

COC Builds Technical Assistance Q&A Supplemental

The following questions and responses are informed by the group and individual technical assistance sessions held from the project application opening through July 13th.

Question 1: I have an in-progress housing project. Is this funding something that I can add on to resolve a funding gap?

Answer: Possibly. The Continuum of Care program, and the CoC Builds funding opportunity have some extensive and heavily regulated requirements, including those relating to reimbursable costs, the process to placing individuals/households in units funded (Coordinated Entry) as well as reporting requirements relating to the data collection components of HUD CoC funding. For a complete list of requirements, please read through the RFP document as well as the HUD NOFO found here: [Opportunity Listing - Continuum of Care Builds \(CoC Builds\)](#)

Question 2: Can I apply for a transitional housing project under CoC Builds?

Answer: No. This funding opportunity is exclusively made available to projects that are offering Permanent Supportive Housing to eligible participants with at least one household member that has a disability.

Question 3: What is the definition of disability in the context of HUDs requirement?

Answer: Disability can be somewhat broadly defined, however a reliable listing of eligible criteria is found here: [Hud Exchange Disability Definition](#)

Question 4: Capital project grants take significant amount of resource to apply for.

Why is the timeline to apply so short: HUD announced its notice of funding on June 23rd. Following a condensed viability review, the local RFP was drafted, reviewed, and published on July 8th. Applications require scoring, review, and a Continuum of Care Board vote, all of which will be occurring between the application due date of July 15th and the HUD application deadline of July 23rd.

Question 5: Is my project required to use Coordinated Entry?

Answer: Yes. All projects funded under the CoC are required to integrate with Coordinated Entry. For projects designed to serve specific sub-populations, participants are filtered to align with that project's resources/focus. For the local Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures, please see this resource: [Spokane Regional CoC CE Policies and Procedures](#)

Question 6: Are Permanent Supportive Housing Projects required to serve those that are "Chronically Homeless" under the HUD definition?

Answer: No. HUD no longer requires that all CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) must be dedicated to individuals and families that meet the definition of "Chronically Homeless."