



**August 7, 2024**

**The Kanawha Valley Collective is seeking Letters of Intent to apply for the FY2024-25 CoC Competition NOFO.**

**This is an overview, and based upon the information received as of the writing of this document. This information is superseded by any information in the HUD FY2024 NOFO or any HUD announcements.**

**A meeting for those who are interested in this opportunity will be held on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am at the United Way**

**Links to apply for this opportunity are:**

**New projects:** [Kanawha Valley Collective COC Letter of Intent - NEW Project - Google Forms](#)

**Renewal Projects:** [Kanawha Valley Collective COC Letter of Intent - RENEWAL Project - Google Forms](#)

This funding opportunity under the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)), and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

As of August 6, 2024, HUD has not released the FY2024 COC Program Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Report. Based on FY2023 funding, the Kanawha Valley Collective is estimated to be \$1,545,567. The KVC is not expecting to be eligible for new funding, except for through the COC Bonus and the Domestic Violence Bonus. According to the language of the FY2024 NOFO, the COC Bonus is up to 12% of the Preliminary Pro Rata Need, and the DV Bonus is up to 15% of the PPRN. Because HUD has not yet announced the PPRN, the Bonus Amounts will be estimated based on the KVC annual renewal amounts.

COC Bonus Amounts - \$ 185,468

DV Bonus Amounts - \$ 231,835

**NEW to the NOFO Process: Two-Year Funding Cycle**

The application and selection process for the FY 2024 funds awarded through this NOFO (the FY 2024 CoC Program and YHDP funds) 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 the FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds. HUD reserves the right to award available FY 2025 funds (the FY 2025 CoC program and YHDP funds) based on this NOFO competition. 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. CoC and YHDP renewal projects expiring in CY 2025 (January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025) are eligible to be renewed with FY 2024 CoC and YHDP funds. Projects that will be eligible for renewal with FY 2025 CoC Program and YHDP funds must have an expiration date in CY 2026 (January 1, 2026, and ending December



31, 2026). Should there not be sufficient appropriated amounts to fully fund all FY 2025 renewal grants, grant amounts may be reduced proportionately. If new competitive funding becomes available for FY 2025, this NOFO may be amended and the FY 2024 - 2025 CoC Application and score may be used for the FY 2025 application selection process. Applications for FY 2025 eligible CoC and/or YHDP renewal projects and new projects created through CoC and/or DV reallocation or YHDP replacement, must be submitted in e-snaps by the application submission deadline for FY 2025 CoC and YHDP funds on August 29, 2025. HUD also reserves the right to modify this NOFO or issue a supplemental FY 2025 CoC and YHDP NOFO if necessary (e.g., to accommodate a new CoC or YHDP priority or new funding source).

Because HUD can only award funding annually, agencies will be completing a one-year budget for the FY24 application. The CoC will notify funded agencies prior to the 2025 application due date if FY25 funding has decreased or increased. The CoC holds the right to reallocate funding in FY25 from low performing agencies that have been in full operation for a year or longer.

### **HUD Funding Process**

HUD has a two-tier funding selection process for FY 2024 funding. HUD will establish Tier 1 and Tier 2 amounts for each CoC, based on each CoC's Annual Renewal Demand. HUD will post a report that lists the available amounts for each CoC's PPRN, estimated ARD, Tier 1, CoC Planning, estimated CoC Bonus amounts, and estimated DV Bonus amounts on HUD's website.

The CoC must review each project application submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY 2024 CoC Priority Listing as part of the CoC Consolidated Application and either approve and rank or reject project application submissions. All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order. Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2 as described in sections I.B.3.h.(1) and (2) of this NOFO. This two-tiered approach for CoCs notifies HUD which projects are prioritized for funding based on local needs and gaps.

Tier 1 is equal to 90% of the CoC's ARD. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal funding available (ARD plus bonus projects).

Tier 1 is conditionally approved based on the highest scoring CoC to the lowest. Tier 2 is awarded based on a scoring system using a 100 point system as outlined here:

(a) CoC Score. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application, e.g., if a CoC received 100 out of 200 points on the CoC Application, the project application would receive 25 out of 50 points for this criterion.

(b) CoC Project Ranking. Up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project application(s). To consider the CoCs ranking of projects, HUD will assign point values directly related to the CoCs' ranking of project applications. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity  $(1-x)$  where  $x$  is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2 for the CoC. For example, if a CoC is eligible to apply for projects totaling \$500,000 in Tier 2 and applies for 5 projects ranked in Tier 2 of \$100,000 each: the highest-ranked project would receive 36 points, and then the subsequently ranked projects would receive 28, 20, 12, and 4 points.



(c) Commitment to Housing First. Up to 10 points based on the project application’s commitment to follow a Housing First approach as defined in section I.B.2.b.(15) of this NOFO. Dedicated HMIS projects and supportive service only for coordinated entry (SSO-CE) projects will automatically receive 10 points.

Projects Straddling Tiers. If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using the CoC score, and other factors described in section I.B.3.h of this NOFO, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount based on the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

**Policy Priorities FY24 CoC NOFO:**

1. Ending homelessness for all persons
2. Use a 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. Persons with Lived Experience/Expertise
9. Building an Effective Workforce
10. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

*See Section I.A.4.b. of the FY24-25 CoC NOFO for additional details on each of these priorities.*

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible (Project) Applicants for the FY24-25 CoC NOFO funding are nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, instrumentalities of State and local governments, and faith-based organizations. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

**New Eligible Project Types**

CoCs may apply for the following types of new CoC projects through reallocation or the CoC Bonus process:

- (a) PH-PSH projects -
- (b) PH-RRH projects
- (c) Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects
- (d) Dedicated HMIS – application must be from HMIS Lead Agency (KVC)
- (e) SSO-CE - application must be from Centralized Assessment Lead Agency (KVC)

**New agencies**

Agencies that have never received HUD Continuum of Care Funding, or who have had a break in funding, must submit to a Continuum of Care Threshold Review. This review is to insure that the agency is prepared, and had the infrastructure needed to operate a COC Funded project.

Programs funded through the COC NOFO process must participate in the HUD mandated HMIS System (Wellsky), or the DV Provider Comparable Database (Empowered)



## **Other Items of Importance**

The completed Letter of Intent is required. Any project completing an application without an Letter of Intent will not be prioritized for inclusion in the FY2024 NOFO

An Esnaps account is required for Project Application submission. [e-snaps : CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System - HUD Exchange](#)

By submitting a Letter of Intent and working towards completing a project application, you are also agreeing to take part in scheduled NOFO meetings. These meetings are where the COC works together to complete the Consolidated Application. These generally take place weekly from mid-August to mid-October.

All COC grants (except for leasing costs) require 25% match. Match is a requirement for new and renewal projects. More information can be found <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-07-31/pdf/2012-17546.pdf>

For up to date info on the NOFO process, bookmark and check for updates [CoC Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

Housing First. All projects (new and renewal) must show a dedication and practice of the Housing First Model. A model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stability in permanent housing in which admission does not have preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) and in which housing assistance is not conditioned upon participation in services.

Centralized Assessment. All projects funded by the COC NOFO must follow the KVC Centralized Assessment and Prioritization protocols. This includes participation in our By Name List process

## **FY2024 Kanawha Valley Collective NOFO Schedule**

**August 7, 2024 – Letter of Intent Released**

**August 21, 2024 -- 10:00 - Meeting of Interest / Those participating in FY2024 NOFO**

**August 22, 2024 - Intent to Apply due to KVC via Google Docs**

**September 9, 2024 – Project Applications due in Esnaps**

**September 9 – 17, 2024 – Project Applications Reviewed**

**September 17 – October 1 (exact date TBD) – COC Prioritization Committee Meets**

**October 2 - Prioritization Results Announced to applicants**

**October 7-11 (exact date TBD) – COC Steering Approved Prioritization List**

**October 14 – Final Project Applications Submitted in Esnaps**

**October 28 – Consolidated Application Approved and Posted**

**October 30 – Consolidated Application due to HUD**



**FY2024 NOFO Grantwriting Meetings (held at United Way)**

**8/21 – 10:00 - Meeting of Interest / Those participating in FY2024 NOFO**

**8/27 – 1:30**

**9/4 – 1:30**

**9/11 – 1:30**

**9/17 – 1:30**

**9/25 – 1:30**

**10/2 – 1:30**

**10/8 – 1:30**

**10/16 – 1:30**

**10/23 – 1:30**