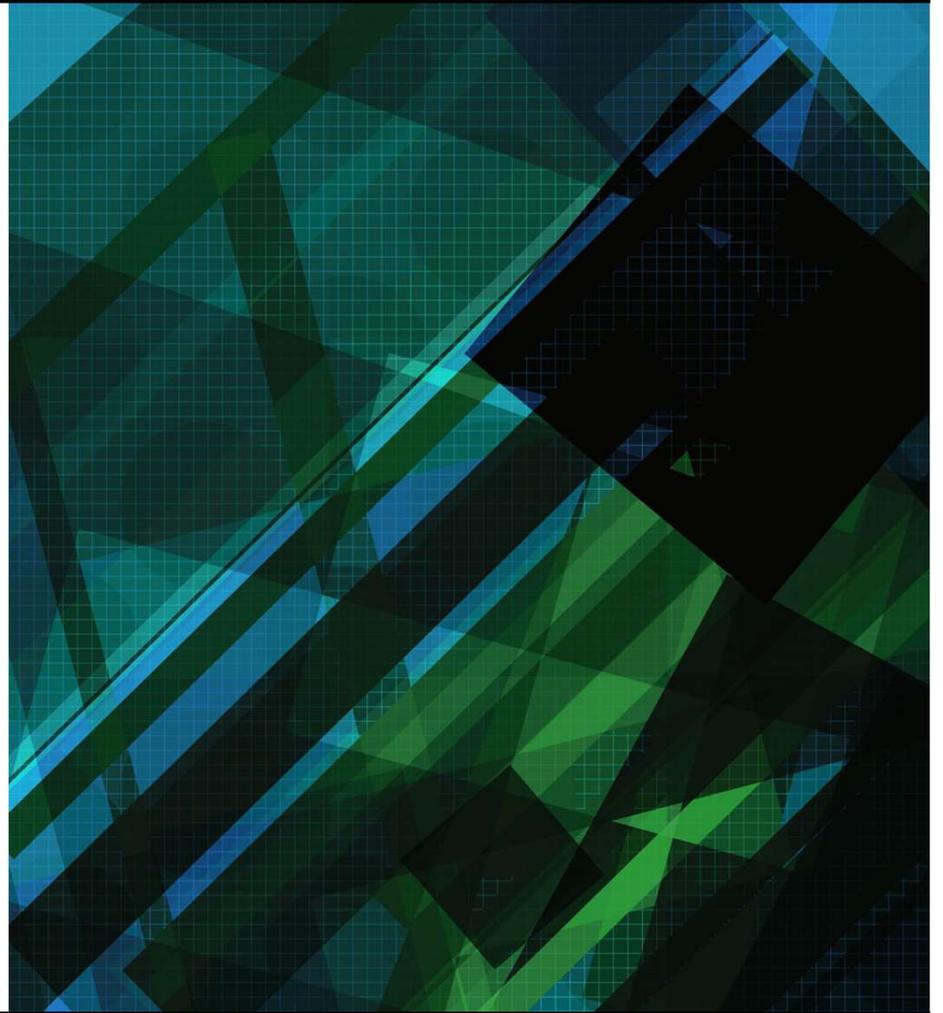


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# **Special NOFO Unsheltered Homelessness**

Introductory Meeting

July 19, 2022



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# Unsheltered Set Aside

\$267,500,000 nationwide

\$1,112,933 Marion-Polk region

3% planning funds (\$33,388)

Available for projects: \$1,079,545  
over 3 years (\$359,848 per year)

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# Rural Set Aside

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\$54,500,000  
nationwide

Marion-Polk  
region is not  
eligible for the  
Rural Set Aside

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# Nuts and Bolts

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- **Who can apply?** Continuums of Care (CoCs) coordinate a planning process and local competition. Eligible project applicants are nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, and Indian Tribes.
  - **Deadline for CoC Application:** October 20, 2022
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# Scoring

The Consolidated Application is made up of 4 scoring sections with several sub-questions:

1. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking (4 points)
2. System Performance (18 points)
3. CoC Coordination and Engagement (8 points)
4. CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs (70 points) - attached narrative

*(See pages 40-53 of NOFO. CoC must receive 50 points to receive any funding.)*

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# Comprehensive CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

*Severe Service Needs* means any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work.

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# Comprehensive CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

Strategies for:

- Conducting coordinated and comprehensive outreach
  - Providing access to low-barrier shelter and other temporary accommodations
  - Providing immediate access to low-barrier permanent housing
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# Comprehensive CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

Strategies for:

- Leveraging mainstream housing and healthcare resources
  - Supporting underserved communities, identifying barriers that led to any disparities, supporting equitable community development
  - Involving individuals with lived experience in decision making
  - Reducing unsheltered homelessness in geographic area
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# Eligible Project Types

- Permanent Housing
  - Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
  - Permanent Housing- Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH)
- Joint TH and PH-RRH
- Supportive Services Only
  - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
  - Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
  - Standalone SSO • HMIS
- CoC Planning (for Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside Only)

*(See pages 25-30 of NOFO for scoring criteria.)*

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# Eligible Activities

- Rent or utility assistance
  - Short-term emergency lodging
  - Repairs to make housing habitable
  - Capacity building (professional development, staff retention)
  - Emergency food and clothing assistance
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# Requirements

**Discharge Planning.** CoCs must coordinate with state or local discharge planning efforts to ensure persons exiting from foster care and institutions (i.e., jails/prisons/hospitals, mental health facilities, or other institutional settings) are not released directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs. Works with discharge planning efforts to help identify affordable and integrated housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities transitioning from institutional settings, including providing reasonable accommodations that may be necessary for program participation, and ensuring housing options include housing that meets one's disability-related needs.

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# Requirements

CoCs must demonstrate that they have applied for permanent housing project(s), including permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing, that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs (e.g., Housing Choice Vouchers, HOME-ARP, HOPWA). The CoC must demonstrate that these housing units, which are not funded through the CoC or ESG programs, will:

- In the case of a permanent supportive housing project(s), provide at least 50 percent of the units included in the project; or
- In the case of a rapid re-housing project(s), serve at least 50 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project

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# Requirements

CoCs must attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that clearly demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. To receive full points, the CoC must attach a letter from a PHA committing to work with the CoC to pair vouchers with CoC-funded supportive services; to work with the CoC and other stakeholders to develop a prioritization plan for a potential allocation of Stability Voucher (see Section VI.F.1.h of this NOFO for additional information) or a preference for general admission to Housing Choice Voucher program through the coordinated entry process for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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# Requirements

CoCs must demonstrate through a written commitment from a health care organization, including organizations that serve people with HIV/AIDS, that the value of assistance being provided by the healthcare organization is at least:

- In the case of a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and choose those services; or
  - An amount that is equivalent to 50% of the funding being requested for the project(s) will be covered by the healthcare organization.
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# Requirements

**Letter Signed by Working Group Comprised of Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness.** The letter must be signed by either (1) at least three members involved in the working group comprised of individuals with lived experience or (2) an authorized representative of the workgroup (e.g., a working chair) along with evidence that the person is authorized to represent the group. The letter must demonstrate support of the priorities in the CoCs Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in the CoC's geographic area outlined in the Special NOFO CoC Application and the Project Applications.

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# Requirements

In recruiting people with lived experience of homelessness, CoCs should cast a wide net. Rather than relying on their existing board members with lived experience, they should reach out to CoC and ESG providers to find others with recent experience with homelessness and homeless service systems. Other useful outreach methods may include local job boards, CoC listservs, peer support networks, and organizational websites. In a future message, SNAPS will share additional suggestions for engaging people with lived experience.

Similarly, in recruiting representatives of overrepresented or underserved communities, CoCs should draw on local expertise. Local chapters or affiliates of culturally specific organizations like the Urban League, NAACP, Native Americans in Philanthropy, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy, National Latin@ Network, and the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders are good resources. These organizations can serve as stakeholders and connect CoCs to other community-based organizations. City and county leadership may have additional recommendations for stakeholders to contact.

CoCs should also partner with organizations that provide services for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness (e.g., [local public housing authorities](#), mainstream service providers). Including these organizations in the planning process can ensure that plans reflect the capacity and resources of the broader homeless system. It can also strengthen future collaborations between organizations and CoCs.

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# Unsheltered Homelessness Bonus Points

HUD will award bonus points to CoCs applying for the Unsheltered Set Aside based on the number of unsheltered people reported in the **2019 Point in Time Count**. The points will be as follows

10,000 or more people	30
5,000 to 9,999 people	20
1,000 to 4,999 people	10
<b>999 or fewer people</b>	<b>0</b>

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# Discussion Questions

1. How should we define "severe service needs?"
  2. What should the geographic focus be to best serve those with severe service needs? Should it include tribal lands?
  3. How should healthcare resources be leveraged for this population? (See "Partnerships" fact sheet from NAEH)
  4. How should we address cultural disparities and advance equity for people with severe service needs?
  5. How should we incorporate the voices of lived experience in decision-making?
  6. What enhancements or modifications should we make to Coordinated Entry (from outreach/access through referral) to better serve this population?
  7. What HMIS enhancements should we make for comprehensive data collection regarding people with severe service needs?
  8. How should mainstream housing and employment resources be leveraged to support this population?
  9. How can we expand the inventory of housing available for RRH and PSH for this population? How can we remove barriers and respond to the preferences and needs of individuals and families with severe service needs?
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