



Policy for the HUD FY2021 CoC NOFA Competition

Introduction

In response to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the FY2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released on August 1, 2022, Partners for HOME (PFH), as the Collaborative Applicant for the Atlanta CoC, provides the following guidance for the competition process.

As the Collaborative Applicant for the Atlanta Continuum of Care (CoC), Partners for HOME is responsible for organizing, collecting and submitting the CoC Consolidated Application for HUD CoC funding. This includes organizing the local competition Priority Listing and the CoC application.

- This announcement is being provided in accordance with the [HUD CoC Program Competition and related guidance](#).
- Additionally, updated information and materials will be [posted on the Partners for HOME website](#).

While this document will provide an overview of the process, **all interested parties and applicants should read [the NOFO and all related materials in their entirety](#)**, as well the materials that will be posted on the Partners for HOME website. Some key priorities from the NOFO that will apply to project applications and the CoC application, are listed below.

HUD NOFO Priorities

- Ending homelessness for all persons.
- Using a Housing First approach.
- Reducing unsheltered homelessness.
- Improving system performance.
- Partnering with housing and health service agencies.
- Racial equity.
- Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals.
- Persons with lived experience.
- Increasing affordable housing supply.

Important Dates

Please refer to the Partners for HOME website for [the complete timeline](#), but some important dates include:

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| • NOFO Released | August 1, 2022 |
| • Local Competition Applications Due | August 26, 2022 |
| • Local Competition Scores Notification | September 9, 2022 |
| • Deadline for Scoring Appeals | September 12, 2022 |
| • Priority Listing Posted | September 14, 2022 |
| • <i>e-snaps Applications Due (Accepted projects)</i> | September 16, 2022 |
| • Final <i>e-snaps</i> Applications Due | September 20, 2022 |
| • NOFO Submission (<i>tentative</i>) | September 23, 2022 |



Atlanta CoC Priorities and Scoring

The Rank and Review Committee is an independent group comprised of community members and Atlanta CoC representatives that are approved by the Atlanta CoC Governing Council. The Rank and Review Committee will score and rank project applications based on HUD and Atlanta CoC priorities. The recommendations from this Committee will be presented to the Atlanta CoC Governing Council for approval. Approvals will then be announced to the CoC membership. Atlanta CoC will prioritize the following projects:

- Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- DV Permanent Housing: PSH, RRH
- Coordinated Entry
- HMIS

Scoring criteria for renewal projects will be primarily based on objective (performance) measures. New renewal projects that have not been operating long enough to have sufficient performance data will receive the median score for all data driven questions that cannot be derived. New projects may be ranked above renewal projects. The Rank and Review Committee will take project scores, project spending, NOFO guidance and strategy, and CoC principles into account when determining rank order.

Project Tiers

Project applications will be ranked highest to lowest. Placement of projects will be in Tier 1 or Tier 2. For the FY22 Program Competition, HUD is awarding Tier 1 funding at 95% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). This means, based on ranking, a project may straddle Tier 1 and Tier 2 if the total funding request, when added with other funding Tier 1 funding requests, exceeds the amount of Tier 1 funding allowed by HUD.

If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using the CoC score, and other factors described in the NOFO, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

Both renewal and new projects can be placed in Tier 1 depending on application score. Planning projects will not be ranked and included in Tier 1 or Tier 2.

Funding Availability

- Atlanta CoC Annual Renewal Demand is \$9,790,934.
- CoC Bonus funds total 5% of FPRN (\$9,790,934) = \$489,546.70.
- DV Bonus funds total 10% of PPRN (\$5,726,650) = \$572,665.
- Planning grant is 3% of ARD (\$9,790,934) = \$293,728.02.



Renewal Projects: Funding Reallocation

Partners for HOME will use a reduction/reallocation process to ensure all renewing projects are drawing down funds accordingly, cost-effective, meeting performance benchmarks, and in line with HUD's guidelines and recommendations to end homelessness. The reduction/reallocation process allows the CoC to redistribute current funds to where they can best be used to end homelessness in the City of Atlanta.

Renewal projects will be scored on a 100-point scale with an opportunity to earn 30 bonus points. Projects that are not drawing down funds accordingly, cost-effective or scoring **below 75** may be at risk of a reduction/reallocation of funds per the recommendation of the Rank and Review Committee. Agencies scoring below 75 will be ineligible to apply for new projects through the HUD CoC Program Competition.

New Projects: Available Funding

For the FY22 HUD CoC Program NOFO, funding for new projects will be available through reallocation; CoC Bonus funds; a combination of reallocation and Coc Bonus; new DV Bonus projects. While HUD is allowing CoCs to submit new project applications for a few different project types (PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH, SSO for CE or HMIS), ***it is up to the CoC to determine the need for their community.***

Consolidated Projects

HUD is allowing agencies to combine two, but not more than 10, eligible renewal projects. To be eligible for consolidation, the projects must have the same recipient; be for the same component; and will only be funded in this competition with FY22 funds. To request the consolidation of eligible renewal projects, project applicants must submit renewal projects for the individual projects to be included in the consolidation and each project application will identify the grant number that will survive which must be the grant number with the earliest start date in CY22. Project applications for the grants that are proposed to be part of the consolidation must be ranked with a unique rank number for each project, and if all those grants are selected, HUD will conditionally award the single surviving grant based on its ranked position to include the amount of funding of all grants included in the consolidation. All other project applications included in the surviving grant will be removed from the CoC's ranking resulting in project applications below to slide up one ranked position. A project applicant cannot submit a consolidated project application that contains two different components (e.g., permanent housing and transitional housing).

Expansion Funding

HUD is permitting CoCs to allow renewal projects to submit a new project application, in addition to the renewal application, if an agency wishes to expand an existing funded project. The Atlanta CoC is looking to use any reallocated or Bonus funding for new housing and healthcare coordination and domestic violence projects. Renewal projects eligible for expansion must clearly document their coordination with housing and healthcare service agencies.

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

There is separate funding available for CoCs to apply for projects specifically for survivors of domestic violence. A new DV Bonus project that expands an existing renewal project will only be selected if the renewal project is conditionally selected in Tier 1 or 2. If the renewal project application is selected for conditional award with CoC Program funds and the new DV Bonus expansion project is approved for selection, HUD will only select the new DV Bonus project with DV Bonus funds and HUD will remove the new DV project from the New Project



Listing. All remaining projects ranked below the new DV Bonus project will move up one rank position.

If HUD does not select a project that the CoC lists as a DV Bonus project for the DV Bonus funds, the project will remain on the CoC priority list and may be funded as a new project through other funding pools. However, since the Atlanta CoC is looking to use any non-DV Bonus funding for new housing/healthcare coordination projects, any DV Bonus applications selected for ranking will be ranked at the bottom of Tier 2, so that any available funds are first used for broader housing projects.

Project Application Appeals Process

In accordance with *24 CFR part 578* and the NOFO, applicants have the right to appeal if they believe that they were improperly denied the right to participate in the CoC planning process in a reasonable manner; were improperly denied or decreased funding; or were improperly denied a Certification of Consistency from the local government with the Consolidated Plan. The appeal must be carried out as outlined in the [Project Application Appeal Process](#).

General Information

In addition to submitting the project application and all related materials to Partners for HOME to be scored and ranked, all ranked applications must also complete the HUD application process in *e-snaps*. **Failure to do so will result in disqualification for funding.**

This is a competitive process, within the CoC as well as within all other CoCs nationwide. Applying to be included, completing the *e-snaps* process, and/or being included in the CoC application to HUD does not guarantee funding.

While Partners for HOME, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Atlanta CoC, will email additional details of the competition, information will also be posted on the [Partners for HOME website](#). It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure that they check the website, as well as the [HUD website](#).

Partners for HOME reserves the right to update or correct any of the information provided in this document, in the event of additional guidance from HUD, error or omission.

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