

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
CENTRAL VIRGINIA CONTINUUM OF CARE (VA 508)
FY21 HUD CoC Competition Program



The Central Virginia Continuum of Care (CVCOC) is soliciting project applications for inclusion in the CoC's annual submission to HUD's CoC Competitive grant program. According to the [FY21 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), the components to be considered for renewal funding are:

- 1) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) serving program participants eligible under the project's current grant agreement; persons who meet the definition of DedicatedPLUS (see section III.B.2.g. of the NOFO); or persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time of initial enrollment;
- 2) Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Transitional Housing, or Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects serving persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3; and
- 3) Dedicated HMIS projects

In addition, the projects to be considered for new funding through reallocation or bonus will be:

- 1) PSH projects that meet the requirements of Dedicated Plus as defined in Section III.B.2.g. of the NOFO or where 100% of the beds are dedicated to chronically homeless households;
- 2) RRH and Coordinated SSO projects serving persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3;
- 3) Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects (RRH, Coordinated Entry SSO) must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and
- 4) Dedicated HMIS projects

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are found at 24 CFR 578.15 and include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local governments. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- a) All project applicants must have a [DUNS Number](#) and have active registrations in [SAM](#). Since this process can take time, interested applicants who are not registered are encouraged to start the process as soon as possible.
- b) Applicants and potential sub-recipients must demonstrate the financial management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and to administer federal funds.
- c) Further requirements can be found on the FY21 CoC NOFO.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- a) Must meet all guidelines, restrictions, and requirements for projects under HUD's Continuum of Care Competitive Program and the FY21 CoC NOFO. For program guidelines, training materials and resources, visit the 2021 NOFO resources page and CoC Competition: e-snaps resources found on the HUD Exchange.
- b) PSH must target 100% chronically homeless individuals or meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS, projects for RRH projects must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3
- c) Must adopt a Housing First approach. Programs may not include any requirements or conditions for entry into the program (i.e. sobriety, income requirements, etc.) outside of the CVCOC Written Standards outlined in the CVCOC Policies and Procedures.
- d) Must agree to receive client referrals exclusively through the CVCOC coordinated entry process outlined in the CVCOC Coordinated Entry Policies.
- e) Must maximize leveraging the use of mainstream resources.

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- f) Must request less than 10% in administrative funding.
- g) Must agree to participate in the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
- h) Must demonstrate compliance with the CVCoc Policies and Procedures.
- i) PSH and RRH Project Applications must clearly demonstrate:
 - i. The type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the program participants
 - ii. The type, scale, and location of the supportive services, and the mode of transportation to those services fit the needs of the program participants (regardless of supportive services funding source).
 - iii. The specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of the program participants.
 - iv. The program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs.
 - v. The project must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.
 - vi. Amenities are accessible in the community. Applicants must administer their programs or activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified homeless with disabilities.
- j) New HMIS project applications must clearly demonstrate:
 - i. How the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that is consistent with the CoC's funding strategy for the HMIS and furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation.
 - ii. Whether the HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.
 - iii. Whether the HMIS un-duplicates client records.
 - iv. Whether the HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g. APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting).

INTENT TO SUBMIT NEW PROJECT APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please email your notice of intent to submit a new project application to the CVCoc Collaborative Applicant, Miriam's House, via francis@miriamshouse.org by September 10, 2021. Please include your organization's name, contact information, and a brief description of your proposed project and the organization's eligibility and capacity to manage this type of project, including experience managing federal funds. Notices received after 9/10/21 will not be considered and the new project will not be considered by the Review and Ranking Committee.

PROJECT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

HUD requires that all project applications are to be submitted to the CoC at least 30 days prior to the application due date on November 16, 2021. In order to meet this deadline, each potential applicant will need to prepare their proposed project in *e-snaps* by 5pm on October 12, 2021. A PDF document of the draft project application found in *e-snaps* must be emailed to the CVCoc Collaborative Applicant via francis@miriamshouse.org by the deadline. Applicants should not submit the project in *e-snaps* until the ad hoc Review and Ranking Committee provides notice that the project is approved without changes. Additional required addenda are outlined in the CVCoc Review and Ranking Policy.

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The ad hoc Ranking and Review Committee comprised of CVCoC Board members may wish to discuss options with potential applicants in order to achieve the greatest potential benefit to increasing homelessness resources for the community. There will not be a separate proposal process prior to entering the application in the HUD *e-snaps* system. Information from the draft *e-snaps* application, in PDF format, will be used for project selection.

PROJECT APPLICATION DEADLINES:

9/10/21	Intent to submit new project application notification due to CVCoC [email to francis@miriamshouse.org].
10/12/21	Submit draft of application and project documents in <i>e-snaps</i> by applicant. PDF copy of application, scorecard (for renewal projects) or checklist (for new projects), and Annual Performance Report (for renewal projects) due to CVCoC [email to francis@miriamshouse.org].
10/20/21	Ad hoc Review and Ranking Committee meets, selects and ranks projects.
10/21/21	All applicants will be notified of Committee's ranking decision

ESTIMATED FUNDING AVAILABLE:

There are three sources of potential funding for new or expanded project applications:

- a) **Reallocated Funds:** Funding from existing renewal projects may be reallocated to fund new projects. Currently, the CVCoC has \$363,398 available to fund renewal projects. This includes two permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects, one rapid re-housing (RRH) project, a CoC planning project and one HMIS project. In order for a new project to be awarded funding for RRH, PSH, SSO, or HMIS and ranked in the CVCoC's Project Priority Listing, funds from existing PSH, RRH and HMIS projects must be reallocated and therefore not available to continue to fund existing program participants' housing assistance. Therefore, the CVCoC is prioritizing existing renewal projects during the review and ranking process as all renewal projects have been considered by the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee of the CVCoC and are considered high performing projects. On July 7, 2021 the CVCoC Board met to review the recommendation of the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee and approved the recommendation that all renewal projects would be renewed at the same grant funding as FY2020. Thus, reallocated funds are not available for new or expanded projects in the FY21 CoC competition.
- b) **Bonus:** \$26,461, 5% of the Final Pro Rata Need, is available to fund new or expanded permanent supportive housing projects that meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS or new permanent supportive housing projects where 100% of the beds are dedicated to the chronically homeless or new rapid re-housing projects dedicated to persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3. The Bonus is also available to fund new HMIS or SSO for Coordinated Entry. The Bonus will be ranked against renewal and new projects created out of reallocation, if applicable. Therefore, the CVCoC will prioritize existing renewal projects over Bonus projects during the review and ranking process.
- c) **DV Bonus:** Each CoC may apply for up to 15% of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) or a minimum of \$50,000, whichever is greater, for DV Bonus projects; RRH, or SSO projects to provide coordinated entry that better meets the need of DV survivors. For the CVCoC, the available DV Bonus is set at \$79,384.

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REVIEW AND SELECTION:

The CVCoC (VA-508) has established an ad hoc Review and Ranking Committee comprised of CoC Board members without a conflict of interest (i.e. not funded through HUD's CoC competition). The committee will rank projects and determine funding levels for submission to HUD by reviewing project quality, performance and cost effectiveness. All applicants will be notified by 10/21/2021 if their project is selected for inclusion in the full application, the requested amount is reduced or the application was rejected as well as the priority order of the project. Once notified, project applicants can make requested changes and submit their application in e-snaps.

If you have questions regarding this process please contact the CVCoC Collaborative Applicant, Miriam's House, via francis@miriamshouse.org.