

## FY23 CoC Program NOFO Summary Key Dates and Information

Updated by Mayor’s Office of Housing, Supportive Housing Division for Boston CoC (MA-500)

On July 5, 2023, HUD published its [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). [Additional notices and sections of the NOFO](#) (e.g., CoC Registration) have been released previously and are available online.

This summary highlights some of this year’s new areas; however CoCs and project applicants MUST review not only the CoC Program NOFO and related e-snaps application components such as the detailed instructions, but also the [grants.gov application package](#) and other competition materials (FAQs and NOFO related broadcasts) that will be made available on the [HUD Exchange website](#) and HUD.gov.

### KEY DATES

TASK	DATE
✓ Project Applications submitted to CoC	See local competition documents for CoC-Specific Deadlines <i>HUD Requirement:</i> <i>No later than August 28, 2023 (Monday)</i> <i>(30 days before the application deadline)</i>  <b><i>Boston has set Friday, 8/25/23 as the deadline for our local competition. All new and renewing project applications must be submitted to MOH by this date.</i></b>
✓ Project Applicants notified by CoC of acceptance, rejection or reduction of project application	See local competition documents for CoC-Specific Deadlines <i>HUD Requirement:</i> <i>No later than September 13, 2023 (Wednesday)</i> <i>(15 days before the application deadline)</i>
✓ Post CoC Consolidated Application to website and Notify stakeholders: CoC Application and Priority Listing	No later than September 25, 2023 (Monday)  (2 days before CoC submission to HUD)
✓ <b>Submit to HUD Deadline</b>	<b>No later than September 28, 2023, 8:00 p.m. EST (Thursday)</b>

### COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

The application components are available through [e-snaps](#) and the instructional guides are available on [grants.gov](#). All CoC Consolidated applications must be submitted from a Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the CoC online through [e-snaps](#) by the HUD established deadline.

The process for submitting the CoC Consolidated Application includes three-parts:

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1. *FY23 CoC Application*
2. *FY23 Project Application(s)*
3. *FY23 CoC Priority Listing*

### CoC Application Scoring Criteria

The NOFO includes very comprehensive information about scoring and point allocation for the application. CoCs and project applicants are strongly encouraged to review the NOFO carefully.

The CoC application assessment is on a 200 point scale this year with 25 bonus points available.

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Points</b>
1.	CoC Coordination and Engagement	85 points <i>(increased by 2)</i>
2.	Project Capacity, Review and Ranking	27 points <i>(decrease by 3)</i>
3.	HMIS	9 points <i>(same)</i>
4.	Point-in-Time Count	5 points <i>(same)</i>
5.	System Performance a. Reducing number of people homeless (increase) b. Reduction in LOT homeless c. Number of first time homeless (NEW) d. PH placement or retention 13 points (increase) e. Returns to homelessness (same) f. Increasing jobs and income (increase) g. HMIS (same)	60 points <i>(overall increase by 1)</i>
6.	Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14 points <i>(same)</i>
	<b>BONUS POINTS</b>	
7.	CoC Merger BONUS points	25 points <i>(same)</i>

### Project Listing Attachments

- HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with Consolidated plan dated between June 30, 2023 and September 28, 2023. (see pages 14 item (5) of NOFO for additional guidance).

### **NEW ITEM and KEY CHANGES TO FY23 NOFO**

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<p>Scoring and Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 200 points available</li> <li>● Tier 1 calculation is equal to 93% of ARD (minus YHDP renewal and replacement projects) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boston Tier 1 = \$35,949,830</li> <li>○ Boston Tier 2 = 2,705,901take</li> </ul> </li> <li>● YHDP renewal and replacement grants are non-competitive</li> <li>● YHDP Round 1 projects may be reallocated for the first time (N/A FY23 Boston CoC)</li> <li>● System Performance total still close to FY19 standards (same in FY22)</li> <li>● CoC Planning project funding increased to a maximum of 5% FPRN (not to exceed \$1.5 million) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boston Planning grant up to \$1,500,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CoC Bonus Project funding available = 7% FPRN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boston = \$2,899,323</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project funding available = 10% of PPRN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boston = \$1,781,103</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 3.5% of total points for new projects utilizing housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs</li> <li>○ 3.5% of total points for new projects that have formal agreements with healthcare organizations to utilize healthcare resources to serve participants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Eligible Entities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Added Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) continue to be eligible Collaborative Applicants, recipients or sub-recipients</li> <li>● Indian Housing Block Grant program formula areas are eligible to be added to the CoC’s geographic area</li> </ul>
<p>HUD Strategic Goals</p>	<p>Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities  Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing  Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership  Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Policy Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ending homelessness for all persons.</li> <li>● Use a Housing First approach.</li> <li>● Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness</li> <li>● Improving System Performance</li> <li>● Partnering with Housing, Health, Workforce Development, and Tribal org.</li> <li>● Racial Equity</li> <li>● Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals</li> <li>● Persons with Lived Experience</li> <li>● Increasing Affordable Housing Supply</li> <li>● Coordination with other systems in projects and to respond to homelessness</li> <li>● Continued focus on promoting Racial Equity and Assessing Racial Disparities</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Project Application; New Items and Changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>CoC Bonus Projects</u> – 7% of FPRN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boston is eligible to apply for up to \$2,899,323</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <u>DV Bonus Projects</u> – 10% of PPRN (maximum of \$5 million). Permitted to apply for multiple RRH and Joint TH-RRH DV Bonus projects. One new DV CES application per CoC. <i>(see DV Bonus below for more details)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boston is eligible to apply for up to \$1,781,103</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <u>New Projects</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New projects may continue to request a grant term of 12-18 months to allow for typical start-up process to establish project</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <u>Expansion Projects</u> Projects that are expanding their current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the renewal project application that will be expanded; and</li> <li>(2) a new project application with the expansion information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <u>YHDP Renewal and Replacement Project</u> - are allowed to apply and are non-competitive with separate instruction documents. Round 1 YHDP projects are the only YHDP that reallocation is available.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continued requirement that youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentations homeless status as a condition for receiving services</li> <li>● Defined a youth serving provider and their ability to serve youth who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternatives</li> </ul>
DV Bonus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● May apply for any number of RRH or Joint TH-RRH projects with minimum application being \$50,000</li> <li>● Only one new DV Coordinated Entry application per CoC</li> <li>● May use DV Bonus to expand an existing renewal project <b>not originally</b> awarded with DV funds, if expansion would be to service survivors of DV in the project</li> <li>● May use DV Bonus to expand an existing renewal project <b>originally</b> awarded with DV funds, if expansion would be to service survivors of DV in the project</li> </ul>
YHDP	<p>Renewals and replacement projects will be non-competitively renewed</p> <p>YHDP projects are eligible for renewal provided they meet the requirements of the CoC Program and if operating end date is between 1/1/2024 and 12/31/2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not eligible for reallocation process, unless originally funded in YHDP Round 1</li> <li>○ No consolidations with non-YHDP project</li> <li>○ No use of expansion process</li> </ul> <p>YHDP renewal or replacement projects will not be required to meet the 25 percent match requirement if the applicant is able to demonstrate it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available for youth experiencing homelessness</p> <p>A List of CoC Program ineligible activities that can be funded under YHDP renewal and replacement grants is listed in NOFO</p>

**PROJECT APPLICATIONS**

Allowable project applications types for the FY23 NOFO are as follows:

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- Renewal projects including ability to consolidate renewal projects
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) renewal and replacement projects
- New Projects – stand alone, transition or expansion of current renewal
  - CoC Bonus funding only
  - Reallocation funding only
  - Reallocation and Bonus funding combined projects
  - Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects
- CoC Planning projects (*Collaborative Applicant only*)
- UFA projects (*Collaborative Applicant only if applicable*)

### Basic Requirements for Project Application Process

- CoCs must ensure an inclusive process for soliciting projects. As part of the solicitation projects, CoCs must establish local deadlines and points are attached to compliance with these deadlines. (*See Key Dates chart on first page*)
- All accepted, accepted and reduced, and rejected, project applications must be notified in writing outside of the e-snaps system by the CoC. Accepted and reduced, and rejected must indicate the reason(s) for the action.

### Project Application Attachments – New and Renewal (page 69 of NOFO)

- Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility
- Applicant Code of Conduct – verify if listed on [HUD website](#), if not listed attach updated file that is in compliance with 2 CFR 200 requirements to project application
- The following are built into e-snaps and required for all project applications
  - SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (*built into e-snaps*)
  - SF-424 Supplemental, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities (*built into e-snaps*)
  - Form HUD-2880 Applicant/Recipient Disclosure (*built into e-snaps*)
  - SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (*built into e-snaps*)
  - Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace (*built into e-snaps*)
  - Certification Regarding Lobbying
  - SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (*built into e-snaps*)
  - SF-424B (*built into e-snaps*)
  - SF-424D (*built into e-snaps*)
- Transition Projects additional attachments
  - A copy of the most recently awarded project application from e-snaps

### Funding for New and Renewal Projects

- Projects will be funded in the following order until no more funds are available:

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- o CoC Planning projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
- o UFA Cost projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
- o YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement projects
- o DV Bonus projects that pass eligibility and threshold review
- o Projects fully in Tier 1 that pass eligibility and threshold review
- o Projects in Tier 2 in order of point value that pass eligibility and threshold review.
- Project applications that straddle Tier 1 and Tier 2 selected using the above criteria for Tier 1 and Tier 2. The portion of the project in each Tier will be evaluated separately and project feasibility of the Tier 1 portion will be reviewed if the Tier 2 project portion is not funded.
- CoCs that receive a higher score have a better chance of being awarded projects ranked in Tier 2.

	Amount	Selection Criteria
<b>Tier 1</b>	93% of combined ARD ( <b>NEW</b> )	Projects in this tier will be conditionally selected based on CoC score ranked from highest to lowest.
<b>Tier 2</b>	Difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of CoC renewal, reallocation and CoC bonus funds.  (Does not including YHDP renewals and replacements, CoC planning, UFA or projects selected with DV Bonus)	Projects in this tier will be conditionally selected by assigning a point value to each new and renewal project using a 100-point scale. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>CoC Score</i>: up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score receive on the CoC application</li> <li>● <i>CoC Project Ranking</i>: up to 40 points for the CoC’s ranking of the project application. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity (1-x) where x is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2.</li> <li>● <i>Commitment to Housing First</i>: up to 10 points for how the project demonstrates it is low barrier and prioritized rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing, does not have preconditions to entry.</li> </ul>

### Renewal Projects

- Renewal project applications can request only 1 year of funding.
- Eligible renewal projects requesting rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the FMR, based on actual rent costs per unit.
- Total request for each renewing project cannot exceed the ARA approved by HUD for that project

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- CoCs can request renewal funding for:
  - CoC Program and S+C projects that have a signed grant agreement and will expire in calendar year 2024
- PSH renewals may choose to change a project to 100% DedicatedPLUS.

### CoC Bonus Funding

- CoCs can request up to 7% of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) provided it has demonstrated the ability to reallocate lower performing projects and demonstrated that all project applications are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance
  - HUD will issue a report containing the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) and Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
  - CoCs can choose to submit one or more projects for the Bonus, but the total amount requested by all the Bonus projects cannot exceed 7% of the CoC's FPRN.

### Reallocation Funding

- CoC may shift funds in whole or part from existing renewal projects to create one or more new projects.

### Bonus and reallocation projects may be one of the following types:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with 100% of beds designated to DedicatedPLUS (see definition in chart)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with 100% of beds dedicated to people experiencing chronic homelessness
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) (see eligibility criteria below), or
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) project (see eligibility criteria below)
- Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project; or
- Supportive Services Only (SSO-CES) project specifically for a coordinated assessment system
- Bonus and reallocation projects may create new projects or expand renewal projects to add capacity to add units, people or services.

### CoC Planning

- Up to 5% of the FPRN or \$1,500,000, whichever is less, is available for CoC planning projects

### Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding

- CoCs can request up to 10% of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) for new DV Bonus projects in the amount listed on the HUD issued report
- Each project must be at least \$50,000 and must be less than \$5 million
- CoCs may apply for the following types of projects:
  - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)



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- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) project, or
- SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems (SSO-CE) (*one project application per CoC*)
- DV Bonus funds may apply to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to DV to dedicated additional units, beds, persons served or services to this population
- DV Bonus projects must be ranked on the New Project Listing
- Projects will be chosen based on CoC Application score and response to specific question in the CoC application on a 100-point scale

New Project Funding Opportunity	Eligible Project Types	Eligible Participant Populations
<p><b>CoC Bonus Funding</b></p> <p><i>(Available amount set by HUD and funding may be used by one or more projects)</i></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>Reallocation Funding</b></p> <p><i>(Available amount dependent on CoC reallocations and funding may be used by one or more projects)</i></p>	<p>PSH</p> <p>Rapid Re-Housing</p> <p>Joint TH and RRH</p> <p>Dedicated HMIS</p> <p>SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems</p>	<p><b>PSH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 100% bed designated as DedicatedPLUS OR</li> <li>● People experiencing chronically homeless</li> </ul> <p>DedicatedPLUS projects - 100% of beds are dedicated to serve individuals, families and unaccompanied youth that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Experiencing chronic homelessness</li> <li>● Residing in TH that will be eliminated and were experiencing chronically homelessness at TH entry</li> <li>● In place not meant for human habitation, shelter or safe haven BUT were experiencing chronic homelessness AND had been in permanent housing (PH) project within last year and were unable to maintain housing placement</li> <li>● Residing in TH funded by Joint TH-RRH component project AND were experiencing chronically homelessness prior to entering the project</li> <li>● In place not meant for human habitation, shelter or safe haven for at least 12 months in the last 3 years BUT has not done so on four separate occasions AND the individual or head of household meet the definition of “homeless individual” with a disability</li> <li>● In a Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program AND met one of the above at initial intake to the VA homeless assistance system</li> </ul> <p><b>RRH and Joint TH-RRH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3</li> </ul>

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<b>New Project Funding Opportunity</b>	<b>Eligible Project Types</b>	<b>Eligible Participant Populations</b>
<p><b>Domestic Violence Bonus</b></p> <p><i>Available amount set by HUD at 10% of PPRN</i></p> <p><i>Funding may be used by one DV CES project and other housing projects.</i></p> <p><i>There is no limit on RRH and Joint TH-RRH projects.</i></p>	<p>Rapid Re-Housing</p> <p>Joint TH and RRH</p> <p>SSO for Coordinated Entry Systems for People Experiencing DV (one per CoC)</p>	<p>All projects types dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in paragraph (4) at 24 CFR 578.3</p>