

# Rhode Island Continuum of Care RI-500

August 9, 2024

## 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 2024/2025](#) that was issued on July 31, 2024.

This is the initial year of the new two-year NOFO. All CoC grants expiring in the calendar year 2025 (including YHDP) must submit renewal applications in the 2024 competition to continue their funding. Any renewal grant submitted in 2024 that will expire in 2026 will be automatically renewed in the 2025 competition. Any eligible applicant for CoC funding (nonprofits, agencies of local government, or public housing agencies (PHAs)) are eligible to apply for new projects using bonus or reallocated funds. Any CoC grant expiring in 2026 that did not submit a renewal application in the 2024 competition must submit a renewal grant application in 2025.

In the 2024/2025 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 provided that the grant will expire in Calendar year 2025. 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 be renewed in a non-competitive process.

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

[FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants \(hud.gov\)](#)

Changes Include:

- Tier 1 is 90% of the community's Annual Renewal Demand – this is a decrease from last year, which means that the amount of funding in Tier 2 has increased. Tier 2 funding is higher risk.
- The amount of CoC bonus funds has increased from 7% of the final pro rata need to 12% of the final pro rata need. The total potential CoC bonus funds Rhode Island may apply for this year will be approximately \$1,810,629.
- There is a DV bonus again this year. The allowable bonus amount that a CoC can apply for has been increased from 10% of the preliminary pro-rata need to 15%. Scoring for the bonus is the same as in the two prior competitions. For projects other than for Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry 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 and DV bonus 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.
- Grants previously awarded under DV Bonus or YHDP must continue to serve survivors or youth, respectively, and cannot be reallocated to serve different populations.
- Budget lines in renewal grants for supportive services and HMIS will automatically receive a cost-of-living adjustment.

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. In order to consolidate renewal grants, the grants must be to the same recipient organization and be for the same program component, e.g., RRH, PSH, Joint TH/RRH.
- **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**.

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 or making non-significant budget changes through the **YHDP renewal** process. The recipient of a YHDP grant can be changed through the YHDP reallocation process. In a YHDP reallocation, YHDP funds awarded to a CoC can be reallocated to create one or more new YHDP projects. In order to be eligible for reallocation, the YHDP grant must have been renewed in a prior CoC competition.

### Supportive Materials

Review the FY24/25 [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](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition). Materials for the 2024/5 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 FY24/25 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 FY2024/5 Rhode Island COC competition.

### Renewal Project Applicants:

Renewal, YHDP renewal, and YHDP replacement/reallocation applications must be submitted in the ESNAPS grants management system no later than **September 13, 2024, at 5 pm** 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 FY2024/5 NOFO for renewal applicants, and ESNAPS training, and have time for Q&A.

### Renewal/Replacement Project Webinar for YHDP grantees only:

- **Tuesday, August 20, 2024, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm**

Topic: RI CoC HUD 2024/25 NOFO YHDP Renewal and Replacement Application Webinar

Time: Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Teams Meeting here:

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

- **Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

Topic: RI CoC HUD 2024/25 NOFO Renewal Applications - NOT YHDP

Time: Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Teams Meeting here:

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### 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 2024. 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 **May 3, 2024**. Information sessions on the opportunity were held on May 15 and May 20, 2024. Recordings of the sessions and the slides are available on the [RICOc website](#) in the funding section. New Project Proposals were due **July 14, 2024**, at 3 pm 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 late August. For those invited to apply, the ESNAPS new project applications must be submitted in the ESNAPS grants management system no later than **September 20, 2024, 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 late 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 FY2024 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, September 10, 2024, from 2 pm – 3:30 pm**  
Topic: RI CoC HUD NOFO 2024 New Project Application Webinar  
Time: September 10, 2024, 2 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Teams Meeting here:

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**Applicants for all new and renewal projects will be notified in writing, outside of the eSNAPS system, on or before October 3, 2024, 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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