



Policy for the HUD CoC Special NOFO Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

Introduction

The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for the Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was released on June 22, 2022. 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 the Special NOFO. This includes the CoC Application as well as the CoC Priority Listing. Included in this process is the oversight of the local competition to determine the CoC Priority Listing composition.

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

While this document will provide an overview of the Special NOFO and Atlanta CoC process, **all interested parties and applicants should read the Special NOFO and all related materials in their entirety**, as well the materials that will be posted on the Partners for HOME and HUD Special NOFO websites throughout this process. Some key points from the Special NOFO that will apply to project applications and the CoC application, are listed below.

HUD Special NOFO Priorities

- Unsheltered Homelessness
- Unsheltered Homelessness and Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in Rural Areas
- Providing Assistance on Tribal Lands
- Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness
- Advancing Equity
- Use a Housing First Approach

2022 Special NOFO Timeline

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| • Special NOFO Released | June 22 |
| • Policy and Applications Released (<i>tentative</i>) | August 9 |
| • Special NOFO Presentation | August 9 at 11 a.m. |
| • Local Applications Due | September 8 at 11 a.m. |
| • Rank and Review Period | September 8 through September 20 |
| • Scores Released | September 21 |
| • Deadline for Scoring Appeals | September 23 |
| • CoC Application Inclusion Notifications | September 29 |
| • e-snaps Applications Due (Accepted projects) | October 5 at noon |
| • e-snaps Feedback to Applicants | October 7 |
| • Final e-snaps Applications Due | October 12 at noon |
| • Application Materials posted on website | October 12 |
| • NOFO Submission (<i>tentative</i>) | October 14 |



Rank and Review

The Rank and Review Committee will score and rank projects primarily based on scores and criteria derived from the HUD priorities, guidance provided in the Special NOFO and the CoC local competition priorities. The recommendations from this Committee will be presented to the Atlanta CoC Governing Council for approval to share publicly.

In the Atlanta CoC's *ClearPath* Strategic Plan, there is a community goal of using the annual HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO to add permanent housing capacity to the local homeless ecosystem. Partners for HOME will prioritize projects in the following order:

1. Permanent Housing: PSH, RRH
2. Supportive Services Only
3. HMIS

Planning projects will not be ranked.

Available Funding

The maximum award for this funding opportunity is the Atlanta CoC's PPRN for the FY2022 CoC Program Competition, which is equal to **\$5,726,650**. Projects will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring application to the lowest scoring application, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review (located on pp. 25-30 of Special NOFO).

- Component types will be ranked by score. If any projects receive the same score, they will be ranked alphabetically per their Agency Name.
- System projects, such as Supportive Services and HMIS, will be ranked at 50% of the ARD to ensure they're protected for the benefit of the Atlanta Continuum of Care.
- This total grant period is three years (\$1,908,833.33 annually).

New Projects

All Special NOFO projects will require a new project application, with the opportunity for awards to become part of the local CoC's annual renewal demand (ARD) during the regular HUD CoC Program Competition.

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. Submitting an application to be scored, 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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