Public Posting - Availability of Grants for Homelessness

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The St. Clair County Continuum of Care (SCCCoC) announces the availability of grants to prevent and end homelessness through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2023 Continuum of Care Competition." <u>The CoC is open to, and it will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program Grants. Organizations that have not received CoC funding in the past are encouraged to apply.</u>

NEW PROJECTS

- New project types eligible for funding: **(a) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) (b) Permanent Housing Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH), (c) Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing components (TH-RRH), (d) HMIS, and (e) Coordinated Entry.** (refer to the NOFO for detailed information about each project type)
- Projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking that provide **(a) Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing, (b) Joint Transitional Housing-Permanent Housing or (c) Support Services Only Coordinated Entry.**

Applicants for new projects must submit a letter of intent, including project type and estimated amount of request, to Chris Anderson at Christina.Anderson@co.st-clair.il.us by August 02, 2023. Agencies are urged read the NOFO before submitting a letter of intent. To access the funding notice, select FY 2023 NOFO.

- All new projects applicants must complete an electronic application in e-snaps and the New Project Application Form by August 16, 2023.

RENEWAL PROJECTS

- Applicants for renewal projects must indicate their intent to renew or voluntary reallocate funds by notifying Chris Anderson at Christina.Anderson@co.st-clair.il.us by July 19, 2023.
- Renewal projects must complete their e-snaps applications and provide answers to four narrative questions and ten Housing First questions using the following Renewal Project Application Form by August 9, 2023.

ALL PROJECTS

The CoC uses an inclusive, objective review and ranking process to prioritize projects for funding. Applicants should review the attached scoring criteria to fully understand how the CoC will evaluate all projects. The Rank and Review Committee will notify all applicants of acceptance and ranking, rejection, or modification of their projects no later than August 30, 2023.

Please understand that HUD has specific requirements for applicants, including:

- The Rank & Review Committee will carefully review the qualifications of the applicant and the proposed project to assure that they meet HUD's threshold requirements.
- Projects that (1) are eligible; (2) meet HUD's threshold requirements; (3) demonstrate need; and (4) demonstrate organizational capacity, will be accepted, and ranked in priority order using the CoC's scoring criteria (included below).
- Individuals, for-profit organizations, and unincorporated entities are not eligible to apply.
- Applicant organizations must use the e-snaps system to submit their proposals. If interested, you are strongly urged to create an "Applicant Profile" in e-snaps immediately. Select this link to access the log-in page for *e-snaps*. Contact the CoC for help with this process.

Contact Christina Anderson at Christina.Anderson@co.st-clair.il.us for more information.

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Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Threshold Questions (Pass/Fail)

Category	Required Attachment	Received Yes/No
Evidence of Agency's Not-For-Profit Status	501(c)3 Letter	
Agreement to Participate in Coordinated Entry	CoC Coordinated Entry Letter	
Match	Letter of Intent from Agency	
Most Recent Audit	Audited Financial Statement from last completed fiscal year	
Evidence of HMIS Participation (or comparable database)	CoC APR for prior program year	
Outstanding HUD Audit Findings	Audit Outcome Document	
HUD Monitoring Finding (within the last 2 years)	Documentation of Corrective Action Plan from HUD and related correspondence	
DHS Monitoring Finding (within the last 2 years)	Documentation of Corrective Action Plan from HUD and related correspondence	

Project Supports the Needs of the CoC Community Criteria

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Bed Utilization - percent of housing assets being utilized	100-88%	4 points	SAGE	4	
	87-75%	3 points			
	74-62%	2 points			
	61-51%	1 point			
	>/= 50%	0 points			

Project Complies with CoC Policies and Procedures

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Coordinated Entry - percent of participants entering project with a referral from Coordinated Entry	100-75%	5 points	HMIS	5	
	74-60%	3 points			
	59-10%	1 point			
	>/= 10%	0 points			
Adherence to Housing First Principles	1 point for each "yes" in a 10 question interview		Interview Attached to Project Application	10	
CoC Participation - percentage of participation in CoC meetings	100 - 75%	2 points	Rosters & Meeting Minutes	2	
	> 50%	0 points			
Fund Management - percentage of allocated funds expended during the grant year	100%	3 points	SAGE	3	
	99-85%	2 points			
	84-70%	1 point			
	> 70%	0 points			
Data Quality - percentage of completeness of client level data in HMIS	100%	3 points	SAGE	3	
	99-94%	2 points			
	93-89%	1 point			
	> 89%	0 points			
Permanent Housing Placement - percentage of clients successfully exiting to permanent housing or sae housing when participating in DV projects	100-90%	5 points	SAGE	5	
	89-80%	4 points			
	79-70%	3 points			
	69-60%	2 points			
	59-50%	1 point			
	> 50%	0 points			

System Performance Measures

Category	Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Length of Stay in Project *length of time between when a person enters a project and when they move into a residence	> 30 days	10 points	HMIS	10	
	31-60 days	8 points			
	61-180 days	6 points			
	181-365 days	4 points			
	366-730 days	2 points			
	> 730 days	0 points			

			Source	Max	Score
Length of Stay in Project (TH Only) *percentage of persons in the project for 9 months or less	> 85%	10 points	HMIS	10	
	84-75%	8 points			
	74-65%	6 points			
	64-55%	4 points			
	54-45%	2 points			
	49-25%	1 point			
	< 25%	0 points			
Return to Homelessness - percentage of clients that returned to homelessness after successfully exiting a project.	< 10%	5 points	HMIS	5	
	11-40%	4 points			
	41-50%	3 points			
	51-60%	2 points			
	61-90%	1 point			
	> 90%	0 points			
Percentage of Adults with NEW or INCREASED earned income	100-90%	10 points	SAGE	10	
	89-69%	8 points			
	68-48%	6 points			
	47-27%	4 points			
	26-11%	2 points			
	< 10%	1 point			
Percentage of Adults with NEW or INCREASED other income	100-50%	5 points	SAGE	5	
	49-38%	4 points			
	37-26%	3 points			
	25-14%	2 points			
	13-6%	1 point			
	≤ 5%	0 points			

Severity of Needs Criteria

Category	Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Percentage of Adults with No or Low Income	>80%	4 points	SAGE	4	
	79-59%	3 points			
	58-38%	2 points			
	37-21%	1 point			
	<20%	0 points			
rcentage of Adults with mental illne	>80%	4 points	SAGE	4	
	79-59%	3 points			
	58-38%	2 points			
	37-21%	1 point			
	≤ 20%	0 points			
Percentage of Adults with Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse	> 60%	4 points	SAGE	4	
	59-39%	3 points			
	38-18%	2 points			
	17-5%	1 point			
	≤ 5%	0 points			

Percentage of clients that were Chronically Homeless when they entered the project	60%	4 points	SAGE	4
	59-39%	3 points		
	38-18%	2 points		
	1-17%	1 point		
	≤ 5%	0 points		
Percentage of Persons with History or Fleeing DV	60%	4 points	SAGE	4
	59-39%	3 points		
	38-18%	2 points		
	17-5%	1 point		
	< 5%	0 points		

Racial Equity Factors - Narrative Responses

Plan to incorporate Lived Experience Feedback	Response clearly defines an established process for soliciting feedback from persons with lived experience and cites specific examples of change in program operations based on feedback = 15 points	
	Response shows basic understanding of need for feedback and openness to incorporate change = 7 points	
	Response indicates agency has not attempted to gather feedback or implement changes based on participant input = 0 points	
	Max Score:	15
	Point(s) Awarded:	

Plan to Ensure Racial Equity in Service Delivery	Applicant's plan clearly defines how program will ensure all persons have equal access to services = 15 points	
	Plan shows basic understanding of potential barriers facing persons of color without specific plan to overcome barriers = 7 points	
	Plan is vague and poorly-structured, or information is missing = 0 points	
	Max Score:	15
	Point(s) Awarded:	

VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER

Plan to ensure all clients are assisted with safety planning and connected to community resources.	Applicant's plan clearly defines how program will ensure all persons are assisted with safety planning and linked with community resources = 15 points		
	Plan shows basic understanding of the importance of safety planning and resource linkages = 7 points		
	Plan is vague and poorly-structured, or information is missing = 0 points		
	Max Score:	**15**	

	Point(s) Awarded:		Max	Score
Agency Successfully Expended Grant Funding	100-98% without budget modifications	5 points	5	
	3-4% return of funds	4 points		
	5-8% return of funds	3 points		
	9-11% return of funds	2 points		
	13-14% return of funds	1 point		
	> 15% return of funds	0 points		
Agency's Average Cost for Successful Outcomes - Comparing the agency's average with the CoC's average	Equal to or below CoC average	5 points	5	
	Within 5% average	4 points		
	Within 10% average	3 points		
	Within 15% average	2 points		
	Within 20% average	1 point		
	More than 20%	0 points		

Max Score		**147**
Total Project Score		

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Project Supports the Needs of the CoC Community Criteria

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Project Type - Need for various project type in the CoC based on the demographics of the homeless population and subpopulation groups	Critical Shortage	4 points	HUD Annual CoC Population and Subpopulation Report, and Project application	4	
	Shortage	3 points			
	Saturation	2 points			
	Over-Saturation	1 point			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Project Location - geographical area served by the various project type	Critical Shortage	4 points	Project Application and United States Census Data	4	
	Shortage	3 points			
	Saturation	2 points			
	Over-Saturation	1 point			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Population Served - subpopulation group served within the CoC by project type	Critical Shortage	4 points	HUD Annual CoC Population and Subpopulation Report, and Project application	4	
	Shortage	3 points			
	Saturation	2 points			
	Over-Saturation	1 point			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Housing First - barriers to program entry requirements	1 Point for each "yes" in a 10 question interview		Interview attached to project application	10	

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Rapid Rehousing - Increase of RRH beds in the CoC	Rapid Rehousing Project	1 Point	Project Application	1	
	Non-Rapid Rehousing Project	0 Points			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Permanent Supportive Housing - Housing type fits the needs of target population	Fits needs	1 Point	Project Application	1	
	Does not fit needs	0 Points			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Mainstream Services - plans to connect and engage with mainstream services	Engages mainstream services	1 Point	Project Application	1	
	Does not engage mainstream services	0 Points			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
CoC Membership- partnership or engagement with Coc	Membership	1 Point	Attendance Rosters and Meeting Minutes	1	
	Non-Membership	0 Points			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Permanent Housing Placement and Rentention- Project plans to increase the percentage of persons who obtain and retain permanent housing	Plan gives detailed consideration past experience, details of plans, and impact on Systems Performance Measures	4 points	Project Application	4	
	Plan gives a sufficient consideration of past experience, details of plans, and impact on System Performance Measures	3 points			
	Plan gives a vague consideration of past experience, details of plans, and impact on System Performance Measures	2 points			
	Plan mentions that there is a plan to help participants obtain and retain permanent housing	1 point			

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Cash Income Growth - Project's plan to increase the percentage of persons who increase cash from employment and non-employment resources	Response gives detailed plan to increase cash income	4 points	Project Application	4	
	Response gives a sufficient plan to increase cash income	3 points			
	Response gives a vague plan to increase cash income	2 points			
	Response mentions a plan to increase cash income	1 point			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Returns to Homelessness - Project's plan to decrease number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting the project	Response gives a detailed plan to decrease returns to homelessness	4 points	Project Application	4	
	Response gives a sufficient plan to decrease returns to homelessness	3 points			
	Response gives a vague plan to decrease returns to homelessness	2 points			
	Response mentions a plan to decrease returns to homelessness	1 point			

Category	Scoring Ruberic	Source	Max	Score
VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER: Plan to ensure all clients are assisted with safety planning and connected to community resources.	Applicant's plan clearly defines how program will ensure all persons are assisted with safety planning and linked with community resources = 6points	Project Application	6	
	Plan shows basic understanding of the importance of safety planning and resource linkages = 3 points			
	Plan is vague and poorly-structured, or information is missing = 0 points			

Severity of Needs Criteria

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Racial Equity - project's ability to identify service participation barriers experienced by persons of color and implement effective strategies to make it easier for minority persons to access services	Response indicates focus on racial equity	4 points	Project Application	4	
	Response gives a sufficient plan to decrease returns to homelessness	3 points			
	Response gives a vague plan to decrease returns to homelessness	2 points			
	Response mentions a plan to decrease returns to homelessness	1 point			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Chronically Homeless - projects focus on addressing the needs of the chronically homeless subpopulation	Response indicates strong project focus and support of chronically homeless	4 points	Project Application	4	
	Response indicates sufficient focus and support of chronically homeless	3 points			
	Response indicates minimal focus and support of chronically homeless	2 points			
	Response mentions focus and support of chronically homeless	1 point			

Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Mentally and Physically Disabled- project focus on addressing the needs of the mentally and physically disabled subpopulation	Response includes detailed plan to support the mentally anphysically disabled subpopulations	4 points	Project Application	4	
	Response includes a sufficient plan to support the mentally and physically disabled subpopulations	3 points			
	Responses includes a vague plan to support the mentally and physically disabled subpopulations	2 points			
	Response mentions a plan top suppor the mentally and physically disabled subpopulations	1 point			
Category	Scoring Ruberic		Source	Max	Score
Lived Experience - Project's plan to incorporate feedback from persons with lived experience of homelessness into its policies and procedures.	Response indicates a commitment and detailed plan to solicit and incorporate feedback from persons with lived experience	4 points	Project Application	4	
	Response gives a sufficient plan to solicit feedback	2 points			
	Response gives vague plan to support households without children	0 points			

				Max Score	60
				Total Project Score	