



Continuum of Care Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered Homelessness

Frequently Asked Questions

This document will be continuously updated as new questions arise

Are Housing & Healthcare matches required or just highly recommended?

HUD is encouraging new projects through this Special NOFO to partner with housing, health and service agencies. Neither HUD nor the JOHS/local CoC Board are mandating these partnerships, as we do not want this to be an undue burden on organizations. That said, projects that do come with either the housing partnership (25% of the permanent housing units/participants supported with non-CoC funds) or the healthcare partnership (valued at 25% of the project's funding requested) will benefit our community's collaborative application.

What are descriptions (and maybe examples) of each of the eligible project types?

The four eligible project types for this Special NOFO are:

- Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing
- Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
- Supportive Services Only

According to HUD, Permanent Housing (PH) is "community-based housing, the purpose of which is to provide housing without a designated length of stay. Grant funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, and supportive services."

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is long term (no timeline) housing for individuals or families with a disabling condition. Usually HUD requires participants to meet the chronic homeless definition, but waived that requirement for projects

funded through the Special NOFO. PSH participants generally only pay a percentage of their income towards rent (the project funding covers the balance) and offer an array of supportive services, including but not limited to case management, benefits acquisition, behavioral health supports, employment or income acquisition, etc. Several organizations in our community run PSH projects

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) is a permanent housing project that quickly supports a household to access housing, and covers between 3 months (minimum) and 24 months (maximum) of rent assistance. The rent assistance funding is flexible, and is generally accompanied by supportive services (see above). HUD expects all RRH participants to receive monthly case management contacts and be assessed at least once a year for program eligibility. RRH participants are not required to have a disabling condition.

Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/RRH) projects allow participants to begin support in a transitional housing facility, which are time-limited (24 months maximum) housing, with an expectation that the household moves into Rapid Rehousing situation as soon as possible. The maximum amount of time a participant can receive rent support in a Joint TH/RRH project is 24 months. This project type is generally best for participants coming from institutional settings, or for participants fleeing domestic violence.

Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects basically fund the supportive services work described above without any rent assistance. These projects can fund outreach projects and/or cover post placement supportive services (retention) in housing where the rent is covered through another funding source (for example, please see info below about Stability Vouchers). HUD generally doesn't not fund SSO projects in their regular CoC competitive application, but is offering this project type through this Special NOFO.

Please contact Alyssa Plessner (alyssa.plessner@multco.us) if you would like to learn about examples of any of the above projects in our community.

Can the SSO grant fund outreach, or only post placement support/retention?

The Supportive Services Only grant, can fund outreach. In general, supportive services must be necessary to assist program participants obtain and maintain housing. Thus, when applying for an SSO grant, proposers will want to make clear how and why the service project they are proposing is necessary to assist participants in obtaining and maintaining housing. Other eligible costs for supportive services include:

- Assistance with moving costs
- Case Management
- Child Care
- Education Services
- Employment Assistance and Job Training
- Legal Services
- Life Skills training
- Mental Health Services
- Outpatient Health Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Transportation
- Utility Deposits

For more information about these above eligible costs, please visit: [§ 578.53 of HUD's CoC Interim Rule](#)

Are private entities eligible to apply for CoC funds?

No. Eligible project applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, public housing agencies, tribes and tribal housing authorities.

Can the grant cover the cost of fringe expenses, such as office space?

The recipient or subrecipient may use up to 10 percent of any grant awarded for payment of project administrative costs related to the planning and execution of Continuum of Care activities. Eligible administrative costs include: general management, oversight, and coordination, training on Continuum of Care requirements, and environmental review. For more information on eligible project administrative costs, please see [§ 578.59 of the HUD Interim Rule](#).

Does the local pre-application get entered in e-snaps?

No, the local pre-application does not get entered into e-snaps. The pre-application is exclusively part of Multnomah County's local competition process. HUD requires different, but aligned, information to be entered into e-snaps for new projects.

What are the Stability Vouchers that HUD announced and how are they connected to the Special NOFO?

On August 16, 2022 HUD announced the new Stability Voucher (SV) Program. HUD is awarding up to \$43,439,000 to support approximately 4,000 new incremental vouchers nationally (our community expects approximately 27 vouchers). This funding opportunity is designed to encourage a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. Stability Vouchers (SVs) may assist households who are homeless, those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. Vouchers will be distributed to the community's Public Housing Authority (our PHA is Home Forward).

HUD encourages Public Housing Authorities and the CoC to collaborate on both the Special NOFO and the Stability Voucher Program. Both funding opportunities encourage the submission of mutual Letters of Commitment.

Should Supportive Service Only projects be selected for funding by the Collaborative Application Committee, they may likely be required to provide supportive services to participants receiving Stability Vouchers distributed by Home Forward. However, there is no expectation that projects already have established partnerships with our regional PHA, Home Forward, prior to their application.

What are the major deadlines for the Special NOFO?

2022 Multnomah Special NOFO Timeline	
HUD publishes the NOFO on grants.gov.	June 22, 2022
JOHS publicly posts and releases the new project application	August 25, 2022
JOHS to host a virtual information session	August 30, 2022
Deadline for new project pre-applications.	September 16, 2022
JOHS hosts a virtual Review and Rank panel with CAC.	September 29, 2022
JOHS to notify all project applicants who correctly submitted applications if the project is accepted and ranked on CoC priority listing, or if project is rejected/reduced by CoC.	October 4, 2022

Deadline for project e-snaps applications. Renewal projects submit a pdf of their e-snaps application to Alyssa Plesser (alyssa.plesser@multco.us) and can expect correspondence with JOHS on corrections to their e-snaps application.	October 10, 2022
Project applicants have a staff member available to make edits to the e-snaps application based on feedback from JOHS on their application.	October 11-13, 2022
JOHS plans to post all parts of the CoC Consolidated application, ahead of the 10/18/2022 deadline.	October 17, 2022
HUD requires CoC to post on their website all parts of the CoC Consolidated Application and notify community/key stakeholders of its posting	October 18, 2022
JOHS plans to submit the final application, ahead of the 10/20/2022 deadline.	October 19, 2022
HUD's final submission deadline.	October 20, 2022

When will funding decisions be made by HUD?

The estimated award date for this Special NOFO is 01/17/2023.

When will projects be expected to begin?

The estimated project start date is 05/01/2023 with an estimated end date of 04/20/2026.