Multnomah County Continuum of Care National Funding Competition Information & Technical Assistance Handbook

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), signifying the beginning of a national funding competition among approximately 400 Continuums of Care (CoC), the community stakeholder groups that guide local responses to homelessness. The 2022 CoC NOFO was released on August 1, 2022 and a summary is available here. This document is a brief resource to help you understand the design and rules for the national competition, to supplement the Technical Assistance (TA) Handbook.

Funding Available for Our CoC in the National CoC Competition

In 2022, the Multnomah County CoC is eligible to compete for $29,888,629 in funding to support housing and services for homeless households, and for $833,506 in CoC planning funds.

Annual Renewal Demand Funding: $27,783,534

This funding supports the CoC's existing housing and services. The CoC has the option to continue to support those programs, or to reallocate those resources, in whole or in part, to Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing, HMIS, or Supportive Services Only Projects for Coordinated Entry.

CoC Bonus Funding: $1,389,177

This funding supports Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing, HMIS, or Supportive Services Only Projects for Coordinated Entry.

Domestic Violence Bonus Funding: $715,918

This funding supports Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing, or Supportive Services Only Projects for Coordinated Entry.

CoC Planning Funds: **$833,506**

This funding supports CoC planning activities, and only the collaborative applicant (the Joint Office of Homeless Services) may apply for it. **The planning grant will not be ranked in the competition and is not competitive with housing or service projects.**

For this competition, funds are NOT available for:

- Emergency shelter
- Homelessness prevention projects
- New Transitional Housing (except when joint with Rapid Rehousing)
- New Supportive Services Only projects (except coordinated entry)

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The list of potential projects eligible for renewal in for our CoC is provided as a separate handout called the Grants Inventory Worksheet or GIW. The total request for each renewing project may not exceed the amount HUD approved for that project on the GIW.

TA Handbook

- Each year, Homebase develops a Technical Assistance (TA) Handbook to help CoC project applicants access and understand information about the national competition and this funding source. The Handbook can support program design and inform new applicants and new staff about CoC funding limitations and requirements in the FY2022 competition. It also includes some information about e-SNAPS, the web-based application tool you will use to write your application for the national competition, as well as links to many HUD resources.
  - **REMEMBER**: The TA Handbook is about the national competition. Your project design also has to reflect this CoC's local rules that overlay the national ones. For more information on the local rules and process, please go here: https://www.multco.us/johs/continuum-care-funding-opportunity

Local Information for your e-SNAPS Application

In an effort to save you some time, your Homebase local team has pulled together some information to make your e-SNAPS application completion easier. Please keep this handy when you are completing your application.

Applicant Profile Page: Organization Information: UEI

On April 4, 2022, the U.S. Government transitioned from using the Dun & Bradstreet data universal numbering system (DUNS) to the new government-issued Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) as a means of entity identification for federal awards. Entities must be registered in SAM.gov to qualify for federal awards, which are reported to the public through USASpending.gov. For more information, visit the DUNS to UEI (SAM) Transition page. eLOCCS users were made aware of this change via email on February 23, 2022.

If you have a SAM.gov registration, active or inactive, you have already been assigned a UEI which you will see on your entity's registration record in SAM.gov. The UEI must also be listed on all federal grant agreements.

For assistance with the e-SNAPS update, view the Update the Applicant Profile in Edit-Mode resource. This document walks through how to place an organization's Applicant Profile in edit mode so the UEI can be entered and then how the Applicant Profile can be placed in complete mode.

Please ensure agency applications reflect the new UEI, and *not* the DUNS number previously used.

Applicant Profile Page: Congressional Districts and Code of Conduct

Congressional Districts

The congressional districts in this CoC include:

- o OR-1
- o OR-3
- o OR-5

Code of Conduct

Many of the CoC-funded agencies have their Code of Conduct listed on HUD's website, and will only need to upload a new version if there have been changes in the Code since 2021 (e.g., new contact person). Please check the following website to ensure your agency's most recent Code of Conduct is uploaded: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SPM/documents/CC_OR_041422.docx

- All other agencies may need to upload a Code of Conduct that is compliant with HUD requirements. Please see the TA Handbook for additional details.

Project Application, Page 3A: Project Detail

Our CoC number and name is: Portland, Gresham/Multnomah County CoC

Our Collaborative Applicant name is: County of Multnomah

Project Application, Pages 6C/6E: Leased Units or Rental Assistance Budget Detail

Our Fair Market Rent (FMR) area is: Portland-Vancouver Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA

Our FY2022 FMRs are:

Efficiency: $1,416

One-Bedroom: $1,512

Two-Bedroom: $1,735

Three-Bedroom: $2,451

Four-Bedroom: $2,903

Please see the following website for more details on FMR: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2022_code/2022summary.odn

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Have more questions about e-snaps or HUD rules?

Please refer to the TA Handbook then contact Alyssa Plesser with additional questions (alyssa.plesser@multco.us).

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