



TX-503 Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care Program

FY 2022 NOFO Bidders' Conference

AUGUST 9TH, 2022

TX-503 Austin/Travis County CoC FY2021 NOFO Award Amounts

Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$10,708,723

Planning Grant \$321,262

Anticipated reallocation: \$0

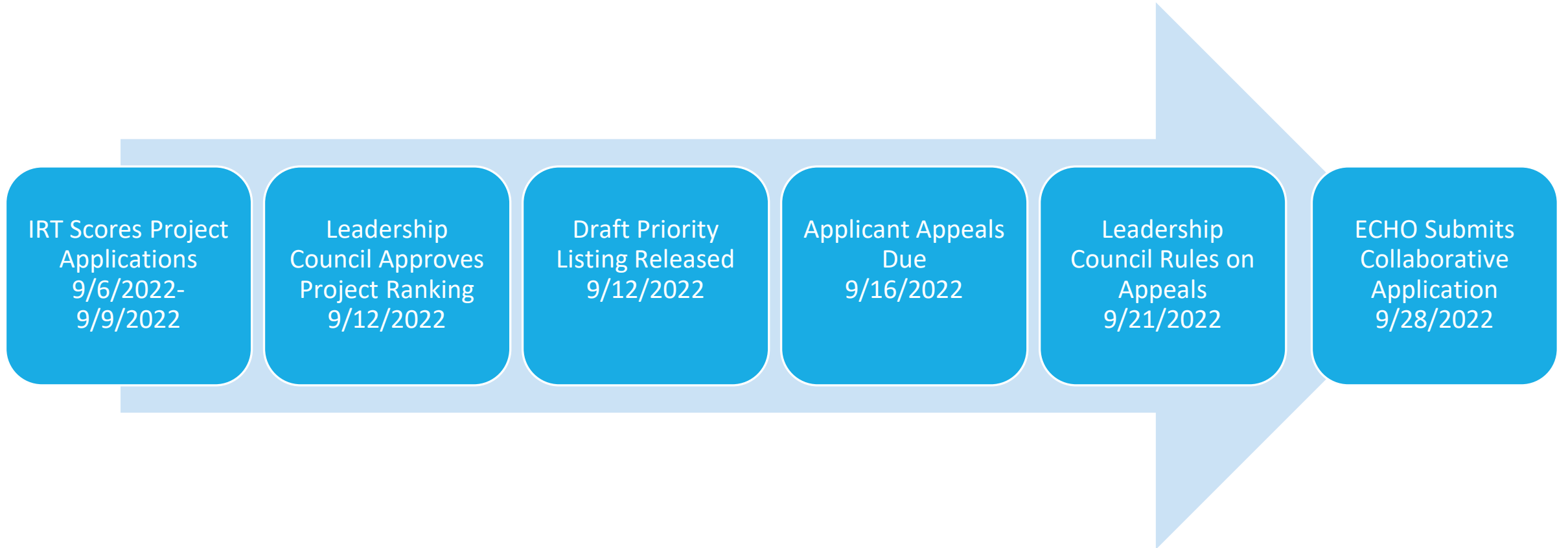
- **CoC Bonus Amount: \$535,436**
- **DV Bonus Amount: \$1,095,440**
- **Tier 1: \$8,027,109**
- **Tier 2: \$9,657,985**

***NOTE: HUD has not released our FY2022 amounts as of 8/8/2022. As these become available, we will share them out with the community.*

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Local Competition Ranking Process

1. All project applications submitted through *e-snaps* and Google Forms reviewed by an Independent Review Team (IRT)
2. IRT reviews all project application submissions and scores projects based on Scoring Criteria.
3. ECHO provides project priority ranking (Tier 1 and Tier 2) according to NOFO policies, including the Review, Scoring, and Ranking Policy and Procedures and FY22 NOFO requirements.
4. ECHO presents ranking recommendations to Leadership Council.
5. Leadership Council approves final ranking decision.
6. CoC Collaborative Applicant (ECHO) submits final Consolidated Application and Priority Listing to HUD.

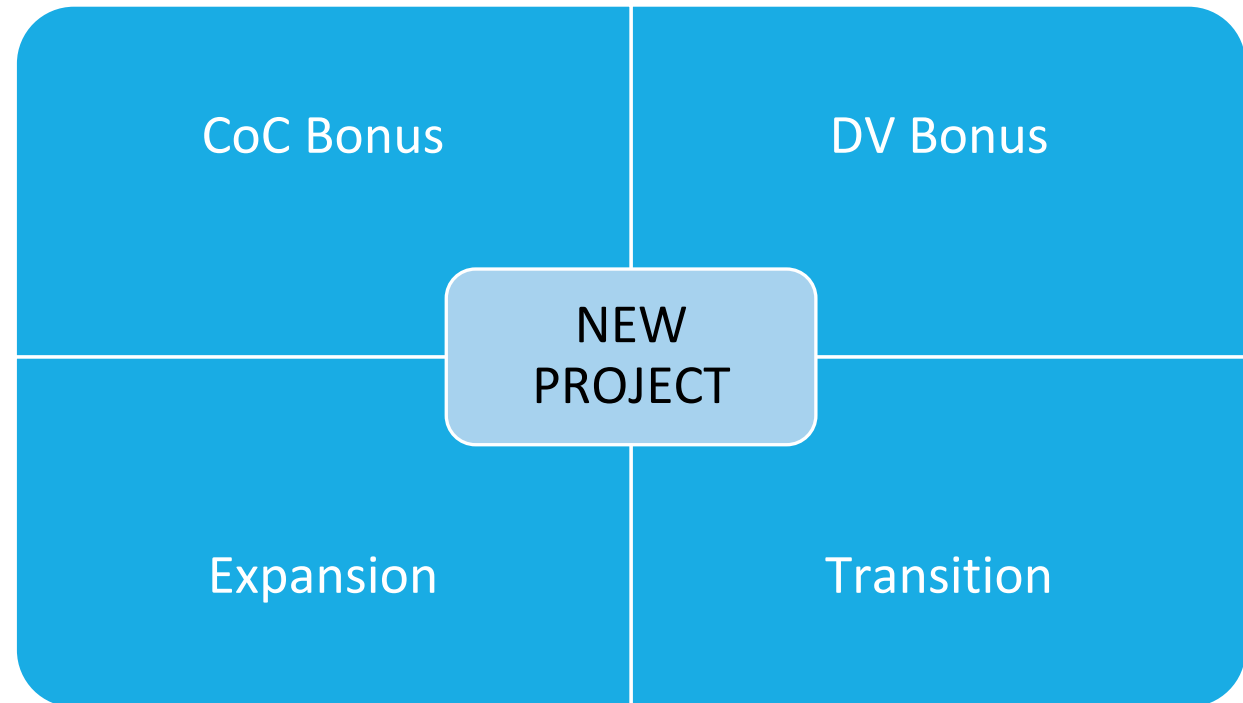
Changes from FY2021 NOFO

- Timeline!
- Grant Terms:
 - New Projects may apply for an initial grant term of 1-year, 2-years, 3-years, 4-years, 5-years, or 15-years.
 - New Projects that request tenant-based rental assistance, SSO, or HMIS may apply for a grant term of 1-year, 2-years, 3-years, 4-years, or 5-years.
 - New Projects that request new construction, acquisition, or rehab must apply for a minimum grant term of 3-years up to 5-years.
 - Expansion Projects may only apply for a 1-year grant term.
 - Any Renewal PH Project that receives project-based rental assistance or operating costs may request up to 15-year grant term; however, project applicants may only request 1 year of funding
 - CoC Planning may only apply for a 1-year grant term.
- Joint TH-RRH projects may now use the award in its entirety for either component type
- HUD increased points on the Collaborative Application associated with:
 - Strategies to decrease racial disparities
 - Strategies to better serve LGBTQ+ individuals
 - Inclusion of people with lived experience in governance

HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities and Program Highlights

1. *Ending homelessness for all persons*
2. *Use a Housing First approach*
3. *Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness*
4. *Improving System Performance*
5. *Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies*
6. *Racial Equity*
7. *Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals*
8. *Persons with Lived Experience*
9. *Increasing Affordable Housing Supply*

Options: Creating NEW projects w/ eligible components



Eligible Components For New Projects



New Projects Created Through Reallocation or CoC Bonus:

- **Permanent Housing - Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH).**
- **Permanent Housing - Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH).**
- **Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects.**
- **Dedicated HMIS project** for the costs of 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) by the HMIS Lead
- **Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)** project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

New Projects Created Through DV Bonus:

- **Permanent Housing - Rapid Rehousing** projects **dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3);**
- **Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects** defined in Section III.B.2.q of this NOFO **dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3);** or
- **Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)** to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Participant Eligibility

Projects funded through this NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for program participants. References to paragraphs of the definition of homeless refer to the paragraphs listed under the definition of "homeless" in 24 CFR 578.3.

- All projects must participate in Coordinated Entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's coordinated entry process.
- As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO.
 - Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under (or families headed by youth aged 24 and under) who are living in unsafe situations. HUD interprets "youth-serving provider" as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under. HUD interprets "living in unsafe situations" as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements under this NOFO or the Rule.

New Project Eligibility

New PH-PSH projects must serve one of the following:

- Persons eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS projects as described in Section III.B.2.g of this NOFO in which case all units funded by the project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS; or
- Persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project.

New PH-RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, and Coordinated SSO projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

New DV Bonus projects (RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, and Coordinated Entry SSO) must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Expansion Project Eligibility

The process by which a RENEWAL project applicant submits a NEW project application to expand its current operations in order to **“increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS.”**

- Must be same component and type as the Renewal Project (e.g., both the New and Renewal Project applications are PH-PSH)
- Must submit 2 applications: Renewal AND Expansion
- Expansion Application has a grant term of 1 year
- Cannot be used to replace state or local funding
- Scored and Ranked like a New Project
- Any CoC program currently on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) is ineligible to apply for an Expansion Project

Expansion Requirements

You **cannot** use the expansion process to provide existing program participants with the **same housing and services** funded through the CoC Program; therefore, an expansion project must:

- a) Serve new program participants;
- b) Provide existing program participants with an expanded level of services;
- c) Provide existing program participants with facilities that meet health and safety standards;
- d) Provide the same activities that are CoC Program-eligible but were previously paid for by a different eligible non-renewable source. Applicants are prohibited from using CoC Program funds to replace state or local funds previously used, or designated for use, to assist persons experiencing homelessness; for more information refer to 24 CFR 578.87(a);
- e) Provide expanded coordinated entry services to new and existing program participants, only eligible for SSO-CE; **or**
- f) Provide expanded HMIS activities, only eligible for HMIS Leads.



Transition Project Eligibility

The process by which an existing project which has been eliminated through reallocation, is transitioned from one program component to another eligible new component.

- No more than 50% of each transition grant may be used for costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded
- Transition grants in this Competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new component;
- To be eligible to receive a transition grant, the current recipient must be a current HUD grantee
- The Transition Project will have the same operating year as the original project

Renewal Project Eligibility

(a) PH-PSH renewal projects must serve one of the following:

- Program participants who are eligible for assistance under the project's current grant agreement;
- Persons eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS projects as described in Section III.B.2.g of this NOFO where all units funded by this project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS; Or
- Persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enrolled in the project.

(b) PH-RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH component, TH, and SSO projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

(c) Renewal projects originally awarded under a previous year's DV Bonus must continue to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

(d) YHDP renewal projects must serve youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied, pregnant and parenting youth, where no member of the household is older than 24.

Domestic Violence Bonus



Following projects types are eligible the CoC for DV Bonus funding:

- 1) **Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)**
- 2) **Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH and PH-RRH)**
- 3) **Supportive Services Only –Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)**
 - CoC can only submit 1 new DV Bonus project for SSO-CE
 - Can apply for as many project types through RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH
 - Each project must be at least for \$25,000
 - DV Bonus projects are NOT allowed to be combined with Reallocated or CoC Bonus funds

**Survivors of human trafficking are eligible for services

Special emphasis in application:

- Approaches: trauma-informed and victim-centered
- Safety Outcomes

DV Bonus projects not selected by HUD for DV specific funding will be considered for general bonus funding.

Resource: [Applying for DV Bonus Projects](#)

Ready to Apply!?!

Eligible Organizations

- Nonprofit Organizations
- States and Local governments
- Public Housing Authorities
- For-profit organizations are NOT eligible to apply for grants or to be sub-recipients of grants
- Additionally, all project applicants must ensure their organization has a [Code of Conduct](#) that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is included on HUD's website. 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*.



Leadership Council: 2022 Funding Priorities for New/Bonus Funded Projects

Continuum of Care Component Types:

- Permanent Supporting Housing;
- Rapid Rehousing;
- HMIS and Coordinated Entry

Populations:

- Projects with no subpopulation targeting (projects serving HUDs Category 1 or Category 4 Homelessness Status) beyond those required in the NOFO.

1. Furthering Racial Equity
2. Authentic Engagement of People with Lived Expertise
3. Using Emerging Data to Inform Program Design and Growth
4. Retaining a Competitive Workforce
5. Demonstrating Fiscal Responsibility and Grant Management



Community Ranking Policy

ECHO will rank all projects which have passed Threshold and Project Quality review, following scoring by the IRT.

- 1) New Projects will be competitively ranked against Renewal Projects with a FY21 Q2 – FY 22 Q1 Quarterly Performance Scorecard score averaging 64.9% or below.
- 2) Renewal Projects with a FY21 Q2 – FY 22 Q1 Quarterly Performance Scorecard score averaging 65% or above will be ranked above any New Projects.
- 3) Non-competitively Ranked Projects
 - Projects eligible for Renewal for **the first time** as part of the CoC Program NOFO will be non-competitively ranked above competitively ranked projects.
 - The Continuum of Care Board has deemed HMIS as critical to the infrastructure of the CoC and thus HMIS Renewal will be non-competitively ranked above competitively ranked projects.

CoC Bonus Eligible Program Participants

New Projects

(a) New PH-PSH projects must serve one of the following:

- (i) persons eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS projects as described in Section III.B.2.g of this NOFO in which case all units funded by the project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS; or
- (ii) persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project.

(b) New PH-RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, and Coordinated SSO projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

(c) New DV Bonus projects (RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, and Coordinated Entry SSO) must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Homeless Definition

- 1. People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided (90 days or less).**
- 2. People who are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled-up situation, within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing.** HUD had previously allowed people who were being displaced within 7 days to be considered homeless. The proposed regulation also describes specific documentation requirements for this category.
- 3. Individuals and families who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member.**

Chronic Homeless Definition

An individual or head of household who meets the definition of “homeless individual with a disability” from the [McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the HEARTH Act](#) and has been living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven for the last 12 months continuously or on at least four occasions in the last three years **where those occasions cumulatively total at least 12 months; A break in homelessness is defined as 7 days.**

Youth

Youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant youth, where no member of the household is older than 24

DV

People fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking defined in 24 CFR 578.3

Homeless & Human Trafficking:

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.



Permanent Supportive Housing

- Must select either **100% Chronic Homeless** vs **DedicatedPLUS**
- The Head of Household must have a qualifying disability and meet the criteria required as defined in 24 CFR 578.3
- **Target/Focus population**
 - Does not mean that your project exclusively serves that subpopulation(s), but that your project is uniquely equipped to serve them.
- **Supportive services** must be offered to all participants during the duration of enrollment in the program.
- Must receive referrals through **Coordinated Entry**
- **Housing First**



Dedicated Plus

- PSH where 100% beds are dedicated to individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability (including unaccompanied homeless youth), that:
 - At intake are chronically homeless; or
 - Were chronically homeless upon intake of to-be eliminated TH; or
 - Were enrolled (within the past 12 months) but unable to maintain placement at PH; or
 - Who are residing in Joint TH & PH-RRH and who were chronically homeless prior to entering project
- Resource: [Applying for DedicatedPlus Projects](#)



Rapid Re-housing

- Provides a combination of **Rental Assistance**, **Housing Location Services**, and **Case Management** to quickly move participants into Permanent Housing and increase independent and ongoing housing stability through community resources. Prioritizes housing individuals quickly using tenant based rental assistance.
- **Rental Assistance**
 - Short-term rental assistance (up to 3 months)
 - Medium /long-term rental assistance (4-24 months)
- **Supportive Services**
 - Supportive services up to **6 months after rental assistance stops**
 - **Monthly case management** meetings are required
- **Target/Focus population**
 - *Does not mean that your project exclusively serves that subpopulation(s), but that your project is uniquely equipped to serve them.*
- Must receive referrals through **Coordinated Entry**
- Best & Promising Practices:
 - Housing First, Progressive Engagement, Critical Time Intervention, Problem Solving Therapy.

Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing



Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Project: 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 (see Sections II.A.2 and III.B.2.o of this NOFO) across the entire project and program participants may only receive up to 24 Months of total assistance.

Combines two existing program components into a single project. Eligible costs are limited to:

- (1) **leasing** of a structure or units, and operating costs to provide **transitional housing**;
- (2) **short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance** on behalf of program participants to pay for the **rapid rehousing portion** of the project;
- (3) **supportive services**;
- (4) **HMIS**; and
- (5) **project administrative costs**.

Must be able to provide both transitional housing assistance and rapid re-housing assistance to each program participant, HUD will **require that programs can offer both types of assistance**, More guidance in the NOFO.

- More information can be found on the HUD Exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/snaps-in-focus-the-new-joint-transitional-housing-and-rapid-re-housing-component/>

Budget: Supportive Service BLI

The itemized budget screen includes 17 eligible costs (24 CFR 578.53(e))

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| 1. Assessment of Service Needs | 10. Life Skills |
| 2. Assistance with Moving Costs | 11. Mental Health Services |
| 3. Case Management | 12. Outpatient Health Services |
| 4. Child Care | 13. Outreach Services |
| 5. Education Services | 14. Substance Abuse Treatment Services |
| 6. Employment Assistance | 15. Transportation |
| 7. Food | 16. Utility Deposits |
| 8. Housing/Counseling Services | 17. Operating Cost* |
| 9. Legal Services | |

Not on this screen is “Direct provision of services.”

- If the service is being directly delivered, eligible costs under the specific supportive service includes:
 - The cost of labor or supplies, and materials incurred by the recipient or subrecipient in directly providing supportive services; and the salary and benefit packages of the recipient and subrecipient staff who directly deliver the services.
 - Staff overhead costs directly related to carrying out operating activities are eligible as part of those activities listed on the supportive services budget.

May only include “17. Operating Costs” (maintenance, repair, building security, furniture, utilities, and equipment) in the Supportive Services budget, if the costs are for a facility that is used to provide supportive services for program participants.



Budget: Match

- Match must be equal to or greater than 25 percent of the total grant request, including Administration costs, but excluding Leasing costs (i.e., Leased Units and Leased Structures). Applicants who identify greater than 25 percent Match will be expected to document that total amount.
- Current commitments at the time of project application, covering the requested grant operating period (i.e., grant term), and NOT based on projections.
- HUD expects the amount(s) listed on this screen to be accurate, with a commitment letter(s) in place that includes at least the same amount(s) as those listed in this screen
- Match contributions can be:
 - Cash,
 - In-kind, or
 - A combination of both.
- Project applicants that intend to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for match



Required Applicant Certifications

- HUD Approved Code of Conduct - all projects applicants must make sure the organization has a code of conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD.
- HUD 50070-Certification for Drug-Free Workplace
- SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, if applicable
- HUD Form 2880-Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update report

Eligible Local Appeals

Appeals can be requested by any agency which has a project submitted for participation in the FY22 CoC Program NOFO in the Austin/Travis County CoC geographic area.

Example of appeals include:

1. Projects that are not funded or receive less funding than the amount in the application.
2. Renewal projects that are ranked in Tier 2 of the CoC application (in which the applicant's funding may be at risk).
3. Projects that fall into the bottom portion of Tier 1 that equals the Tier 2 amount.
4. Projects that are deemed to have submitted an incurable deficiency.

Timeline for Appeals:

- 9/12 Applicants notified; Draft Priority Listing is posted
- 9/16 Appeals are due
- 9/21 Leadership Council rules on any appeals

Local Competition Appeal Process

Applicants must follow the following process to submit appeals:

1. Applicants will have four (4) business days to appeal after being notified by email of the final ranking by Leadership Council, or its appointed representative.
2. An appeal must be in the form of a letter on the applicant agency's letterhead and must clearly state the reasons for the appeal and specify all issues being contested. The appealing agency must specify facts and evidence sufficient for the CoC Board, or its representative, to determine the validity of the appeal. The CoC Board, or its representative, will review and adjudicate all appeals.
3. Agencies will receive, in writing, the appeal decision before the CoC Collaborative Application submission deadline. ECHO will be responsible for ensuring that projects have received proper notice of all final funding decisions.
4. As prescribed by HUD in the CoC NOFO, applicants may appeal the local CoC competition decision to HUD if the project applicant would like to further appeal the CoC Board's decision.
5. Applicants may ask ECHO for summary scoring information prior to the submission of the appeal letter. Individual IRT member scores will not be released to applicants.



HUD Appeal Process

Applicants also have appeal processes available through HUD, as outlined in 24 CFR 578.35

Solo Project Application Resources for the CoC Program

Date Published: August 2021

Description

This resource is for project applicants whose project application is rejected during the local CoC competition prior to the close of the annual CoC Program Competition. A project applicant may submit a Solo Application during the CoC Program Competition when the applicant attempts to participate in the CoC's planning process and believes it was denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner.

Note: This resource is not for project applicants and CoC Collaborative Applicants who are appealing an award decision by HUD after applications have been submitted. Entities seeking an award decision appeal must follow the instructions in the NOFA for the applicable CoC Program Competition.

[View all resources related to e-snaps and the annual CoC Program Competition.](#)

Resource Links

- [Project Application Appeal Process Navigational Guide for Solo Projects \(PDF\)](#)

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4065/project-application-appeal-process-instructional-guide/>

HUD Exchange Resources



FY22 CoC Program Competition NOFO Notices:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

e-snaps Application Instructions:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

CoC Program Laws, Regulations and Notices:

<https://ecfr.federalregister.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578>

CoC Program Virtual Binders

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/>

Home, Together: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness:

https://www.usich.gov/resources/uploads/asset_library/Home-Together-Federal-Strategic-Plan-to-Prevent-and-End-Homelessness.pdf

Rapid Rehousing Information:

<https://endhomelessness.org/rapid-re-housing-works>



TX-503 Resources

Austin/Travis County CoC's NOFO Competition Information:

<https://www.austinecho.org/leading-system-change/continuum-of-care/#section-coc-2021-competition>

TX-503 Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Amount Report

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-CoC-Estimated-ARD-Report.pdf>

TX-503 Dashboard Reports

https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/AustinCoCDashboardPhase2_20210816_update.html

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Act:

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/affht_pt.html



Questions

Q&A Session:

Friday, August 12th, 10:00am-11:am

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