



EL PASO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE SPECIAL NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – FY 2022 UNSHELTERED LOCAL COMPETITION

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the [CoC \(CoC\) Program Supplemental Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO \(NOFO\)\)](#). This is a first-of-its-kind package of resources to address unsheltered homelessness and homeless encampments. Through this special NOFO 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. HUD expects applicant communities to partner with health and housing agencies to leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources.

Background

The CoC (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 and persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or 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. This special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO) is designed to provide new funds dedicated to serving highly vulnerable individuals and families with histories of unsheltered homelessness. Unfortunately, our CoC is not eligible for funding under the Rural Section of the NOFO.

CoC Plan for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs

As part of the CoC Consolidated Application, CoCs must develop and submit a PLAN FOR SERVING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITH SEVERE SERVICE NEEDS. These plans must describe the CoCs current strategies for conducting coordinated and comprehensive outreach, providing access to low-barrier shelter and other temporary accommodations, and providing immediate access to low-barrier permanent housing. Additionally, CoCs must demonstrate how they will leverage both mainstream housing and health care services to assist in their efforts to end unsheltered homelessness and stabilize individuals and families in housing and increase access to employment opportunities for those experiencing homelessness. Further, CoCs must demonstrate how they will support underserved communities, identify barriers that led to any disparities in communities being served and support equitable community development by taking steps to address such barriers when using these funds and how they will involve individuals with lived experience in the decision-making process of the CoC. Finally, CoCs must demonstrate how they will ensure resources funded under this Special NOFO will contribute to reducing unsheltered homelessness in their geographic area.

For the purposes of this NOFO, Individuals and Families with Severe Service Needs are defined as those with any combination of the following factors:

1. Facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on the disability type).

2. High utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities
3. Currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation
4. Experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death
5. Having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness
6. Having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work

CoC Program Competition

The Collaborative Applicant is accepting three-year project applications for the CoC Unsheltered Homeless Projects. The maximum three-year award available to our CoC is \$6,544,445. Project Applicants can apply for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid ReHousing (RRH).

Agency Match Amount Documentation

25% cash or in-kind match is required for all budget components except leasing. Match is required for all projects. Match must be documented on agency letterhead. Match may be cash or in-kind.

Program Application

For the purpose of the application, applicants will only reflect 1 year funding scope. When projects are selected, those budgets will be expanded to reflect three-years of funding.

Except where noted, all agencies applying for a HUD 2022 CoC Unsheltered Homeless Program Project must complete and submit all items listed below no later than 5:00 PM on September 26, 2022 to ccastillo.epch@elp.twcbc.com.

1. Cover letter on agency letterhead, expressing interest in applying
2. Unsheltered Project Application
3. Match Documentation on agency letterhead

Timeline

September 9, 2022	Local Competition Released
September 13, 2022, 10:00 AM	Workshop for CoC Unsheltered
September 26, 2022	Application DUE by 5:00 PM to ccastillo.epch@elp.twcbc.com
Join Zoom Meeting	
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87987398326?pwd=dIRPUS9BQUhZVjdzcMNYalVoVmZPQT09	
Meeting ID: 879 8739 8326	
Passcode: 210187	
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Dial by your location	
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)	
+1 719 359 4580 US	
+1 720 707 2699 US (Denver)	
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Passcode: 210187	
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September 27-28, 2022	Applications reviewed and scored
September 28-29, 2022	CoC Board Meeting to make funding decision
September 30, 2022	Applicants notified

If you have any questions, email Camille Castillo at ccastillo.epch@elp.twcbc.com.