

Programs Committee Training on CoC Funding Program

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Agenda and Purpose

Purpose: Gain a better understanding of Continuum of Care Funding and the Program Committee's responsibilities in relation to it.

Agenda

- Continuum of Care Funding Basics
- National Competition
- Local Competition Process
- Committee Role and Responsibilities
- Q & A

2024 NOFO Released July 31, 2024

- Due to HUD October 30, 2024
- SNHCoC can apply for an estimated \$22.7+ million
- 2-year funding cycle
- This year's national application process will be nearly identical to prior funding cycles



COC PROGRAM FUNDING: THE NATIONAL PROCESS



1. The local system of housing + services deployed to prevent and reduce homelessness in a defined geography—often a single county but can be a city or multiple counties combined.



2. A federal funding source that funds some, but not all, of the housing and services operating within a system (#1).



3. A governance structure required by HUD that local communities must install to receive federal homeless assistance dollars.

CoC=3 Interrelated constructs

CoC Funding Process

HUD releases an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Each CoC develops and manages a local application process to invite, rate and rank projects to submit for funding

CoC submits a Consolidated Application to HUD, including all the local applications organized into a Project Priority List.

HUD awards grants directly to individual applicants (the CoC is not a pass-through)

Each CoC submits a Consolidated Application

- 1. CoC portion** describes CoC's response to homelessness. This is what HUD scores. Data needed:
 - Point-In-Time Count
 - System Capacity
 - Performance
 - Coordination and Governance
- 2. Priority List** ranks projects from local competition.
- 3. Project Applications** are submitted for each project on the Priority List.

Collaborative Applicant

- CoC must designate Collaborative Applicant who:
 - Manages the local competition
 - Writes the Continuum of Care Application
 - Prepares the Priority List
 - Assembles and submits the complete Consolidated Application

Collaborative Applicant for SNHCoC is Clark County Social Services

How CoC Funds Can Be Used

System Level Uses

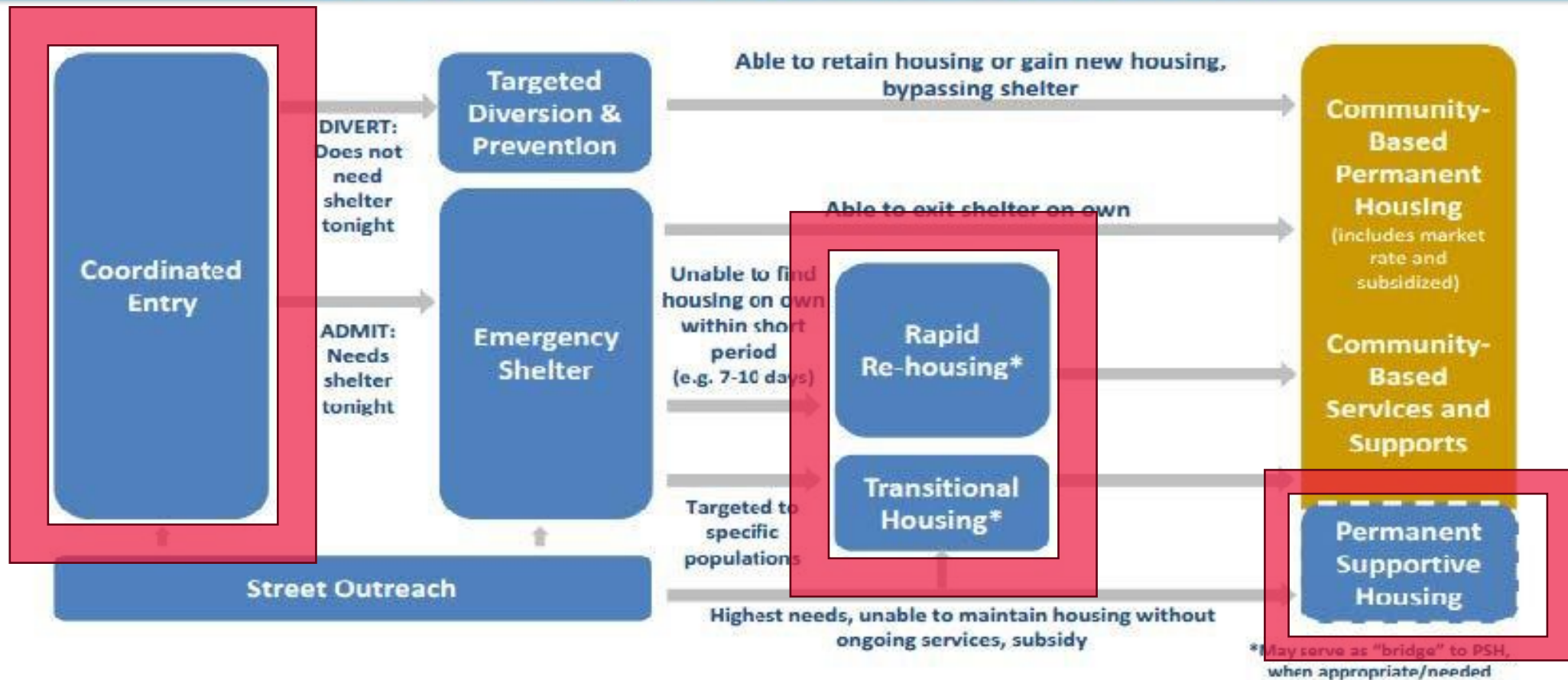
- Continuum of Care Planning
- Operations of Coordinated Entry
- Operating HMIS

Project Types

- Support Services Only/Coordinated Entry
- Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing
- Transitional Housing (only renewing projects, not new)

HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM MAP

General Components & Client Flow



Projects Are Either Renewals or New Projects

Renewals

- Funded in previous rounds and staying the same
- Budgets are generally flat
- Projects can give back (reallocate) funds but can't expand budgets without new application.

New Projects

- Not currently funded by HUD
- They can be
 - Brand new programs
 - Expansions or consolidations of current programs
 - Transitions to different project type
- Funded with
 - HUD bonus funds
 - Reallocated funds

Available Funding

- HUD allows each CoC to apply for funding for all eligible renewals
- However, only a portion of this funding is guaranteed:
 - Tier 1 – projects automatically funded (this year 90% of total needed to fund all renewals)
 - Tier 2 – projects must compete nationally (this year 10%)
- Bonus Funds are available for new projects, including a separate pot for projects serving the DV population

2024 Funding Amounts (Estimated)

Tier 1 Renewals (90% of ARD)	\$15,699,737
Tier 2 Renewals (10% of ARD)	\$1,744,415
CoC Bonus (housing bonus)	\$2,000,000
DV Bonus	\$2,400,000
CoC Planning (not ranked)	\$870,000
Total Possible to Apply For	\$22,700,000

*HUD has not released final funding amounts, so Bonus funding shown is estimated and subject to change.

Tier 2: The Risks and Opportunity

- Tier 2 projects compete nationally with Tier 2 projects from other CoCs.
- Score is based heavily on Continuum of Care Application. The better your CoC performs, the more likely that Tier 2 projects are funded.
- Expanding CoC capacity requires excellent overall CoC performance.
- CoC excellence is a year-round effort.



**REGULAR COC PROGRAM
FUNDING: LOCAL PROCESS**

SNHCOC Local Process

- **Phase 1:** Initial information gathering and pre-scoring (completed in May and June)
- **Phase 2:** Opened August 7, 2024
 - New and Renewal projects complete and submit a local application
 - Applications scored by SRT and consultants
 - SRT develops a ranked order of projects (Project Priority List)
 - Projects are prioritized in either Tier 1 or Tier 2
 - Applicants have an opportunity to appeal placement
 - CoC Board approves final list

Program Committee Responsibilities During Future NOFOs

- Recommends updates to the CoC Board on:
 - Local Competition Policies and Procedures
 - Strategic Priorities
- May serve as the designated entity to recruit the Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT)
 - SRT is the non-conflicted, representative group that reviews, scores and ranks all project applications, submits Project Priority list to board for approval



PROGRAM COMMITTEE'S ROLE BEYOND THE COMPETITION

Strategize How Can CoC Better Realize HUD Priorities

Reduce homelessness

Improve system performance and expanding capacity

Prioritize the most vulnerable and longest term homeless

Advance racial equity and fair housing

Integrate the expertise of people with lived experience

Continuums of Care who align with HUD priorities will be awarded more bonus funding

Help the CoC Board Improve the Coordinated Response to Homelessness

Craft Strategies and Policies to improve system

Propose them to the CoC Board

Oversee Implementation and Problem Solve for Success

Long Term Strategies to Improve System Performance by 2026 NOFO

- Use data to identify gaps and performance issues:
 - Point-In-Time data
 - System Performance Measures
 - Housing Inventory Chart
 - Longitudinal System Analysis
- Propose strategies to close gaps and impact performance, such as:
 - Reduce 1st time homelessness with expanded prevention/diversion
 - Expand housing stability with follow-up care
 - Shorten length of homelessness with housing navigation/document readiness
 - Expand benefits/income with SOAR training
- Monitor progress and adjust strategies as needed.

Questions?

