



Alliance to House Everyone

FY23 TX-500 CoC Program NOFO Grant Conference

New Projects

South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless

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Attendance

Please write your name and agency into the chat. This session is **required** for applicants, so it is essential that we capture your attendance!

We will take a moment before we get started to gather the names of those who called in by phone.



Housekeeping Items

- This session will be recorded and available on our website.
- **Post all questions in the chat, and please stay on mute.** We will answer questions at the end. If we are unable to answer your question, we will follow up via email.
- After today's session, we will send out a copy of these slides along with a link to the recording. We will also include a copy of our attendance list so you can ensure you received credit!

Introductions

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Common Terminology

- **Continuum of Care (CoC)** – The group organized to carry out the responsibilities prescribed by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). SARAH applies for CoC Program funds on behalf of the community.
- **CoC Program** – HUD’s national program to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- **TX-500** – The designation of the San Antonio and Bexar County CoC
- **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** – The CoC Program competition process

CoC Program Overview

- Each year, HUD releases a [CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for permanent housing homeless assistance programs and capacity-building projects for the coordination of homeless services and data collection.
- SARAH is the agency designated by HUD to apply for this funding and host a local competition on behalf of the community. Agencies cannot apply directly to HUD.
- The CoC Program grant can assist people experiencing homelessness under [HUD's definition](#) of homelessness.

CoC Program Overview

- HUD determines which projects are awarded funding and contracts directly with the project. However, SARAH's Independent Review Team (IRT) will rank projects in a tiered system created by HUD.
- The IRT may decide to reject a project application or reduce the amount requested based on local needs and the competitiveness of the grant on the national level.
- CoC Program grantees awarded funding must competitively renew their grants annually through this process.
- Funding during FY23 will start in FY24.

TX-500 New Funding Available

Funding Type	Funding Amount Available
Continuum of Care Bonus	\$1,168,982
Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus	\$1,608,758
Total	\$2,777,740

You may apply for a partial amount of the bonus up to the full amount

HUD Homeless Policy Priorities

1. Ending Homelessness for all Persons
2. Using the Housing First approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
4. Improving System Performance
5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
6. Racial Equity
7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
8. Lived Experience
9. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

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Local Homeless Policy Priorities

1. Permanent Supportive Housing & Rapid Rehousing
 - New and expansion projects
 - Able to serve any household type, including individuals
2. Renewal project reallocating to local need
3. Agencies funded through the COSA Housing Bond
4. Agencies with Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with housing entities and/or healthcare organizations

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CoC Program Eligible Organizations

- Non-profit organizations with a tax-exempt status (501(c)3)
- Local governments
- Instrumentalities of local governments
- Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE)
- Public housing agencies

CoC Program Eligible Populations Served

- HUD Homeless Definition [24 CFR 578.3](#) under paragraphs (1) and (4)
 - (1) – An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence
 - (4) – Any individual or family who:
 - Is experiencing trauma or lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
 - Has no other safe residence; and
 - Lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.
- Updated definition of homelessness under paragraph 4. Details on [pg. 5 of HUD NOFO](#)
- DV Bonus funding is set-aside to solely serve paragraph (4)

CoC Program Eligible Populations Served

- Human Trafficking Survivors
 - Persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) and may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC Program
- Subpopulation focus
 - HUD allows applicants to indicate they will serve a specific subpopulation (i.e., veterans, HIV, youth and young adults, etc.); however, projects **must** serve any population type depending on the local need. There are exceptions to this that can be discussed at your technical assistance session.

CoC Program Eligible Project Types

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
 - Domestic Violence Bonus eligible
- Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)
 - Domestic Violence Bonus eligible
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
 - HMIS Lead only
- Coordinated Entry (CE)
 - Domestic Violence Bonus eligible
 - CE Lead only

Details regarding program components and uses of assistance can be found here: [24 CFR 578.37](#) or in the [CoC Virtual Binders](#)

CoC Program Applicant Requirements

HUD Requirements

- Universal identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration
- Outstanding delinquent federal debts
- Debarments or suspensions
- Mandatory disclosure requirement
- Pre-selection review of performance
- Sufficiency of financial management system
- False statements
- Failure to conduct business in accordance with ethical standards
- Prohibition against lobbying activities

CoC Program Applicant Requirements

Local Requirements

- [CoC Written Standards](#)
- [Coordinated Entry](#)
- [Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\)](#)
- HUD Data Reporting
- CoC Participation (Membership Council & PIT Count)
- Local Performance Monitoring
- Annual Performance Report
- Quarterly Financial Draws in eLOCCS
- Enter into MOU with SARA

CoC Written Standards

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- HUD requires each CoC to develop their own written standards, or procedures for how each project type will serve participants in their programs.
- Includes:
 - Equal access and nondiscrimination
 - Participant termination policies
 - Access to mainstream resources
 - Collaboration with other homeless service providers
 - Survivor emergency transfer planning

Coordinated Entry

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- CoC-funded projects are **required** by HUD to utilize the community's Coordinated Entry system. In San Antonio, our CE system is named Homelink.
- HUD mandates that CoC-funded projects receive program participant referrals from CE so that a person needing services does not have to go door-to-door to find services. Ideally, a person can go anywhere and receive an assessment to get on the waitlist.
- Because the need is more than our resources, we must create a way to prioritize people on our waitlist. Thus, CoC-funded projects will take referrals from our local priority list.

Coordinated Entry

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- If you want to serve a specific subpopulation (i.e., veterans, youth), you may serve those on our priority list who are in that subpopulation; however, you will have to serve the next on the list if none are present
- There are exceptions to this for some projects. If you want to serve a specific subpopulation, please discuss this at your required technical assistance session.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

HMIS

- CoC-funded projects are required to use our community's HMIS.
- You must enter client data into our HMIS and follow local policies and procedures related to confidentiality and data quality.
- If your agency's mission is to serve survivors of domestic violence, you would be considered a Victim Service Provider (VSP). Due to federal laws protecting survivors, you are not allowed to enter data into the HMIS.
- VSPs must use a comparable database that is able to export data with the required HUD specifications.

A Note on Expansions

- A renewing project may request an expansion using CoC or DV Bonus funding.
- A regular CoC project may expand using DV Bonus funding, so long as the new funding will solely be used to serve survivors under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition.
- You will need to submit a renewal application AND a new project application, both indicating that it is an expansion.

A Note on YHDP

- Our community received the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant in 2019. HUD has not given any communities additional YHDP funding.
- There are no YHDP reallocations this year and thus, no YHDP funding is available for new projects.
- If you want to serve youth and young adults (18 – 24), you can indicate that in the subpopulation section of the application. However, your application may not be as competitive, given the fact that we have so much youth funding.

Timeline

- **Local NOFO Release:** August 1, 2023
- **Technical Assistance Sessions:** August 7 – 17, 2023
- **Application Deadline:** August 25, 2023, at 5:00 pm Central
- **Independent Review Team (IRT) Scores Applications:** September 5 – 12, 2023
- **CoC Board Approves Ranking:** September 12, 2023
- **Notification Provided to Applicants:** September 13, 2023
- **Application Revision Period:** September 15 – 22, 2023
- **Consolidated Application Due to HUD, Submitted by SARA:** September 29, 2023

Application Requirements

1. Grant Conference
2. Technical Assistance (TA) Session with SARA
3. Part I of Application: *E-snaps* Application
4. Part II of Application: Local Survey Monkey Application

Details are in [TX-500 CoC Local NOFO and Application Instructions](#):

- Funding available
- Application instructions
- Application links, including how to sign up for TA session
- Timeline

Part I Application – *E-snaps* Application

- If you are a brand-new applicant, you will need to create an *e-snaps* profile. [Click here for an *e-snaps* 101 guide.](#)
- Once you have a profile, you will follow the necessary steps to create a new project application. [HUD has Navigational Guides to assist you with this process here.](#) (As of 8/2/23, not updated to 2023)
- HUD has specific instructions for how to answer each question. Use the [New Projects Detailed Instructions](#) to ensure your application is competitive.

Part I Application – *E-snaps* Application

- Part 1 – Threshold Information
 - You **MUST** complete part 1 before the rest of the application will populate.
- Part 2 – Recipient Experience and Subrecipients
- Part 3 – Project Description and Details
- Part 4 – Supportive Services, Housing Type and Location
- Part 5 – Project Participants
- Part 6 – Budget, including Match
- Attachments
 - MOUs, match documentation, etc.

Part I Application – *E-snaps* Application

- In *e-snaps*, there is not a DV-specific application. You will utilize a regular application and select 'DV' when prompted. If it's a new project, be sure to clearly state the need – remember that these projects will likely be competing nationally.
- If you have a renewal project and are submitting an expansion, you will need to indicate in your renewal project that you want to expand **and** you must submit a new project application. If awarded, the projects will be combined into one.

Part II Application – Local Application in Survey Monkey

- Audit
 - Your agency's most recent audit or financial statements
- Narratives (recommended to use Chrome browser to download)
 - Racial equity in programmatic and organizational structure
 - Aligning with local policies and requirements
 - How the project will improve system performance locally
 - Domestic Violence Bonus
 - Experience with serving survivors of domestic violence (if you have no experience, put N/A)
 - Plans to serve survivors of domestic violence
- Confirmation that you submitted your *e-snaps* application

Application Resources

- All information for this grant competition can be located here on the SARAH website: www.sarahomeless.org/our-programs.html#funding-competitions

Application Scoring and Ranking Process

- The Independent Review Team (IRT) will score your applications based on the scoring rubrics found in the [TX-500 CoC Program Grant NOFO Policies and Procedures](#) document (page 17 under New Project)
- There are 100 total points available for new project applications and 150 points for renewal projects.
- Applications will be ranked according to their score. If an application falls outside of the amount our community can apply for, it will either be rejected or reduced.

Application Scoring and Ranking Process

- HUD requires that our projects are ranked in a tiered system
 - Tier 1 – 95% of our community’s Annual Renewal Demand (a HUD calculation based on our renewal funding amounts). Tier 1 is typically considered “safe” for funding, unless there are issues that would render the applicant or project ineligible.
 - Tier 2 – The remainder of projects until we meet our funding cap (renewal funding + bonus funding). Tier 2 is competing nationally against all Tier 2 projects.

Application Scoring and Ranking Process

- Tips for making your application as competitive as possible:
 - Aligned with local and federal priorities
 - Having a formal MOU (or plan to have a formal MOU by 9/22) with a housing entity or healthcare provider
 - PSH or RRH open to serving all household types
 - Funded through the COSA Housing Bond
 - Racial equity in programmatic and organizational practices
 - Lived expertise involvement in decision making
 - Organization is connected or has a plan to connect with our local homeless response system
 - Follow the E-snaps Detailed Instructions
 - Align answers with Local Scoring Rubric – New Project

Technical Assistance

- For *e-snaps* functionality issues, email e-snaps@hud.gov (password lockout, help with error messages, etc.)
- For anything else, email chelseyviger@sarahomeless.org **marked high importance**

Next Steps

1. Schedule your Technical Assistance Session with SARA
 - Please only sign up for one session per agency. We will send out a Zoom link that you can forward to others in your organization that need to attend.
2. Review FY23 TX-500 CoC Local NOFO and Application Instructions
 - Download new project narratives Word document
 - Bookmark new project local application Survey Monkey link
3. Review new project scoring rubrics in CoC Program Grant NOFO Policies and Procedures
4. Create *E-snaps* applicant profile, if applicable
5. Create *E-snaps* new project project application(s) and use detailed instructions and local scoring rubrics to complete and submit
6. Submit local application in Survey Monkey



Q&A