



**2022 HUD Continuum of Care Competition
Notice of Proposal Submission Requirements
LA-502 Shreveport/Bossier City/Northwest Louisiana**

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals; families; persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

HOPE Connections, Collaborative Applicant for the HUD Homeless Continuum of Care in Northwest Louisiana, is accepting applications for CoC Renewal Project in the eSNAPS system and Letters of Intent for New/Bonus Permanent Housing Projects.

Due date is Tuesday, August 30th at 5:00 p.m. for the following:

- Renewal Projects submitted in eSNAPS.
 - Requested attachments are due September 5th by 5:00 pm.
- New and Bonus Project Letters of Intent and attachments emailed to Christa Pazzaglia at christa@nwlahopeco.org

All projects, including renewals and new/bonus projects will be notified by email by/on Tuesday, September 13th if they are Accepted, Rejected, or Reduced.

Funding Available

Each year, HUD issues each CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). For our CoC, all grant terms are for one year, and FY2022 HUD is allowing our CoC to apply for the following amounts:

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| ○ Renewal and/or new projects created through reallocation | \$4,100,192 |
| ○ Bonus Project | \$205,010 |
| ○ DV Bonus Project (specifically to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3) | \$232,490 |
| ○ CoC Planning Grant | \$123,006 |

HUD Priorities

HUD has identified the following policy priorities in the FY2022 NOFA pages 9 – 11:

- Ending homelessness for all persons
- Use a Housing First Approach
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- Improving System Performance
- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
- Ensuring Racial Equity
- Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
- Including and Valuing Input of Persons with Lived Experience
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

Local Priorities

The HOPE Board of Directors has identified the following local priorities:

- Prioritize projects that demonstrate strong performance in permanently housing chronically homeless households.
- Prioritize projects that fully participate with the essential functions of the CoC, including participation in HMIS data collection, coordinated entry, the HOPE CoC Homeless Coalition and CoC Board.
- Prioritize high performing projects that strive to meet HUD priorities, improve the CoC's System Performance Outcomes, and maximize HUD funding through project utilization, number of units, and providing effective services.

Project Categories, Application Requirements, and Scoring/Ranking

- Renewal Projects are submitted through the eSNAPS System. Projects are scored using objective data and ranked using the form attached.
- The Domestic Violence Rapid Rehousing Project for individuals/families experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking will be applied for by the CoC Collaborative Applicant. The CoC Board voted for this application process then sub-contract with another agency using a competitive process if awarded.
- The Permanent Housing Bonus Project for Permanent Supportive Housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness can be applied for using the format in the document. The project will be scored using the points listed.

The HOPE Board has selected an impartial Scoring and Ranking Committee. This committee reserves the right to reallocate projects according to the CoC Governance Charter Reallocation Policy which can be found on HOPE's website along with the Scoring and Ranking Policy at www.nwlahope.org

Other relevant information

- HUD CoC Projects have a 25% match requirement for all line items except leasing which has no match requirement.
- Applicants can request up to 10% in Administrative Funds.
- Applicants must be members of the HOPE Continuum of Care for a minimum of one year. Membership is free of charge and has no prerequisites.
- Projects that are awarded will be required to pay 3% of their award amount minus administrative funds as a Fee for Service to HOPE Connections.
- Existing and new HUD CoC Projects are required to enter data directly into and produce all reporting out of the statewide LSND Homeless Management Information System database.
- HUD CoC Projects are required to utilize the Coordinated Assessment Project for all referrals.

Preliminary selection of projects locally does not guarantee award by HUD; it only gives the applicants the opportunity to submit application to HUD. Bonus Project Applicants will be notified which project will be allowed to submit electronically to HUD by Tuesday, September 13th. HUD generally makes award announcements in January/February.

Bonus Permanent Housing Project Application Format

In line with our CoC work with the Built for Zero Campaign to end Chronic Homelessness, the CoC Board of Directors has voted to prioritize Bonus Projects that meet the definition of Permanent Supportive Housing that is specific to those people experiencing chronic homelessness. Additionally, Bonus Projects must provide formal written agreements with healthcare and/or behavioral healthcare providers stating that they will provide In-Kind Services for the calendar year 2023 in the amount of \$52,000 or 25% of the total application request.

Applications must be formatted as outlined below and submitted by email. Proposals that are not submitted in the following format will not be reviewed. This section shall not exceed five pages in a 12-inch font. Answering questions with the headings listed and with each question answered in order and as concisely as possible ensures proper scoring. Each Bonus Project Letter of Intent will be scored as follows:

Legal name of agency: _____

Agency address: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell number of submission contact: _____

Tax ID Number: _____ DUNS Number: _____

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

Email Address: _____

I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of the Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name of Authorized Representative

Email Address

Experience

- (10 Points) Describe agency's experience working with the proposed sub-population to be served and experience with the proposed housing type.
- (15 points) Describe agency knowledge of the Housing First approach. Including:
 - Conditions for program entry
 - How case management will be provided
 - Best practice approaches to prevent eviction
- (5 points) Describe agency's experience utilizing Federal funds

Design of Housing and Supportive Services

Describe the following:

- (5 Points) What is the plan to assist participants to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and appropriate for their needs
- (5 Points) How will the type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants (must identify types of supportive services that will be offered) assist participants to successfully maintain permanent housing
- (5 Points) How will participants be assisted in obtaining mainstream resources (including Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, etc.)
- (5 Points) How will participants be assisted to increase income to maximize their ability to live as independently as possible
- (5 Points) Describe the agency understanding of the System Performance Measures expected by HUD
- (5 Points) Describe how the number of units/persons served was calculated to be aligned with the Supportive Services and Operations needed for project effectiveness

Attachments

- (5 points) Submit a copy of your agency's most recent financial audit
- (20 points) Provide formal written agreements with healthcare and/or behavioral healthcare providers with locations in Northwest Louisiana stating that they will provide In-Kind Services for the calendar year 2023 in the amount of \$52,000 or 25% of the total application request.
- (10 points) Provide a total project budget including all sources of funding that will be used for the project on the attached form, ensuring that HUD funded line items are reasonable and allowable. Identify sources of match.

Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Individuals and/or families		1 Year Grant Term	
		Is this proposal an expansion of an existing project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Proposed Activities	HUD Funding Requested	Cash Match (25%)	Totals
1. Rental Assistance			
2. Leasing			
3. Supportive Services			
4. Operations			
Match Source:			
5. Subtotal lines 1 through 4			
6. Administrative Costs (Up to 10%)			
7. Total Request		Total Cash Match	Total Budget (HUD Request + Cash Match)

FY2022 HUD CoC Competition Renewal Project Scoring Form

Project Identifier: _____ Ranking: _____

Project Budget: _____ # of Units: Singles _____ Families _____

Rating Element	Data	Possible Points	Points
Performance Measures:			
>90% Exit to Permanent Housing		10	
>180 days Length of Stay		10	
Rate of Returns to Homelessness as compared to CoC project average rate		10	
>20% New or Increased Earned Income/Non- Employment Income for Stayers and Leavers		10	
Serves High-Need Participants:			
100% of participants entered project from Coordinated Assessment referrals from the regional By-Name List in order of chronicity and vulnerability		10	
100% of participants at risk of eviction were reviewed through Housing Placement Call prior to eviction		10	
Number of elements within lease, sub-lease, and all addendums that do not reflect the Housing First Model		10	
Project applied to serve those with one or more disabilities. At least 3 types of disabilities must be selected in submission, with one of those being a physical disability		10	
Project Effectiveness:			
Project has reasonable costs per permanent housing exit		10	
90% project utilization rate (Sample date 4x per year measuring utilization/total # of units.)		10	

Local Criteria			
Project submitted the Racial Equity Survey provided by the CoC for use with the upcoming CoC Racial Equity Workgroup.		10	
	Total Points		
	Bonus Points		
	Total Points Possible	120	
	Score		

Bonus Points			
Project submitted an application on behalf of a person with lived experience to possibly serve on the LEGOS (Lived Experience Group of Survivors) Advisory Team		10	