The Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care

The Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care is committed to prevent and end the tragedy of homelessness among individuals and families.

Serving Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, McIntosh, Murray, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, and Pushmataha Counties.

Request for Renewal or Bonus Project Applications ONLY 07/25/2023

The Southeastern Oklahoma Continuum of Care (CoC) is accepting applications for renewal and permanent housing/rapid re-housing bonus and/or domestic violence bonus projects for inclusion with the Continuum's 2023 Continuum of Care consolidated application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Due to funding limitations, HUD will not consider requests for new funding outside of the reallocation process, bonus projects, CoC planning and Unified Funding Agency costs. <u>The CoC is open</u> to and will consider bonus applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. All applications will be submitted in the HUD e-snaps online system.

The FY 2023 CoC Program Competition will be administered under the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO and 24 CFR part 578.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) <u>Strategic Plan</u> sets the direction and focus of its programs and staff to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality, affordable homes for all. In the 2023 NOFO, HUD will pursue two overarching priorities from its <u>Strategic Plan</u>: focus on increasing equity and improving the customer experience across all HUD programs. You will be expected to align your application to the applicable strategic goals and objectives below (see page 6 of the NOFO for more information).

HUD's policy priorities focus on 1) ending homelessness for all persons, 2) using 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, and 9) increasing affordable housing supply. In order to achieve these priorities, HUD strongly encourages CoCs to include them as part of their local planning process. For more information on HUD's homeless policy and program priorities, please refer to the <u>Strategic Plan</u> or <u>page 6 of the NOFO</u>. In order to ensure the Continuum's application is in line with HUD's policy priorities, priority will be given to renewal and bonus projects that are also in line with HUD's policy priorities.

Renewal projects must be located in one or more of the Continuum counties listed above, currently in operation and have a signed agreement expiring between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. New Permanent Housing (CoC) Bonus projects must also be located in one or more of the Continuum counties listed above and create new permanent supportive housing; will exclusively serve chronically homeless individuals and families, rapid re-housing projects that will serve individuals, families, including unaccompanied youth who come directly from the streets, emergency shelters, or are fleeing domestic violence, or other persons who meet the criteria outlined in the NOFO; or Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) component projects. New projects created through a permanent housing bonus must meet the project eligibility and threshold requirements established by <u>HUD in</u>

<u>Section III (Eligibility Information) of the Continuum of Care NOFO</u>. The maximum amount allowed for bonus projects is 5% of the Continuum's pro-rata share. This will be around \$41,378.00 for the FY'23 competition (this amount is subject to change based on HUD publications).

In the FY 2023 Competition, provision continues for a Domestic Violence Bonus. New projects that want to be considered for the DV Bonus, may be: (a) Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3; (b) Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects, as defined in this NOFO, dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3; or (c) Supportive service only-coordinated entry project to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The maximum amount allowed for Domestic Violence Bonus projects in the FY'23 competition will be around \$82,755.00 (this amount is subject to change based on HUD publications).

Please carefully read all instructions related to Bonus projects *PRIOR* to making your decision to apply. Should your agency choose to apply for a bonus project, please send an "intent to apply" e-mail to <u>seokcoc@gmail.com</u> by close of business, August 17, 2023.

Applicants who submit project applications will be notified at least 15 days before the final HUD deadline of September 28, 2023 whether their project will be accepted or rejected. Applicants whose projects are rejected will be notified in writing. Projects that believe they were not allowed to participate in a fair and open process and were rejected by the CoC may appeal the rejection directly to HUD by submitting as a Solo Application prior to the HUD application deadline.

All SEO CoC NOFO submission components will be posted at the bottom of the Resources tab of the <u>www.kibois.org</u> website two days prior to the final HUD deadline.

CoC Application Deadline: Renewal and Bonus Applications – Monday, August 28, 2023 at 11:59 pm CST

For more information:

Visit: <u>Continuum of Care Program | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</u> or <u>Homelessness Assistance Programs - HUD Exchange</u>

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Questions regarding the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition process should be submitted to <u>CoCNOFO@hud.gov</u>.