

# 2024-2025 CoC NOFO Competition

FY2024 – 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released on July 31, 2024.

For the first time, this NOFO includes two years, FY2024 and FY2025. This does not mean that applicants will be applying for two years' worth of funding. It means that the CoC will prepare and submit a regional application describing the CoC and its progress in 2024 but not in 2025. Agencies will need to submit projects each year, however, the 2025 renewal applications will import information from the 2024 applications in E-Snaps. More information will be provided in the Detailed Instructions guides prepared by HUD.

As in past years, the CoC must receive all proposals for new or renewal projects no later than 30 days in advance of the HUD due date of October 30, 2024. Local new and renewal project submission due date is *September 18, 2024, by 5pm.* 

For the 2024 Application, to earn all points, all sections of the application and required attachments must be posted on the LCHRA website no later than 5:00 PM, Pacific Time (7:59:59 PM Eastern) on *October 28, 2024*.

Although many of the NOFO instructions are like last year, new definitions, initiatives, and priorities are referenced this year. Please refer to the "Comparison with the FY2023 NOFO" section below.

# **Funding Categories**

Category	Amount (estimated-pending final publication from HUD)	Description
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	\$2,980,688	Funds needed to support all eligible renewals, expiring in calendar year, 2025.
Domestic Violence ARD (subset of overall ARD)	\$396,881	Funds must remain a DV project
Tier 1	\$2,682,619	Maximum funds Available in Tier 1 (90% of ARD minus)
Tier 2	\$298,069	Funds that must be placed in Tier 2
CoC Bonus Funds	\$538,261 (based on 2023 Pro Rata Need)	Maximum funds for CoC Bonus Projects to serve Chronic or Dedicated Plus homeless persons. (12% FPRN)
Domestic Violence Bonus Funds	\$672,827 (based on 2023 Pro Rata Need)	Maximum funds allowed for new projects 100% dedicated to DV. (15% of Preliminary PRN)
Reallocation	TBD	Funds made available by local decision-making processes are currently included in ARD.

## Comparison with the FY 2023 NOFO

### **Moving from Annual to Biannual Competitions**

The application and selection and application process for FY 2024 funds will proceed much like it did in 2023. CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to both FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds. HUD reserves the right to award available FY 2025 funds based on this NOFO competition. If new competitive funding becomes available for FY 2025, this NOFO may be amended, and the FY 2024-2025 CoC Application and score may be used for the application selection process. If FY 2025 appropriations are not able to fully fund all FY 2025 renewal grants, grant amounts may be reduced proportionately.

#### Tier I Maximum

The maximum value available for projects in Tier 1 is **90% of the ARD**. This is lower than the 93% used in 2023.

#### **CoC Bonus Project Funding**

The 2024 NOFO allows CoCs to apply for up to 12% of their Final Pro rata Need (FPRN or ARD) for CoC Bonus projects. This is an increased allocation of 5% over 2023.

#### **DV Bonus Funding**

The FY2024 NOFO application allows for up to 15% of the CoC's Preliminary Pro rata Need (PPRN) for new or expansion project applications committed to serving only households qualifying under the Domestic Violence (DV) definition. 100% of the new project is restricted to qualified DV households. The DV Bonus is an increase of 5% over last year.

#### **CoC Planning Grant**

LCHRA as the Collaborative Applicant can submit a CoC Planning Grant Application for up to 5% of the ARD. This allocation is capped at \$1.5 million. This is the same as 2023.

# **Policy and Priority Updates**

### **Employment**

HUD has added a new Homeless Policy Priority to the CoC Program Competition that recognizes the challenges and encourages CoCs to work with funders and stakeholders to improve pay and support for people who work in the homelessness sector. The policy is listed under Building an Effective Workforce. Providers need effective, well-supported staff to provide high-quality assistance. To address this need, the NOFO includes a cost-of-living adjustment for supportive service activities and other staffing-focused budget lines. HUD also encourages CoCs to work with their funders and other community stakeholders to improve pay and support for people who work in the homelessness sector.

#### **Cost of Living Adjustments for Conditionally Selected Grants.**

HUD is authorized to make reasonable cost of living adjustments to renewal amounts, which could help organizations afford the increasing cost of operations due to inflation. In prior years, HUD has adjusted the rental assistance and operations allocations to reflect changes in Fair Market Rent. It appears that in FY 2024 HUD may also adjust amounts for the supportive services and HMIS Costs budget lines for renewing projects based on the most recent three-year average of changes in State Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEQ) for the category Social Assistance. HUD will apply the adjustments during the selection and provisional award process, not by a change in budget from the project applicant.