

FY 2023 HUD CoC Program NOFO Overview



Department of Community Development
Homeless Division

2023 APPLICANT MEETING | AUGUST 1, 2023

Welcome

- We will start at 5 past the hour while we wait for others to join.
- During the wait, please review the call's housekeeping instructions:
 - ✓ Everyone will be muted during the presentation
 - ✓ During the presentation, please use the chat functionality to ask any questions
 - ✓ Questions will be collected from the Chat Room and a formal Q & A response document will be sent to the CoC membership by August 7, 2023.
 - ✓ Email Julissa Headspeth at Julissa.Headspeth@fultoncountyga.gov during the call if you experience issues with submitting your questions via chat
 - ✓ Presentation will be provided after the call
- This presentation will be a general overview of the FY 2023 HUD CoC Program NOFO and the Fulton County Continuum of Care local competition process.
- Applicants are responsible for reading the NOFO and other related guidance as it is released by HUD.

2023 HUD CoC Annual NOFO

The Department of Housing & Urban Development released the FY 2023 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Opportunity on July 5, 2023.

Funding available through this NOFO for the Fulton County CoC region is as follows:

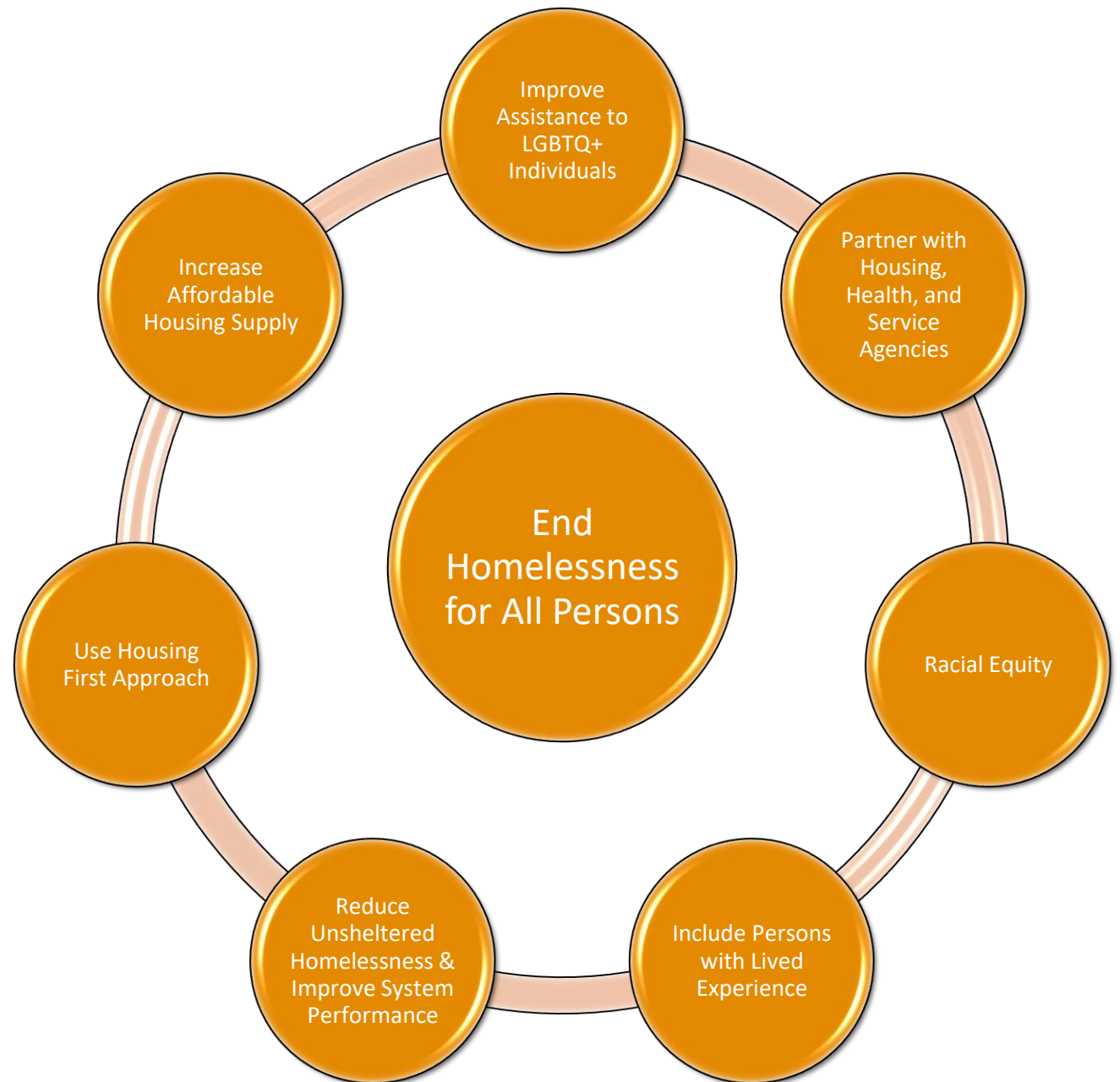
Preliminary Pro Rata Need	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus	CoC Planning
\$2,037,097	\$2,457,787	\$2,285,742	\$172,045	\$203,710	\$122,889

CoC Program Description

The Continuum of Care Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

- Provides funding to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, youth, persons fleeing from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking while minimizing trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- To promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families;
- To optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

HUD's Policy Priorities



Collaborative Applicant

Fulton County is the Collaborative Applicant for the Fulton County Continuum of Care

- Eligible applicant designated by the CoC to prepare and submit the CoC Registration and CoC Consolidated Application;
- Apply of the CoC planning funds on behalf of the CoC during the CoC Program Competition; and
- Additional Responsibilities as assigned by the Fulton County CoC Board.

2023 Local Competition Timeline

Date	Activity Details
July 24, 2023	Local CoC Project Application Competition Open
August 30, 2023	PDF of e-snaps Project Applications & Supplemental Applications due to the CoC
August 31 – September 10, 2023	Rating and Ranking Review of Applications
September 11, 2023	Rating and Ranking Review Subcommittee Meeting
September 14, 2023	Applicant notification, outside of e-snaps, of project inclusion
September 14 – 20, 2023	Applicant Appeals Process
September 21, 2023	Rating and Ranking debrief summary
September 21 & 22, 2023	Project Applicant Technical Assistance Sessions
September 25, 2023	Revised project applications due in e-snaps
September 26, 2023	Posting of the full CoC Consolidated Application & Priority Listing
September 28, 2023	FY 2023 CoC Consolidated Application and Priority Listing submitted by 8:00PM

What is New in 2023

- **CoC Planning Grant Increase**

The maximum amount for CoC planning activities will be the greater of \$50,000 or 5% of the applicable Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN). CoC designated Collaborative Applicants are the only entities that can apply for CoC Planning Grants.

- **Amendments to the Category 4 Homeless Definition**

any individual or family who—

- (1) is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, 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. (removes support networks)

This statutory change took effect on October 1, 2022. Additional rulemaking will be needed by HUD to require CoC program grantees to make corresponding changes to their policies and procedures. 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.

- **Federal Relay Service's Text Telephone (TTY) Services**

The Federal Relay Service contract expired in February 2022 and is no longer available. 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.

What is New in 2023

- **New Eligible CoC Activities**

- A. VAWA Activities - Section 605(a)(2) of VAWA 2022 amends section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to add the following eligible activity to the CoC program: “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 in 34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4).”

These activities may be included in new project applications. Applicants wishing to utilize the new budget line items for their renewal projects can:

- i. Submit an expansion project to expand their existing renewal grant to add new funding to these budget line items.
 - ii. Request a budget modification during the competition to shift up to 10% of funds from an eligible activity to one of the newly eligible budget line items.

What is New in 2023

- **New Eligible CoC Activities**

- A. Rural Activities - 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 the capacity to address the unique challenges CoCs face when serving people experiencing homelessness in rural areas.

The Fulton County CoC does not meet the criteria for a rural area as defined in section I.B.2.b.(26) of the FY 2023 NOFO. Therefore, new and renewal applicants will not be able to utilize this newly eligible activity.

Renewal Project Types

Eligible Project Types for Renewal:

1. Permanent Housing
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Rapid Rehousing
2. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH)
3. Supportive Services Only (for Coordinated Entry)
4. Dedicated HMIS

New Projects: CoC Bonus Project Types

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New Projects: DV Bonus Project Types

DV Bonus funding may be used for new projects and/or to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

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Expansion Projects

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 as defined in Section III.B.4.b.(7) The expansion project (i.e., the existing renewal project and the new expanded portion of the project) must meet the conditions below:

- A. The renewal project and the new expanded portion of the project must both have the same component type.
- B. Eligible project components: PH-PSH, PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO-CE, or HMIS · The new expanded portion of the project may be funded through reallocation, DV Bonus, and/or the CoC Bonus.
- C. If using DV Bonus funds, the new expanded portion of the project is solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.

Consolidated Projects

Eligible renewal project applicants will continue to have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects (but no more than ten projects) into one project application during the application process. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted. To be eligible for consolidation, the projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component; and will be funded in this competition only with FY 2023 funds (meaning no funds recaptured from prior years will be awarded to the project).

HUD will not permit a transitional housing and a permanent housing project to consolidate to form a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and will not permit a transition grant to be consolidated with any other project. If a project meeting these characteristics attempts to consolidate as part of the project application process, the submitted consolidated project will be rejected by HUD during the application review process.

To apply for a consolidated grant, applicants must submit separate renewal project applications for each of the grants that are proposed to be consolidated, and each project application must identify that it is part of a consolidation and the grant number that will survive (earliest grant start date). Project applications for the grants that are proposed to be consolidated will be ranked, and if all those grants are selected, HUD will award the single consolidated grant. If one of the grants proposed to be consolidated is found to be ineligible for consolidation or is not selected, HUD will award all grants that are eligible for renewal and selected as separate grants. See Section III.B.4.b.(8) of the NOFO for additional requirements.

Transition Grants

A Transition grant can be used to transition an eligible renewal project, being eliminated through reallocation, from one program type to another eligible project type over a one-year period. For a new project to be considered a Transition grant, the applicant for the new project must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal grant being transitioned through reallocation. The definition of the grant and process is defined in Section I.B.2.b.(30) of the FY 2023 NOFO. Transition grants in this competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new program component.

The new transition project must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- A. The current renewal project recipient must have the consent of its Continuum of Care; and
- B. The new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD in sections III.C.5.b and c. of the NOFO.

Recipients of an eligible renewal project that are interested in applying for a new Transition grant must notify the Fulton County CoC in writing by 11:59PM on August 17, 2023. The Fulton County CoC will work with recipients that have requested a Transition grant to determine if the transition from one project type to another is eligible, feasible, and is in line with CoC priorities.

Transition grants HUD conditionally awards in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition will have one year to fully transition from the original project type to the new project type during the normal operating year once HUD executes the grant agreement.

Project Rating and Ranking

All renewal and new applications will be reviewed by an unbiased review panel composed of representatives from neutral (non-applicant) organizations, referred to as the Rating and Ranking Subcommittee. This subcommittee will drive the rating and ranking process and will adopt a rating and ranking tool that meets all HUD and CoC requirements.

The CoC local criteria ensure that applicants are responsive to local needs and requirements, while also meeting the standards laid out in the 2023 CoC NOFO. **The detailed Rating and Ranking tool will be made available to all project applicants and posted on the CoC's website as soon as possible.**

The Rating and Ranking process will take place between August 31, 2023 and September 10, 2023. The subcommittee members will be oriented to the NOFO, the CoC local competition, and the Rating and Ranking tool. The subcommittee coordinator will review each application to ensure it meets the applicable HUD and CoC Threshold Requirements. Raters will then receive each application electronically and rate each application independently. On September 11, 2023, raters will convene to review rating scores and rank applications. Thereafter, the subcommittee will discuss and adjust the ranking for each project based on its established criteria and the CoC's priorities. The subcommittee will finalize the Ranking to best meet the priorities of the CoC.

CoC Threshold Criteria

- Project will use the local Homeless Management Information System established by the CoC. For Victim Service Providers (VSPs) project must use RI's comparable database for survivors of domestic violence.
- Project will follow the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedures
- Project will use a Housing First and Low Barrier approach
- Project will comply with HUD's Equal Access and Fair Housing Rules and commits to ongoing training on both regulations that include implementation strategies.
- Document, secured minimum match of at least 25% of the CoC funds requested (excluding leasing budget line item)
- Demonstrate the financial and management capacity to be able to administer federal funds including Acceptable Organizational Audit and Financial Review
- Active participation in the CoC. Agency representative has attended (renewal) or will commit to attending (new) a minimum of four CoC membership meetings

Renewal Project Scoring

For renewal projects, these criteria address:

- ✓ System Performance Measures, including length of stay, exits to permanent housing, returns to homelessness, and new or increased income and benefits
- ✓ Serves a high need population
- ✓ Project effectiveness and use of best practices
- ✓ Financial feasibility of project
- ✓ Reasonable cost per exit to permanent housing
- ✓ Application is complete and data is consistent throughout the application
- ✓ Data quality is at or above 90% (Overall data quality average of the following data elements: Name, SSN, Date of Birth, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Veteran Status, Relationship to Head of Household, Client Location, Disabling Condition, Exit Destination, Income and Sources at Start and Exit)
- ✓ Bed/utilizations rates are at or above 80%
- ✓ Strategy to reduce rate of returns to homelessness
- ✓ Identification of common factors of individuals that return to homelessness
- ✓ Collaboration and Coordination
- ✓ Strategy to further fair housing and market housing and supportive services
- ✓ Assistance to clients to increase access to employment and non-employment cash resources and other mainstream benefits

New Project Scoring

For new projects these criteria address:

- ✓ Organizational experience and capacity
- ✓ Design of housing and supportive services
- ✓ Timeliness of project implementation (e-snaps application 3.B. Project Description Q2 – max points for projects that will be implemented and providing housing services within 90 days of grant execution)
- ✓ Documented organizational financial stability
- ✓ Project effectiveness based on best practices
- ✓ Financial feasibility of project
- ✓ Projected cost per exit to permanent housing
- ✓ Application is complete and data consistent throughout the application
- ✓ Serves a high need population
- ✓ Strategy to reduce rate of returns to homelessness
- ✓ Identification of common factors of individuals that return to homelessness
- ✓ Street outreach
- ✓ Strategy to further fair housing and market housing and supportive services
- ✓ Assistance to clients increasing access to employment and non-employment cash resources and other mainstream benefits

Competition Selection Process

HUD requires CoCs to rank project applications in two tiers reflecting HUD's funding priorities, local need, and a data-driven evaluation process evaluating individual project performance. Prior to the ranking process, the Rating and Ranking subcommittee will conduct a performance evaluation of all projects.

Tier 1 Projects:

- Equal to 93% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

Tier 2 Projects:

- The difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for but does not include CoC planning projects or projects selected with DV bonus funds.
- Projects in tier 2 are considered at a higher risk of not being funded.

Local Competition Submission Requirements

❖ **Submit new and renewal projects to the CoC by August 30,2023:**

- Export a PDF of the e-snaps project application(s), **DO NOT** submit the project application in e-snaps
- Completed Supplemental Application(s)
- Include any required attachments as listed on the Supplemental Application
- Submit each document as an individual electronic file. If all documents are scanned together as one PDF, they will not be accepted

❖ **To submit project applications, email the following information to Homelessinfo@fultoncountyga.gov:**

New Application(s):

- New Project Supplemental Application (CoC Bonus and/or DV Bonus)
- Assurances – New Project Grant Applicants (included in the Supplemental Application)
- Most recent audit and management letter
- Most recent HUD monitoring letter, if received in the last 24 months

Renewal Application(s):

- Renewal Project Supplemental Application
- Assurances – Renewal Grant Applicants (included in the Supplemental Application)
- Most recent audit and management letter
- Most recent HUD monitoring letter, if received in the last 24 months
- Project Policy and Procedure Manual (identify the page number certain policies and procedures can be found in Supplemental Application)

HUD e-snaps Applications

- Final e-snaps application due on September 25, 2023
- e-snaps Portal: <https://esnaps.hud.gov/>
- Final application must be submitted in e-snaps
- Remember to create or update the Applicant Profile
- Attachments:
 - Code of Conduct – agency’s code of conduct must be listed on HUD’s [Code of Conduct E-library](#).
 - If there are updates to the agency’s Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct is not listed in the E-library the applicant must attach the agency’s approved Code of Conduct to the e-snaps application. See [Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs | HUD.gov](#) for more information about the Code of Conduct requirements.
 - Match verification/ letters

Important Resources

- NOFO Questions: CoCNOFO@hud.gov
- e-snaps Technical Assistance: email e-snaps@hud.gov
- [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Website](#)
- [24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM](#)
- [HUDexchange: CoC Program](#)
- [e-snaps Portal](#)
- [FY 2023 CoC Program Competition: Funding Opportunity - HUD Exchange](#)
- [2022 New Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide \(2023 Coming Soon\)](#)
- [2022 Renewal Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide \(2023 Coming Soon\)](#)



Before We Go...

- Ensure that you review the NOFO and related guidance materials in their entirety.
- Complete Supplemental Application(s):
 - [New Project Application – CoC Bonus](#)
 - [New Project Application – DV Bonus](#)
 - [Renewal Project Application](#)
- Complete e-snaps application(s) and export a PDF copy. DO NOT submit in e-snaps till after Rating and Ranking notification.
- Send both the supplemental application, PDF of e-snaps application, and required attachments to homelessinfo@fultoncountyga.gov.
- Make sure you are receiving emails from homelessinfo@fultoncountyga.gov. The County will communicate important information about the local competition using this email account.



Questions?

Additional questions after the meeting can be sent by email to:

homelessinfo@fultoncountyga.gov.

Fulton County CoC will receive questions about the NOFO and local application process until August 17, 2023 at 11:59PM.

Questions submitted each week will be published on the CoC website and sent by email through the listserv by Monday of the following week.