

Local CoC Program Competition Notice

Funding Year 2023

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NOTE:

Project applicants should review this Competitive Guide along with the HUD CoC Program NOFO (FR-6700-N-25) released on June 10, 2023, to ensure a comprehensive understanding of and compliance with all CoC Program requirements.

More information:

https://www.hud.gov/program offices/comm planning/coc/competition

HUD Guidelines for the Local Competition

On June 10, 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants. CoC Consolidated Applications, which include the CoC Application, Project Priority Listing, and Project Applications, are due to HUD before 8PM EST on September 28, 2023.

For more information, the NOFO and HUD's other CoC competition resources are available at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

<u>Local Competition Goals and Responsibilities</u>

In order to participate in the HUD CoC Program Competition, CoCs must conduct a Local Competition to select and prioritize projects to be included in the CoC's regional Collaborative Application to HUD.

In 2023, the Tennessee Valley CoC's objective for project solicitations, reviews, and ranking is to advance our community's goal of ending homelessness and to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to people experiencing homelessness.

Project priorities for the Competition are developed by the Governing Council in consultation with community representatives, then approved by the CoC membership and incorporated into the Local Competition requirements.

Project scoring and ranking is conducted by the Rank and Review Committee of the CoC. Committee members are nominated and affirmed by the CoC and must abide by the CoC's Conflict of Interest statement in their scoring and ranking.

Opportunities for potential new TVCoC funding for the 2023 COC Program Competition:

CoC Bonus

Anticipated funding available: \$139,892

Applicants can seek funding for new, eligible programs. The amount available for the CoC Bonus is dependent on various factors including TVCOC's overall application score, the new project application local rank as determined by the TVCoC Rank and Review Committee, and quality of the project application. To find more information on the CoC NOFO requirements and CoC Regulations, refer to the 2023 CoC Program NOFO which can be found at:

https://www.hud.gov/program offices/comm planning/coc/competition.

Eligible categories for CoC Bonus funding are summarized below:

PH-PSH projects.

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- PH-RRH projects.
- Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects.
- Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that may only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
- SSO-CE project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Domestic Violence Bonus

Anticipated funding available: \$199,846

Funding is available for projects specifically creating new programs to address the needs of victims and families of those who have experienced domestic violence. CoC Domestic Violence Bonus funding is a nation-wide, competitive opportunity dependent on various factors including TVCOC's overall application score, the new project application local rank as determined by the TVCOC Rank and Review Committee, and quality of the project application. To find more information on the CoC NOFO requirements and CoC Regulations, refer to the 2023 CoC Program NOFO which can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

Eligible categories for CoC Bonus funding are summarized below:

- PH-RRH projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3);
- Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects defined in section I.B.2.b.(18) of this NOFO dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3); or
- SSO-CE project to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Soliciting Project Applications

All projects seeking CoC Program funding through the Tennessee Valley Local CoC Program Competition are asked to submit intent to apply and then submit a full application if eligible. New projects are invited from eligible applicants that serve the CoC region, including from entities that have not previously received CoC Program funds.

As soon as possible after the NOFO release, the Tennessee Valley CoC issues the Local CoC Program Competition Notice to solicit new Project Applications from eligible and qualified applicants to propose eligible project types.

The Notice is posted on the CoC lead agency's website (https://tvchomeless.org/cocnofo2023) and distributed via the CoC email listserv, which includes CoC members and partners across the region. (Throughout the year, anyone interested in CoC planning or activities can sign up for the listserv by

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contacting the CoC Lead.) CoC listserv members are also encouraged to share the announcement with their networks.

If interested in new funding opportunities through the 2023 CoC Program NOFO, please contact the TVCoC's Collaborative Applicant Lead – Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless Executive Director, Katelyn McGuire at kmcguire@tvceh.org and 812-453-0354. New funding is highly competitive and is not guaranteed with a project application. The Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care invites local applicants with a guarantee of a fair application process within the guidelines supplied by HUD.

Though HUD establishes hard deadlines for the CoC Program Competition, the TVCoC reserves the right to implement local deadlines to ensure a fair and inclusive process for applicants. As the competition evolves, TVCoC reserves the right to add or make changes to initially published deadlines (dates and times) as needed to meet HUD requirements. It is the responsibility of each individual agency to regularly review the documents uploaded on the Collaborative Applicant website (https://tvchomeless.org/cocnofo2023) to ensure the most up-to-date deadlines are being followed. Local deadlines are detailed below.

TVCoC Local Deadlines

August 1, 2023 – Any agency interested in applying for CoC Bonus funding or Domestic Violence Bonus funding must provide a written request to the Collaborative Applicant Lead detailing intent to apply. Collaborative Applicant Lead – Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless Executive Director, Katelyn McGuire | kmcguire@tvceh.org | 812-453-0354

August 25, 2023 – Agency applications due in e-snaps

TBD: Rank and Review Committee will convene to review individual agency applications and create a priority list of all accepted applications.

On or before September 15, 2023 – Any applicants not selected to be included in the Collaboration Application package will be notified in writing.

On or before September 24, 2023: A draft of the CoC Collaborative Application will be publicly posted for CoC review at https://tvchomeless.org/cocnofo2023

September 26, 2023 – TVCoC intends to submit the final and approved Collaborative Application in esnaps. This target date is before the official HUD CoC Program NOFO deadline of September 28, 2023.

Questions and Collaborative Applicant Contact Information

Questions about this opportunity can be directed to the Collaborative Applicant Lead Katelyn McGuire at kmcguire@tvceh.org and 812-453-0354.

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