FY2024 HUD NOFO

Montana Continuum of Care Coalition

Local Competition Q&A

Wednesday, April 10

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Background

- Each year the Montana Continuum of Care Coalition (MT-500) competes with other Continua of Care nationwide for US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to end homelessness.
- Montana receives approximately 5.5 million annually from HUD.
- The Montana Continuum of Care Coalition is accepting New Project Proposals for the FY2024 local competition for CoC Bonus Projects and for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Projects.
- The Montana Statewide encourages applicants who have never applied before to apply.
- The Montana Continuum of Care Coalition will announce any changes to HUD requirements once HUD releases the FY2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

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Background continued...

- The Montana Continuum of Care Coalition can provide some technical assistance to any applicant who may need assistance.
- In the 2023 competition, the Montana Continuum of Care Coalition was eligible to apply for $606,853 in *CoC and DV Bonus Funds* and received $338,179 for new projects in Bozeman, Great Falls and Helena.
  - This included $321,584 for new Bonus Projects and $285,269 for new DV Bonus Projects.

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New Project Proposal Timeline

- April 1, 2024: Request for New Project Proposals Released

- April 30, 2024: New Project Proposals due by 5pm (MDT)

- May 8, 2024: Minimum Threshold Review Complete, applicants notified of status.

- May 15, 2024: Proposals with curable deficiencies due by 5pm (MDT)

- May 16, 2024: Grants Review Panel begins Review and Ranking Process.

- June 14, 2024: Grants Review Panel submits ranking recommendation to the board.

- TBD: HUD releases FY2024 NOFO

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New Project Proposal Timeline continued...

- TBD: Board of Directors finalizes Project Selection, applicants notified.

- TBD: *e-snaps* opens for applicants to complete Project Applications, *e-snaps* training provided.

- TBD: Project Applications due into e-snaps (**DO NOT SUBMIT** and send a PDF copy *to submit@mtcoc.org*).

- TBD *(minimum 15 days before submission deadline)*: Board of Directors finalizes Project Priority List, applicants notified and directed to **SUBMIT** project applications in *e-snaps*.

- TBD: Montana Continuum of Care Coalition posts Consolidated Application and Project Priority List for public comment *(minimum 2 days before submission deadline)*.

- TBD: Montana Continuum of Care Coalition submits Consolidated Application and Project Priority List into *e-snaps*.

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Project Types

- PH (PSH) – Permanent Supportive Housing

- PH (RRH) – Rapid Re-Housing

- Joint TH/RRH – Joint Transitional and Rapid Re-Housing

- SSO-CE – Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry

- Expansions (limited to component types defined by HUD as eligible to apply for new project funds)

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PH - Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability (CFR 578.73(a)(1)(i).

HUD requires new PH-PSH to be Dedicated Plus or CH. **ALL** Dedicated Plus or CH PH-PSH Projects **MUST** have a disabled adult or minor Head of Household.

Applicants may apply for:
- New Units Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
- Eligible Budget Line items: Rental Assistance, Supportive Services, Project Administration, Leasing, Acquisition, Construction and HMIS.
- VAWA and Operating are also eligible BLIs.

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PH – Rapid Re-Housing

RRH is permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness (578.37(a)(1)(ii).

Applicants may apply for:
- New Units of RRH for Individuals and Families (including youth)
- May apply as CoC Bonus or DV Bonus.
- Eligible Activities: Tenant-based Rental Assistance, Supportive Services, Project Administration, and HMIS.
- VAWA and Operating are also eligible BLIs.

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Joint Transitional/Rapid Re-Housing

This project type provides a new way to meet some of the pressing challenges that communities are facing. These projects provide a safe place for people to stay – transitional housing – with financial assistance and wrap around supportive services determined by program participants to help them move to permanent housing as quickly as possible (See CFR 573.37(a)(1)(ii) and CFR 578.37(a)(2).

If awarded, recipients or subrecipients must be able to provide both components, including the units supported by the transitional housing component and the tenant-based rental assistance and services provided through the PH-RRH component, to all program participants up to 24 months as needed by the program participants.

A program participant may choose to receive assistance through only one portion of the project, but they must have had the option to receive the assistance through the other.

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Joint Transitional/Rapid Re-Housing continued…

The proposed project must provide enough rapid rehousing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the RRH portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.

Applicants may apply for:

- New units to serve participants who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence (DV), dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or other dangerous situations.
- Eligible to apply for funding under DV Bonus.
- Eligible budget line items: Rental Assistance, Leasing, Operating Costs, Supportive Services, HMIS, and Project Administration.
- VAWA and Operating are also eligible BLIs.

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SSO-Coordinated Entry

Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry projects develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system. The centralized or coordinated assessment system must be easily available/reachable for all persons within the Continuum of Care's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the Continuum of Care's geographic area.

SSO-CE Eligible Activities include:

- Assessment of Service Needs
- Case Management
- Employment Assistance
- Outreach Services
- Transportation
- Utility Deposits
- Other activities as detailed in the New Project Application Instructions

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Expansions

You can apply for a new project that will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project so long as it is the same component and type (e.g., both the new and renewal project applications are PH-PSH). To apply for a new project that will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project you will create and submit two project applications: a "Stand-alone New" and a "Stand-alone Renewal.

YHDP Projects are not eligible for expansion

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Threshold Requirements

Eligible Applicants include:
- Nonprofit organizations
- States and Local Governments
- Public Housing Authorities
- Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)

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Threshold Requirements continued...

Additional Requirements:

- The recipient or subrecipient must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources (CFR 578.73)
- Participate in HMIS or HMIS-Comparable Database (DV Providers ONLY)
- Participate in and receive referrals only through the Montana Statewide Coordinated Entry System
- Comply with all of HUD and Montana Statewide requirements and policies
- Must be in good standing with HUD

For additional Threshold Requirements see Minimum Threshold Criteria in the 2024 Request for New Project Proposals at https://www.mtcoc.org/nofo-grants/2024-local-continuum-of-care-competition/

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Proposal Review, Scoring and Selection Process

- Each New Project Proposal will be scored by the Grants Review Panel. Scores will be determined through joint discussion among reviewers in accordance with scoring criteria approved by the Board of Directors on March 20, 2024.
- Final project selection is determined by the Board of Directors. *Board members from agencies who are recipients of of HUD Continuum of Care Program funds recuse themselves from voting on project selection and funding allocations in accordance with the Montana Continuum of Care Coalition Conflict-of-Interest policy and HUD Conflict of Interest requirements (CFR 578.95)*
- To be scored New Project Proposals must pass the Minimum Threshold Review to ensure that required information and characteristics are met.
- Projects that meet Minimum Threshold Criteria will move forward to the Review and Ranking process.

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Proposal Review, Scoring and Selection Process continued...

- Projects that *DO NOT* meet Minimum Threshold Criteria due to *curable deficiencies* will have 5 business days to address the deficiencies and resubmit. If the deficiencies have been resolved the project will move forward to the Review and Ranking Process. If deficiencies remain, the project *WILL NOT* move forward.
- Projects that *DO NOT* meet Minimum Threshold Criteria due to incurable deficiencies (those that cannot be reconciled), *WILL NOT* move forward to the Review and Ranking process.
- Curable or Incurable Deficiency?
  - A Curable Deficiency is missing or incomplete application information that may be corrected by the applicant with timely action. To be curable, the deficiency must:
    - Not be a threshold requirement, except for missing documentation of applicant eligibility.
    - Be remedied within the time frame specified in the notice of deficiency (5 business days).
  - A Non-Curable Deficiency is a deficiency that is a threshold requirement (e.g. **NOT** an eligible applicant or project does not agree to participate in Coordinated Entry).

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2024 Local Competition Priorities

- Projects serving tribal communities, or unserved and underserved communities by the Continuum of Care Program:
  - Unserved communities include those in Districts 1, 3, 4, and 6.
  - Underserved communities are those in Districts 2, 5, 7, 10, and 12.
- Projects that leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources.
  - Points for leveraging housing resources are available for new PH-PSH or PH-RRH projects that utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs. Housing subsidies or subsidized housing units may be funded through any of the following sources:
    - Private Organizations.
    - State or local government, including the use of HOME funding provided through the American Rescue Plan.
    - Public Housing Agencies, including the use of a general or limited preference.
    - Faith-based organizations.
    - Federal Programs other than CoC and ESG.

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2024 Local Competition Priorities continued…

- Projects that leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources continued…
    - Points for leveraging healthcare resources are available for PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that utilize healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Sources of health care resources include:
        - Direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project (e.g., Medicaid).
        - Provision of health care services by a private or public organization (e.g., Ryan White funded organization) tailored to the program participants of the project.
        - Eligibility for the project must comply with HUD program and fair housing requirements. Eligibility criteria cannot be restricted by the eligibility requirements of the health care service provider.
- New PH-RRH Projects.
- New Joint TH/RRH Projects.

Projects that align with one or more of the above priorities will receive Bonus Points in the Review and Ranking Process.

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Additional Resources

New Project Scoring Criteria:
- See https://www.mtcoc.org/nofo-grants/2024-local-continuum-of-care-competition/

Program Components and Uses of Assistance:
- See CFR 578.37 - https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/

Getting Started in e-*snaps*:
- See - https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/
- HUD Definition of Homelessness:
    https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefinition_RecordkeepingRequirementsandCriteria.pdf
    - https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/3284/what-is-a-dedicatedplus-project/
    - https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/definition-of-chronic-homelessness/

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Reminder….

New Project Proposals are *DUE* to *submit@mtcoc.org* on Tuesday, April 30 by 5pm (MDT)

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Additional Questions?

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