

2024 Continuum of Care Competition

Request for Proposals Information Packet

Fall River Continuum of Care MA-515

Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement

On July 31, 2024, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the release of the Continuum of Care application for its competitive grants for housing and services for the homeless as defined by HUD. The Fall River Community Development Agency (CDA), acting as the Collaborative Applicant for the Fall River CoC (MA-515), is responsible to submit the CoC Collaborative Application including all new and renewal projects to the Department of Housing and Urban Development via esnaps by October 30, 2024, 8:00 p.m. EDT.

The announcement of the grant opportunity can be found at Grants.gov here: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/355762>.

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Changes from FY2023 NOFO

Please note the following changes in this year's application:

- Two-Year Cycle for the NOFO Application – FY2024 consists of the full Collaborative Application, all renewals and any new projects. FY2025 will consist of an application process for new projects established through Bonus or Reallocated funding, FY2025 Project Listing, and a signed HUD-2991 form. Renewal project application submissions will not be required.
- Tiering – Tier 1 is set at 90% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand, a decrease from 93% last year.
- Cost of Living Adjustments – HUD is authorized to make reasonable cost of living adjustments to renewal amounts to help organizations afford increasing cost of operations due to inflation. HUD will 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 (QCEW) for the category Social Assistance. (There is nothing to do on our end.)
- Building an Effective Workforce – HUD has added a new Homeless Policy Priority to the CoC Program Competition NOFO this year, recognizing the factors of low pay, high turnover, and lack of resources as core workforce challenges in the homelessness sector.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition include nonprofit organizations, faith-based organization, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, public housing agencies, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)] (24 CFR 578.15).

All subrecipients must be registered with <https://sam.gov/content/home> before application submission and must provide a valid UEI number, registered and active at the SAM website in the application.

Eligible Projects Allowable under the FY2024 NOFO (subject to local determination)

- New projects created from **Reallocation** of funds from an existing under-performing project or **CoC Bonus** funds:
 - Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects;
 - Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) projects;
 - Joint (Transitional Housing) TH/PH-RRH component projects.
- New projects created from **Domestic Violence Bonus** funds where 100% of the participants are or will be survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking:
 - Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing projects (PH-RRH);
 - Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects;
 - Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project (specific for DV programs).
- CoC Planning Project - Planning projects will not affect a CoC's available amount for new and renewal project applications because it is not included in the CoC's ARD calculation. Only the Collaborative Applicant is eligible to apply.
- Dedicated HMIS project (FRCoC is ineligible as we already have a grant for HMIS).
- Supportive Services Only (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system (FRCoC is ineligible as we already have a grant for coordinated entry).
- Expansion project (**CoC and DV Bonus** or **Reallocated** funds) to increase the number of units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE.
- Consolidated project to combine two but no more than 10 eligible renewal projects of the same component and same agency.
- Transition Grant to fund a new CoC project to transition an eligible renewal project being eliminated through **Reallocation** from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period.

Please also note, there are new eligible Budget Line Items available under DV due to the new VAWA requirements. This activity may be included in new project applications, added to eligible renewal projects through expansion, or added to eligible renewal projects by shifting up to 10% of funds from one eligible activity to the VAWA costs line item. See pages 47-48 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (FR-6800-N-25 NOFO.)

Funding Availability for Fall River MA-515

Not all information is available regarding funding amounts yet, but these estimates are based on our Annual Renewal Demand, this year's Tier structure, and last year's formulas. Project grant terms are one year, with the exception of new projects being provided a reasonable start-up time.

Definitions:

- Preliminary Pro Rata Need: The HUD-determined formula amount based on the metropolitan cities, urban counties, and other counties claimed by the CoC as part of its geographic area during the CoC Program Registration process (the city of Fall River) – as of yet undetermined.
- Annual Renewal Demand: The total amount of all the CoC's projects that will be eligible for renewal in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition, as seen on the GIW.
- Final Pro Rata Need: The higher of PPRN or ARD for the Continuum of Care – as of yet undetermined.
- Tier 1: 90% of the combined Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- Continuum of Care Bonus: Estimate – 12% of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN).
- Domestic Violence Bonus: Estimate – 10% of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN).
- Continuum of Care Planning: Estimate – 5% of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN).

Estimated Funding Availability for Fall River MA-515 (some amounts are subject to change)					
Preliminary Pro Rata Need	Estimated Annual Renewal Demand	Tier 1 90% ARD	CoC Bonus (last year's amount)	DV Bonus (last year's amount)	CoC Planning (last year's amount)
?	\$2,251,028	\$2,025,925	\$187,115	\$267,307	\$133,653

FY2024 CoC Competition Timeline

Fall River MA-515 (some dates are subject to change)		
Public announcements at various local meetings, including the Homeless Service Providers Coalition and the Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness, regarding the upcoming FY2024 CoC Competition Application and the possibility for opportunities to apply for funding for new Permanent Supportive Housing units	March 14, 2024 April 11, 2024 April 25, 2024 May 9, 2024 May 23, 2024	June 13, 2024 June 27, 2024 July 11, 2024 July 25, 2024 August 8, 2024
HUD releases FY2024 NOFO	July 31, 2024	
Collaborative Applicant distributes bulk email announcing the NOFO availability and the opportunity to apply for funding for new Permanent Supportive Housing units	August 2, 2024	
Collaborative Applicant issues by email and public posting a Request for Proposals for new and renewal projects	August 15, 2024	
Deadline for RFPs for all projects (no later than 30 days prior to final deadline of October 30, 2024)	August 30, 2024	
Collaborative Applicant conducts threshold review of all proposals for applicant and project eligibility and forwards all relevant information to the Review & Ranking Committee for review prior to meeting	September 4, 2024	
Review & Ranking Committee meeting to approve/reject and prioritize new and renewal projects	September 9-13, 2024 (meeting date pending)	
Accept/Reject/Reduce notification by email and/or public notice (no later than 15 days prior to final deadline of October 30, 2024)	September 16, 2024	
Fall River Homeless Service Providers Coalition meeting to approve Review & Ranking Committee recommendations	September 26, 2024 (or earlier by concurrence through email)	
Review & Ranking Committee results publicly posted	September 27, 2024	
Internal deadline for submission of final drafts for all new and renewal projects to Collaborative Applicant	September 27, 2024	
Public Posting of FY2024 Consolidated Application	October 21, 2024	
Internal deadline for submission of FY2024 Consolidated Application and all new and renewal projects to HUD	October 25, 2024	
FINAL deadline for submission of FY2024 Consolidated Application and all new and renewal projects to HUD by 8:00 p.m. EDT (public posting of final draft)	October 30, 2024	
Deadline for FY2025 for submission of any new or reallocated projects to HUD by 8:00 p.m. EDT	August 29, 2025	

Submission

Please submit your Proposal for a new or renewal project application for housing and services for the homeless to Mary D. Camara, Coordinator of Homeless Programs, Fall River Community Development Agency by 4:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, August 30, 2024 at mdcamara@fallriverma.gov. Letters of Intent are not acceptable for the FY2024 NOFO process.

Other CoC Programming Requirements

- **Match:** All CoC-funded subrecipients are responsible to match 25% of the entire grant, except Leasing funds. Match funds may be either cash or in-kind and can only be spent on eligible CoC program costs. <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/coc-match-overview/>
- **Homeless Management Information System:** All CoC-funded subrecipients must participate in HMIS, except Domestic Violence providers who must report in a comparable database that is compliant with HUD reporting. <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hmis/hmis-requirements/>
- **Coordinated Entry System:** All CoC-funded subrecipients must participate in the CoC's CE System. <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coordinated-entry/#coordinated-entry-notice>
- **Participation:** Any organization seeking new or renewal funding must actively participate in the application process. To schedule a meeting to obtain more information or assistance, contact Mary Camara at 508.679.0131, mdcamara@fallriverma.gov.

HUD Resources

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General information regarding the Continuum of Care Program Competition: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

HUD Homeless Definition: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1974/criteria-and-recordkeeping-requirements-for-definition-of-homeless/>

Chronic Homeless Definition: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/definition-of-chronic-homelessness/>

Housing First: <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/>

Housing and Healthcare Coordination and Systems Integration: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-healthcare/>

People With Lived Experience (PWLE): <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/centering-lived-experience/>

Equity among underserved communities (scroll down to Homelessness): <https://www.hud.gov/equity>