



Notice of Funding Availability

The Jackson County Continuum of Care (CoC) announces the local competition for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding as outlined in **HUD's FY 2024 - FY 2025 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**. This **2-year Continuum of Care (CoC) Program NOFO** is authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 and includes an application **submission deadline for FY 2024 funding** and a **deadline for FY 2025 funding**.

The application and selection process for the FY 2024 funds awarded through this NOFO will proceed much like it has in prior-year competitions. However, CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to both FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds. Additionally, projects that are awarded FY 2024 funds may be eligible for award of FY 2025 funds using their FY 2024 application submission and are not required to apply for renewal for FY 2025 funds. Projects that did not meet the eligibility criteria to renew in FY 2024 but are eligible for FY 2025 renewal funding must submit a renewal application by the FY 2025 application submission deadline established in the NOFO.

Any agency or organization within Jackson County may apply for funding. However, the proposed project must address the FY 2024-FY2025 CoC program goals of ending homelessness either through quickly re-housing homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; promoting access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; or optimizing self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

What's New

1. New CoC Program 2-Year NOFO. The new 2-Year NOFO has two important parts that affect CoCs and project recipients.

A. The CoC's collaborative applicant will submit a single consolidated CoC application for FY234/FY25. The CoC consolidated application includes a CoC application and all of a CoC's individual project applications and will have the competitive scoring elements as in previous

years. For FY25, HUD will not require CoC's to submit another CoC consolidated application. HUD will also not require recipients to submit individual applications for renewal projects conditionally awarded in the FY24 competition.

B. The individual project applications and project selection processes will be like prior year competitions. The same as in previous years, project applicants will submit a single project application per project for a 1-year grant term with 12-months of annual funding. The primary difference is that HUD will use the single 1-year project application for both the FY24 and FY25 new or renewal projects. In other words, FY24 projects that received funding for a 12-month grant will be eligible for an award in using the FY24 application submission for the same project. HUD will not require those recipients to apply for renewal for the FY25 NOFO. HUD will award the FY 2025 project with appropriate funding updates at a future time. See Section I.A.3.b. of the NOFO for more information.

2. Rural Cost Budget Line Available to Renewals. In the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO, renewals can request to shift up to 10% of an existing BLI into the Rural Cost Budget line item (BLI) for the following activities (only in eligible rural geocodes):

☐ **Short-term emergency lodging** to include housing in motels or shelters, either by providing direct funding or through vouchers.

☐ **Repairs to housing units** in where individuals and families experiencing homelessness will be housed, including housing units currently not fit for human habitation.

☐ **Staff Training** to include professional development, skill development, and staff retention activities.

3. Reallocation of funding originally awarded to serve specific populations. If a new project is being created with reallocated funds that were originally awarded to a YHDP or DV Bonus project, the new project must continue to serve the same population as the project being reallocated. See Section I.A.3.d. of the NOFO for more information. Applicants should be aware of the following specific restrictions

FY2024 CoC Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions on using funding reallocated from DV Renewal projects (projects originally awarded with, or subsequently expanded with, DV Bonus funding):

1. DV Renewal projects that have an SSO-CE component cannot be reallocated.
2. Reallocated DV Renewal funding cannot be used to expand a CoC Renewal grant.
3. DV Renewal projects cannot consolidate with CoC Renewal projects.

4. Cost of Living Adjustments for Conditionally Selected Grants. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 authorizes HUD to make reasonable cost of living adjustments to renewal amounts to help afford increasing cost of operations due to inflation. HUD will adjust amounts for the supportive services and HMIS Costs budget lines for renewing projects based

on the most recent three-year average of changes in State Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) for the category Social Assistance (NAICS 624). Please note that HUD is only authorized to make these adjustments for Renewal projects. Supportive Services and HMIS budgets for all new projects, including Planning, UFA, YHDP Replacement, and YHDP Reallocation, will not be adjusted.

Who is eligible to apply

The list below describes eligible applicants. In addition, applicants with CoC grants that have an expiration date in Calendar Year 2025 are eligible to apply for renewal grants, the CoC's HMIS Lead is the only candidate eligible to apply for HMIS grants, and the CoC's Coordinated Entry management organization is the only candidate eligible to apply for CoC CE grants.

- a. Faith-based organizations
- b. Government organizations
- c. Nonprofit organizations
- d. Tribes and tribally designated housing entities

A faith-based organization may not use direct financial assistance from HUD to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities except where consistent with the Establishment Clause and any other applicable requirements. Such an organization also may not, in providing services funded by HUD, discriminate against a beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion, religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds. Projects funded through this NOFO must serve homeless populations as defined in 24 CFR 578.3. All projects must participate in Coordinated Entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process.

Budget Match Requirements

A minimum 25% match is required for CoC projects funded through this RFP. Match funds should be clearly outlined in the proposed budget, and applicants must provide a letter that describes the original source of the match. A match is actual cash or in-kind resources contributed to the grant. All grant funds must be matched with an amount no less than 25% of the awarded grant amount (excluding the amount awarded to the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources. Match resources may be from public (not statutorily prohibited by the funding agency from being used as a match) or private resources. Administration costs are limited by HUD to no more than 10% of the total amount available. All costs proposed in the grant application must be covered by grant funds and the 25% required match must be costs allowable by HUD. See 24 CFR § 578.73 for information.

Homeless Management Database System (HMIS)

All Grant recipients must participate in the local HMIS, unless a recipient is a victim services provider or legal services provider, in which case it must use a comparable database and provide de-identified information to the Alliance. Recipients of grant funds will also be required to designate a staff member to attend 75 percent of monthly HMIS User Workgroups in order to ensure Data Quality Standards for the CoC are met.

Eligible Costs

Applicants are responsible for understanding and adhering to all program eligible costs. See 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 to identify eligible costs that applicants may request under the CoC Program. The HUD FY2024 NOFO lists additional eligible costs and contains information on indirect costs.

Applying for Funds

All applicants are responsible for submitting project proposals in alignment with the HUD FY24 - FY25 NOFO and the requirements outlined in this RFP. The funding amounts available through this RFP will be released on the Jackson County Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity webpage once that information is available from HUD.

Note that conditional award funding is typically based on the submitted Final Prioritized List of local projects; however, actual awards and award amounts are determined by HUD. All Grant Agreements will be between HUD and the Applicant and subject to HUD audits as well as CoC Project Monitoring.

All Projects must align with HUD's Priorities for funding

HUD's Strategic Planning Goals and Homeless Policy Priorities (See NOFO for full details.)

1. HUD's Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Support underserved communities.

Strategic Goal 2: Ensure access to and increase the production of affordable housing.

Strategic Goal 3: Promote homeownership.

Strategic Goal 4: Advance sustainable communities.

2. HUD's Priorities

a. Ending homelessness for all persons.

b. Using a Housing First approach.

- c. Reducing unsheltered homelessness.
- d. Improving system performance.
- e. Partnering with housing, health, and service agencies.
- f. Racial equity.
- g. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals.
- h. Persons with Lived Experience.
- i. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

All Applicants interested in applying for new project funding or renewing existing projects must email mmarkos@accesshelps.com for project application materials. Applicants are encouraged to review the scoring sheets posted on the website as they prepare their applications. All applicants are responsible for reading the Competition NOFO and understanding the requirements of the grant. For questions or T.A. please reach out to mmarkos@accesshelps.com

Please read the FULL HUD FY24-25 NOFO for all requirements (link below)

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY2024_FY2025_CoC_and_YHDP_NOFO_FR-6800-N-25.pdf

Jackson County Continuum of Care FY24 Timeline

Date	Time Deadline	Task
9/6/2024	5:00 PM	Pre-Applications Due to Melissa Markos at mmarkos@accesshelps.org .
9/12/2024	5:00 PM	Rating and Ranking Committee deadline to select projects to include in the Collaborative Application
9/14/2024	5:00 PM	Project applicants will be notified if selected, rejected or reduced. <i>Selected Projects to be included in the collaborative application will be instructed to complete the application in HUD's E-snaps system</i>
9/19/2024	5:00 PM	Appeals Deadline
9/27/2024	5:00 PM	Completion of E-snaps project applications deadline. <i>Additionally, all applicants must submit a PDF of their E-snaps application to Melissa Markos for review by this date.</i>

9/30/2024	5:00 PM	Notification of any revisions or corrections needed for E-snaps Project Applications will be sent out.
10/7/2024	5:00 PM	Deadline for corrected applications to be resubmitted into E-snaps
10/21/2024	5:00 PM	Board Approval
10/22/2024	5:00 PM	Board Approved Application posted to Website
10/25/2024	5:00 PM	Submit to HUD
10/30/2024	5:00 PM	HUD Submission Deadline