

## **FY22 Special Unsheltered NOFO Project Priority Ranking Policies**

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On June 28, 2022, HUD released a Special NOFO to address unsheltered homelessness. Charlotte-Mecklenburg is eligible to apply for \$5,719,795 through this opportunity. This funding will be for a 3-year grant term. To determine the funding priorities for this special opportunity, the CoC's Unsheltered Homelessness Workgroup reviewed data to determine the overall characteristics of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness (who are entered into HMIS) and relied on the expertise of those conducting street outreach in the CoC's geographic area. From this information, the following are the projects that will be considered for funding in this order:

### **A. Project Priority Ranking Order**

#### **1. SSO-Only (Supportive Services Only projects)**

- i. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg CoC lacks the bandwidth necessary to conduct comprehensive street outreach. Thus, the first priority for this funding is to fund new or expanded street outreach team(s). Projects should include how the team will address households with high vulnerabilities: children, elderly, disabled, severe & persistent mental health and chronic substance use. Projects must demonstrate how they will quickly connect unsheltered households to temporary shelter & housing and permanent housing while connecting them to mainstream resources and income resources. This includes purchasing a vehicle that would allow for the outreach team to provide immediate transportation for unsheltered clients seeking services.

#### **2. Joint TH-RRH (Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing)**

- i. Low barrier, small units of transitional housing available to households experiencing unsheltered homelessness that work to quickly move clients to Rapid Rehousing.

#### **3. SSO-CE (Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry projects—only the CE Lead can apply)**

- i. The data shows that a large number of the households that presented for CE and reported being unsheltered were homeless for the first time and had been homeless for 1-2 months. Building upon the successes of the System Navigators funded through ESG-CV, additional funding is needed to assist clients with navigating the system and connecting to resources that will end their homelessness. Projects must demonstrate how they will connect with unsheltered households that lack means of communication (i.e. telephone) and transportation and will reach those residing in towns within Mecklenburg County.

#### **4. PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing):** Long-term rental assistance & supportive services that serve the most vulnerable households. Projects must accommodate shared housing.

- i. Projects that leverage housing resources: This means that a project will form a partnership with another entity to provide 50% of the subsidies requested for the project and can apply for funding for the remaining 50% and support services for 100% of the subsidies.
- ii. Projects that leverage healthcare resources: This means that a project will form a partnership with a healthcare provider that will provide in-kind healthcare services for the clients served in the project.
- iii. Projects with no leveraging: The applicant will apply for the full amount of subsidy from HUD.

5. **RRH (Rapid Rehousing):** Up to 24 months of rental assistance. Projects must accommodate shared housing
  - i. Projects that leverage housing resources: This means that a project will form a partnership with another entity to provide 50% of the subsidies requested for the project and can apply for funding for the remaining 50% and support services for 100% of the subsidies.
  - i. Projects that leverage healthcare resources: This means that a project will form a partnership with a healthcare provider that will provide in-kind healthcare services for the clients served in the project.
  - ii. Projects with no leveraging: The applicant will apply for the full amount of subsidy from HUD.
6. **CoC Planning Costs**-only the CoC Collaborative Applicant can apply (Max amount is \$171,593 for 3 years)
  - i. A staff person to oversee & coordinate the implementation & evaluation of the CoC's strategies to address unsheltered homelessness
  - ii. Technology to assist with coordinating a street outreach strategy
7. **HMIS-Only (Homeless Management Information System)-only the current HMIS Lead can apply)**
  - i. Project that will upgrade, customize and enhance the HMIS

**B. Tiebreaking Criteria**

Tiebreakers will be applied in the following order:

1. First tie-breaker (for PSH, RRH, TH-RRH, SSO, SSO-CE project applications): Number of points earned on Housing First response.  
First tie breaker (for HMIS & Planning project application): Number of points earned on project description component
2. Second tie-breaker (for all applications): Points earned on Equity Factor component addressing under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc) in managerial & leadership positions.

**C. Final Ranking List Review and Recommendation**

Following the review, scoring and appeals of new project applications, a preliminary project ranking list will be developed in accordance with the above priority ranking order. This ranking list, with projects identified by name and type, will be reviewed by the Ranking Committee. The committee will present its final recommended project ranking list to the CoC board in accordance with the timeframe required by HUD. The CoC board will vote to approve the final project ranking list