

CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS – FY2024 AND FY 2025 COC HUD NOFO

- **Two-Year Cycle for NOFO Applications.**¹
 - For Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, a two-year Notification of Funding Opportunity was issued, inclusive of alternative procedures or requirements as necessary to allocate future appropriations in the second year, for the award of amounts made available for the Continuum of Care program.
 - The application and selection and application process for FY 2024 funds will proceed much like it has in prior-year competitions.
 - CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to both FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds.
 - HUD reserves the right to award available FY 2025 funds based on this NOFO competition.
 - 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 application selection process.
 - If FY 2025 appropriations are not able to fully fund all FY 2025 renewal grants, grant amounts may be reduced proportionately.
- **Cost of Living Adjustments**
 - For the first time, HUD is allowing for Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs)
 - These will be available for Supportive Services and HMIS Costs budget lines for renewing projects
 - These COLAs will be adjusted by HUD and will be based on the most recent three-year average of changes in State Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEQ) for the category Social Assistance
- **Additional HUD Priorities**
 - Existing HUD priorities have been maintained, and two additional priority measures have been added. These new priorities are “Building an Effective Workforce” and “Increasing Affordable Housing Supply”
 - “Building an Effective Workforce” as defined by HUD:
 - Homeless assistance providers need effective, well-supported staff to provide high quality assistance. Unfortunately, recruiting and retaining qualified staff for programs to assist persons experiencing homelessness has proven difficult due to low pay and the challenging nature of the work. To address this issue, HUD is applying cost of living adjustments to supportive service activities and other staffing-focused budget lines to allow CoC budgets to better keep up with rising costs. HUD also encourages CoCs to work with their funders and other community stakeholders to improve pay and support for people who work in the homelessness sector.

¹ Summary language in this section excerpted from the National Alliance to end Homelessness blog page found here: https://endhomelessness.org/blog/creating-an-effective-homelessness-system-leveraging-the-fy24-25-coc-program-competition-nofo/?utm_source=Master+Email+List&utm_campaign=0f2d442c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_08_01_06_11&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0f2d442c-%5B%5D

- “Increasing Affordable Housing Supply” as defined by HUD:
 - The lack of affordable housing is the main driver of homelessness. CoCs play a critical role in educating local leaders and stakeholders about the importance of increasing the supply of affordable housing and the specific consequences of the continued lack of affordable housing. CoCs should be communicating with jurisdiction leaders, including for the development of Consolidated Plans, about the harmful effects of the lack of affordable housing, and they should engage local leaders about steps such as zoning and land use reform that would increase the supply of affordable housing. This NOFO awards points to CoCs that take steps to engage local leaders about increasing affordable and accessible housing supply.
- **Several Minor Changes to Application Scoring**
 - Changes are minor and are summarized in a document viewable through the National Alliance to End Homelessness resource found here: [NAEH Comparison Chart](#)