

CT Balance of State  
(CT BOS)  
Continuum of Care  
(CoC)  
Steering Committee  
Meeting

April 19, 2024



# Agenda

- Welcome and Chairs Introductions
- Group Agreements for meetings
- Adopt March Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- Steering Committee Membership
- Waterbury - Annual Action Plan Presentation
- 2024 Renewal Evaluation
- Planning Grant - Break Out Rooms
- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO) Street Outreach Measures
- Data Strategic Planning and Governance Reorganization for CT's Homeless Response System Data
- Partner Announcements & Other Business



# CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings

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Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP)

- Be present and listen actively
- Choose courage over comfort
- Participate to the fullest of your ability
- Take space, make space
- Assume good intent, but also acknowledge impact
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Use "I" statements
- Recognize emotional tax, extra labor, and burden that Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPI), Latino/a/x, LGBTQ+, persons with Behavioral Health issues, DV survivors, Veterans and people with lived expertise/experience of homelessness face in some conversations
- Honor the Conflicts of Interest Policy





# Reminders

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- Input is welcome!
- Please unmute or use chat.
- To provide anonymous input, please send a message to a member of the CT BOS support team:
  - Liz Isaacs
  - Lauren Pareti

# Approve CT BOS March 2024 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

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## CT BOS March Steering Committee Minutes

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Reminder: Post Steering Committee Debrief

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- Anyone who has questions or comments about Steering Committee business can stay on at the end of the monthly zoom meeting.
- As always, questions/comments can also be sent [CTBOSCoC@gmail.com](mailto:CTBOSCoC@gmail.com) or call a team member any time!







Welcome  
New CT BOS  
Co-Chair  
Stephanie  
Lazarus!

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# CT BOS Semi-Annual Meeting

May 17, 2024

11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Spread the word!

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# New Project Applications & Next Steps

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- Received 15 new applications (5 RRH, 10 PSH)
- 7 projects resubmitted 2023 applications.
- Projects that did not meet threshold have been notified.
- Scoring Committee meets in May
- When HUD releases NOFO we will know how much funding is available.
- Projects approved for submission to HUD will be notified this summer.

# DV Bonus Funding Available!

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- We anticipate that approximately \$1.4M remains available for Rapid Rehousing and our Joint Rapid Rehousing/Transitional Housing new project applications.
- Agencies wishing to apply for those funds should submit an email to [ctboscoc@gmail.com](mailto:ctboscoc@gmail.com) by 5/3/24 - include whether you'd like to apply for RRH and/or Joint TH/RRH.
- Applicants need not be a DV Service Provider.
- All participants must meet HUD Category 4 eligibility criteria.

**TOGETHER WE CAN**



**END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!**

# Training for Street Outreach Projects

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Series of targeted webinars for:

- Outreach Workers
- Supervisors
- Administrators

Open to all CT Street Outreach Projects regardless of funding source

Stay tuned for more information.



# DOJ Anti-Trafficking Housing Solicitation Applications Now Being Accepted

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- The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), an office in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), is accepting applications for the FY2024 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program.
- Program aims to develop, expand, and/or fortify funded organizations to help them provide housing and support services to victims of human trafficking.
- Deadline to apply is 5/20
- [Link - Info on Office of Victim Crime Application](#)





# Votes: Steering Committee Membership

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## Proposal: New Steering Committee Members

- Add:
  - State of CT Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division (CSSD)
  - 211

## Youth Community Representative

- Newly elected Youth Community Representative (elected in January) has not attended any Steering Committee meetings and has not been in contact
- Proposal:
  - Vote to remove and outreach for another Youth Rep



# Annual Action Plan – City of Waterbury

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## **Christopher D. Bandecchi**

Director of Community Development

Office of Community Development - City of Waterbury

### Draft Annual Action Plan

- Deadline for comments is 5/1/24
- Please send comments to: [cbandecchi@waterburyct.org](mailto:cbandecchi@waterburyct.org) & copy [nallen@waterburyct.org](mailto:nallen@waterburyct.org)





# 2024 Renewal Evaluation Performance Results

[Connecticut Balance of  
State 2024 Performance  
Results](#)

[CT BOS 2024 Spending  
Report](#)

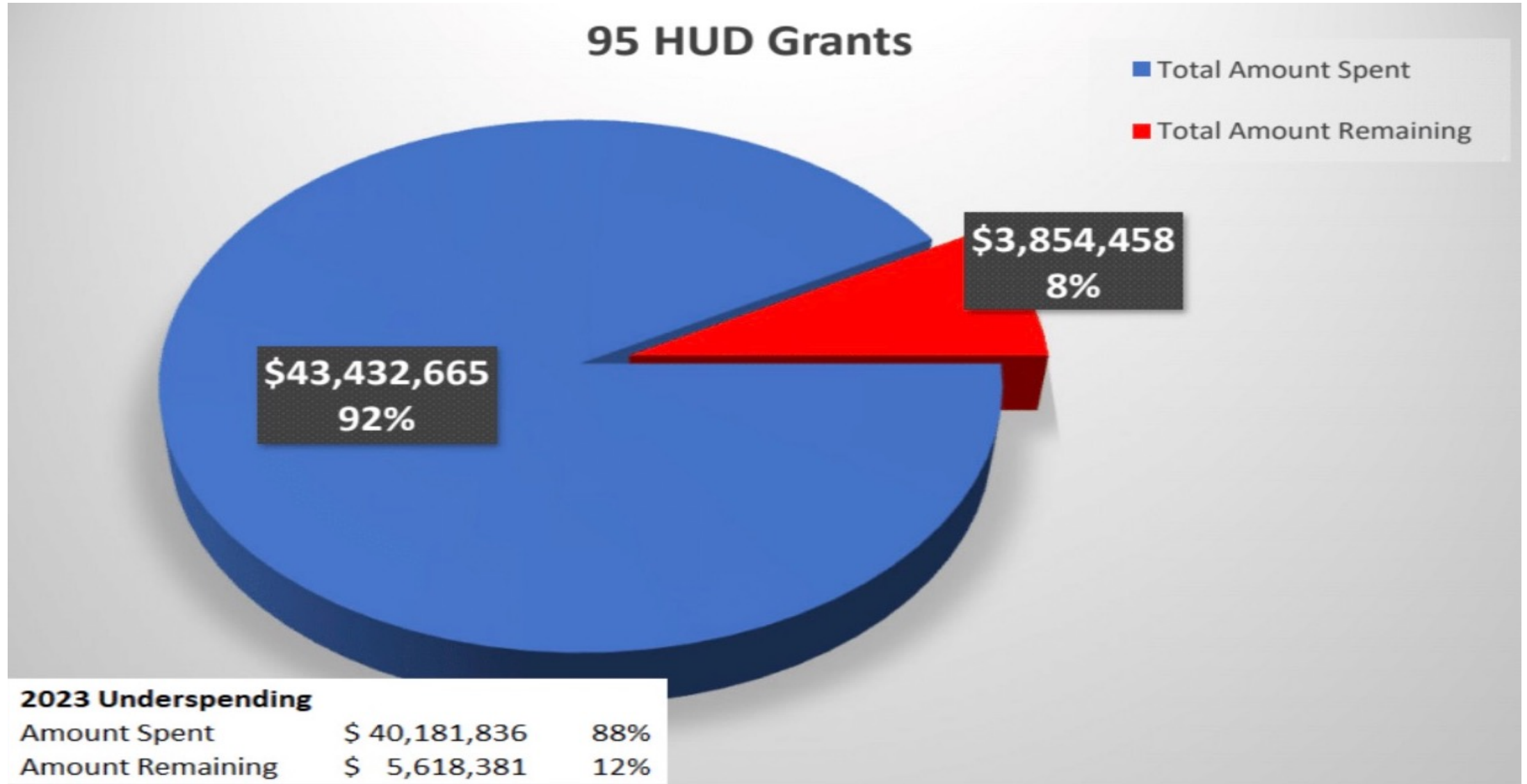
# Renewal Evaluation Highlights

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- 123 projects were scored
- Average Score was 82
- 29 projects scored 100
- 10 projects scored 50 or below
- Scoring factor with the highest score was Participant Survey response
- Scoring factors with the lowest scores were Non-Cash benefits (Adult Programs) & Earned Income (Youth Programs)
- Participants indicate a high level of satisfaction

# 2024 Renewal Evaluation Results -- Spending







## Met or Exceeded Standards – Adult Programs

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- Occupancy – 90%/100%\*
- Consumer Survey Response rate – 35%/79%
- PSH: Percentage of participants exiting to permanent housing – 95%/97%
- RRH: Percentage of participants housed within 30 days – 50%/62%
- RRH: Length of Stay is 6 months or less – 40%/50%

\*1<sup>st</sup> number is standard, 2<sup>nd</sup> is performance



# Performed Below Standards Adult Programs

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- \*1<sup>st</sup> number is standard, 2<sup>nd</sup> is performance
- All adult participants with NON-CASH benefits excluding health insurance – 95%/88%\*
- RRH: Percentage of leavers who exited to permanent housing – 95%/94%\*

## Not Scored:

- Percentage of participants who increased earned income from entry to exit/follow-up – 25%/9%\*
- PSH: Percentage of participants housed w/in 30 days – 85%/50%\*

# 2024 Renewal Evaluation Updates

- Results from Score Change Requests and Grievances are available in RED.
- Stay tuned for information on Corrective Action Plans





## VOTE: 2024 Corrective Action Threshold

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- Each year BOS sets a Corrective Action Threshold.
- Proposal: projects receiving a score of 50 or below or with spending at or below 70% will be in corrective action.
- Projects in corrective action will submit a corrective action plan in RED.



# Who Can Vote?

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- Community Reps: Melissa Dzierlatka, Tania Banks, Aleena Durant, Sonia Soto, Heather Craven, Tayna Castillo, Theresa Miles, Jane Ryan
- CT Department of Labor: Robert Bongiolatti or Heriberto Cajigas
- CT Department of Social Services: Cassandra Norfleet-Johnson or Theresa Rivera
- CT Department of Education: Louis Tallerita
- CT Department of Correction: Joy Zavarella
- CT Department of Children and Families: Kim Somaroo-Rodriguez or William Seals
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Maureen Pasko or Jen Moriarty
- Partnership for Strong Communities: Danielle Hublely or Carline Charmelus

# HUD CoC Planning Grant

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Can be used to:

- Develop strategies for ending homelessness
- Evaluate outcomes of CoC and ESG projects
- Monitor and improve the quality and performance of projects and ensure compliance
- Provide training

BOS has funded:

- CoC Operational Support
- Homeless Count
- CLIP
- Project Evaluation & Monitoring
- Trainings and TA
- Reporting





# Planning Grant Zoom Poll

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# Break-out Rooms

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- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion Question for today:
  - *What should the priorities be for spending Planning Grant funds between July of 2024 and June of 2025?*
  - *What would help to improve the system?*
  - Please share suggestions in the chat or email to [ctboscoc@gmail.com](mailto:ctboscoc@gmail.com)

*Reminders: To join a group, accept the invitation. Any issues, return to the main session for assistance.*



## Proposed SNOFO Outreach Measures

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- Group of providers, DMHAS staff, Persons with lived experience of homelessness and members of the CCEH Statewide Outreach & Engagement Committee met several times with HUD TA provider.
- Developed proposed performance evaluation measures for all SNOFO funded outreach projects.
- Review today and vote next month.

[Proposed SNOFO Outreach Measures](#)



# Proposed Project-Level Evaluation Measures



## **Street Outreach Measures:**

- Equitable Service Delivery
  - Different groups (race, ethnicity, gender, age and disability status) are assisted in rates comparable to their presence in the PIT Count
- Exits to Permanent Housing
  - 25% of unsheltered persons who exit the street outreach program exit to a permanent housing destination
- Exits to Positive Destinations
  - 65% of unsheltered persons exit the street outreach program to shelter or other positive destinations


# Proposed Project-Level Evaluation Measures – Used for All Project Types

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- Spending (benchmark differs by budget size) – SNOFO grants evaluated at year 3
- 90% occupancy
- 35% response rate for participant surveys – outreach survey to be developed







# Data Strategic Planning and Governance Reorganization for CT's Homeless Response System Data

PROPOSED PLAN



# Partner Announcements

# Other Business?

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# Upcoming BOS SC Meetings

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- **May 17, 2024; 11-1:00 – SEMI-ANNUAL MTG**
- June 21, 2024; 11-12:30
- July 19, 2024; 11-12:30
- August 16, 2024; 11-12:30
- September 20, 2024; 11-12:30
- October 18, 2024; 11-12:30
- November 15, 2024; 11-12:30
- December 20, 2024; 11-12:30



## Zoom Info for all SC meetings:

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-876-9923

# CT BOS Team (Housing Innovations)

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