

# 2024 Annual CoC Program Competition

Northeast MN Continuum of Care

2:00pm - 3:00pm

May 20, 2024



# What to Expect

HUD COC PROGRAM COMPETITION OVERVIEW

LOCAL COMPETITION PROCESS & TIMELINE

RESOURCES AND Q&A



# About the NE CoC

The Continuum of Care is a **regional community planning body** designed to promote a shared commitment to the **goal of ending homelessness** with a focus on:

- quickly rehousing individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by housing instability;
- promoting access to and utilization of mainstream resources and benefits; and
- optimizing stability and self-sufficiency for individuals and families while homeless and once housed.

The NE MN CoC region includes Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching & Lake Counties – including Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, & Leech Lake Reservations.

# About the CoC Program Competition

- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for CoC Homeless Program Funding.
- CoC Program Competition is often referred to as “the NOFO”
- Nationwide funding competition among approx. 450 Continuums of Care.

# CoC Program Competition Components

Project Applicants

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Developed based on CoC priorities & need

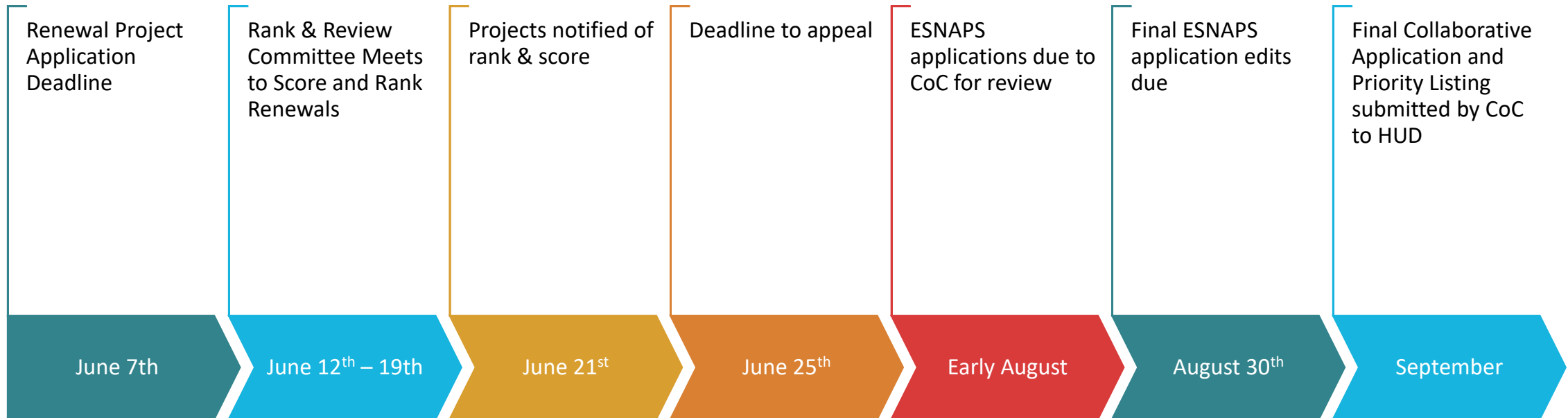
Highlights CoC-wide performance & strategies to end homelessness

CoCs submit all application materials to HUD to participate in the nationwide competition

# NE CoC Local NOFO Process

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# Local Timeline – Key Renewal Project Dates



# Local Threshold Criteria

Eligible entity – nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE

Eligible service population

Project application materials submitted by the deadline

HMIS – Capacity and plan to participate

Match – Meets HUD requirement of 25% match for everything but leasing

CoC participation – Participates in 50% of CoC Board meetings

Coordinated Entry – Participates in Coordinated Entry (training, assessments, referrals to program)

HUD Monitoring – No unresolved significant findings

Admin costs do not exceed HUD limits

Annual Training – Participates in mandatory trainings including: Fair Housing/Equal Access, Mainstream Benefits 101, and Safety & Best Practices for DV Survivors

APR Submitted for Previous Grant Year (Renewals)



# Local Scoring Criteria

## CoC Priorities & Need

- Chronic Homeless (PSH Only)
- Veterans
- Housing First
- Priority Project Type
- Ending Family & Youth Homelessness
- Ending Youth Homelessness
- Connection to K-12 Education & Early Childhood Development

## Grant Administrative Performance (Renewals)

- Funding Management (Spending & Drawdowns)
- Data Quality

## Coordinated Entry Participation

- Assessments
- Case consultation
- Referrals accepted

## Advancing Equity

- Addressing Inequities to Housing
- Culturally Specific/Responsive Programming

## System Performance (Renewals)

- Returns to Homelessness
- Maintain/Increase Income
- Retention/Exit to Permanent Housing

# Total Points Possible – RENEWAL PROJECTS

Total Points Possible	PSH (Singles)	PSH (Families/Youth)	TH/RRH (Singles)	TH/RRH (Families/Youth)
CoC Priorities	9	9	7	7
Criteria Specific to Serving Youth, Families & Children	4	8	4	8
Coordinated Entry	4	4	4	4
Grant Admin Performance	12	12	12	12
Advancing Equity	4	4	4	4
System Performance (Renewals Only)	28	28	28	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	61	65	59	63

# Application Requirements

## Required HOUSING Renewal Application Elements for CoC Local Competition:

- Renewal Project Supplemental Application – Housing Projects
  - Financial Assessment Form (including required ELOCCS screenshots)
  - Housing First Assessment
  - Households w/ Children Supplement (Families/Youth)
- Note: The CoC will also review information in Sage and HMIS as part of the renewal application review.

## Required NEWLY FUNDED Renewal Application Elements for CoC Local Competition (not yet completed 1<sup>st</sup> grant cycle):

- Renewal Project Supplemental Application – Housing Projects
  - Sections: Project Information (Q 1-4); CoC Participation; Services

## Required HMIS & SSO-CE Renewal Application Elements for CoC Local Competition:

- Renewal Project Supplemental Application – HMIS & SSO-CE Projects
  - Financial Assessment Form (including required ELOCCS screenshots)

All application materials must be submitted via email to: [clundquist@live.com](mailto:clundquist@live.com) by 11:59pm on June 7, 2024

ESNAPS applications will be due after HUD releases the NOFO and must be submitted to the CoC on time to be included in the final project listing.

# Project Application Review Process

- Applicants submit all application materials to CoC by the deadline
- CoC Ranking & Review Committee reviews and scores applications using CoC approved tools and policies.
- CoC Ranking & Review Committee recommends draft project ranking and scoring.
  - Draft Project Ranking & Scoring posted to CoC website for public review and comment.
  - All applicants are notified of proposed rank and score and are provided the opportunity to appeal.
- CoC Board votes to approve Project Ranking & Scoring.
- CoC Coordinators review your ESNAPS project application and send recommended changes.
- Projects submit final ESNAPS application.
- CoC Coordinators submit final Project List and Collaborative Application in ESNAPS.
- HUD reviews applications at a national level.



# Reallocation

- Reallocation refers to the process by which a CoC shifts funds in whole or in part from existing CoC-funded projects that are eligible for renewal to create one or more new projects.
- CoCs can reallocate funding from any project eligible for renewal in a competition year.
- Competitive reallocation: The CoC can reallocate some or all of a renewal project's funding if they:
  - Do not meet all threshold criteria to apply.
  - Are deemed to be low performing by scoring poorly and/or having unsatisfactory project performance.
  - Have returned any funds from their previous grant period or appear to be at risk of returning funds in their current grant period.

# Application Tips!

- Schedule time in your calendar to focus on your NOFO Application and START EARLY!
- Make sure you fill out all forms and questions that apply to your project.
- Review the local application materials and scoring from last year's NOFO as a starting place for this year (contact Cara if you don't have these!)
- Reach out to your CoC Coordinators with questions.
- STAY CALM!

# Helpful Resources

## Local Resources (NE CoC)

### NE CoC Website: [NEMinnesotaContinuumofCare.org](https://www.neminnesotacontinuumofcare.org)

- Renewal Project Supplemental Applications
- Project Scoring & Ranking Criteria – Includes total points available for applications
- CoC Ranking & Reallocation Policies
- NE CoC NOFO Schedule
- Local NOFO Updates

### Application Technical Assistance

- Contact Cara ([clundquist@live.com](mailto:clundquist@live.com)) to schedule 1:1 technical assistance.

## Other Resources

### HUD CoC Competition page

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/competition](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition)

- HUD 2024 CoC Program NOFO
- ESNAPS Detailed Instructions & Navigation Guides
- Grant Inventory Worksheet

### HUD CoC Virtual Binder:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/>

- CoC eligible activities
- Overview of project components
- Match requirements
- Grant administration

# Q&A

