Rhode Island Continuum of Care RI-500

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Local Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition is Open

The Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RICoC) is pleased to announce the start of the local competition for HUD Continuum of Care Funding. This competition is to award funding made available through the HUD CoC NOFO 2023 that was issued on July 5, 2023.

In the 2023 competition all grants that are listed on the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) for the Rhode Island CoC MUST submit renewal project applications in E-SNAPS to continue their programs. Failure to submit an application in the format and schedule stated in this announcement could result in the permanent elimination of funding for the project. This includes regular Continuum of Care grants that will be renewed through a competitive process and YHDP grants that will renew for the first time in a non-competitive process.

There is significant information in at the following link, including some changes from prior CoC competitions:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2023-CoC-NOFO-Publication.pdf

Changes Include:

- Tier 1 is 93% of the community's Annual Renewal Demand – this is a decrease from last year, which means that the amount off funding in Tier 2 has increased. Tier 2 funding is higher risk.
- The amount of CoC bonus funds has increased from 5% of final pro rata need to 7% of final pro rata need. Total potential CoC bonus funds Rhode Island may apply for this year will be approximately $895,000.
- There is a DV bonus again this year. Scoring for the bonus is the same as in 2022. Half of the 100 possible points will be based on the CoC score; remaining factors include: CoC collaboration with victim services providers (10), need for the project (10), quality of project applicant experience (15), use of victim-centered practices (8) and plan to include survivors with lived experience (7).
- Eligible populations for new PH-RRH and Joint TH/RRH projects. New projects may apply to serve category 1, 2 or 4 of the homeless definition. Category 2 is a household at imminent risk of homelessness. New PSH projects may only serve Category 1 & 4 homeless definition and chronically homeless or DedicatedPLUS populations.
- Multiple DV Bonus RRH and/or TH-RRH Projects may be submitted.
- Current DV Bonus projects can be expanded – projects that were funded other than as DV bonus projects can apply to expand their projects using DV Bonus funds, however the expansion may only serve survivors in the DV program expansion.

Additionally, HUD is continuing to offer some opportunities that began in prior competitions. These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- **Expansion Projects** – new project applications that add to existing CoC projects by serving more people, providing new or additional supportive services or both.
- **Consolidation** of 2-10 grants into one project to streamline grant administration.
- **Transition grants** that allow an existing CoC grant to change components (i.e., shift from PSH to RRH) during the course of the next program year. These are new project applications.
- **Opportunities to submit** new project applications for new PSH, RRH, TH-RRH, HMIS and/or Coordinated Entry-SSO grants.
- **DV Bonus** applications for RRH or joint TH/RRH

RICoC Projects submitted through the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program MUST submit **renewal applications** as part of this competition. YHDP grants are **NOT** competitively awarded. Existing grants will be renewed but **RENEWAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE**. Please note that the earliest YHDP communities are competitively renewing their projects for the first time this year and must be ranked in the current competition. This does **not** impact Rhode Island YHDP this year but in the near future, these grants will likely be subject to ranking and potential reallocation – providers should monitor performance to assure that funding will continue.

YHDP grantees may make **significant changes** to renewing YHDP grants by using the YHDP **replacement process**. YHDP grants may make **minor changes** to a project including adding or modifying Special YHDP activities through the **YHDP renewal** process.

Supportive Materials

Review the FY23 NOFO carefully and take full advantage of the hyperlinks included within the NOFO that link to a vast amount of HUD supportive documentation and resources.

Review the HUD issued Detailed Instructions for the applicable project type(s) being applied for. HUD CoC Competition Materials are found here: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition. Materials for the 2023 competition are still being developed and will be released on the HUD website when completed.

This information and so many more RICOC resources related to the FY23 Local Rhode Island CoC Competition are located on the RICOC website – please refer to the website routinely throughout the local competition for immediate access to the latest information on the competition.

Deadlines and Training Information

Please take careful note of the following deadlines and training dates. There are separate training dates for renewal, YHDP, and new project applicants.

New and renewal project applications submitted after the deadlines listed below may not be considered for funding in the FY2023 Rhode Island COC competition.

Renewal Project Applicants:

Renewal, YHDP renewal, and YHDP replacement applications must be submitted in the ESNAPS grants management system no later than **August 18, 2023, at 5pm** Eastern Daylight Time.

The RICOC is providing remote video webinars to support the renewal project application process. One presentation will be for all CoC projects other than those funded under YHDP. The other presentation will be solely for renewing YHDP grants. The webinars will cover the FY2023 NOFO for renewal applicants, ESNAPS training, and have time for Q&A.

Renewal Project webinar for regular CoC grants (not YHDP) details follow:

- **Thursday July 20, 2023, 11 am – 12:30pm**

  Topic: RI CoC HUD CoC NOFO 2023 Renewal Applications - NOT YHDP
  Time: Jul 20, 2023 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83535439992?pwd=dkZtQ2ZFNEdiWkgybHpJOVF2Tnhmdz09

  Meeting ID: 835 3543 9992

  Passcode: 498289

Renewal/Replacement Project Webinar for YHDP grantees only:

- **Tuesday July 25, 2023, 10 am – 11:30 pm**

  Topic: RI CoC HUD 2023 NOFO YHDP Renewal and Replacement Application Webinar
  Time: Jul 25, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82861202377?pwd=eGJ3NjQrSEV0ODN1RUhQNzY1WCtxUT09

  Meeting ID: 828 6120 2377
  Passcode: 954447

Method for Submission of Renewal Applications

All renewal applications must be submitted in the e-snaps grants management system operated by HUD by the renewal and YHDP project deadline listed above. Project applications submitted in e-snaps are received and reviewed by the RICoC. All renewal applications will be scored and ranked using the Performance Evaluation Standards and Scoring Criteria for Renewal Projects FY 2023. YHDP renewal and YHDP replacement projects will be included in the project priority list and will NOT be scored or ranked this year.

New Project Applicants:

The RICoC issued a Request for Proposals for New Projects on **June 2, 2023**. Information sessions on the opportunity were held on June 15 and June 20, 2023. Recordings of the sessions and the slides are

available on the RICOC website in the funding section. New Project Proposals are due July 12, 2023 at 3pm Eastern Daylight Time.

The CoC Planner will notify the highest scoring new project letters of interest of their approval to submit new project applications in the ESNAPS grants management system. This communication is anticipated to be in early August. For those invited to apply, the ESNAPS new project applications must be submitted in the ESNAPS grants management system no later than **August 25, 2023, at 5 pm** Eastern Daylight Time**.** Please take careful note of this two-step new project application process.

New Project letters of interest not selected for submission of an ESNAPS new project application will be notified of that decision via email. This communication is anticipated to be in early August. This notification will be made in writing and outside of the ESNAPS system.

The **RICOC is providing one remote video webinar to support the new project application process.** This webinar will cover the FY2023 NOFO for all types of new project applicants, including new projects under the DV Bonus opportunity, the regular CoC Bonus opportunity, reallocated funding, and new projects to transition, expand, and/or consolidate existing renewal projects. ESNAPS training and time for Q&A will also be included.

New project webinar details follow:

- **Tuesday August 8, 2022 from 1pm - 2:30pm**
  Howard Burchman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

  Topic: RI CoC HUD NOFO 2023 New Project Application Webinar
  Time: Aug 8, 2023 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81748220025?pwd=ZVNLWGpPV3dmQURjNXpybkhVaU5BUT09

  Meeting ID: 817 4822 0025
  Passcode: 985743

Applicants for all new and renewal projects will be notified in writing, outside of the eSNAPS system, on or before September 8, 2023 as to whether their project(s) will be accepted and included in the RICoC's Collaborative Application to HUD.

Please direct all questions surrounding this opportunity to:
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