Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care
FY 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity

<u>Letter of Interest Information Document</u>

Due: 5:00pm, Friday, July 21, 2023

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) is charged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to submit a community-wide application for homeless assistance funds.

This announcement serves as the opportunity for agencies to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) form to express their interest in submitting new, expansion and/or renewal projects as part of the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grants competition.

Information about Continuum of Care program activities and requirements can be found at HUD Exchange, Continuum of Care Program (https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/). HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found here. Please make sure you are familiar with pages 33-52 of the NOFO.

Agencies considering submitting a Letter of Interest form must be able to clearly demonstrate their ability to successfully meet CoC program outcomes in one or more of the activity areas as outlined in the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Continuum of Care Program; Interim Final Rule (24 CFR Part 578; Docket No. FR-5476-I-01).

The CoC anticipates that HUD will allow Charlotte-Mecklenburg to apply for (at minimum) $6,046,319 in this competition. Please see the CoC Board's priorities for this funding below.

CoC Governing Board Project Priority Ranking:
The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) is required to prioritize and rank projects applying for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding in the annual CoC competition. Projects seeking renewal or new funding in the FY2023 CoC competition will be prioritized and ranked as follows.

1. The CoC's **renewal infrastructure projects** will be ranked first. Infrastructure projects are defined as dedicated HMIS grants and Coordinated Entry Supportive Services Only (CE-SSO) grants. Renewal CE-SSO project will be ranked above renewal HMIS project as CE-SSO project provides direct services to people experiencing homelessness.
2. **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects** ranked by overall percentage scored on the renewal application, from highest to lowest. Click here to see program requirements.
3. **Renewal Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects** ranked by overall percentage scored on the renewal application from highest to lowest. Click here to see program requirements.
4. **Renewal projects that have not yet completed one full calendar year** of operations as of April 30, 2023, will be ranked in the following order by how they were ranked in the FY22 priority list:
    a. PSH projects
    b. RRH projects
    c. TH-RRH projects
5. **New, including expansion project(s)** created via reallocation and/or CoC Bonus that increase the number of subsidies available in the following order by overall project score. Preference will be given to PSH & RRH Projects that show coordination between a housing provider & a healthcare provider

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and PSH or RRH projects that provide housing for households experiencing unsheltered homelessness:

    a. New or expansion PSH LEASING (master leasing) projects
    b. New or expansion PSH RENTAL ASSISTANCE (scattered site) projects
    c. New or expansion RRH projects
    d. New or expansion CE-SSO (Coordinated Entry-Support Services Only) projects
    e. New or expansion dedicated HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) projects

6. **New Domestic Violence Bonus projects** that increase the number of subsidies available by overall project score in the following order by overall project score:

    a. New or expansion RRH or Joint TH-RRH (Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing) projects Click here to see program requirements
    b. New or expansion CE-SSO projects

Note: Projects must be ready to begin in calendar year 2024.

Funding for these projects is provided through the HUD CoC Homeless Assistance Grant Programs (under the HEARTH Act.) Submission of a Letter of Interest does not constitute an application, nor does it constitute approval for funding by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg CoC or by HUD.

CoC Projects are designed to:
- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.
- Fund efforts by nonprofit providers and State and local governments to quickly house or rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness.
- Promote access to and utilization of mainstream benefits by homeless individuals.
- Provide supportive services that are voluntary, flexible and consumer driven.

Local Competition Timeline

Date	Details
July 5, 2023	NOFO Released
July 7, 2023-July 21, 2023	LOI Period Open
July 10, 2023, 4:00pm	CoC NOFO Info Session #1
July 17, 2023, 11:00am	CoC NOFO Info Session #2
July 21, 2023	LOIs Due to CoC
August 1, 2023	New Project Presentations
August 10, 2023	Ranking Committee meets to discuss LOIs received
August 10, 2023-August 23, 2023	Application Period Open
August 23, 2023	Project Applications Due to CoC
September 8 or 11, 2023	Ranking Committee meets to review applications & rank projects
September 12, 2023	CoC Board votes to approve Ranking Committee recommendations
September 13, 2023	Agencies notified of Board decision
September 14, 2023	Appeals open

September 18, 2023	Appeals due to CoC
September 19, 2023	Ranking Committee reviews appeals received
September 21, 2023	Board approves changes, if any & new priority list posted to the CoC website; Board approves application submission
September 26, 2023	Collaborative Application & Priority Ranking posted to CoC website
September 28, 2023	Project applications and Collaborative Application submitted to HUD
September 28, 2023	Deadline for submitting applications to HUD