

# 2024 HUD NOFA LOCAL INFORMATION Big Bend CoC Request for Applications (RFA) For 2024 HUD CoC Competition NOFO

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#### 2024 HUD CoC NOFO BRIEF

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program 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 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 individuals and families experiencing homelessness, persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth experiencing homelessness 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.

Funding of approximately \$3,524,000,000 is available through this NOFO. Subject to appropriations, HUD reserves the right to award fiscal year 2025 funds based on this NOFO competition. Additional funds may become available for award under this NOFO consistent with Section VI.A.2.e., Adjustments to Funding. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the funding restrictions contained in this NOFO. Funding includes approximately \$188,000,000 for the non-competitive renewal and replacement of expiring YHDP grants. \$52,000,000 is available for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects, described in sections I.B.3.j and I.B.2.b.(6) of 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.I 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 2024 CoC Program Competition opened July 31, 2024 and consolidated community CoC applications are due October 30, 2024 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 2024 CoC Program Competition

The list below highlights some important information regarding new concepts CoCs should consider while planning for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition. This list is not exhaustive and additional details are in the NOFA.

- 1. Changes to Tiering. Tier 1 is set at 90 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- 2. 2-Year NOFO. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 authorizes HUD to issue a single 2-year NOFO for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

The application and selection process for the FY 2024 funds awarded through this NOFO (the FY 2024 CoC Program and YHDP funds) will proceed much like it has in prior-year competitions. However, CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to the FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds. HUD reserves the right to award available FY 2025 funds (the FY 2025 CoC program and YHDP funds) based on this NOFO competition. Projects that are awarded FY 2024 funds may be eligible for award of FY 2025 funds using their FY 2024 application submission and are not required to apply for renewal for FY 2025 funds. CoC and YHDP renewal projects expiring in CY 2025 (January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025) are eligible to be renewed with FY 2024 CoC and YHDP funds. Projects that will be eligible for renewal with FY 2025 CoC Program and YHDP funds must have an expiration date in CY 2026 (January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026). Should there not be sufficient appropriated amounts to fully fund all FY 2025 renewal grants, grant amounts may be reduced proportionately. If new competitive funding becomes available for FY 2025, this NOFO may be amended and the FY 2024 - 2025 CoC Application and score may be used for the FY 2025 application selection process.

Applications for FY 2025 eligible CoC and/or YHDP renewal projects and new projects created through CoC and/or DV reallocation or YHDP replacement, must be submitted in E-SNAPS by the application submission deadline for FY 2025 CoC and YHDP funds on August 29, 2025. HUD also reserves the right to modify this NOFO

or issue a supplemental FY 2025 CoC and YHDP NOFO if necessary (e.g., to accommodate a new CoC or YHDP priority or new funding source). 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).

3. **Funding for Specific Subpopulations.** The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations expressed that for projects awarded for specific subpopulations (e.g., homeless youth or survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking), before funding for such projects may be reallocated to other populations, HUD must consult with relevant stakeholders. For the FY 2024 funds, HUD requires funding reallocated from projects previously funded with YHDP or DV Bonus funding to be used for projects serving the same subpopulation. Therefore, prior to executing the reallocation of any project, HUD strongly recommends reviewing the Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIWs) published on the CoC Program Competitions page on the HUD.gov website to determine the type of new projects that can be created with reallocated funding intended for the specific subpopulations.

#### **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:

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<u>Strategic Goal 1:</u> Support Underserved Communities Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.

- 1A: Advance Housing Justice Fortify support for vulnerable populations, underserved communities, and Fair Housing enforcement.
- 1B: Reduce Homelessness Strengthen Federal, State, Tribal, and community implementation of the Housing First approach to reducing the prevalence of homelessness, with the ultimate goal of ending homelessness.
- 1C: Invest in the Success of Communities Promote equitable community development that generates wealth-building for underserved communities, particularly for communities of color.

<u>Strategic Goal 2:</u> 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.

2A: Increase the Supply of Housing Enhance HUD's programs that increase the production and supply of housing across the country.

2B: Improve Rental Assistance Improve rental assistance to address the need for affordable housing.

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

3A: Advance Sustainable Homeownership Advance the deployment of tools and capital that put sustainable homeownership within reach.

3A – Major Initiative: Expand Homeownership Opportunities Promote financing for innovative ownership models to increase the availability of affordable housing.

3B: Create a More Accessible and Inclusive Housing Finance System Advance new policy, programs, and modernization initiatives that support a more equitable housing finance system. Promote the preservation and creation of affordable housing stock.

<u>Strategic Goal 4:</u> 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.

4A: Guide Investment in Climate Resilience Invest in climate resilience, energy efficiency, and renewable energy across HUD programs.

4B: Strengthen Environmental Justice Reduce exposure to health risks, environmental hazards, and substandard housing, especially for low-income households and communities of color.

4C: Integrate Health and Housing Advance policies that recognize housing's role as essential to health.

You are expected to align your application to the applicable strategic goals and objectives below. Use the information in this section to describe in your application the specific goals, objectives, and measures that your project is expected to help accomplish. If your project is selected for funding, you are also expected to establish a plan to track progress related to those goals, objectives, and measures. HUD will monitor compliance with the goals, objectives, and measures in your project.

#### **HUD Homeless Policy Priorities**

This section provides additional context regarding the selection criteria found in section V.B. of this NOFO and is included here to help applicants better understand how the selection criteria support the goal of ending homelessness:

1. Ending homelessness for all persons. In 2023, 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, older adults, those experiencing chronic homelessness, and people with disabilities, including those living with HIV/AIDS). CoCs should partner with housing, health care, and supportive services providers and agencies to expand housing options, such as permanent supportive

housing, housing subsidies, and rapid rehousing. Additionally, CoCs should use local data to determine the characteristics of individuals and families with the highest needs and longest periods experiencing homelessness to develop housing and supportive services tailored to their needs.

- 2. **Use a Housing First approach**. Housing First prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and utilizes housing as a platform for providing supportive services that improve a person's health and wellbeing. CoC Program funded projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing without preconditions and ensure that participants can choose the services they need to improve their health and well-being and remain in their housing. 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 practices. HUD encourages CoCs to assess how well Housing First approaches are being implemented in their communities.
- 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 high rates of physical and mental health challenges, including substance use disorders. CoCs should explore all available resources, including CoC and ESG funded assistance, housing subsidies, health care programs, and other supportive services to help improve unsheltered people's well-being and help them move as quickly as possible to permanent housing. CoCs should work with law enforcement and their state and local governments to enlist their support for housing people residing in encampments, and to avoid practices that criminalize homelessness. Criminalization of homelessness risks the health of people living unsheltered and makes it more difficult for them to move into permanent housing. Additionally, CoCs should use their Coordinated Entry process to promote participant choice, coordinate homeless assistance and mainstream housing and services, and ensure people experiencing homelessness receive assistance quickly.
- 4. **Improving System Performance**. CoCs should be assessing the performance of all homelessness projects using system performance measures (e.g., average length of homeless episodes, rates of return to homelessness, rates of exit to permanent housing destinations). CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under this FY 2024 2025 CoC NOFO to determine their effectiveness in serving people experiencing homelessness, including their cost-effectiveness. The CoC Competition includes several options to help CoCs improve their effectiveness, including reallocation, expansion, and transition grants, and CoC's should take advantage of these options to improve their overall performance. CoCs should also look for opportunities to implement continuous quality improvement and other process improvement strategies.
- 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. HUD encourages CoCs to maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources when serving persons experiencing homelessness and should:
  - (a) Work closely with health care systems and agencies and assist program participants to obtain health care and supportive services, including behavioral health services, including those covered and financed by Medicaid. In addition, CoCs should develop 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 assistance 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. CoCs and PHAs should especially work together to implement targeted programs such as HUD-VASH, Mainstream Vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers, Fostering

Youth Independence (FYI) Vouchers, and other housing voucher programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness. CoCs should coordinate with their state and local housing agencies on the utilization of new program resources provided through the Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services Program (HOME-ARP) that was created through the American Rescue Plan. CoCs should also work with organizations administering other housing assistance, such as assistance provided through HUD's Section 202 and 811 programs, HUD's Project Based Rental Assistance, and U.S. Department of Agriculture's housing assistance programs.

- (c) Partner with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities.
- (d) Work with Tribal organizations to ensure that Tribal members can access CoC-funded assistance when a CoC's geographic area borders a Tribal area.
- 6. Racial Equity. In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color are substantially over-represented in the homeless population. In this NOFO, HUD is emphasizing system and program changes to address racial equity within CoCs and projects. Responses to preventing and ending homelessness should address racial inequities to ensure successful outcomes for all persons experiencing homelessness using proven approaches, such as: partnering with a racially diverse set of community partners and people experiencing homelessness and partnering with organizations with experience serving underserved populations. CoCs should review local data, policies, procedures, and processes to identify barriers that result in racial disparities and take steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity and to address disparities.
- 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. CoCs should address the needs of LGBTQ+, transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals and families in their planning processes. Additionally, when considering which projects to select in their local competition to be included in their application to HUD, CoCs should ensure that all projects provide privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. CoCs should also partner with organizations with expertise in serving LGBTQ+ populations.
- 8. **Persons with Lived Experience/Expertise**. 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 processes. People with lived experience/expertise should determine how local policies may need to be revised and updated to improve the effectiveness of homelessness assistance programs, including participating in planning and oversight activities, developing local competition processes, monitoring and evaluation. CoC leaders and community partners should prioritize hiring people who have experienced homelessness in areas where their expertise is needed.
- 9. Building an Effective Workforce. Homeless assistance providers need effective, well-supported staff to provide high quality assistance. Unfortunately, recruiting and retaining qualified staff for programs to assist persons experiencing homelessness has proven difficult due to low pay and the challenging nature of the work. To address this issue, HUD is applying cost of living adjustments to supportive service activities and other staffing-focused budget lines to allow CoC budgets to better keep up with rising costs. HUD also encourages CoCs to work with their funders and other community stakeholders to improve pay and support for people who work in the homelessness sector.
- 10. 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. CoCs should be communicating with jurisdiction leaders, including for the development of Consolidated Plans, about the harmful effects of the lack of affordable housing, and they should engage local leaders about steps such as

zoning and land use reform that would increase the supply of affordable housing. This NOFO awards points to CoCs that take steps to engage local leaders about increasing affordable and accessible housing supply.

Please refer to <a href="http://bigbendcoc.org">http://bigbendcoc.org</a> for additional information on Big Bend CoC Local Funding Competition timelines, updates, and further instructions. Also visit HUD's website <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/comm\_planning/coc/competition">https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/comm\_planning/coc/competition</a> for additional information.

#### 2024 HUD NOFA LOCAL INFORMATION

## **Big Bend CoC**

## Request for Applications (RFA)

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# **BBCoC Funding Availability and Prioritized Projects**

Annual Renewal Demand Report from HUD: \$1,971,715.00

#### Projects Eligible for Renewal Reviews Based on Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$1,774,544.00

- 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: \$417,485.00

- 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: \$521,856.00

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

## CoC Planning: \$173,952.00

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 <a href="https://www.bigbendcoc.org">www.bigbendcoc.org</a> and sign up to receive all CoC emails. Also visit the HUD Competition website and download the 2024 HUD NOFO Application for all definitions and additional details at <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program">https://www.hud.gov/program</a> offices/comm planning/coc/competition.



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#### PROCEDURE:

- 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 the 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 JurisdictionalConsolidated 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 the 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 at least 80% 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) and the HUD process is available at <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program">https://www.hud.gov/program</a> offices/comm planning/coc/competition.

### 2024 HUD COC NOFO COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION- August 20, 2024 11 AM ET

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 is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Meeting Link: <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-">https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-</a>

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

#### August 23, 2024 - 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 <a href="mailto:applications@bigbendcoc.org">applications@bigbendcoc.org</a>. Letter of Intent should include <a href="mailto:project type">project type</a>, 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 25, 2024- 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.

**October 1, 2024- 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.

October 2, 2024- 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.

October 3-4, 2024- 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.

October 8, 2024- PRIORITY LISTING RANKING AND TIERING OF NEW AND RENEWAL PROJECTS APPROVAL BY COC EXECUTIVE BOARD for inclusion in the 2023 CoC Collaborative Application.

October 9, 2024– APPLICANTS NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE STATUS OF THEIR PROJECT APPLICATIONS and inclusion or exclusion from ranking and tiering.

October 21, 2024- CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY APPLICATION AND INDIVIDUAL PROJECT APPLICATIONS POSTED TO <a href="https://www.bigbendcoc.org">www.bigbendcoc.org</a> FOR COMMUNITY REVIEW AND BBCOC BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO HUD- feedback is requested by *October 28, 2024 at noon*.

October 30, 2024- COC STAFF TO SUBMIT CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION IN ESNAPS- submission deadline set by HUD is October 30, 2024 at 8 pm.

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