PA-504 Montgomery County Continuum of Care

HUD FY23 CoC Local Grant Competition Guidelines

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Overview

On July 5, 2023, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) for the Continuum of Care Grant Program Competition. The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or 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) (TDHEs)], 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. For more information about the HUD Continuum of Care Grant Program, including detailed applicant instructions and guides, please visit: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

The PA-504 Montgomery County Continuum of Care Governing Board (the Board) is responsible for soliciting, scoring, ranking, and recommending to HUD all new and renewal project applications for both grant competitions. The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) has been designated by the Board as the Collaborative Applicant for the consolidated applications, including all project applications, that will be submitted to HUD on behalf of the Montgomery County Continuum of Care. For more information about the Montgomery County CoC, including the Governance Charter, Board roster and meeting minutes, and membership information, please visit: https://yourwayhome.org/continuum-of-care.

To access the Montgomery County CoC HUD FY23 CoC Grant Competition applications, scoring tools, and other materials, please visit: https://yourwayhome.org/coc-fy-2023-grant-application-materials.

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Eligible Organizations

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996). Public housing agencies are eligible without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

Eligible New and Renewal Project Types

1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability.

2. Rapid Re-housing (RRH) is permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.

3. Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-housing (Joint TH/RRH) combines two existing program components, Transitional Housing (TH) and RRH in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. They provide a safe place for people to stay – crisis housing – with financial assistance and wrap around supportive services determined by program participants to help them move to permanent housing as quickly as possible. Stays in the crisis housing portion of these projects should be brief and without preconditions, and participants should quickly move to permanent housing.

4. Dedicated HMIS project for the costs that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the Montgomery County Office of Housing and Community Development. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers (VSPs), the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. VSPs may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.

5. Coordinated Entry projects to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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HUD FY23 CoC Local Grant Competition Funding Available

FY23 HUD CoC Grant Competition Funding Available to the PA-504 Montgomery County CoC		
Amount	**Type**	**Description**
$3,872,560 (estimated)	Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for Montgomery County	The base amount of funding the PA-504 CoC may apply for, typically used to continue the funding of existing "renewal" projects that are already providing services in the community.
$297,547	Bonus Project Funding	In addition to the ARD, the PA-504 CoC is eligible for up to this amount of funding to create new projects or expand renewal projects.*
$425,067	DV Bonus Project Funding	In addition to the ARD and Bonus Project funding, the PA-504 CoC is eligible for up to this amount of funding to create new projects or expand renewal projects that exclusively serve Domestic Violence (DV) survivors.
$212,533	CoC Planning Project Funding	Every CoC receives a dedicated Planning Project grant to fund HUD-required CoC activities.
$,4807,707	**Total Amount of Funding Available to the PA-504 CoC**	

*HUD also allows and encourages CoCs to create new projects through the reallocation (reduction or elimination) of renewal projects that are lower performing or no longer meet their community's needs.

All new and renewal projects in the FY23 PA-504 CoC Local Grant Competition will be scored and ranked by a non-conflicted team of Board and community members for review and approval by the CoC Governing Board through a majority vote of non-conflicted members.

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HUD FY23 CoC Local Grant Competition Timeline

Please note: The PA-504 Montgomery County CoC Local Grant Competition Timeline is driven by dates established by HUD. These dates are subject to change. Changes will be published and posted to the Montgomery County CoC HUD FY23 CoC Grant Competition webpage as necessary.

Date	Event
May 26, 2023	CoC Governing Board vote to approve local competition scoring, ranking, and reallocation processes.
May 30, 2023	CoC New Project Intent to Apply Form released on CoC website. social media, and sent by email to CoC membership (local, not HUD required).
July 5, 2023	HUD FY23 Continuum of Care NOFO released.
July 31, 2023	Local Grant Competition Guidelines (including Timeline) Released. Materials posted on CoC website and distributed to CoC membership via email.
August 2, 2023	Nonconflicted CoC Project Review Team Meeting to review Renewal Project performance and make reallocation recommendations.
August 7, 2023	CoC Governing Board vote to approve reallocation recommendations.
August 9, 2023	CoC Renewal Project applicants notified in writing via email of reallocation (reduction or elimination).
August 25, 2023	All New and Renewal Project applications must be submitted to Collaborative Applicant for review in HUD e-snaps.
August 30, 2023	Nonconflicted CoC Project Review Team Meeting to select New Projects for inclusion in Consolidated Application and finalize project ranking recommendations for Priority Listing.
September 6, 2023	CoC Governing Board vote to review and approve project rankings.
September 8, 2023	Public notification on CoC webpage and social media that all

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	new and renewal project applicants have been notified in writing via email of their project acceptance and rank at least 15 days prior to the HUD submission deadline.
September 15, 2023	CoC Consolidated Application posted on CoC webpage for public review and distributed to the CoC Governing Board in writing via email.
September 21, 2023	CoC Governing Board vote to approve Consolidated Application and Priority Listing for submission to HUD.
September 25, 2023	Final Consolidated Application and Priority Listing submitted to HUD in e-snaps.
September 28, 2023	HUD FY23 CoC Grant Submission deadline.