



Toledo Lucas County Continuum of Care

FY 2021 HUD Continuum of Care NOFO
Renewal and New Applications

CoC Overview

Overview:

- TLCHB is the lead agency for the Continuum of Care in Toledo Lucas County
- Tasked with coordinating service delivery within homeless services and between other support services networks
- **MISSION:** To provide leadership for the elimination of homelessness in Lucas County
- **VISION:** To create a community where homelessness is not an acceptable condition



DISCLAIMER

- This is a GENERAL overview of the CoC Program and application process for renewal and new applications to be scored and ranked under the Toledo Lucas County CoC competition
- Applicants are solely responsible for reading the NOFO, regulations, and other related information as it is released on HUD's website to ensure a comprehensive understanding of program and eligibility requirements

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition



2021 HUD NOFO Competition

The 2021 HUD NOFO Competition is a two-step process

1. Review Application

- Submitted to TLCHB in person, including all addendums and supplemental documentation, no later than 3:00pm on October 1, 2021
- A full list of required documents can be found in the Toledo Lucas County CoC Competition Policy on the TLCHB website

2. HUD Application in E-Snaps

- Required for all project applicants
- Must be submitted no later than 5:00pm on October 15, 2021
- After initial submission, TLCHB may request revisions to the e-snaps application for projects to be included in the final ranking



2021 Toledo Lucas County CoC Process

- HUD released the FY 2021 Continuum of Care NOFO on August 18, 2021
- Toledo Lucas County CoC approved all local application documents on September 8, 2021
- Review applications released to CoC stakeholders via TLCHB website on September 9, 2021
- Review application packages due to TLCHB in person by 3:00pm on October 1, 2021
- Performance for renewal grants will be scored using HMIS data
- Performance scoring criteria are forthcoming and must be approved by the CoC Board of Directors prior to release
- TLCHB may request additional supporting documentation after the application deadline to facilitate scoring and ranking



2021 Toledo Lucas County CoC Process

- A complete renewal application package will include
 1. Five (5) copies of the Toledo Lucas County CoC Renewal Project Review Application
 2. Five (5) copies of the Competition Certification and Policy Addendum
 3. Five (5) copies of the Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum
 4. One (1) copy of the Notice of Intent – 2021 PSH Change to Dedicated PLUS (if applicable)
 5. One (1) copy of the Notice of Intent – 2021 Grant Consolidation (if applicable)
 6. If HUD monitoring occurred, one (1) copy of the most recent HUD monitoring report, including any corrective action plans and and documentation regarding resolution of findings
 7. One (1) copy of supportive documents showing timely drawdowns from eLOCCS



2021 Toledo Lucas County CoC Process

- A complete new application package will include
 1. Five (5) copies of the Review Application for new projects
 2. Five (5) copies of the Competition Certification and Policy Addendum
 3. Five (5) copies of the Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum
 4. Five (5) copies of all match and leveraging documentation
 5. One (1) copy of the agency 501(c)(3), if applicable (copies of 501(c)(3) for any subrecipients must also be attached)
 6. One (1) copy of a current list of Board of Directors
 7. One (1) copy of the most recent independent financial audit, or equivalent financial statement
 8. One (1) copy of current IRS Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, if applicable



Notice of Intent – New Project Proposal Outline

- Proposal outlines for new projects due on September 14, 2021
- Applicants interested in new projects who did not meet this deadline should submit a proposal outline as soon as possible to communications@tlchb.org
- Provides basic information regarding project design and budget estimates
- Allows CoC staff to begin planning early for bonus funding amounts
- Ensures that CoC is aware of agencies wishing to establish new projects



Notice of Intent – PSH Change to Dedicated PLUS

- Available for renewal PSH projects
- Certifies that agency proposes to change the classification of current project to dedicate 100% of beds to serve individuals and families as defined in Section III.B.2g of the FY 2021 HUD CoC NOFO
- 100% of beds dedicated to serve
 - Chronic homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3
 - Residing in CoC funded TH to be eliminated (N/A)
 - Literally homeless, enrolled in PH within past year and chronic at entry, unable to maintain PH placement
 - In Joint TH and PH-RRH project and chronic at entry
 - Literally homeless for 12 months in 3 years, but not on 4 separate occasions
 - Receiving assistance through VA funded homeless program and met one of criteria above at entry



Notice of Intent – Grant Consolidations

- Eligible projects may consolidate up to ten (10) separate applications into one project
- Projects must have same recipient and be for same component
- If eligible, must submit separate renewal applications for each project to be included in consolidation
- Notice of Intent signals CoC to indicate consolidation in final submission to HUD, if all renewals are selected for inclusion in priority ranking
- Project applications are scored and ranked individually; HUD will award one consolidated grant if all projects are funded



Notice of Intent – Non-Renewal of Project

- Agencies that intend not to submit an application to renew a currently funded CoC project are requested to submit a letter along with a completed Toledo Lucas County CoC Notice of Intent: Non-Renewal of Project to TLCHB as soon as possible
- Notice may be emailed to communications@tlchb.org



Budgets for Renewal Applications

- Budgets and unit configurations submitted for renewal applications **must** match the HUD approved Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)
- Budget amounts **must** match the GIW for each budget line item
- Approved GIW can be found via the HUD NOFO Competition website:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
- Budget changes **cannot** be made through the competition process
- PSH projects funded based on actual rent amounts in FY 2019 competition must manually enter rental assistance/leasing amounts to match spreadsheet provided by HUD through TLCHB



What is the NOFO Scorecard

- The Scorecard is a tool generated following HUD guidelines and is used for rating and ranking of renewal projects.
- Data that generates within the report come from two sources; manual entries based on answers in the paper NOFO application as well as specified APR questions/calculations.
- Answers that generate from the APR are derived directly from HMIS
- HMIS performance is important in this process and having cleaned up data
- The data range this reporting is based off is for 7/1/2019-6/30/2020.
- Please ensure that all of the data for your projects is cleaned up and corrected prior to October 1,2021 as that is when the data pull for the NOFO will occur.



Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO

1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons
2. Use a Housing First Approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
4. Improving System Performance
5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
6. Racial Equity
7. Persons with Lived Experience



CoC Responses to HUD Policy Priorities

1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons
 - Prioritization of PSH; bonus points for new project dedicating beds to priority populations; prioritization of low-barrier, Housing First projects; focus on project integration into Coordinated Entry
2. Use a Housing First Approach
 - Points available for projects demonstrating low-barrier, Housing First approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
 - Focus on project integration into Coordinated Entry to ensure that the most vulnerable receive services first



CoC Responses to HUD Policy Priorities

4. Improve System Performance

- Use Coordinated Entry to drive referrals; focus on performance for renewal projects; comprehensive review of projects for impact on system performance and cost-effectiveness, reallocation strategy for underperforming projects

5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies

- Focus on partnerships at the CoC level to ensure resource access for project participants; evaluation of agency strategies to coordinate resource access for participants



CoC Responses to HUD Policy Priorities

6. Racial Equity

- In the FY 2021 competition, the CoC is beginning to assess activities at the agency level related to racial equity
- Information for racial equity at the agency level is not being scored by the CoC for FY 2021, but may be scored in future competitions

7. Persons with Lived Experience

- In the FY 2021 competition, the CoC is beginning to assess at the agency level for inclusion of lived experience
- Information for inclusion of lived experience at the agency level is not being scored by the CoC for FY 2021, but may be scored in future competitions



Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) continue to be the focus of this funding source
- New and renewal PSH projects can classify as Dedicated PLUS
- HUD is again allowing Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects
- HUD is again allowing Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH Component, and Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Project Expansion is again allowed as new applications
- Project Consolidation is again available for renewal applications



Participant Eligibility

Projects funded through the FY 2021 NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for project participants

- All projects must participate in Coordinated Entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process
- As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO
- Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under (or families headed by youth aged 24 and under) who are living in unsafe situations



Participant Eligibility

- HUD interprets “youth serving provider” as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under
- HUD interprets “living in unsafe situations” as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence
- These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements in this NOFO or the CoC Program Interim Rule



Participant Eligibility

- Renewal projects
 - PSH renewal projects must serve one of the following
 - Program participants who are eligible for assistance under the project's current grant agreement
 - Persons eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS projects as described in Section III.B.2.g of the NOFO where all units funded by this project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS
 - Persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enrolled in the project
 - PH-RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH component, TH, and SSO projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3



Participant Eligibility

- Renewal projects (continued)
 - Renewal projects originally awarded under a previous year's DV Bonus must continue to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
 - YHDP renewal projects must serve youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied, pregnant, and parenting youth, where no member of the household is older than 24



HUD and Toledo Lucas County CoC Funding Approach

- HUD Tiered approach
 - Tier 1 = 100% of Annual Renewal Demand for the CoC
 - Tier 2 = Remainder of maximum funding available, including CoC Bonus
 - New DV Bonus projects will be placed in Tier 2 pursuant to CoC policy
- CoC Specific Approach
 - The Toledo Lucas County CoC may reduce or reallocate existing projects for underperformance, underutilization, or significant capacity issues
 - Grant utilization
 - Operating under capacity
 - Performance
 - Noncompliance



Bonus Funds for New Projects

- Permanent Housing Bonus: up to 5% of Final Pro Rata Need, \$341,081 available
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus: up to 15% of Preliminary Pro Rata Need, \$1,023,242 available for RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, and one DV focused SSO-CE
- Toledo Lucas County CoC will apply for bonus funding provided that appropriate, high-scoring new project applications are submitted



Toledo Lucas County CoC Ranking Priorities

1. Renewal PSH and RRH projects that are currently housing people who are homeless without significant capacity, compliance, or performance issues and have been in operation over one year, operational projects transferred in the last 12 months, HMIS, and Coordinated Assessment projects
2. New PSH and RRH projects that have not been operational for a full year, and do not have data for a complete year for evaluation
3. New PSH, RRH, and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects, including expansions, that are designated by the CoC to use reallocated funds, if available
4. Renewal PSH and RRH projects deemed by independent review team to be significantly underperforming
5. New PH Bonus PSH, RRH, and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects
6. New DV Bonus RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects
7. New DV Bonus SSO-CE project, only one allowed



Toledo Lucas County CoC Policy Highlights

- All applicants must pass a threshold review to be eligible for scoring and ranking. Threshold factors include:
 - Organizational and financial capacity
 - Past performance or compliance issues
 - Lack of adequate match
 - Use of HMIS (or comparable database for VSP)
 - Incomplete or late applications
 - Ineligible population or activities
 - Applications from outside Toledo Lucas County
 - New projects must provide a plan to coordinate with mainstream resources
 - Applicants must comply / commit to following Written Standards, VAWA Policy, and use of Coordinated Entry System



Toledo Lucas County CoC Policy Highlights

- Performance evaluation for renewal applications submitted by victim service providers will be completed using data from a HMIS comparable database. Victim service providers receiving funding through the CoC program are required to use a HMIS comparable database. Aggregate, de-identified project data from the database must be submitted in a format that allows for evaluation using the CoC scorecard. Instruction for these projects will be provided by TLCHB.



Toledo Lucas County CoC Policy Highlights

- Bonus points for new projects dedicating beds to HUD priority populations
- Bonus points for new projects indicating a firm commitment to Housing First
- Bonus points for new applicants who participated actively in the last Point in Time Count
- Bonus points for new projects that are able to demonstrate leveraging beyond the required 25% match



Toledo Lucas County CoC Policy Highlights

- Projects indicating commitment to Housing First and/or low barrier are being reviewed, approved, ranked, scored, and awarded based on this commitment
- Projects receiving awards based on a commitment to Housing First and/or low barrier must continue operating as such
- Failure to continue operating based on the Housing First and/or low barrier commitment may have a negative impact on project ranking in future competitions



Toledo Lucas County CoC Policy Highlights

- New projects will have a one-year term, unless additional funds are available and approved by the CoC for such use
- No capital costs are eligible in this competition
- Pursuant to the NOFO, all new PSH projects must be 100% dedicated to chronic homeless or 100% DedicatedPLUS
- If available, reallocated funds will be used first for new projects, including any SSO-CE projects submitted by the collaborative applicant



Toledo Lucas County CoC Policy Highlights

- Application packages must be submitted in person to TLCHB pursuant to the application deadline
- All applicants must submit a HUD application in e-snaps
- New applicants are asked to submit a Notice of Intent / Proposal Outline
- Applications will be sent for review by an independent review team
- Performance for renewals will be scored directly from HMIS using the Simtech project scorecard
- Performance for renewal applications is by far the largest part of the application score



Certification Policy Addendum

- Bed prioritization for chronically homeless policy, consistent with HUD CPD Notice 16-011
- Low barriers to entry
- Housing First
- Toledo Lucas County CoC Written Standards Policy
- Toledo Lucas County Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy
- Projects classified as DedicatedPLUS
- Application submission assurances
 - Code of Conduct requirement
 - Certification of Consistency
 - Other certifications as required in e-snaps



Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum

- HUD requirement to participate in CoC Coordinated Entry System
- Utilize all screening and assessment tools as required by the Toledo Lucas County CoC
- Accept referrals from the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board, or entity designated by the CoC to make such referrals
- Adhere to all Coordinated Entry written standards approved by the Toledo Lucas County CoC



E-Snaps Submission

- In addition to local competition documents, all applicants must submit an electronic e-snaps application no later than 5:00pm on October 15, 2021
- The CoC will perform a general review of e-snaps applications for completeness and accuracy; any corrections must be submitted no later than November 5, 2021
- Failure to complete an e-snaps submission, or to make corrections as requested by the CoC, may result in a project not being included in the final submission to HUD
- Applicant profiles must have a current Code of Conduct and all certifications required in e-snaps



E-Snaps Submission

- Application detailed instructions can be found on the HUD NOFO website:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
- E-Snaps user guides can be found on the HUD Exchange:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- Please remember that HUD will not grant exceptions to deadlines if the system is frozen due to high traffic of technical issues; **do not wait until the last minute**



Executive Order 12372, SF24 in E-Snaps

- The State of Ohio does not participate in the intergovernmental review process
- On screen 1E in e-snaps, select “b” to indicate that your organization is located in a state that has chosen not to participate in EO 12372



Questions?



Overall HUD Scoring

- HUD evaluates individual project applications and the CoC as a whole
 - Coordination and engagement
 - Special focus on COVID-19 response this year
 - Project capacity, review, and ranking
 - HMIS
 - Point in Time Count
 - HUD is only evaluating the 2020 sheltered count this year
 - System Performance
 - Strategic planning



HUD System Performance Measures

HUD evaluates CoC System Performance Measures directly from HMIS data

- Length of time homeless
- Returns to homelessness
- Reduction in number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Employment and income growth
- Reduction in number of first time homeless
- Successful permanent housing placement or retention
- Thoroughness of outreach



Other HUD Scoring Highlights

- Housing First and low barrier projects
- Prioritization and bed dedication for chronic homeless in PSH
- Prioritization of families and unaccompanied youth
- Ending Veteran and chronic homelessness
- Severity of needs in project ranking, review, and selection
- Performance monitoring
- Racial equity
- Persons with lived experience
- Response to COVID-19 pandemic



Project Application Scoring

- Renewal application scoring will utilize two documents
 - Toledo Lucas County CoC 2021 Renewal Application Review Form
 - Simtech project scorecard populated with HMIS data
- New application scoring will primarily utilize one document in conjunction with all required materials submitted
 - Toledo Lucas County CoC 2021 New Application Review Form
- Projects will be ranked based on score within the seven CoC priority groups
- For details on points available for different criteria, please refer to materials posted on the TLCHB website



Match and Leveraging

- All CoC grant recipients or sub-recipients must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25% of cash or in-kind contributions from other sources for eligible costs
- The CoC is also evaluating leveraging for projects that goes beyond the required match amount
- The target amount for leveraging is 125% of the total project amount



Match and Leveraging Requirements

- Match must be for eligible activities within the same category
- Examples of eligible cash match sources include
 - Agency cash
 - Federal government grants/contracts, excluding McKinney-Vento funds
 - State and local government grants/contracts
 - Private grants/contributions
 - Program income, subject to NOFO requirements
- Examples of non-cash match sources include
 - In-kind donations
 - Volunteer time
 - Donated Services
 - Donated property



Match and Leveraging Documentation

- Match and leveraging may be cash or in-kind, but listing only in-kind sources may call financial capacity into question
- Designated match and leveraging can not be duplicated across projects
- Review the NOFO and HUD's application detailed instructions to determine any documentation required in e-snaps
- If a third-party is listed as a match source, a formal MOU is required and is usually collected by HUD for confirmation



Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

- Each project must have a Certification of Consistency with the Toledo Lucas County Consolidated Plan
- TLCHB must submit certifications with the CoC application
- TLCHB will send a list of projects to the Consolidated Plan jurisdiction staff for review and approval
- Applicants **MUST** be prepared to provide additional information to Consolidated Plan jurisdiction staff upon request



Resources for Assistance

- Please submit questions regarding the NOFO process to communications@tlchb.org
- For help with e-snaps, please submit a help desk request to HUD's Ask a Question (AAQ): <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>



Questions?



Information for New Applicants



Eligible New Projects

- New projects will be available through bonus funds and will be selected by HUD for funding based on criteria defined in the NOFO
- Funding for new projects may also be available as a result of reallocation from existing projects, but this is unknown at the moment
- Four types of new project applications will be accepted
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
 - Joint TH and PH-RRH Component
 - Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE), DV Bonus only unless submitted by TLCHB



Eligible New Projects

- New projects will be for a one year term unless additional funding is available through PH bonus
- No capital costs will be funded through this competition
- New projects are expected to implement a low barrier, Housing First model
- Joint TH and PH-RRH projects must be able to provide both components to all participants at any time
- Reallocated funds will be used first for new projects if available, including for SSO-CE projects not submitted as DV Bonus
- New projects requesting one year of funding may request an initial grant term of 12 to 18 months to allow for additional start up time



Expansion

- Expansion allows renewal applicants to submit a new application that expands operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing participants, or to expand capacity for HMIS or Coordinated Entry
- Expanding CoC funded projects
 - Expand current operations of eligible renewal project
 - Current project must receive award for expansion to be funded
 - Expansion can be combined with existing project at award
- Expanding a non-CoC funded project
 - New application
 - CoC funds prohibited from replacing state and local funds



Project Size

- Average proposal size for new PSH, RRH, and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects varies based on agency capacity, unit configuration, population served, and other factors
- The smallest amount expected for a new project is approximately \$100,000
- Most new projects are expected to request approximately \$250,000



New Project Criteria

- Applicant must be in good standing with HUD and other funders
- Demonstrate financial management capacity and experience to carry out project and administer federal funds
- Applicant, subrecipient, project, and participants must be eligible under the FY 2021 HUD CoC NOFO
- Demonstrate connection to mainstream service systems
- Participate or agree to participate in CoC Coordinated Entry System and Homeless Management Information System (or comparable database if Victim Service Provider)
- Administer programs and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualifying homeless with disabilities



PSH Project Application–HUD Threshold

- Permanent Supportive Housing projects must be dedicated to one of the following:
 - 100% dedicated to individuals and/or families who are chronically homeless
 - Meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.B.2.g of the NOFO



PSH Project Application– Eligible Expenses

- Rental Assistance (24 CFR 578.51)
 - 25% match requirement
 - Based on Toledo Lucas County Fair Market Rent (FMR)
 - FMR includes utility allowance
- Leasing (24 CFR 578.49) – Cannot support rental assistance
 - No match requirement
 - Can lease individual units to provide housing
 - Based on Toledo Lucas County FMR
 - No utilities unless included in rent
- Operating Costs (24 CFR 578.55) – Cannot support rental assistance
 - 25% match requirement
 - Utilities to support leasing, if not included in rent



PSH Project Application– Eligible Expenses

- Supportive Services (24 CFR 578.53)
 - 25% match requirement
- Administrative Costs (24 CFR 578.59)
 - Up to 10% of grant amount
 - Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on CoC requirements; environmental review
 - Admin cannot be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under 24 CFR 578.43 – 578.57
- HMIS (24 CFR 578.57)
 - Data entry staff
 - Certain other expenses



RRH Project Application - HUD Threshold

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects funded through the FY 2021 NOFO may serve individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3



RRH Project Application – Eligible Expenses

- Rental Assistance (24 CFR 578.51)
 - 25% match requirement
 - Based on Toledo Lucas County Fair Market Rent (FMR)
 - FMR includes utility allowance
- Supportive Services (24 CFR 578.53)
 - 25% match requirement
- Administrative Costs (24 CFR 578.59)
 - Up to 10% of grant amount
 - Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on CoC requirements; environmental review
 - Admin cannot be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under 24 CFR 578.43 – 578.57
- HMIS (24 CFR 578.57)
 - Data entry staff
 - Certain other expenses



Joint TH and RRH Project Application HUD Threshold

- Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects funded through the FY 2021 NOFO may serve individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3



Joint TH and RRH Project Application HUD Threshold

- HUD views these projects as a good fit for areas with large numbers of unsheltered homelessness and youth homelessness
- HUD guidance on Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects
 - Not intended to replace TH projects that have been reallocated or lost
 - Provide crisis housing with financial assistance and supportive services determined by program participants to help them move to permanent housing as quickly as possible
 - Stays in crisis housing (TH) portion of these projects should be brief and without preconditions; participants should move to permanent housing as quickly as possible



Joint TH and RRH Project Application HUD Threshold

- Provide or connect participants to resources that help them improve safety and wellbeing and achieve their goals
- Target and prioritize people with higher needs and most vulnerable
- Target people in unsheltered locations or special subpopulations where more housing options are needed
- Demonstrate need for more crisis housing and show connection to street outreach and/or Coordinated Entry System



Joint TH and RRH Project Application Eligible Expenses

- TH Portion: Leasing (24 CFR 578.49) – Cannot support rental assistance
 - No match requirement
 - Can lease individual units to provide housing
 - Based on Toledo Lucas County FMR
 - No utilities unless included in rent
- TH Portion: Operating Costs (24 CFR 578.55) – Cannot support rental assistance
 - 25% match requirement
 - Utilities to support leasing, if not included in rent
- RRH Portion: Rental Assistance (24 CFR 578.51)
 - 25% match requirement
 - Based on Toledo Lucas County Fair Market Rent (FMR)
 - FMR includes utility allowance



Joint TH and RRH Project Application Eligible Expenses

- Both Portions: Supportive Services (24 CFR 578.53)
 - 25% match requirement
- Administrative Costs (24 CFR 578.59)
 - Up to 10% of grant amount
 - Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on CoC requirements; environmental review
 - Admin cannot be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under 24 CFR 578.43 – 578.57
- HMIS (24 CFR 578.57)
 - Data entry staff
 - Certain other expenses



Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

- RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, and SSO-CE
- Only one SSO-CE per CoC
- Limited to one year funding request
- Must demonstrate trauma informed, victim centered approach
- RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component
 - Highest ranked will be included as funding allows
 - May be ranked with other new projects using CoC Bonus or reallocated funds if funding allows
 - Expansions are applicable
- SSO-CE
 - Highest ranked passing quality and eligibility, Collaborative Applicant takes priority
 - Proposal must clearly detail plan in collaboration with CoC to improve Coordinated Entry System for DV survivors



Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

- If submitting DV Bonus projects, Toledo Lucas County CoC must describe each project's capacity based on:
 - Rate of housing placement for DV survivors
 - Rate of housing retention for DV survivors
 - Improvements in safety of DV survivors
 - How the project faces multiple barriers faced by DV survivors
 - Experience using trauma informed, victim centered approaches, and how funding will meet this need



Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

- DV Bonus applications for RRH and Joint TH and PH-PSH projects must
 - Describe and quantify the unmet need for DV survivor housing and services
 - Describe data source used to quantify the unmet need
 - Provide data regarding rate of housing placement and retention
 - Describe improvements in safety for DV survivors
 - Describe how the project addresses multiple barriers faced by DV survivors
- DV Bonus SSO-CE proposals should describe how the project will coordinate with the CoC to improve the current Toledo Lucas County CoC Coordinated Entry System to better serve DV survivors



Project Quality

- Type, scale, and location of housing must fit needs of participants
- Type and scale of supportive services must fit needs of participants
- Project must have a specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs and ensure that participants are assisted to obtain mainstream benefits for which they may qualify
- Program participants must be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner fitting their needs
- Joint TH and PH-RRH projects must provide enough RRH assistance that at any given time, a participant can move from TH to RRH



Eligible Populations

- Homeless individuals and families as described in the NOFO
- A household is homeless if you can prove it with adequate documentation as specified by HUD
- Funded projects MUST maintain adequate documentation verifying homeless status for ALL participants at ALL times
- Families with children includes ALL families with children
- CoC regulation prohibits families with children from being categorically excluded from any project based solely on their familial status
- All funded projects, including DV Bonus projects, must comply with HUD's Equal Access rules and guidance



Participant Eligibility

- New projects (continued)
 - New PH-PSH projects must serve the following
 - Persons eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS projects as described by III.B.2.g of the NOFO in which case all units funded by the project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS; or
 - Persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project
 - New PH-RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, and Coordinated SSO projects may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3
 - New DV Bonus projects (RRH, Joint TH-PH-RRH, and Coordinated Entry SSO) must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking



Homelessness-Category 1

- Category 1 – Literally Homeless
 - Individual or family that lacks a fixed, regular nighttime residence, meaning:
 - Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
 - Is living in a publicly or privately funded shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs); OR
 - Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution



Homelessness-Category 4

- Category 4 – Fleeing / Attempting to Flee DV
 - Any individual or family that:
 - Is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
 - Has no other residence; AND
 - Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing



Chronic Homelessness

- A “homeless individual with a disability” as defined in the Act, who
 - Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or emergency shelter; and
 - Has been homeless (as described above) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months
 - Occasions separated by a break of at least 7 nights
 - Stays in an institution of fewer than 90 days do not constitute a break
- An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility (hospital, jail, etc.) for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria above of this definition, before entering the facility; or
- A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless



DedicatedPLUS

- Chronic homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3
- Residing in CoC funded TH to be eliminated (N/A)
- Literally homeless, enrolled in PH within past year and chronic at entry, unable to maintain PH placement
- In Joint TH and PH-RRH project and chronic at entry
- Literally homeless for 12 months in 3 years, but not on 4 separate occasions
- Receiving assistance through VA funded homeless program and met one of criteria above at entry



Definition of Disability

- The individual or head of household has a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 USC 15002)), post traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability



Documenting Chronic Homelessness

- Must be third party, and includes:
 - Written verification from a professional licensed by the State to diagnose and treat the disability and certification that the disability is expected to be long-continuing or of an indefinite duration and substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently
 - Written verification from SSA
 - The receipt of a disability check
 - Intake staff-recorded observation of a disability that is accompanied by evidence above within 45 days
- Documentation also required for homeless status and length of time homeless/occasions of homelessness



Examples of Ineligible Persons

- Persons with resources for housing
- In housing paying excessive rent
- In overcrowded or substandard housing
- Living long-term with immediate family, relatives, or friends
- Living in a congregate living facility (other than a shelter)
- Living in a hospital or institution (for >90 days) where the institution has a policy that requires housing placement at discharge
- Youth or adults in state custody

- Participant selection must be consistent with the Toledo Lucas County CoC Coordinated Entry System



Applicant Responsibility

- It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to read and understand all requirements contained in the Toledo Lucas County CoC Written Standards and all applicable federal statutes, regulations, and guidance



Resources

- Toledo Lucas County CoC
 - <https://endinghomelessnessstoledo.org>
- HUD 2021 CoC NOFO Competition
 - https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
- Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/>
- HUD Exchange
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info>



Resources for Assistance

- Please submit questions regarding the NOFO process to communications@tlchb.org
- For help with e-snaps, please submit a help desk request to HUD at e-snaps@hud.gov



Questions?

