NORTHWEST MINNESOTA
Continuum of Care

2024 Annual CoC Program Competition

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HUD CoC Program Competition Overview

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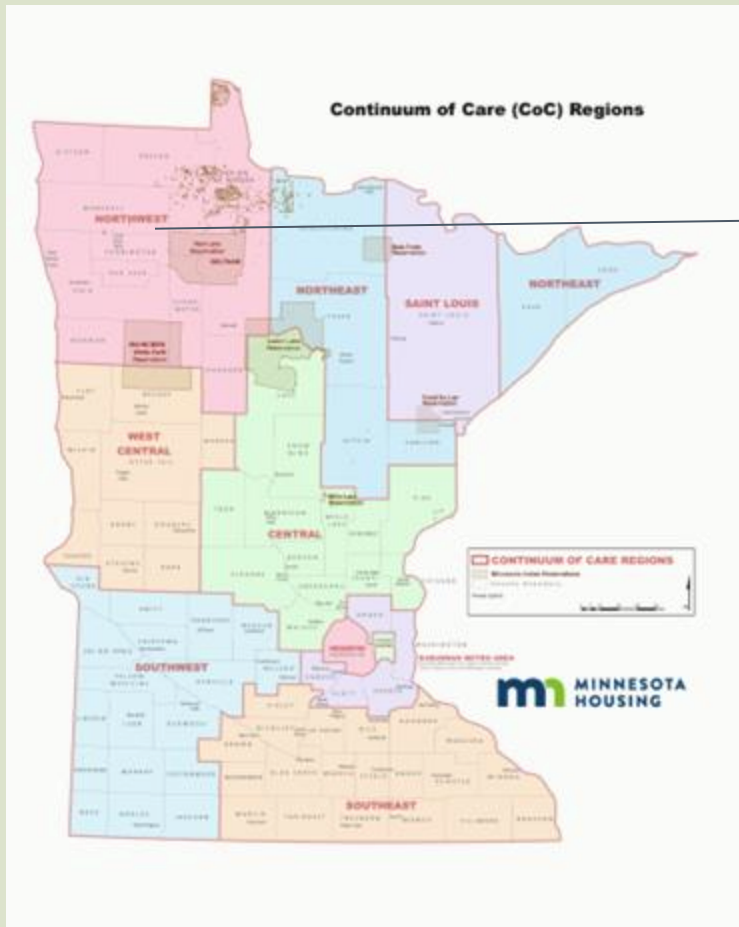
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About the NWCoC

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;

Optimizing stability and self-sufficiency for individuals and families while homeless and once housed.

Promoting access to and utilization of mainstream resources and benefits; and

Our Region

Continuum of Care (CoC) Regions

Kittson • Roseau • Lake of the Woods • Marshall • Pennington • Red Lake • Red Lake Reservation • Polk • Clearwater • Beltrami • Norman • Mahnomen • Leech Lake Reservation • Hubbard • White Earth Reservation
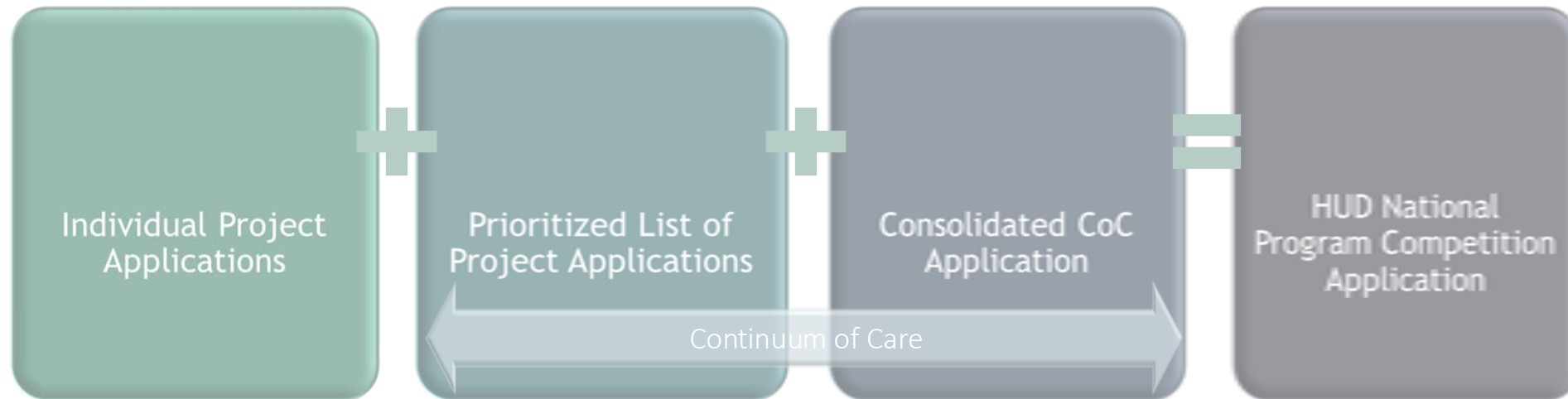
About the CoC Program Competition

➢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 approximately 450 Continuums of Care.

CoC Program Components

Individual Project Applications	+	Prioritized List of Project Applications	+	Consolidated CoC Application	=	HUD National Program Competition Application
Project Applicants		Developed based on CoC priorities & need		Highlights CoC-wide performance & strategies to end homelessness		CoC's submit all application materials to HUD to participate in the nation-wide competition.

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NWCoC Local Competition Process

Date	Milestone
May 15th	• Renewal Project Intent to Apply Deadline
June 26th	• New Project Intent to Apply Deadline
July 5th	• Renewal Project Application Deadline
July 19th	• New Project Application Deadline
July 22nd-26th	• Rank & Review Committee Meets to Score and Rank Projects
July 29th	• Projects Notified of Rank & Score
August 1st	• Deadline to Appeal
Early August	• Esnaps Applications Due for CoC Review
August 30th	• Final Esnaps Edits Due
September	• Final Collaborative Application and Priority Listing submitted by CoC to HUD

Threshold Criteria

Applicant will participate in HMIS or other comparable data base for DV providers

Eligible service population

Project application materials submitted by the deadline

Applicant successfully registered with SAM prior to application submission

Applicant does not have outstanding delinquent debt

Applicant is not debarred or suspended

Applicant agrees to adhere to a 25% match for all projects except for leasing

Threshold Criteria

Eligible entity – nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE
Applicant project is located in the NWCoC geographic area
Applicant assures that CoC Program staff will complete Fair Housing training annually
Applicant agrees to follow CoC Housing First policy and NWCoC Guidelines and Written Standards

Applicant Performance (renewal projects)

- Geographic Priority Areas
- Budget Expenditure
- YHDP Voluntary Reallocation Policy & Procedures
- Quarterly Drawdowns
- Data Quality
- Bed Utilization

HUD Needs & Priorities

- Removing Barriers to Housing (Housing First)
- Protocols for Serving LGBTQ+
- Healthcare Partnerships
- Public Housing Authorities
- Addressing Inequities in Access to Housing
- Serving Special Populations
- Adapting Programs to Meet Emerging Needs/Innovation
- Culturally Specific/Responsive Programming

Service Quality Plan

- Case Management Training
- Collaboration with Mainstream and Key Support Services
- Educational Assurances
- Separation Policy
- Safety and Support for Victims is a Part of the Service Plan
- Plan to Increase Earned or Unearned Income and/or Education/Employment Opportunities
- YHDP Special Activities

CoC Participation

General Membership Meeting Attendance

Agency Staff Participation in CoC Committees

Participation in Case Conferencing

System Performance (renewal housing applicants)

Returns to Homelessness

Earned Income-Maintain/Increase for Leavers and Stayers

Non-Employment Income-Maintain/Increase for Leavers and Stayers

Increase Overall Income

Retention/Successful Exits (PSH only)

Exits to Permanent Housing (TH/RRH only)

New Project Priorities (new or projects not yet started)

CoC Priorities

Experience Administering HUD Grants or Similar Funding Sources

Proposed Project Meets Community Needs

Connecting Participants to Mainstream Health, Social, and Employment Programs (housing programs)

Case Conferencing Participation

Renewal Projects 124 Points
- Applicant Performance: 30 Points
- HUD Priorities: 28 Points
- Service Quality Plan: 22 Points
- CoC Participation: 12 Points
- System Performance: 32 Points

YHDP Renewal Projects 140 Points
- Applicant Performance: 38 Points
- HUD Priorities: 28 Points
- Service Quality Plan: 30 Points
- CoC Participation: 12 Points
- System Performance: 32 Points

New Projects (or projects not yet started) 90 Points
- HUD Priorities: 28 Points
- Service Quality Plan: 22 Points
- CoC Participation: 12 Points
- New Project Priorities: 28 Points

New YHDP Projects (or projects not yet started) 98 Points
- Hud Priorities: 28 Points
- Service Quality Plan: 28 Points
- CoC Participation: 12 Points
- New Project Priorities: 28 Points

HMIS Projects 50 Points (renewals)
- Applicant Performance: 22 Points
- Hud Priorities: 16 Points
- CoC Participation: 6 Points
- Service Quality Plan: 6 Points

CES Projects 56 Points (renewals)
- Applicant Performance: 22 Points
- HUD Priorities: 16 Points
- CoC Participation: 12 Points
- Service Quality Plan: 6 Points

Application Requirements

Required Renewal Elements (housing projects)

- Renewal Project Application
- SAM Registration Status
- ELOCCS Report
- Narrative or policy for serving LGBTQ+
- Domestic Violence Service plan
- Housing First Assessment

Required New (or newly funded) Elements

- New Project Application
- SAM Registration Status
- Narrative or policy for serving LGBTQ+
- Domestic Violence Service plan
- Housing First Assessment

Required HMIS or CES Elements

- New or Renewal Project Application
- SAM Registration
- ELOCCS Report (renewal only)

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 the 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

Project Application Review Process

➢CoC Board votes to approve Project Ranking & Scoring

➢CoC Coordinator reviews ESNAPS project application and sends recommended changes

➢Projects submit final ESNAPS application

➢CoC Coordinator submits final Project List and Collaborative Application in ESNAPS

➢HUD reviews applications at a national level

Application
Tips and Resources

Schedule time in your calendar to focus on your NOFO Application and START EARLY!

Make sure to fill out all forms and questions that apply to your project

Review the local application and scoring materials

Reach out if you have questions

All resources, documents, forms and policies may be found on the NWCoC web page at www.nwmf.org

Hud Resources

www.hud.gov

HUD CoC Program Competition Page

HUD CoC Virtual Binder

Local Competition Project Resources and Documents

2024 Renewal Project Applicant Scorecard (housing project renewals)

2024 HMIS & SSO-CE Project Applicant Scorecard

2024 New Project Applicant Scorecard

2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity-coming soon

Northwest MN CoC Reallocation Policy

NWCoC NOFO Appeal Process

NWCoC Housing First Policy

NWCoC Anti-Discrimination Policy

Grants Inventory Worksheet-coming soon

NWCoC Governance Charter

NWCoC Administration Policy (including Fair Housing, Education and Separation Policies)

YHDP Special Activities

NWCoC Competition Overview Webinar Slides-Coming soon

"The future will belong to those who have passion and are willing to work hard to make our country better."

-Paul Wellstone