



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PROPOSED PROJECT PRIORITY FRAMEWORK FOR HUD COC SUPPLEMENTAL NOFO TO ADDRESS UNSHELTERED AND RURAL HOMELESSNESS

PURPOSE

To identify the framework for prioritizing projects that are submitted by providers for funding to TCP, the Collaborative Applicant to HUD for the resources that are available to the District as part of the HUD CoC Supplemental NOFO to address unsheltered and rural homelessness.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

HUD announced the [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness](#), which makes \$322 million in competitive funding available to communities to address unsheltered and rural homelessness.

- About \$54,500,000 is available only for projects that serve rural areas; and
- **About \$267,500,000 is available for projects as part of the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside.**

In their role of Collaborative Applicant, TCP is our CoC's eligible applicant for these funds. DC can receive up to [\\$14.6 million](#) over three years. Applications must be submitted no later than **October 20, 2022, at 8:00 PM EDT**.

PROJECTS THAT CAN BE FUNDED

CoC funds may be used for the following types of projects:

- Permanent Housing, to include Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and/or Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Joint Transitional Housing Rapid Rehousing (TH/RRH) Programs
- Supportive Services Only (SSO), meaning coordinated entry implementation, street outreach programs or RRH or PSH projects that have already secured rental assistance and need a source of funds for services only
- HMIS and Planning Projects

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK

Priority order recommended for use when scoring projects submitted by Providers and TCP for funding under the Supplemental HUD CoC NOFO is as follows:

1. Joint TH/RRH with a special target population.
Potential examples to consider and discuss include:
 - Single males (TH/RRH programs already exist for youth, single women, and families)
 - Employment-based or "work bed" focused – can create flow through LBS system while allowing Bridge housing to be reserved as "outreach beds" or continued for clients already matched to RRH or PSH.
 - Unaccompanied individuals with history in the justice system/reentry
2. Supportive Services Only - Street Outreach Program

- Following updated guidance from HUD, this Supplemental NOFO can also cover a street outreach program. Based on feedback from ICH ERSO and Single Adult System Work Group members, this was separated from other SSO project types (#6 below) and moved to higher priority.
3. RRH for unaccompanied individuals
 - Even with the expansion of DHS RRH-I in FY22, we are well behind our projected need outlined in Homeward DC of 2,300 slots by FY25.
 - This is an opportunity to rebrand as employment-based program and partner with housing providers who already leverage employment programming. RRH funded by HUD allows a diversification of provider and RRH implementation.
 4. PSH for unaccompanied individuals

PSH is the lowest priority recommended under this NOFO since:

 - We know several project-based sites are coming online in the following months and year, including Hill East set to come online in January with over 100 units
 - Experienced PSH providers in the community likely do not have the capacity to put together an application while also preparing for Medicaid expansion.
 5. HMIS and Planning Projects
 - Any HMIS and planning projects that help us improve data collection and reporting at the front door, particularly for unsheltered clients.
 6. Supportive Services Only
 - For Coordinated Entry System (CES) implementation, or
 - With the goal of prioritizing RRH over PSH projects that need supportive services only