

FY2023 CoC-Local Application Workshop: Phase 1 for Standard Renewals and Renewals Operating < 1 Year

Office of Community and Homeless Services
Human Services Department

June 1, 2023
10 to 11 a.m.



CoC Program Competition

- ▶ Snohomish County CoC FY2022 Award: \$13,625,083 for 7/1/23 - 6/30/24
- ▶ FY2023: 7/1/24 - 6/30/25
- ▶ *HUD has not released the FY2023 NOFO; unclear when it will be released*



Review, Ranking, and Selection of Projects

- ▶ Oversight and approval by CoC Application Oversight Committee (a committee of the Partnership to End Homelessness CoC Board)
- ▶ Scoring of Projects - FY23 Project Scoring Instructions and Rating Criteria have been approved by AOC
- ▶ Ranking of Projects - FY23 Review, Ranking, and Selection Policies have been approved by the AOC
- ▶ HUD FY23 NOFO may include information and guidance that could impact the rating and ranking of projects



Performance Measures

- ▶ Program performance will be a key part of this RFP's scoring criteria, and an integral part of contracting for funds awarded under this RFP.
- ▶ Current performance measures adopted by the PEH for our homeless system and align with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HEARTH Performance Measures.
- ▶ Projects awarded funds under this RFP are expected to contribute positively to the system performance outcomes as measured in HMIS.



Application Schedule: Phase 1

Standard Renewals & Renewals Operating < 1 Year

Snohomish County CoC Program Funding Notice – Phase 1 Local Application Released (Standard Renewals & Renewals Operating < 1 Year)	May 25, 2023
Snohomish County CoC Program Funding Notice – Phase 1 Local Application Workshop (Standard Renewals and Renewals Operating < 1 Year)	June 1, 2023
Technical Assistance Provided, upon request. Contact Molly Bauer (email or phone)	May 25 to June 14, 2023
Snohomish County CoC Program Funding Notice – Phase 1 Local Application Submission Deadline (Standard Renewals & Renewals Operating < 1 Year)	4 p.m. on June 15, 2023
Consolidated Application (CoC Application and Priority Listing) posted on website	TBD
Consolidated Application Due to HUD	



Project Application Types

Project types proposed for solicitation in FY2023 Local Application based on FY2022 HUD NOFA:

Phase 1:

- **Standard Renewal Projects**
 - Existing projects operating for at least 12 months and awarded FY22 funding, may apply for continued funding for FY23
 - Must complete the Renewal Local Application to apply for continued funding for FY23 - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
- **CoC Renewal Projects Operating Less Than One Year**
 - Funded for the first time in FY2022 and have not yet begun operating **OR** funded for the first time in FY2021, have operated for less than 12 months, and awarded FY22 funding.
 - Must complete the Renewal Projects Operating Less than One-Year Local Application to apply for continued funding for FY23 - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025



Project Application Types (cont.)

Project types proposed for solicitation in FY2023 Local Application based on FY2022 HUD NOFA:

Phase 2:

- **New Projects** - may be created through reallocation of existing funding and/or through bonus funding
- **Expansion of Existing CoC funded Projects** - must increase their current operations by adding/increasing units, persons served, type of services, and/or level of services in the project
- **YHDP (CoC) Renewal Projects**



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FY2023 Funding Availability: Dependent on HUD FY2023 NOFO

- ▶ Renewal projects - dependent upon HUD allocation method and local project ranking
- ▶ New projects - may be opportunity to apply for bonus projects, any re-allocated funds made available, and local project ranking; dependent upon CoC ranking nationally



Definitions and CoC Program Requirements

- ▶ If not familiar with the CoC Program, important to reference the CoC interim rule, 24 CFR 578
- ▶ Match requirement: 25% of grant award, except for leasing funds. May come from cash match or in-kind contributions. Must be eligible CoC costs to be eligible for match.



Application Updates

Application forms have been updated since last year.

- Added new threshold criteria
- Questions throughout application have been updated
 - Participation of persons with lived expertise of homelessness
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion section (revised from previous Culturally Competent Services and Racial Equity section)
- Some questions are linked and/or share scoring
 - PSH Only and Specific Populations Focus
 - DEI - Board and Staff Composition parts A-C
 - DEI - Racial Equity Self-Assessment and Review parts A-F
- Attachments may be required for several sections
 - Low Barrier and Housing First
 - Racial Equity Self-Assessment and Review



Application Updates

- ▶ Applicants are encouraged to read the application thoroughly and to answer each question completely.
- ▶ OCHS may request additional application materials and/or information at a later date
 - It is anticipated that any additional materials and information will be requested after HUD publishes the FY2023 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)



Threshold Criteria

- ▶ Project remains consistent with the 2019 Homeless Prevention and Response System Strategic Plan and the 2020-2024 Snohomish County Consolidated Plan.
- ▶ The agency has no outstanding County OCHS or HSD Fiscal monitoring findings, HUD monitoring findings, and/or OIG audit findings where the response is overdue or unsatisfactory.
- ▶ The agency has a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) or is in the process of applying and has proof of having submitted a request for a UEI (**new**)
- ▶ The agency agrees to operate the project in accordance with all applicable non-discrimination, fair housing, and equal opportunity requirements
- ▶ The agency is an eligible applicant under the CoC Program Interim Rule (**revised**)
- ▶ The project will fill all vacancies exclusively from the Coordinated Entry system. Referrals are based on local priorities and preferences (which consider length of time homeless, the vulnerabilities of participants and/or severity of service needs).
- ▶ The project participates in the Snohomish County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- ▶ The project complies with the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program Interim Rule (**revised**)



Low-Barrier

- ▶ A low-barrier approach allows eligible homeless individuals and families to enter the project without barriers, such as income or sobriety requirements, or service participation requirements.
- ▶ To be considered Low-Barrier, participants must *not* be screened out based on the following:
 - Having too little or no income
 - Active or history of substance abuse
 - Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions
 - History of domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement)



Housing First

- ▶ A housing first approach offers supportive services through active engagement. Participation is voluntary and based on the needs and desires of the program participant.
- ▶ Program application and admission policies are as streamlined as possible in order to move participants into housing quickly.
- ▶ Persons may be terminated from the program *only* when violations are serious, and only in the most severe cases. If a participant is evicted from the housing unit, this does not mean they must be terminated from the program; the program may continue serving the participant in another housing unit.
- ▶ To be considered Housing First, the project must follow a Low-Barrier approach *and* must *not* terminate participants from the program for the following reasons:
 - Failure to participate in supportive services
 - Failure to make progress on a service plan
 - Loss of income or failure to improve income
 - Being a victim of domestic violence
 - Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project's geographic area



Rating/Scoring Criteria

- ▶ Available on the website
- ▶ Some updates from last year
- ▶ Consistent with HUD principles, continued opportunity for DV projects to earn back points for certain criteria
- ▶ Continued opportunity for projects to earn back points lost for outcomes where performance makes a marked improvement from prior year



Application Submission

- ▶ Applicants must email a signed electronic copy to the email address listed below. Please submit a PDF version of the entire application to: OCHS.applications@co.snohomish.wa.us
- ▶ If unable to submit electronically, signed applications may be mailed or delivered in person. Refer to application for additional details.
- ▶ All Applications are due **Thursday June 15, 2023 by 4 p.m.** (regardless of the manner submitted)



Technical Assistance

- ▶ If you have questions about the application, please contact Molly Bauer
 - Email: molly.bauer@snoco.org
 - Phone: 425-309-2975
- ▶ Apps due June 15th, TA may be requested through June 14th
- ▶ Questions often arise when filling out the application. Applicants are encouraged to start reviewing and filling out the application now to allow sufficient time to ask questions before the submittal deadline.
- ▶ Q & A's will be posted on the County's website - Continuum of Care Program Page



County Website

- ▶ Information on the FY2023 Local Application process and the FY2023 HUD NOFO process may be found on the County's Continuum of Care Program Funding Webpage

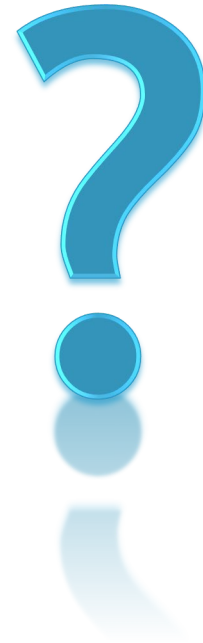
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