

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care
FY 2024-FY2025 HUD Continuum of Care
Notice of Funding Opportunity**

Letter of Interest Information Document

Due: Sunday, August 25, 2024, 5:00pm

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) \$6,444,693 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

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5. **New, including expansion project(s)** created via reallocation and/or CoC Bonus that increases 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 and PSH or RRH projects that provide housing for households experiencing unsheltered homelessness:
 - a. New or expansion PSH LEASING (master leasing) projects
 - Preference for new PSH that will serve families or unaccompanied youth due to increasing number of chronically homeless family & unaccompanied youth households
 - b. New or expansion PSH RENTAL ASSISTANCE (scattered site) projects
 - Preference for new PSH that will serve families or unaccompanied youth due to increasing number of chronically homeless family & unaccompanied youth households
 - c. New or expansion RRH projects
 - d. New Joint TH-RRH projects
 - e. New or expansion CE-SSO (Coordinated Entry-Support Services Only) projects
 - f. 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: New projects must be ready to begin in calendar year 2025.

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 31, 2024	HUD released NOFO
August 9, 2024-August 25, 2024	LOI Period Open
August 15, 2024 10:00am	CoC NOFO Info Session #1
August 21, 3:00pm	CoC NOFO Info Session #2
August 25, 2024	LOIs Due to CoC
August 27, 2024	Ranking Committee meets to discuss LOIs received
August 28, 2024-September 13, 2024	Application Period Open
September 13, 2024	Project Applications Due to CoC
September 23, 2024	Ranking Committee meets to review applications & rank projects
September 25, 2024	CoC Board votes to approve Ranking Committee recommendations & approves submission of collaborative application
September 26, 2024	Agencies notified of Board decision
September 26, 2024	Appeals open
October 3, 2024	Appeals due to CoC
October 7, 2024	Ranking Committee reviews appeals received
October 9, 2024	Board approves changes, if any & new priority list posted to the CoC website; Board approves application submission
October 25, 2024	Collaborative Application & Priority Ranking posted to CoC website
October 28, 2024	Project applications and Collaborative Application submitted to HUD
October 30, 2024	Deadline for submitting applications to HUD
August 27, 2025	Submit FY 2025 application to HUD
August 29, 2025	FY 2025 application due to HUD