



## **2023 HUD NOFA LOCAL INFORMATION Big Bend CoC Request for Applications (RFA) For 2023 HUD CoC Competition NOFO**

### **2023 HUD CoC NOFO BRIEF**

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program [[24 CFR part 578](#)] is designed to promote a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or 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 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and 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.

This [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) establishes the funding criteria for the FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. HUD is making available approximately \$3,134,000,000.00 is available in this FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO, including approximately \$147,000,000, available for non-competitive YHDP renewal and replacement expiring grants, and at least \$52,000,000 available for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects, described in Section I.B.3.1 and I.B.2.b (8) of this NOFO. HUD may add to the total amount with available funds that have been carried over or recaptured from previous fiscal years. All requirements in the FY 2023 application process, including requirements for the entire CoC Consolidated Application and the total amount of funds available, are included in this NOFO.

HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all new reallocation, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC renewal, Round 1 YHDP Renewal and Round 1 YHDP replacement projects in two tiers. Round 2 or later YHDP Renewal, Round 2 or later YHDP Replacement, CoC Planning, and if applicable, UFA Costs projects must not be ranked. Tier 1 is equal to 93 percent of the combined ARD amounts as described in section I.B.2.b.(1) of this NOFO. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of CoC renewal, Round 1 YHDP Renewal, Round 1 YHDP Replacement, reallocation, and CoC bonus funds that a CoC can apply for; but does not include Round 2 or later YHDP Renewal, Round 2 or later YHDP Replacement, CoC Planning, and if applicable, UFA Costs projects, or projects selected with DV Bonus funds. CoC Planning and UFA Cost projects will be reviewed separately from these tiers. YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement projects that HUD initially funded in FY 2017 (Round 2) or later are being noncompetitively awarded separately from the tiers. The \$52,000,000 in available DV Bonus funding is also being awarded separately from the tiers as described in section I.B.3.1 for new projects (including the new projects that are part of an expansion) that CoCs indicate they would like considered for the available DV Bonus funding.

**The FY 2023 CoC Program Competition opened July 5, 2023 and consolidated community CoC applications are due September 28, 2023 at 8:00 PM EST.**

The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications will be 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/programs/e-snaps/fy-2023-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>.

## 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.

- Returning project applicants can choose to import the FY 2022 renewal project application responses; however, this must be requested during your registration of the Renewal Funding Opportunity in E-SNAPS and is only available if you submitted a renewal project application in last year's FY 2022 CoC Program Competition. Imported responses should be carefully reviewed to ensure accuracy and that the information is a true representation of the project activities.
- First-time renewal projects must complete the entire renewal project application.
- New project applications must be completed in full and in line with the new project application components permitted in this year's competition.
- CoC planning applications will only be reviewed if submitted by the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant identified in the CoC Applicant Profile in E-SNAPS which is Apalachee Regional Planning Council.
- Dedicated HMIS projects, renewal and new, can only be submitted by the CoC's designated HMIS Lead as identified in the CoC Applicant Profile in E-SNAPS which is Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

### What's New for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition

The list below highlights some important information regarding new concepts CoCs should consider while planning for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition. This list is not exhaustive and additional details are in the NOFA.

1. CoC Planning Increase. HUD is establishing an alternative maximum amount for CoC Planning grant applications under this NOFO. Specifically, the maximum grant amount for CoC planning activities under 24 CFR 578.39 will be the greater of \$50,000 or 5 percent of the applicable FPRN, provided that the total grant amount for CoC planning activities does not exceed \$1,500,000. This new maximum replaces the 3 percent cap in 24 CFR 578.39(a) for purposes of awards under this NOFO. More information is provided in section III.B.3.f.(9).
2. New Eligible Continuum of Care Activities. These following new budget line items (BLIs) will be built into the CoC Program Competition Application process. Applicants wishing to utilize these new BLIs can request a budget modification during the competition to add funds to these line items from an existing line item. Applicants may also request to expand existing renewal grants to add new funding to these BLIs.
  - a. VAWA Costs Budget Line Item. Facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance with [the emergency transfer plan requirement in 34 U.S.C. 12491(e)] and monitoring compliance with the confidentiality protections of [the confidentiality requirement in 34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4)].
  - b. Rural Costs Budget Line Item. Section 5707 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (PL 117-263, December 23, 2022, 136 Stat 2395) amends section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include activities that address barriers to transitioning families in rural areas to permanent housing and additional activities to increase capacity to address the unique challenges CoCs face when serving people experiencing homelessness in rural areas.

3. Federal Relay Service’s Text Telephone (TTY) service. The Federal Relay Service contract expired in February 2022 and is no longer available. The NOFO is updated to include the use of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) relay services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs> for more information on relay services available.
4. Amendment to criteria for qualifying as “homeless.” For purposes of the CoC Program and other HUD programs authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, section 605 of VAWA 2022 amended section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to require HUD to consider as homeless: any individual or family who—
  - (1) is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
  - (2) has no other safe residence; and
  - (3) lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

This statutory change took effect on October 1, 2022. Rulemaking will be needed to require Continuums of Care (CoCs) and CoC Program recipients and subrecipients to make corresponding changes to the applicable written standards, coordinated entry policies, and documentation policies used to qualify individual and families as homeless under the CoC Program. That said, because HUD must recognize as “homeless” families and individuals who meet the new statutory criteria in section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as of October 1, 2022, CoC recipients may implement the new definition prior to HUD rulemaking, provided that CoCs update the relevant written standards and policies as needed to reflect the new statutory criteria. For further information, please see “The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022: Overview of Applicability to HUD Programs” which HUD published in the Federal Register on January 4, 2023. This qualification of HUD’s understanding and use of the “homeless” definition applies for purposes of all references to the “homeless” definition in this NOFO, including all references to specific paragraphs of the “homeless” definition in 24 CFR 578.3.

### **HUD's Strategic Planning Goals and Homeless Policy Priorities**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Strategic Plan sets the direction and focus of our programs and staff to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality, affordable homes for all. This NOFO supports HUD’s Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026 to accomplish HUD’s mission and vision. Each of the five goals in the Strategic Plan includes what HUD hopes to accomplish, the strategies to accomplish those objectives, and the indicators of success. HUD will pursue two overarching priorities focused on increasing equity and improving customer experience across all HUD programs. Five strategic goals and several objectives undergird the Plan; however, the follow goals are applicable to this NOFO:

#### **Applicable Goals and Objectives from HUD’s Strategic Plan**

1. Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.
2. Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.

3. Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership Promote homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements, and wealth-building in underserved communities.

4. Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

### HUD Homeless Policy Priorities

1. *Ending homelessness for all persons.* In 2022, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) presented All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness to the President and Congress. The plan is built around six pillars: three foundations—equity, data and evidence, and collaboration—and three solutions—housing and supports, crisis response, and prevention. The work funded through this NOFO will support the actions and strategies proposed within the pillars. To end homelessness, CoCs should identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness. CoCs should measure their performance based on local data that consider the challenges faced by all subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area (e.g., veterans, youth, families, those experiencing chronic homelessness, and people with disabilities, including those living with HIV/AIDS).
2. *Use a Housing First approach.* Housing First prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions. CoC Program funded projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing, and CoCs should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness. Additionally, CoCs should engage landlords and property owners to identify housing units available for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing participants, remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods.
3. *Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness.* In recent years, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness has risen significantly, including a rising number of encampments in many communities across the country. People living unsheltered have extremely high rates of physical and mental illness and substance use disorders. CoCs should explore all available resources, including CoC and ESG funded assistance, housing subsidies, and supportive services to provide permanent housing options for people who are unsheltered.
4. *Improving System Performance.* CoCs should be using system performance measures (e.g., average length of homeless episodes, rates of return to homelessness, rates of exit to permanent housing destinations) to determine how effectively they are serving people experiencing homelessness.
5. *Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies.* Using cost performance and outcome data, CoCs should improve how all available resources are utilized to end homelessness.
  - a. Work closely with public and private healthcare organizations and assist program participants to receive primary care, receive housing related services, and obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs. This includes developing close partnerships with public health agencies to analyze data and design approaches that reduce homelessness, improve the health of people experiencing homelessness, and prevent and address disease outbreaks, including HIV/AIDS.
  - b. Partner closely with PHAs and state and local housing organizations to utilize coordinated entry, develop housing units, and provide housing subsidies to people experiencing homelessness. These partnerships can also help CoC Program participants exit permanent supportive housing through Housing Choice Vouchers and other available housing options.
  - c. Partner with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities.
6. *Racial Equity.* In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color are substantially over-represented in the homeless population. HUD is emphasizing system and program changes to address racial equity within CoCs. Responses to preventing and ending homelessness should address racial inequities to ensure successful outcomes for all persons experiencing homelessness using proven approaches, such as: developing a coordinated community response created in partnership with a racially diverse set of stakeholders and people experiencing homelessness and partnering with organizations with experience serving underserved populations.
7. *Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals.* Discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation manifests differently for different individuals and often overlaps with other forms of prohibited discrimination.

8. *Persons with Lived Experience.* The people who know best what solutions will effectively end homelessness are those who are experiencing homelessness. HUD expects CoCs to include people with lived homeless expertise and experience in their local planning and decision-making process.
9. *Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.* The lack of affordable housing is the main driver of homelessness. CoCs play a critical role in educating local leaders and stakeholders about the importance of increasing the supply of affordable housing and the specific consequences of the continued lack of affordable housing.

Please refer to <http://bigbendcoc.org> for additional information on Big Bend CoC Local Funding Competition timelines, updates, and further instructions. Also visit HUD's website <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2023-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/> for additional information.

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**BBCoC Funding Availability and Prioritized Projects**  
**Annual Renewal Demand Report from HUD: \$1,898,386**

**Projects Eligible for Renewal Reviews Based on Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$1,765,499**

- Ability 1<sup>st</sup> A Place Called Home for Families Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- Family Promise Home Plate Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- Family Promise Youth Rapid Rehousing Program
- Big Bend CoC HMIS

**New Funding and Prioritized Project Types Under CoC Bonus: \$207,235**

- Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects
- Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects
- Supportive services only (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a coordinated assessment system.
- Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing- Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) projects

**New Domestic Violence Bonus Funding: \$296,051**

- DV Specific Rapid Rehousing
- DV Specific Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
- DV Supportive Services Only – for implementation of Coordinated Entry

**CoC Planning: \$148,025**

Funding awarded to CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant identified in the CoC Applicant Profile in E-SNAPS which is Apalachee Regional Planning Council/Big Bend Continuum of Care. Funding dedicated to the planning duties for our CoC service area.

*If you are interested in more information on this funding competition, please visit our website at [www.bigbendcoc.org](http://www.bigbendcoc.org) and sign up to receive all CoC emails.*



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**PROCEDURE:**

1. The process shall begin with the Project Application and Performance Review Committee completing annual performance reviews of renewal projects and making recommendations to the Executive Committee on reallocations. The HUD Project Reallocation or Renewal decisions are made by the CoC Executive Committee.
2. CoC staff will hold a HUD CoC NOFO Community Information Session where details of the local timeline, priorities and eligible project types will be explained, and the community will have the opportunity to ask questions for clarification.
3. Community partners interested in submitting a project proposal/application will then send a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Apply to the CoC by a date certain, indicated in the local competition timeline.
4. All organizations submitting a LOI by the established deadline will be provided additional technical assistance group sessions over the coming weeks including.
  - a. Overview of CoC vision and prioritized areas of the HAP and CoC Strategic Plan to be considered during this funding competition.
  - b. Overview of Threshold requirements, Scoring, Ranking and Tiering criteria, policies and procedures.
  - c. Detailed Training on use of ESNAPS and creating new project proposals and how to request TA from the CoC and HUD.
5. Once applications are received, CoC Staff will review to ensure that threshold requirements are met prior to application's being reviewed by the CoC Project Review Committee. A coversheet will indicate the threshold requirements met along with the date and signature of CoC Staff or Executive Committee member.
6. Applications/Proposals will then be provided to the CoC Review Committee for evaluation. There will also be a window of time where Review Committee Members can ask questions of the agencies making the project proposal with the expectation that they will respond in writing prior to their Project Proposal Presentation to the Review Committee.

**APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:**

1. **THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS:**
  - a. Must meet requirements set forth in the published NOFO, including:
  - b. Active SAM registration.
  - c. Valid UEI number.
  - d. No outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts.
  - e. No debarments and/or suspensions.
  - f. Timely disclosure of violations of federal criminal law
  - g. Conducting business in accordance with ethical standards/Code of Conduct
  - h. Any executed required certifications as specified in NOFO; and
  - i. Project meets the definition of an eligible project per the NOFO.

2. Applicants must also ensure that:
  - a. the population served meets program eligibility requirements.
  - b. Agree to participate in HMIS and have a current MOU with the HMIS Lead Agency, unless exempted by HUD.
  - c. the project has Consistency with jurisdictional Consolidated Plan.
  - d. agree to participate in the CoC Coordinated Entry
  - e. Be a CoC Non-Profit Partner Member (or higher-level member) in good standing
  - f. the applicant demonstrates its eligibility as the project applicant; and
  - g. the most recent audit management letter is included and contains a statement as to whether the audit disclosed any audit findings for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory.
  
3. Renewal Thresholds. Additionally, renewal applications must demonstrate:
  - h. An average utilization of 90% based on the last two submitted APRs.
  - i. Reasonably timely APR submission and funding drawdowns as demonstrated by HUD approval of APRs and payment of draws.

## **LOCAL TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS**

*(Complete Timeline Attached)*

**RENEWAL PROJECTS:** Please see the **Renewal Project Review Process** for information on project review and submission.

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

The local process is posted at [2023 HUD CoC Competition NOFO - Big Bend Continuum of Care \(bigbendcoc.org\)](https://www.bigbendcoc.org/2023-HUD-CoC-Competition-NOFO) and the HUD process is available at [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/competition](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition).

### **2023 HUD COC NOFO COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION- August 4, 2023 2-3 PM ET (MANDATORY TO APPLY)**

This meeting will provide a thorough review of the 2023 NOFA, local competition RFA including timeline and local application submission requirements, ESNAPS submission, and project review process. Any agency who may be interested in submitting a project **MUST** attend this meeting. Meeting Link: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZDUxYmE4ZTYtYjVmZC00MzgzLTk1NGEtNmRlN2QzNTFkZDQ1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a3176375-25d9-4b56-8bff-c7dd9a42805d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2269c2868b-a758-495b-b5eb-1cffa847434d%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDUxYmE4ZTYtYjVmZC00MzgzLTk1NGEtNmRlN2QzNTFkZDQ1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a3176375-25d9-4b56-8bff-c7dd9a42805d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2269c2868b-a758-495b-b5eb-1cffa847434d%22%7d)

Questions can also be submitted to [applications@bigbendcoc.org](mailto:applications@bigbendcoc.org) prior to meeting.

### **August 8, 2023 - 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](mailto: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.



**August 28, 2023- 12 MIDNIGHT ET- NEW AND RENEWING PROJECT APPLICATIONS DUE to CoC via JotForm Application Submission and must include ESNAPS Submission PDF ATTACHMENT.** See [2023 HUD CoC Competition NOFO - Big Bend Continuum of Care \(bigbendcoc.org\)](#) for more information about application and submission requirements.

**September 7, 2023- PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE CONVENES For Project Proposals-** Applicants will be provided 15 minutes to present their proposal to the Committee via virtual platform. An additional 5 minutes will be set aside for Committee Member Q and A.

**September 8, 2023- PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE CONVENES For Review of Renewal Projects for Reallocation** Committee reviews info and makes recommendations on Reallocation of funds if necessary. This process will include review of Annual Performance Reports, System Performance Impact, Cost Effectiveness. Documents for review will be generated by CoC staff through HMIS and specific project submissions of past APRs in SAGE.

**September 11-12, 2023- PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE CONVENES TO REVIEW, SCORE, AND RANK NEW and RENEWAL PROJECT PROPOSALS.** Only committee members who have participated in orientation, completed Conflict of Interest Forms and been approved to review projects will participate.

**September 12, 2023- PRIORITY LISTING RANKING AND TIERING OF NEW AND RENEWAL PROJECTS APPROVAL BY COC EXECUTIVE BOARD** for inclusion in the 2023 CoC Collaborative Application.

**September 13, 2023 – APPLICANTS NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE STATUS OF THEIR PROJECT APPLICATIONS** and inclusion or exclusion from ranking and tiering.

**September 22, 2023- CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY APPLICATION AND INDIVIDUAL PROJECT APPLICATIONS POSTED TO [WWW.BIGBENDCOC.ORG](http://WWW.BIGBENDCOC.ORG) FOR COMMUNITY REVIEW AND BBCOC BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO HUD-** feedback is requested by *September 27, 2023 at noon.*

**September 28, 2023- COC STAFF TO SUBMIT CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION IN ESNAPS-** submission deadline set by HUD is September 28, 2023 at 8 pm.

**\*\*Please review the *Detailed Timeline* for more information as this is not an all-inclusive list of events. \*\***

## HUD KEY DEFINITIONS

**All RFA applicants seeking HUD funding are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the following terms and definitions included in the HEARTH Act, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3**

The HEARTH Act requires local communities to collaborate on ending homelessness. Additionally, funding to CoC's is allocated through a competitive process, and the score awarded to the Collaborative Application submitted by the Big Bend Continuum of Care will impact the level of funding received. This compels Collaborative Applicants to focus on HUD's Homelessness Policy and Program Priorities, HUD System Performance Measures and Federal goals, together with strategies to prevent and end homelessness outlined in BBCoC's Homelessness Plan, Strategic Plan and other policies and procedures established by BBCoC. System-level performance, in addition to the performance of specific projects and project types, is a critical aspect of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, CoC's are expected to adopt a Coordinated Entry process, demonstrate fidelity to Housing First, and dedicate Permanent Supportive Housing unit vacancies to serve chronically homeless and people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

- a. **Consolidated Plan Certification-** The statutory form in which a state or local official certifies that the proposed activities or projects are consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan and, if the applicant is a state or unit of local government, that the jurisdiction is following its Consolidated Plan.
- b. **Housing Inventory Count (HIC)-** A complete listing of the community's HUD and non-HUD funded beds dedicated to the homeless.
- c. **Project Applicant-** An applicant designated by the CoC to apply for CoC Program funds to carry out activities related to a specific project(s) as defined in 24 CFR 578.3.
- d. **Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) (24 CFR 578.17(b)(2))-** The total amount of all the CoC's projects that will be eligible for renewal in the CoC Program Competition. It is the sum of the annual renewal amounts of all projects within the CoC's geographic area eligible to apply for renewal in the CoC Program Competition, before any required adjustments to funding for leasing, rental assistance, and operating line items based on FMR changes.
- e. **Beds Dedicated to the Chronically Homeless-** The total number of beds in the CoC's geographic area that are dedicated specifically for use by the chronically homeless as reported in the CoC's Housing Inventory Count (HIC). For these types of beds, when a participant exits the program, the bed must be filled by another chronically homeless participant, unless there are no chronically homeless persons located within the geographic area.
- f. **Housing First-** A model of housing assistance that is offered without preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements. Rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals. The model often incorporates an Assertive Community Treatment approach designed to engage and work with program participants where they are.
- g. **DedicatedPlus-** A DedicatedPLUS project is a permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) project where the entire project will serve individuals and families where the head of household has a disability and who meet any of the following criteria at project entry (in any order): 1. Experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.31 ; 2. Residing in a transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project; 3. Residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe haven; but the individuals or families experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project within the last year and were unable to maintain a housing placement; 4. Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint transitional

housing (TH) and rapid re-housing (PHRRH) component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the project; 5. Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions; or 6. Receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system. PSH projects must either serve the chronically homeless or the DedicatedPLUS population.

**h. Non-Dedicated Permanent Supportive Housing Beds-** Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds within a CoC's geographic area that are not currently dedicated specifically for use by the chronically homeless. CoCs and projects must prioritize the chronically homeless in non-dedicated PSH beds as they become available through turnover. This will occur through the coordinated entry process.

**i. Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)-** The amount of funds a CoC could receive based upon the geographic areas HUD approves as included in the CoC. To determine the homeless assistance, need of a particular jurisdiction, HUD will use the formula set forth 24 CFR 578.17(a). Each year, HUD publishes the PPRN for each jurisdiction. A CoC's PPRN is determined by adding the published PPRN of each jurisdiction located within the HUD-approved CoC geographic area.

**j. Reallocation-** Reallocation is when a CoC shifts funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more eligible new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. In this RFA, reallocation may be used to create new Permanent Housing.

**k. Rapid Re-Housing-** Rapid Re-Housing means short to medium-term rental assistance with support services for homeless households. Generally, rental assistance (RA) and support services are designed to enable households to live independently. RA may include security deposits and last month's rent, in addition to paying contracted rent.

**l. Supportive services-** Supportive services offer households the necessary tools to increase income, access necessary resources, and remain housed. Support services may include medical and behavioral health services, advocacy or case management, supportive employment, and legal assistance.

**m. Housing Navigation-** Housing Navigation is a type of case management that is housing focused. Navigators assist program participants to identify an affordable property, complete required housing documents, and link them to resources to assist with other housing resources such as furniture assistance.

**n. Mobility Counseling-** Mobility counseling is assistance for people using tenant-based housing subsidies who are interested in moving to areas that offer greater opportunities in terms of school performance, personal safety, employment, and other benefits. Counseling can include assistance with credit repair, help identifying potential units, and information about neighborhood amenities. Mobility counseling creates choice in programs that, when left to their own devices, do not promote housing choice.

**o. Coordinated Entry-** A process developed to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access and are quickly identified, assessed for, referred, and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs.

**p. Street Outreach-** Essential Services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.

**q. Transitional Housing-** Designed to provide homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth (under age 25), with the interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. Transitional housing may be used to cover the costs of up to 24 months of housing with accompanying supportive services. No new TH will be funded through this RFA.

r. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)**- A local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness.

s. **eSnaps**- The electronic grants management system managed by HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

t. **SAGE**- HUD's new reporting system for the submission of its Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Annual Performance Report (APR) which became effective April 1, 2017.

u. **Annual Performance Report (APR)**- Used by HUD to track the progress and accomplishments of projects funded by the Department.

v. **Grant Inventory Worksheet**- Used to record all grants that are eligible for renewal funding within the CoC's jurisdiction in the FY 2023 Continuum of Care Program (CoC) Competition.

w. **DV Bonus**- For the purposes of this solicitation, DV Bonus is a short-to medium-term rental assistance project (RRH) that is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in paragraph (4) at 24 CFR 578.3, a joint transitional housing/rapid rehousing project or a DV Coordinated Entry project to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors.

x. **Joint TH and PH-RRH**- the Joint TH and PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components—transitional housing and permanent housing-rapid rehousing—in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. HUD will require the recipient to adopt a Housing First approach across the entire project and program participants may only receive up to 24-months of total assistance. When a program participant is enrolled in a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project, the recipient or subrecipient 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 participants. A program participant may choose to receive only the transitional housing unit, or the assistance provided through the PH-RRH component, but the recipient or subrecipient must make both types of assistance available. Additionally, if CoC Program funds are not being requested for both TH and PH-RRH units, the project application must still describe the number of TH and PH-RRH units that will be utilized by the project, if selected for conditional award, and provide details in the project description of how TH and PH-RRH assistance will be provided.

y. **Expansion**- The process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area. DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the expansion project is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3; however, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds. For projects that are expanding their current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit:

(1) the renewal project application that will be expanded; and

(2) a new project application with the expansion information.

z. **Homelessness and Human Trafficking**- HUD is clarifying that persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3; and, therefore, the individuals may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC Program, subject to other restrictions that may apply. HUD considers human trafficking, including sex trafficking, to be "other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member" under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3. HUD will consider an individual or family as homeless under paragraph 4 of the homeless definition under the following circumstances where an individual or family is fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking that has:

(1) either taken place within the individuals or family's primary night-time residence;

(2) made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary night-time residence; and the individual or family has no other residence; or

(3) the individual or family lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

aa. **Transition application-** A grant to fund a new CoC project to transition an eligible renewal project being eliminated through reallocation from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period.

\*\*Please note, as part of the passage of VAWA 2022 which reauthorized VAWA, the McKinney-Vento homeless definition as it applies to domestic violence survivors was changed.

- *Any individual or family who*
- *(i) is experiencing trauma or lack of safety related to, or fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;*
- *(ii) Has no other safe residence; and*
- *(iii) Lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.*

The population served by HUD funded programs must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the HEARTH Act. The only persons who may be served by any CoC permanent housing projects (PH:PSH & PH:RRH) are those referred by the Homeless Trust Housing Coordinator following Trust policy HT008, Orders of Priority for Referral, as may be amended. All providers seeking funding must follow a Housing First model. Per the Orders of Priority policy, renewal PSH projects will dedicate all attrition to serve households who meet the DedicatedPLUS definition at the time of the referral.