

# FY24 CoC Competition Deadlines and NOFO Highlights

HUD published the FY2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Funding Notice for Homeless Assistance Grants on July 31, 2024. Approximately \$3.5 billion is available for CoC and Youth Homeless Demonstration project renewals. Of this, \$52 million is available for Domestic Violence bonus projects. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition (NOFO) has been posted on Grants.gov and is available on the Funding Opportunities page on HUD's website. Additional resources are available on the Continuum of Care Program Competition page of HUD's website between August 1-31, 2024. The CoC Consolidated Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications will be available in e-snaps then. Collaborative Applicants and project applicants are able to access the applications to review, update, and enter required information for the application process. Additional guidance is posted on the CoC Program Competition page of HUD's website. The HUD deadline date is October 30, 2024.

\*The Continuum of Care for Kane County has already received and reviewed new and renewal project applications. Projects will be tiered based on information from the NOFO.

# Total Available Funding for Kane County

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) — The total amount for all projects eligible for renewal in the 2024 competition based on the HUD approved Grants Inventory Worksheet. The Kane CoC Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount approved is \$2,671,990.

<u>Coc Planning Costs</u> – Eligible costs are related to the collaborative process for an application to HUD, evaluating the outcomes of projects, and participating in the jurisdiction's consolidated planning process. The total amount available for this year is 5% of ARD or \$133,600.

### **Funding for New Projects**

New Projects include expansion of existing renewal projects. Multiple projects are allowed. Funding for new projects may be created through the reallocation process, bonus funds, or a combination of reallocation and bonus funds. There is an amount allocated to each CoC for bonus projects that is equal to 12% of the Final Pro Rata Need. **This amount is \$320,638.** All New project applications <u>are</u> included in the project tiering except Planning.

### 5 types of new projects are allowed: (see NOFO pp 39-40)

- Permanent supportive housing that serve chronically homeless or eligible under the Dedicated PLUS definition.
- Rapid Rehousing projects that serve households who meet the homeless definition categories of 1, 2 or 4.



- Joint TH and PH-RRH component project that serve households who meet the homeless definition categories of 1,2 or 4.
- Dedicated HMIS (only by the current HMIS Lead)
- Coordinated Entry (supportive services only) to develop or operate a coordinated entry system.

### Funding for Domestic Violence Bonus Project

There is an additional amount allocated to each CoC for projects dedicated to victims of domestic violence. This amount is 15% of the Preliminary Pro Rata Need of \$2,671,990 which is estimated at \$400,798. Projects must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The eligible population is survivors of domestic violence who are defined as homeless at 24CFR 578.3 (4). All DV projects must be for a grant term of 1 year. NOTE: Expansion of any existing RRH or Joint TH-RRH renewal that is non-DV will qualify as a new DV bonus if it exclusively serves DV person. These projects will be selected by HUD based on CoC Score plus other criterion noted in NOFA p.31 using a 100 point scale. CoCs may create any of the following project types if the amount is at least \$50,000:

- Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH);
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH)
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) that targets victims of domestic violence. (Only one Coordinated Entry application is allowed).

# Deadlines

September 4, 2024 – CoC Board meets to review project application ranking and tiering.

**Project Tiering -** The CoC will submit a Priority Listing that lists the new and renewal projects that are being applied for. All projects that are approved for inclusion will be prioritized in a two tier approach. The tiers are financial thresholds. <u>Tier 1 is 90%</u> of the Annual Renewal Demand for current projects. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation and bonus funds available. (excluding the DV bonus amount). The Planning project is excluded from tiering.

Tier 2 project-level scoring remains the same with 3 criteria — CoC Application score, ranked position of the project application in Tier 2, and the project application's commitment to Housing First. Up to 50 pts CoC Score + 40 pts Rank number in Tier 2 + 10pts. Housing First.

September 13, 2024 – Project submissions in E-Snaps complete. CoC local competition closes.



<u>Project submission instructions for esnaps will be reviewed at an APPLICATION WORKSHOP</u> <u>scheduled for August 27, 2024 from 2:00 pm. – 2:30 pm. This is a Zoom meeting and the link will be sent out ahead of time. If you have not received the link please contact Nisreen Wakileh at wakilehnisreen@countyofkane.org.</u>

No later than September 30, 2024 – Public posting and email notification to all project applicants whether their project will be accepted, ranked, rejected or reduced on the CoC Priority Listing.

October 26, 2024 – Public posting and email notification to community members of the CoC Consolidated Application, Priority Listing and all attachments.

Esnaps submission of projects may be no later than 30 days before the HUD deadline of 10/30/24. The Kane CoC will notify all project applicants no later than 15 days before the application deadline of October 30, 2024 whether their project application will be accepted and ranked, rejected or reduced as part of the CoC Consolidated application and of their number ranking. All project application deadlines and materials have been posted on <a href="Pages - Continuum of Care (countyofkane.org">Pages - Continuum of Care (countyofkane.org)</a>

# Changes and Highlights to the FY24 NOFO

- Tier One decreases from 95% to 90% of Annual Renewal Amount.
- Bonus projects funds are 12% of the CoC Annual Renewal Amount.
- DV Bonus funds are 15% of the CoC Annual Renewal Amount.
- For Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, a two-year Notification of Funding Opportunity was issued, inclusive of alternative procedures or requirements as necessary to allocate future appropriations in the second year, for the award of amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program.
- The application and selection and application process for FY 2024 funds will proceed like it has in prior-year competitions.
- The 2024 CoC application score will be applicable to both FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds.
- CoCs that wish to reallocate and create new projects in 2025 will submit a Project Priority Listing.
- If new competitive funding becomes available for FY 2025, this NOFO may be amended.
- If FY 2025 appropriations are not able to fully fund all FY 2025 renewal grants, grant amounts may be reduced proportionately.
- Cost of Living Adjustments. HUD will adjust amounts for the supportive services and HMIS Costs budget lines for renewing projects based on the most recent three-year average of changes in State Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEQ) for the category Social Assistance.



- CoCs are required to have leveraging agreements with housing providers and health care organizations for at least one new project.
- The DV bonus project point scoring remains the same as last year.

Questions regarding the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition process must be submitted to CoCNOFO@hud.gov.

Questions related to *e-snaps* functionality (e.g., password lockout, access to user's application account, updating Applicant Profile) must be submitted to <u>e-snaps@hud.gov</u>.

#### Posted Documents:

New Project Evaluation Sheet and Renewal Project Evaluation Sheet

https://www.kanecountyil.gov/Pages/ocr/continuumCare.aspx