing First.** All permanent housing (PSH and RRH), Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects, and SSO projects must follow a Housing First approach.

## HUD's Scoring Factors

The Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside Consolidated Application will be assessed on a 100-point scale (+30 Bonus Points) and the Rural Set Aside Consolidated Applications will be assessed on an 89-point scale. CoCs must receive at least 50% of the points available (not including bonus points) to receive funding for any of its projects. **For additional details see pages 40-53 of the Special NOFO.**

- **Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking (4 Points)** (required to be completed for both the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and the Rural Set Aside)
- **System Performance (18 Points)** (required to be completed for both the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and the Rural Set Aside)
  - HUD will award full points in this section to CoCs whose geographic area is made up of 100 percent geographic areas where no CoC Program funds have been awarded previously, also known as new CoCs.
- **CoC Coordinated and Engagement (8 Points)** (required to be completed for both the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and the Rural Set Aside). CoCs must demonstrate coordination with other systems of care that serve homeless individuals and families, including:
  - Sources of funding other than the CoC Program;
  - An inclusive and outcome-oriented community process, including an organization structure(s) and decision-making process for developing and implementing a CoC strategy that is inclusive of representatives from both the private and public sectors, has a fair and impartial project review and selection process; and
  - Has created, maintained, and built upon a community- wide inventory of housing and homeless individuals and families.

- **CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs (70 Points for Unsheltered Set Aside, 59 Points for Rural Set Aside)**
  - The entire section is required for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside. However, only those questions labeled “Required for Rural Set Aside” will be used to select projects for the Rural Set Aside funding opportunity. **CoCs applying for funds for both funding opportunities need only answer the questions once.**
  - The CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs includes:
    - **CoCs that Leverage Housing Resources (18 Points)** from non-CoC and ESG funding
      - **Development of New Units and Creation of Housing Opportunities (10 Points):** CoCs must demonstrate that they have applied for permanent housing project(s), including permanent supportive housing or rapid re- housing, that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs (50% of PSH units included in the project or for RRH, for 50% of the participants expected to be served by the project).
        - Letters of commitment are required, including a letter from a Public Housing Authority committing to work with the CoC on Stability Vouchers (see Section VI.F.1.h of the Special NOFO).
      - **Landlord Recruitment (8 Points)**
    - **CoCs that Leverage Healthcare Resources for PSH and RRH projects (10 Points):** CoCs must develop permanent housing projects that utilize healthcare resources (an amount equal to 50% of the funding being requested from the project will be covered by a healthcare organization or a substance abuse provider will provide access to treatment to all participants who qualify and choose those services). Letters of commitment required.
    - **CoCs Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (9 Points for Unsheltered Set Aside, 6 Points for Rural Set Aside)**
      - Current Outreach Strategy (3 Points)
      - Unsheltered Set Aside Only: Current Strategy to Provide Immediate Access to Low-Barrier Shelter and Temporary Housing for Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (3 Points)
      - Current Strategy to Provide Immediate Access to Low Barrier Permanent Housing for Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (3 Points)
    - Unsheltered Set Aside Only: **Updating the CoCs Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance (8 Points)**
    - **Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness (12 Points)**
    - **Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making (5 Points)**
      - Letter of support from Lived Experience Working Group (defined at Section VI.F.1.g of Special NOFO) required for full points.

- **Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development (8 Points)**
- **Unsheltered Set Aside Only: Unsheltered Homelessness Bonus:** HUD will award bonus points to CoCs applying for the Unsheltered Set Aside based on the number of unsheltered people reported in the 2019 Point in Time Count. The points will be as follows:
  - 10,000 or more people: 30 Points
  - 5,000 to 9,999 people: 20 Points
  - 1,000 to 4,999 people: 10 Points
  - 999 or fewer people: 0 Points

The OR-501 Continuum of Care had 2,037 unsheltered people reported in the 2019 Point in Time Count, which will award 10 bonus points.

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## Resources

- Special NOFO Competition: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=341301>
- CoC Program Interim Rule (24 CFR part 578): <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2018-title24-vol3/xml/CFR-2018-title24-vol3-part578.xml>
- Application Pages
  - Access E-snaps Application System: <https://esnaps.hud.gov>
  - E-snaps Information: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
  - Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants)
  - System for Award Management (SAM): <https://www.sam.gov/SAM>
- Miscellaneous HUD Websites
  - General site: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)
  - General site: [www.hudexchange.info](http://www.hudexchange.info)
  - Training and Resources: [www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/](http://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/)
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