

CoC Information Session Q&A

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The FY2023 HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding was recently released on July 5, 2023, after the date of the CoC Information Session on June 28, 2023. The responses in this CoC Information Session Q & A are based on HUD regulations, guidance from prior year HUD CoC NOFO's, and on Snohomish County and Everett/Snohomish County CoC policies and procedures. Where applicable, responses include reference to the newly released FY2023 HUD CoC NOFO for more information on this year's requirements.

Q: Where can I learn more information about the healthcare and housing leveraging requirements?

A: The CoC Information Session slide presentation provided the most recent information available on this requirement (slides 25 and 26) at the time of the session on June 28, 2023, and is based on last year's FY2022 HUD CoC NOFO. HUD recently released the FY2023 CoC NOFO which provides information on this year's requirements and may be found at [FY2023 HUD CoC NOFO](#). It is anticipated that any new or revised requirements for new and expansion projects will be incorporated into Phase 2 of the FY2023 CoC Local Competition.

Q: What is the best way to be notified when CoC funding opportunities become available?

A: The County sends notices of CoC funding opportunities through its Community Homeless Services Information (CHSI) distribution list. Anyone can request to add their email address to this list through: OCHS.Mailbox@co.snohomish.wa.us. Please specify "**Request to be added to Community and Homeless Services Information Notices contact group**" in the subject line. This list also provides information on resources and other funding opportunities that may be of interest to organizations serving persons experiencing homelessness. The County also posts CoC funding notices and related materials upon release to its [CoC Program Funding webpage](#).

Q: Do you have a listing of agencies that want to collaborate with other agencies on CoC projects?

A: The County does not currently maintain such a list. The County does post a list of agencies and projects that currently receive CoC funding on our CoC webpage, which may be of interest to organizations interesting in exploring collaborations. Please see pages 25 and 26 of the [FY2022 Review, Ranking, and Selection Policies](#) on the Closed CoC Funding Notice webpage.

Q: How does HMIS work?

A: If an organization is awarded CoC funding for a homeless housing project, it would be required to enter into a Snohomish County HMIS Agency Partner Agreement to participate in the Snohomish County HMIS system. The organization would need to have the necessary technology as well as staff to enter the required client-level data for that project into HMIS. The County's HMIS team would provide related training and support. In addition to client-level data, the system is used to measure outcome performance for the project.



- Q: Is HMIS only for CoC projects? Could an agency with non-CoC funding participate?**
- A:** HMIS is a CoC requirement, but homeless-dedicated housing projects that receive funding from many other sources are also required to participate in HMIS. In some cases, depending on the project type, other homeless-dedicated projects may also be able to participate in HMIS.