



**Request for Proposals
Continuum of Care 2022 Supplemental Funding Opportunity
to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [announced](#) the release of the [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO\)](#) on June 22, 2022. Approximately \$322 million is available nationally (\$267.5 million for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside and \$54.5 million available for the Rural Set Aside) to create new projects to reduce unsheltered homelessness.

HUD recently released the funding opportunity's CoC Consolidated Application in *E-Snaps* (Special Consolidated Application) and related [Detailed Instructions](#).

HUD will award new projects under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside funding based on each CoC's overall score (up to 100 points) for the CoC Consolidated Application rather than on a unique score given to each project application. This means that the highest scoring CoCs will have their rated and ranked projects that pass HUD established thresholds conditionally selected for funding until no more funds are available.

The Collaborative Applicant (Ventura County CoC) for this Request for Proposals must submit the CoC Consolidated Application in *E-Snaps* on behalf of the CoC. Required attachments include:

- CoC Review, Score, and Ranking Procedures.
- Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report.
- The CoC's Plan for serving Individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs described in Section VII.B.4 of this [HUD NOFO](#).
- Letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written agreements demonstrating the development of new units and new housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.
- Written commitments from hospitals, healthcare clinics, Medicaid State agencies, public health departments, mental health clinics, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), or drug treatment facilities.
- Letter signed by workgroup comprised of persons with lived experience of homelessness.
- Letter of commitment from PHA(s) serving the CoC's geographic area (1) pair vouchers with CoC-funded supportive services; and (2) to work with the CoC and other stakeholders to develop a prioritization plan for a potential allocation of Stability Vouchers or a preference for general admission to Housing Choice Voucher Program through the coordinated entry process for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

HUD also recently released the Project Application in *E-Snaps* (Special Project Application) and related [Detailed Instructions](#), which provides information for each question within the project application for project applicants.

Funding:

- Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside amount available is \$267,500,000 or approximately 13% of the \$2 billion HUD CoC Preliminary Pro Rata Need for the approximate 400 CoC's nationwide.
- **Ventura County CoC amount available is \$4,295,175.**

Program Description: The purpose is to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and homelessness in rural areas. HUD will award funding to communities to implement coordinated approaches -- grounded in Housing First and public health principles -- to reduce the prevalence of unsheltered homelessness, and improve services engagement, health outcomes, and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families.

Eligible activities:

1. **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** dedicated to chronically homeless persons. New PSH projects will create new units or existing PSH projects will expand the number of units to prioritize highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families.
2. **Permanent Housing - Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH)** that will increase the number of units dedicated to serving unsheltered homeless individuals and families. Applications must demonstrate how the new project will identify and secure new housing units.
3. **Supportive services only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)** will provide housing navigation and connect unsheltered individuals and families to the Coordinated Entry System. Applications must include a plan to serve the full region and partner with the VC CoC.
4. **Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing (TH-RRH)** that will increase the number of beds to serve unsheltered individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth.

CoC Review of Project Applications: HUD expects each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for the project applications submitted to HUD in the Special NOFO Competition. Project applications must be submitted to the CoC to be included on the CoC Priority Listing. CoCs must review and either accept and rank or reject project applications submitted to them in *E-Snaps*.

Each project application must include the following:

- a. Project application, charts, narratives, and attachments;
- b. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;
- c. SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application required for nonprofit applicants only where completion and submission of this survey is voluntary;
- d. Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility. All project applicants must attach documentation of eligibility and the subrecipient eligibility must also be attached to the project application;
- e. Applicant Certifications;
- f. Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report. Must be attached for each project and must include the correct amount of HUD assistance requested.
- g. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable);
- h. Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace;

- i. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities; and
- j. Applicant Code of Conduct. All project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conduct. If the organization's Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD's website, the project applicant must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in *E-Snaps*.

Project Application Funding/Budget:

1. The initial grant term for projects will be 3 years. This includes projects awarded for acquisition or new construction for Permanent Supportive Housing.
2. Match must be no less than 25 percent of the total request, including Administration costs, but excluding Leasing costs (i.e., Leased Units and Leased Structures).
3. CoC Program funds cannot be awarded if used to replace state or local government funds.
4. No funds may be used to shelter program participants in existing shelter beds.

All project applications are required to be submitted in *E-Snaps* and a PDF of the submission must be emailed to the CoC Collaborative Applicant (Ventura County CoC) at jennifer.harkey@ventura.org no later than Friday, September 16, 2022. Detailed instructions, navigation guides and technical assistance materials are posted here: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/specialCoCNOFO

Timeline:

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| VC CoC Board Authorized Request for Proposals (RFP) | July 13, 2022 |
| Local Competition Announcement Request for Proposals Posted | August 3, 2022 |
| Proposals due to the Collaborative Applicant (VC CoC) in E-Snaps and PDF emailed to jennifer.harkey@ventura.org | September 16, 2022 |
| VC CoC Data Committee review & ranking | September 28, 2022 |
| VC CoC Staff to notify local applicants of any projects rejected or reduced | October 5, 2022 |
| VC CoC Board Budget review and approval | October 12, 2022 |
| Collaborative Application submitted to HUD | October 20, 2022 |

For Ventura County CoC specific questions, please reach out to Jennifer Harkey via email at jennifer.harkey@ventura.org or phone 805-658-4342.