

2023 Continuum of Care Competition

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Who can apply?

Eligible Project Applicants:

- Faith-based organizations
 - Faith-based organizations may apply for this award on the same basis as any other organization, as set forth at 24 CFR 5.109, and subject to the protections and requirements of 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq., HUD will not, in the selection of recipients, discriminate against an organization based on the organization's religious character, affiliation, or exercise.
 - A faith-based organization that participates in this program will retain its independence and may continue to carry out its mission consistent with religious freedom and conscience protections in Federal law, including the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the Constitution, 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq., 42 U.S.C. 238n, 42 U.S.C. 18113, 42 U.S.C. 2000e-1(a) and 2000e-2(e), 42 U.S.C. 12113(d), and the Weldon Amendment, among others. Religious accommodations may also be sought under many religious freedom and conscience protection laws, particularly under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
 - A faith-based organization may not use direct financial assistance from HUD to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities except where consistent with the Establishment Clause and any other applicable requirements. Such an organization also may not, in providing services funded by HUD, discriminate against a beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary based on religion, religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.
- Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE)
 - The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, approved December 27, 2020) amended title IV to add section 435 of the Act to allow Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) to be Collaborative Applicants, eligible entities, or sub-recipients

of the CoC Program in addition to amending title IV section 401 to add the terms "Formula Area" and "Indian Tribe." These amendments mean that not only may Tribes and TDHEs apply for grants through other CoCs, but that formula area, as that term is defined in the Indian Housing Block Grant program at 24 CFR 1000.302, are eligible to be added to the geographic areas of existing CoCs or may be included in newly formed CoCs through the CoC registration process (see Notice CPD-22-02).

- Any applicant that is not a Tribe or TDHE proposing to site a project on a reservation or trust land must include a Tribal resolution from the Tribe authorizing the applicant to do so or a letter from an official or principal of the Indian Tribe or TDHE who is authorized to act on behalf of the Indian Tribe or TDHE. Tribes do not need to include a Tribal resolution to site a project on their reservation or trust land.
- Eligible Project Applicants (McKinney-Vento Act, 24 CFR 578.15, 24 CFR 5.100)
 - Includes the following:
 - 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

Not Eligible for Funding:

- HUD will also not evaluate applications from ineligible applicants.
- HUD does not award grants to individuals.
- For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants and are prohibited from being sub-recipients of CoC Program grant funds.

What projects can be funded?

MACH is looking to fund the following projects:

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Beds Dedicated to Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families
 - DedicatedPLUS
- Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

Eligible Projects include the following:

Rapid Rehousing Project

- A type of permanent housing meeting the requirements of 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii).

Beds Dedicated to Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families Project

- A permanent supportive housing bed that is dedicated specifically for use by individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness [see 24 CFR 578.3 definition of Chronically Homeless] within a CoC's geographic area, as reported in the CoC's HIC and the FY 2023 PH project applications. When a program participant exits the project, the bed must be filled by another participant who is experiencing chronic homelessness unless there are no persons experiencing chronic homelessness within the CoC's geographic area. This concept only applies to PSH projects.

DedicatedPLUS Project

- A PSH project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serving individuals, households with children, and unaccompanied youth (including pregnant and parenting youth) who at intake meet one of the following categories:
 - Experiencing chronic homelessness, meaning they qualify as "chronically homeless" as defined in 24 CFR 578.3
 - Residing in a TH project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the TH project
 - Residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or Safe Haven and had been admitted and enrolled in a PH project within the last year but were unable to maintain a housing placement and met the definition of chronically homeless as defined by 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the project
 - Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH/PH-RRH component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined by 24 CFR 578.3
 - Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, Safe Haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions and the individual or

head of household meets the definition of a homeless individual with a disability

- Receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system
- A renewal project where 100 percent of the beds were dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness, as described in section I.B.2.b.(2), under the grant that is being renewed may either be reallocated as a DedicatedPLUS project or may continue as a renewal dedicating 100 percent of its beds to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness. If the project is reallocated as a DedicatedPLUS project, the project must adhere to all fair housing requirements at 24 CFR 578.93. Projects HUD awarded as DedicatedPLUS in a previous CoC Program Competition must continue to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.

Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing Project

- The Joint TH/PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components—Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing—in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The recipient must adopt a Housing First approach [see sections I.A.4.b.(2) and I.B.2.b.(15) of this NOFO] across the entire project and program participants may only receive up to 24 months of total assistance. For more information about Joint TH/PH-RRH component project quality threshold requirements, see section III.C.5.c. of this NOFO.
- If funded, HUD will limit eligible costs as follows, in addition to other limitations found in the Rule:
 - Leasing of a structure or units, and operating costs to provide transitional housing
 - Short or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance on behalf of the program
 - Participants to pay for the RRH portion of the project
 - Supportive services
 - Costs of contributing data to the HMIS
 - Project administrative costs
- Project applicants must provide details in the project description of how TH and PH-RRH assistance will be provided. Additionally, if CoC Program funds are not being requested for both TH and PH-RRH units, the project application must

describe and include the number of the project's TH and PH-RRH units that will be paid for from another funding source. Applicants may only use CoC Program Leasing funds or non-CoC Program Funds to house program participants enrolled in the TH portion of the project.

- When a program participant is enrolled in a Joint TH/PH-RRH component project, the recipient or sub-recipient must be able to provide both components, including the units supported by the TH component and the tenant-based rental assistance and services provided through the PH-RRH component, to all participants. A program participant may choose to receive only the assistance provided through the TH portion of the project or the assistance provided through the PH-RRH component, but the recipient or sub-recipient must make both types of assistance available.