



Orange County
Partnership to
End Homelessness

Local Applicant Meeting

CoC FY23 Notice of Funding

Opportunity

July 31, 2023

Agenda

- CoC Grant Overview
- 2023 CoC Competition
- Local Process & Timeline
- Q&A

CoC Grant Overview

Two sources of HUD homeless funds, both determined at the local level

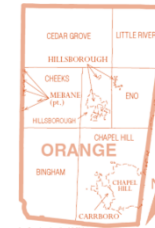
- Continuum of Care (CoC)
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Rapid Re-housing
 - HMIS
 - Prevention (high performing communities only)
 - Coordinated Entry
 - CoC planning
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
 - Crisis Response (Shelter and Street Outreach)
 - Housing Stability (Rapid Re-housing and Prevention)
 - HMIS
 - Administration

Red = currently
funded in
Orange County

Gray = eligible
activity,
currently not
funded in
Orange County

Continuum of Care (CoC) has two meanings, which is confusing

1. CoC = source of HUD funding
 - Large source of homeless funding
2. CoC = planning area
 - Geographically defined group responsible for homeless services planning & implementation



CoC funds run through CoCs

Priorities, eligibility



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Nonprofits, Govt. agencies, Public Housing Authorities

Project applications

CoC App has 3 parts

1. Project applications
2. Project priority listing
3. Community application



Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness

OCPEH serves as Continuum of Care (CoC) for Orange County

- Funded by Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough, and Orange County
- Administrative home = Orange County
- CoC work = Funding + ongoing coordination
 - CoC & ESG; Plan to End Homelessness & Gaps Analysis; MANY meetings
- OCPEH added direct service work in April 2020
 - Coordinated entry
 - Rapid Re-housing
 - Housing Access Coordinator
 - Street Outreach
 - Housing Location
 - SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach and Access to Recovery)

2023 CoC Competition

What's new for 2023?

- Continued focus on greater collaboration with housing and healthcare resources
- Increased point allocation for centering People with Lived Expertise in decision-making roles
- Return to System Performance metrics
- Top ranked projects (Tier 1) will be funded at 93%
- USE the Detailed Instructions
- NEW eligible CoC activities – VAWA costs “facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance”

Orange County expects \$1,005,897 available

Description	Amount	Eligible Applicant
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): Funding for reallocated, new, renewal, expansion and consolidated projects	\$846,633	Nonprofits, Governments, Public Housing Authorities
Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus: New project funding dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence sexual assault or stalking	\$50,000	
Bonus: Funding for reallocated, new, renewal, expansion and consolidated projects	\$59,264	
CoC Planning: Coordinating activities like strategic panning, governance and performance improvement	\$50,000	Collaborative Applicant (Orange County)

2023 process is designed for transparency, accountability and community involvement

- Project Review Committee – open invitation to join; collaboration with NCCEH on System Performance; PRC to review, score and rank CoC and ESG proposals and review performance over the course of the year
- Applicants are invited to brief presentation and Q&A to Leadership Team prior to vote
- Leadership Team – approve Funding Principles and Priorities and review community application and approve ranked project list

CoC application consists of three parts:

- CoC Application – 200 total points
- Project Applications
- CoC Priority Listing - New Projects (reallocated, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus) and Renewal Projects require ranking by the Project Review Committee

CoC app funding sources have different eligible project types and ramifications

- Renewal, Consolidated, Expanded
 - Orange County has PSH and RRH and Supportive Services – Coordinated Entry
- New Projects: Reallocation
 - Funds in part or whole from an existing project
- New Projects: DV Bonus
 - All project services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; MUST be Housing First
- New Projects: CoC Bonus
 - May be awarded if CoC application demonstrates ranking based on system improvement and address severe barriers to housing

Eligible costs

- Capital costs, leasing, operating
- Rental assistance (length and type varies by project)
- Services
- HMIS
- Project administration

Project Types & Funding Criteria

Permanent Housing

- Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing
- Permits people with lived experience of homelessness to live as independently as possible
- Community based housing without a designated length of stay
- 1 year+ leases that are renewable and terminable only for cause

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- Housing assistance AND services for people with lived experience of homelessness who have a disability
- Case Management required for some initial period after exiting homelessness
- Assistance should be terminated only in the most severe cases (if at all)
- Eligible Costs: acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs and supportive services

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

- Temporary rental assistance and/or services
 - 0-24 months of rental assistance
 - Services available up to six months after rental assistance ends
- Client retains unit after assistance ends
- At least monthly case management offered
 - Except where prohibited by Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)

Funding Criteria for new PSH & RRH

- At least 4 of the 5 (the more the better):
 - Type of housing proposed meets the needs of the clients (e.g. 2 bdrm for families)
 - Services ensure transition to and retention of permanent housing
 - Connection to mainstream resources
 - Participants assisted in obtaining permanent housing
 - NEW – Avg cost is reasonable

Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH)

- Agencies must provide both Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing to all participants
 - TH: Units
 - RRH: Rental Assistance and Services
- Participants can choose only TH or only RRH, but agency must make both available to all

Funding Criteria for Joint TH-RRH

- At least 6 of the 8 (the more the better):
 - Type of housing proposed meets the needs of the clients (e.g. 2 bdrm for families)
 - Services ensure transition to and retention of permanent housing
 - Connection to mainstream resources
 - Participants assisted in obtaining permanent housing
 - Housing First practices
 - Individualized support
 - Avg cost is reasonable
 - Enough RRH to ensure move to permanent housing
 - Can be demonstrated by having RRH budget twice TH portion

What is Housing First?

- Prioritizes rapid placement in permanent housing
- Operate with low barriers
- No preconditions for program entry
- No service participation requirements
 - Sobriety and income not required
- HUD Housing First Assessment Tool for self-monitoring

Coordinated Entry

- Centralized process designed to coordinate client intake, assessment and referral
- Covers all of Orange County
- Easily accessible by people seeking housing or
- Well advertised
- Includes a standardized assessment tool (VI-SPDAT)

Funding Criteria for Coordinated Entry

- At least 2 of the 4 (the more the better):
 - Easily available / reachable for all persons within Orange County seeking homeless assistance; accessible for persons with disabilities
 - Strategy for advertising designed specifically to reach people experiencing homelessness with the highest barriers
 - Standardized assessment process (such as VI-SPDAT)
 - Clients directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs

Local Process & Timeline

HUD released CoC FY23 NOFO on July 5

- HUD dictates more than one deadline
 - Overall deadline – September 28
 - Project apps to CoC – no later than 30 days before overall deadline
 - CoC notification to project applicants – no later than 15 days before overall deadline

Project apps and supplementary documents due to 12PM on Monday, August 21

- Application info on OCPEH website
- PDF of project application in e-snaps
- Supplementary documentation
 - Grantee certification
 - Varies based on agency type and new/renewal
 - Nonprofits: board minutes, financial statements
 - Renewals: APR's

After turning in application, work continues on the project applications and community application

- CoC staff review application, request clarifications & improvements. Why?
 - HUD requires CoC review & input
 - HUD scores the entire community based on the quality of the project apps – can affect other funding
 - Maximize points
- Community app scoring considers ONLY what is submitted by the local deadline

Local Timeline

Monday, 7/10	Local competition information sent to service providers and community
Monday, 7/31	Orange County Local Applicant Briefing
Monday, 8/21	Project applications due by noon, 12:00 p.m.
Week of 8/28	PRC scores project applications
Week of 9/04	PRC meeting to formulate recommendations and prioritization
Week of 9/11	OCPEH Leadership Team meeting to determine funding recommendation
Wed 9/13	OCPEH staff notify project applicants in writing whether projects included in Orange CoC application
Monday, 9/25	Project applications revisions complete
Tuesday 9/26	OCPEH staff posts CoC application on OCPEH website
Thursday, 9/28	OCPEH sends CoC application to HUD in advance of competition deadline

If you are applying for a project...

- Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Make a plan for completing project applications
- Consult the rating and ranking tool
 - To be posted on OCPEH website – current CoC application page

Rating & Ranking Tool

Wrap Up

Time for Q&A

- What can we talk more about?

I'm here to help

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