



2022 HUD SUPPLEMENTAL NOFO INFORMATION

Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

The purpose of this Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO) is to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and homelessness in rural areas. Through this Special NOFO, HUD will award funding to communities to implement coordinated approaches -- grounded in Housing First and public health principles -- to reduce the prevalence of unsheltered homelessness, and improve services engagement, health outcomes, and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families. HUD expects applicant communities to partner with health and housing agencies to leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)), and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

The FY 2022 Supplemental NOFO Competition opened June 22, 2022 and consolidated community CoC applications are due October 20, 2022.

The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications are now available in e-snaps. Collaborative Applicant (BBCoC) and project applicants will be able to access the applications to review, update, and enter information that is required for the application process. To access more information please refer to <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/coc-program-supplemental-nofo-address-unsheltered-and-rural-homelessness/>.

Project Applicants

Eligible project applicants permitted to participate in the local BBCoC HUD CoC Request for Applications (RFA) include nonprofit organizations, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local government. For-profit entities are ineligible, and applications submitted from these entities will not be reviewed.

Applications are sought for projects that can make maximum efficient, economical, and effective use of the prospective allocation of HUD's CoC funds. New projects must meet threshold requirements laid out in the NOFO. All funded projects will be required to participate in the Coordinated Entry System and utilize a Housing First approach.

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This NOFO will exclusively fund all new projects, enhance data collection for identifying those most in need, and tailor solutions to the specific subpopulation of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness such as those living in encampments. If awarded, this Special NOFO would allow BBCoC to build upon existing and growing community engagement efforts, in partnership with people with lived experience of homelessness, to engage diverse stakeholders in informing how we will reduce unsheltered homelessness and increase engagement and services in select rural counties.

As part of the application process for the Special NOFO, the BBCoC will engage in a strategic community planning process with these diverse stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan to demonstrate how more equitable housing and services investments in the CoC promote the goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness.

Please refer to <http://bigbendcoc.org/2022-coc-supplemental-nofo-unsheltered-rural/> for additional information on Big Bend CoC Local Funding Competition timelines, updates, and further instructions.

Also visit HUD's website https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/specialCoCNOFO for additional information.

HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities and Program Highlights for this Special NOFO

- 1. Unsheltered Homelessness.** Unsheltered homelessness is continuing to rise in many areas of the country and recent analysis of homelessness data shows that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report significantly greater health challenges and experiences of trauma and violence than their sheltered peers. These challenges often begin before they lose their housing. This NOFO supports this highly vulnerable population by supporting CoCs in their efforts to identify people living in unsheltered situations, including encampments, and connects them with health and housing resources. It also supports CoCs in their efforts to enhance their Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect more comprehensive data on people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in their geographic area.
- 2. Unsheltered Homelessness and Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in Rural Areas.** Rural areas often lack the resources and infrastructure for providing homeless services and permanent housing. Additionally, rural areas often require unique strategies to solve challenges specific to their geography. To support CoCs in their efforts to end unsheltered homelessness in their rural areas, this NOFO targets resources to rural areas and provides additional eligible activities to address some of the unique needs of rural areas.

3. **Providing Assistance on Tribal Lands.** Indian Reservations and Trust Lands may be all or part of a CoCs' geographic areas, and Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities are eligible recipients of CoC Program funds. This NOFO provides additional incentives for creating projects that serve individuals and families in geographic areas that have high levels of homelessness, housing distress, or poverty, and are located where CoC services have until now been entirely unavailable, such as, for example, Trust Lands and Reservations.
4. **Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness.** Ending homelessness cannot be achieved by homeless service organizations alone. It requires coordination with a variety of other stakeholders, including affordable housing developers, mainstream service providers, the business community, victim service providers, political leaders, and healthcare providers. This NOFO supports and encourages CoCs to invite a variety of stakeholders to develop and implement a CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs.
5. **Advancing Equity.** In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color as well as individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ and individuals with disabilities are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. HUD is emphasizing system and program changes to address equity within CoCs through identifying and addressing the needs of subpopulations who are disproportionately more likely to experience homelessness, such as the populations identified above, and other populations who are disproportionately more likely to experience homelessness. CoCs should be reviewing their strategies to support and serve underserved communities in their geographic area, identify barriers that led to any disparities in communities being served, and take steps to eliminate these barriers. This includes, in conjunction with people experiencing homelessness, reviewing local policies, procedures, and processes to determine where and how to address disparities affecting underserved communities experiencing homelessness.
6. **Use a Housing First approach.** Housing First prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions. Projects funded under this NOFO should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing, and the CoC should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness as well as ensure projects are correctly implementing a Housing First approach. Additionally, CoCs should engage landlords and property owners to identify an inventory of housing available for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing participants, remove barriers to entry, and adopt service delivery methods that respond to the preferences and needs of the individual or family presenting for assistance.

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BBCoC Funding Availability and Prioritized Projects

Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside Maximum Award Amount: \$2,685,974.00

Project Types Allowed

- Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects- Rental and Services Only
- Supportive services only (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a coordinated assessment system.
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects- Operations, Services, Leasing
- CoC Planning
- HMIS

Rural Set Aside Maximum Award Amount: \$613,544.00

For Taylor, Madison, Franklin, and Liberty Counties only

- Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects
- Supportive services only (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a coordinated assessment system.
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects- Operations, Services, Leasing
- HMIS
- Homeless Prevention
- Emergency Shelter



BIG BEND COC LOCAL TIMELINE FOR 2022 HUD SUPPLEMENTAL NOFA UNSHELTERED AND RURAL SET ASIDES

*HUD released the Supplemental NOFO on 6/22/22.
The Collaborative Application is due on October 20, 2022.*

BIG BEND COC LOCAL DEADLINES FOR NEW PROJECTS:

NEW PROJECTS: Please see **New Project Review Process** for information on project review and submission.

The local process is posted at <http://bigbendcoc.org/2022-coc-supplemental-nofo-unsheltered-rural/> and the HUD process is available at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/specialCoCNOFO.

2022 HUD COC NOFO COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION- August 9, 2022 1:00-2:00 PM

This meeting will provide a thorough review of the 2022 Special NOFA, local competition timeline, local application submission requirements, ESNAPS submission, and project review process. Any agency who may be interested in submitting a project should attend this meeting. To register for this meeting please go to

https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/dWMXo9kIVkuL_8fdmkKAXQ,Cewjqt7v1kiTDb4snLgGpg,vlNSnz8mLEW9FU7027NobQ,8eyJMZ3Wk0ShpdL-CwMceA,rC2sSvUtgmFj6apnuxBSw,2Tdhv7_E7kWkHgsWjPdi6A?mode=read&tenantId=a3176375-25d9-4b56-8bff-c7dd9a42805d

Questions can also be submitted to applications@bigbendcoc.org prior to meeting.

August 16, 2022- 12 MIDNIGHT EASTERN TIME- LETTERS OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR NEW PROJECTS DUE.

All Letters of Intent should be submitted as a PDF attachment to applications@bigbendcoc.org.

Letter of Intent should include **project type, target county(s), target population(s) and name of agency interested in applying** and should be initiated by either the **agency Executive Director or Board Chair**.

Organizations submitting a letter of intent to apply for an eligible activity under this funding will receive additional group technical assistance on the expectations and priorities of the CoC as well as how to utilize the HUD project submission system known as ESNAPS.

September 16, 2022- 12 MIDNIGHT ET- PROJECT APPLICATIONS DUE IN ESNAPS AND AS A PDF ATTACHMENT TO applications@bigbendcoc.org

September 21-22- PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE CONVENES TO REVIEW, SCORE, AND RANK NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS. Only committee members who have participated in orientation, completed Conflict of Interest Forms and been approved to review projects will participate. This process will also include a 20-minute virtual presentation from each project with a 10 minute Q&A session.

September 23, 2022- PRIORITY LISTING RANKING AND TIERING OF PROJECTS APPROVAL BY COC BOARD for inclusion in the 2022 CoC Collaborative Application.

September 26, 2022 – APPLICANTS NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE STATUS OF THEIR PROJECT APPLICATIONS and inclusion or exclusion from ranking and tiering.

October 12, 2022- CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY APPLICATION AND INDIVIDUAL PROJECT APPLICATIONS POSTED TO WWW.BIGBENDCOC.ORG FOR COMMUNITY REVIEW AND BBCOC BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO HUD- Feedback is requested.

October 18, 2022 BY 5:00 PM EST- COC STAFF TO SUBMIT CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION IN ESNAPS leaving a buffer of 2 days prior to submission deadline set by HUD.

Please review the Detailed Timeline for more information.

For more information, please contact Johnna Coleman, BBCoC Executive Director at jcoleman@bigbendcoc.org or 850-759-5162 or Big Bend CoC at info@bigbendcoc.org