



GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Working to End Homelessness in Guilford County

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 HUD NOFO LOCAL COMPETITION

(U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY)

This document is Guilford County CoC's notice of public solicitation for new project applications and renewal project applications in response to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Date of Notice

August 27, 2024

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) from non-profits and local units of government who are interested in providing housing-related programs and services to individuals and/or families who are experiencing homelessness in Guilford County, North Carolina. Approved applications will be part of a Consolidated Application for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Funding, which will be submitted by the Guilford County Continuum of Care's Collaborative Applicant (NC 504) pursuant to the requirements of the 2024-2025 NOFO.

Description

The CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, 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 to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

The FY2024-2025 NOFO was released on July 31, 2024. The NOFO sets forth the competition rules and processes. This notice summarizes the highlights of the NOFO and includes the local funding processes, deadlines, policies, and procedures. Additional guidance will be shared as HUD issues.

Funding Amount and Availability

The NC-504 *estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)* is: **\$2,612,817**. Additional funding will be available for an estimated **DV Bonus** of \$533,695, for an estimated **CoC Bonus** of \$426,956, and for an estimated annual CoC Planning grant of \$177,898. HUD has not certified the exact funding available for the FY 2024 Competition currently. For further information and updates, please see the HUD Exchange website at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

Eligibility

The CoC will accept applications from any member organizations who meet both HUD's eligibility criteria as described in Part 3 of the HUD NOFO and who complete all the CoC's application requirements, including the submission of required documentation and a complete application. **This program requires agency matching of 25% of funds which must come from other sources.**

Project Applicants (McKinney-Vento Act, 24 CFR 578.15, 24 CFR 5.100)

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are found at 24 CFR 578.15 and in the Act and 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 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)). Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds. All applicants **must** have an active registration with SAM.gov (<https://www.sam.gov/SAM>) **before** submitting their applications. Part III of the NOFO covers all Eligibility Information in detail.

Project Types

All projects are considered either "renewal" or "new" projects, and each category has several sub-types with additional criteria and/or considerations. Both victim and non-victim agencies are eligible to apply for the DV Bonus funds, if the project will serve victims of domestic violence. **Each CoC may only submit one new SSO-CE DV Bonus project; however, there is no limit on the number of PH-RRH and Joint TH/PH-RRH DV Bonus projects CoCs may submit.** Section III.B of the NOFO covers the rules for project eligibility in detail:

Renewal Projects

Awards made under the CoC Program are eligible for renewal with FY 2024 CoC Program funds if they are currently in operation and expire in CY 2025 (the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025) and eligible FY 2025 renewal projects must have an expiration date in CY 2026 (between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026). Projects renewed under the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition NOFO are renewable as set forth in 24 CFR 578.33 to continue ongoing leasing, operating, supportive services, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administrative costs. See III.B.4.c of the HUD CoC NOFO for more information.

Special types of renewal project applications include:

- *Expansion Project* – See Section III.B.4.a (6) of the HUD CoC NOFO.
- *DV Bonus Funds* – See Section I.B.2.b. (6) of the HUD CoC NOFO.
- *Consolidation Projects*- See Sections III.B.a (7) of the HUD CoC NOFO.

New Projects

CoCs may submit new projects created through reallocation, CoC Bonus, or a combination of reallocation and CoC Bonus, new DV Bonus projects. See Sections III.B.4.a. (3) of the HUD CoC NOFO.

Special types of and funding options for new projects include:

- *CoC Bonus Projects*
 - *Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus)*
 - *Transition Grant*
- See Section I.B.2.b.(30) of the HUD CoC NOFO for more information.

Please refer to the FY 2024-2025 CoC NOFO for more information.

Reallocation

Reallocation is a process that CoCs use to shift funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. Refer to Section I.B.3. a, and Section III.B.4.a (3), (4), and (5) of the HUD CoC NOFO for new project reallocations. Refer to Sections III.C.4.a. and b. of the HUD CoC NOFO for the project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD. Refer to Section I.B.24 of the HUD CoC NOFO for more information regarding transitional grant reallocations.

Project Ranking Process

HUD requires that all projects be ranked and prioritized in a two-tiered list. Tier 1 will be the top local priority projects. Tier 2 will be lower priority projects. Either new or renewal projects may be ranked in Tier 1 or Tier 2. The placement of each project on the priority list will be determined through a multi-stage process including review by the Guilford County CoC System Performance and Evaluation Committee (SPEC) and the Guilford County CoC Board of Directors, prior to review by the Guilford County CoC voting membership. Based on the highly competitive nature of the grant program, ranking of each project will be critical in determining the likelihood of funding. Projects ranked in Tier 2 have a low probability of funding.

Renewal projects will be reviewed and ranked through the CoC process based on performance. New project proposals will be reviewed in reference to organizational capacity, strategic priority, project approach and design, and cost effectiveness and ranked through the CoC process.

How to Apply

Organizations intending to submit an application for the FY2024-2025 CoC Local Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) must **submit a complete project application drafted in e-Snaps, but do not submit, and supplemental documents via email at infoCoC@guilfordcountync.gov no later than 11:59pm on Thursday, September 5, 2024.** All complete applications received by these deadlines will be reviewed. Late applications will not be reviewed absent extreme mitigating circumstances.

As prescribed by HUD, a single, consolidated submission of all selected and ranked projects in Guilford County will be submitted to HUD by the NC 504 Collaborative Applicant, upon approval by the SPEC, CoC Board, and CoC Membership. Funding will be derived from federal funds and is subject to funding availability under the NOFO. The Consolidated Application deadline is October 30, 2024, by 8:00 p.m. EST.

Deadline for Submission:

Project Application – Please complete application in e-Snaps, **but do not submit.** Download the PDF and submit in a zip file with supplemental documents no later than **11:59 PM on Thursday, September 5, 2024, via email at infoCoC@guilfordcountync.gov.**

How to Obtain Further Information

Please direct all inquiries concerning this local NOFO Competition to:

Cheri Neal
CoC Program Manager
Guilford County Department of Health & Human Services
Phone: (336) 641-7196
Email: infoCoC@guilfordcountync.gov

All parts of the 2024-2025 CoC Consolidated Application will be publicly posted and available to the community for inspection.

Arrangements will be made to provide technical assistance or review of any or all parts of this announcement, the NC-504 CoC applications process, details, and obligations in a manner that is effective for persons with disabilities or any person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). (Se harán arreglos para brindar asistencia técnica o revisar alguna o todas las partes de este anuncio, el proceso de solicitud del CoC NC-504, los detalles y las obligaciones de una manera que sea efectiva para las personas con discapacidades o cualquier persona con dominio limitado del inglés).

The local Guilford County CoC competition, timeline, and application details are available as part of the local NOFO Competition packet and on the Guilford County CoC website at <https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/human-services/continuum-of-care/grants>.

The Collaborative Applicant, acting on behalf of the Guilford County CoC and the SPE Committee, reserves the right to publish additional information in response to HUD updates and publications.

HUD Policy Priorities can be found on the [FY 2024-2025 CoC NOFO](#).

HUD NOFO information and training opportunities can be found on the HUD Exchange website at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition