

# FY2021 CoC-Local Application Workshop

Office of Community and Homeless Services  
Human Services Department

May 25, 2021  
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm



# CoC Program Competition

- ▶ Federal Funding Source
  - CoC HUD funding source designed to promote community-wide commitment with the goal of ending homelessness
  - Annual national competition to bring funds to Snohomish County, must conduct local competition with oversight and approval of the PEH
- ▶ Snohomish County CoC FY2020 Award \$12,090,119
- ▶ FY2021-if awarded, projects would be expected to start July 1, 2022 (FY2021 TBD, FY2020 ARD was \$11,424,423)
- ▶ *HUD has not released the FY2021 NOFA; unclear when it will be released*



# Review, Ranking, and Selection of Projects

- ▶ Oversight and approval by CoC Application Oversight Committee (a committee of the Partnership to End Homelessness CoC Board).
- ▶ Scoring of Projects- FY21 Project Scoring Instructions and Rating Criteria have been approved by AOC
- ▶ Ranking of Projects - FY21 Review, Ranking, and Selection Policies have been approved by the AOC
- ▶ HUD FY21 NOFA may include information and guidance that could impact the rating and ranking of projects

# Performance Measures

- ▶ Program performance will be a key part of this RFP's scoring criteria, and an integral part of contracting for funds awarded under this RFP.
- ▶ Current performance measures adopted by the PEH for our homeless system align with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HEARTH Performance Measures
  - ▶ Where applicable, based on data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on project performance has been taken into consideration in the scoring criteria
- ▶ Projects awarded funds under this RFP are expected to contribute positively to the system performance outcomes as measured in HMIS.

# Application Schedule

Snohomish County CoC Program Funding Notice – Local Application Released	May 19, 2021
Snohomish County CoC Program Funding Notice – Local Application Workshop	May 25, 2021
Technical Assistance Provided, as needed. Contact Molly Bauer(email or phone)	May 19 to June 9, 2021
Snohomish County CoC Program Funding Notice – Local Application Submission Deadline	4 p.m. on June 10, 2021
HUD NOFA for the FY2021 CoC Program Competition Released	TBD
Project Review Committee (PRC) conducts Rating/Review of Projects and makes Ranking Recommendations	
CoC Application Oversight Committee (AOC) approves or rejects the PRC Recommendations	
Approved recommendations are sent to the Partnership to End Homelessness CoC Board	
Notification to Project Applicants of project inclusion, including rank, or rejection, including reason(s) for rejection	
Consolidated Application (CoC Application and Priority Listing) posted on website	
Consolidated Application Due to HUD	

# Project Application Types

The following project types are proposed for solicitation in the FY2021 Local Application based on the FY2019 HUD NOFA:

- **Renewal Projects** - existing projects may apply for continued funding
- **New Projects** - may be created through reallocation of existing funding and/or through bonus funding
  - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects, including DedicatedPLUS
  - Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Projects
  - Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Projects
  - New Expansion Projects - expansion of existing CoC project
  - DV Bonus Projects - RRH or Joint TH-RRH for victims of domestic violence



# Local Application Overview

All projects must submit applications

▶ Four application forms:

1. Standard Renewal Projects: Projects currently awarded CoC funding that will end in calendar year 2022.
  - Must complete the Renewal Local Application to apply for continued funding beyond June 30, 2022.
2. Renewal Projects Operating Less than One-Year: Projects currently awarded CoC funding that will end in calendar year 2022, but haven't begun operating or haven't completed a full 12-month period.
  - Must complete the Renewal Projects Operating Less than One-Year to apply for continued funding beyond June 30, 2022.

# Overview Continued

3. New Projects - Expansion of Existing CoC-funded project: Expansion projects of existing CoC-funded renewal projects - must increase the number of units/households served.
  - Anticipate HUD will indicate expansion projects are eligible again for funding. Applications will be accepted for review only if funds are available either through bonus funds or re-allocation.
  - Required to begin operating July 1, 2022
  - Must submit both: 1) a Renewal Local Application for continued funding for the existing CoC-funded project and 2) a Local Application for Expansion Projects to increase units/households to be served by the project.
4. New Projects - Not Currently Receiving CoC-funding: Accepting application for three types of projects under this category for which anticipate HUD will indicate are eligible for funding.



# Eligible New Project Types

1. **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** dedicated to serving chronically homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and/or families. A PSH project may be designated to serve chronic homeless or DedicatedPLUS, which is dedicated to serving individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability, including unaccompanied homeless youth. Projects dedicated to serve the DedicatedPLUS population will only be available for new applicants and only if allowed for in the FY2021 CoC NOFA.
2. **Rapid Rehousing (RRH)** dedicated to serving homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and/or families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter, or individuals and/or families who meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of HUD's definition of homeless.
3. **Joint Transitional and Rapid Rehousing Component Project (Joint Component)** dedicated to serving homeless individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and/or families coming directly from the streets or emergency shelter, or individuals and/or families who meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of HUD's definition of homeless.



# Funding Availability

- ▶ Renewal projects - dependent upon amount of funding made available by HUD allocation method and local project ranking. Based on past history, total CoC renewal amount has ranged from 90-94% of previous year's grant; with funding above that dependent upon national competition ranking.
- ▶ New projects - dependent on HUD FY2021 NOFA, opportunity to apply for bonus projects, any re-allocated funds made available, and local project ranking.

# Definitions and CoC Program Requirements

- ▶ If not familiar with the CoC Program, important to reference the CoC interim rule, 24 CFR 578
- ▶ Match requirement: 25% of grant award, except for leasing funds. May come from cash match or in-kind contributions. Must be eligible CoC costs to be eligible for match.

# Application Updates

- ▶ Application forms have been updated since last year.
- ▶ Applicants encourage to read NOFA and applications thoroughly.
- ▶ Some forms update to now include information in Local Application that was previously requested at later date in Supplemental Application.
- ▶ OCHS may request additional application materials and/or information at a later date; it is anticipated that any additional materials and information will be requested after HUD publishes the FY2021 CoC Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

# Threshold Criteria

- ▶ Project remains consistent with the Homeless Prevention and Response System Strategic Plan and the Snohomish County Consolidated Plan.
- ▶ The agency has no outstanding County or HUD monitoring and/or OIG Audit findings where the response is overdue or unsatisfactory.
- ▶ Project complies with the requirements of the CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR Part 578).
- ▶ The project will fill all vacancies exclusively from the Coordinated Entry system. Referrals are based on local priorities and preferences (which consider length of time homeless, the vulnerabilities of participants and/or severity of service needs).
- ▶ The project participates in the Snohomish County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

# Low-Barrier and Housing First

- ▶ A housing first approach allows eligible homeless individuals and families to enter the project without barriers, such as income or sobriety requirements, or service participation requirements.
- ▶ Application and admission policies should be as streamlined and short as possible to move eligible individuals and families into permanent housing as quickly as possible.
- ▶ Projects using a housing first approach offer supportive services; however, participation in these services is based on the needs and desires of the program participant.
- ▶ Persons may be terminated from the program *only* when violations of the lease are serious, and only in the most severe cases. It is important to note that a participant may be evicted from the housing unit, but this does not mean that the recipient must terminate the participant from the program; the recipient may continue serving the participant in another housing unit.
- ▶ Remember to attach and label required documents to support your organization's experience.

# Funding Criteria

- ▶ Available on the website
- ▶ Some updates from last year
- ▶ Consistent with HUD principles, continued opportunity for DV projects to earn back points for certain criteria
- ▶ Continued opportunity for projects to earn back points lost for outcomes where performance makes a marked improvement from prior year

# Application Submission

- ▶ Applicants must email a signed electronic copy to the email address listed below. Please submit a PDF version of the entire application
- ▶ All applications are due by **Thursday June 10, 2021 by 4 p.m.**
- ▶ Submit signed electronic copies of applications to the following email address:

[OCHS.applications@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:OCHS.applications@co.snohomish.wa.us)



# Technical Assistance

- ▶ If you have questions about the application, please contact Molly Bauer, contact information in NOFA
- ▶ May request TA via phone or e-mail
- ▶ Apps due June 10th, TA may be requested through June 9<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Questions often arise when filling out application, so encouraged to start reviewing application and start filling out now so allow sufficient time to ask questions before submittal deadline.
- ▶ Q & A's will be posted on the County's website - Continuum of Care Program Page

**Questions**

