

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

July 15, 2022



Agenda

- Welcome
- Group Agreements for meetings
- Introductions
- Adopt June Meeting Minutes
- CT Department of Housing DOH Presentation
 - Connecticut 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development – Annual Action Plan
- Announcements
- Vote – Governance Change to CT BOS Steering Committee
- Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- HUD Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Flexibility
- Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP) Updates
- Other Business
- Upcoming Meetings
 - End of Slide Deck References: HUD COVID-19 Waiver Information



CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings – Proposed Changes



Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP) Consultants. Proposed new language underlined below:

- 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 experiences with the behavioral health system, psych survivors, DV survivors, Veterans and people with lived expertise/experience of homelessness face in some conversations

Introductions in Break-out Rooms - Groups of 4 people.
Please answer: Would you rather speak all languages or be able to talk with animals?



Approve CT BOS June 2022 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



CT BOS June SC Minutes

CT Department of Housing (DOH) Presentation State of Connecticut 2020-24 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan



Announcements



Reminder - HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) Coming Soon!

- What can I do as a provider to get ready?
 - Update your applicant profile in esnaps
[Applicant Profile Instructions](#)
 - Ensure that you have at least two esnaps users in the system
[Adding and Deleting esnaps users](#)
 - Make sure all staff working on NOFO are registered to receive BOS emails
 - [Sign up for BOS e-mails](#)



Reminder - HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) Coming Soon! (2)

- What can I do as a provider to get ready?
 - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) needs to be updated in applicant profile in esnaps

[Info on UEI](#)

- Update Zengine contacts

[Zengine Instructions](#)



Renewal Evaluation Updates

- Renewal Evaluation Scores final on 6/23/22
- Grievance process opened 6/23 and deadline to file a grievance was 7/8/22
- Grievance Committee meets 7/22
- Responses from Grievance Committee by first week in August
- **No Corrective Action this year**



HUD COVID-19 Waivers: Change to Request Process*

- **Grantees must request permission** from HUD regardless of previous COVID-related waiver usage – request must include:
 - Why waiver is needed
 - Impact on helping people obtain/maintain housing if the waiver is not provided
 - Proposed duration – cannot exceed 3/31/23
 - Grant number(s)

* See slides at the end of the presentation for details on available waivers.

Request Process - HUD COVID-19 Waivers

- DOH/DMHAS subrecipients should not submit waiver requests to HUD. DOH and DMHAS have submitted requests covering all DMHAS and DOH CoC and ESG projects
- Other recipients must submit requests to SNAPInfo@hud.gov, copying Alanna Kabel (CPD Director of the Hartford Field Office): Alanna.C.Kabel@hud.gov
- **Requests must be received by July 31, 2022.**
- No waiver(s) requested may be implemented unless **written approval from HUD** has been obtained.
- Be sure to maintain the approval in your project files – CT BOS will request during monitoring

**PRIOR APPROVAL
REQUIRED**



Vote - Governance Change to CT BOS Board

Motion: To approve CT BOS Steering Committee as CoC Board (replacing Reaching Home Coordinating Committee) and to approve the related changes to the CT BOS Governance Charter & By-laws

[CT BOS Governance & By-laws Updates](#)

HUD Supplemental CoC NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness



Unsheltered:

- BOS maximum award: \$17,483,860 over 3 years – includes Planning, which must be ranked
- Eligible Project Types: CoC Planning (3% of amount awarded), PSH (cannot apply for acquisition, rehab, construction.), RRH, SSO (CE or other), HMIS, Joint TH-RRH
- Eligible Pops: Categories 1 and 4
- Project Selection: Based on CoC application score (highest scoring CoC will be awarded all rated and ranked projects that pass threshold) and HUD will select projects in this manner until no more funds are available.

HUD Supplemental CoC NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness



Rural:

- BOS maximum award: \$922,088 over 3 years – Litchfield County only
- Eligible Project Types: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Supportive Services Only (SSO) (Coordinated Entry (CE) or other), HMIS, Transitional Housing-RRH
- Eligible special activities:
 - short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters (new shelter beds only);
 - costs to use federal inventory property programs;
 - capacity building (e.g., financial incentives to retain staff, staff education and training – up to 20% of project funds);
 - repairs to make housing habitable (up to \$10K/structure);
 - emergency food and clothing;
 - up to 6 months of rent or utility arrears for qualifying households

HUD Supplemental CoC NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness



Rural (2):

- Eligible Pops: Categories 1, 2 and 4
- Project Selection: based on project application scores using a 100-point scale:
 - CoC Score
 - CoC Project Ranking
 - Serving Structurally Disadvantaged Areas

HUD Supplemental CoC NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness



What else?

- Supplemental NOFO competition is separate from and in addition to the regular CoC Competition
- Initial 3-year project terms
- Applications submitted in Zengine then selected application submitted in ESnap
- CoC must develop a plan for serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness with severe service needs - each project application must indicate how it assists in fulfilling the CoC plan
- Must attach a letter of support for the plan and project applications signed by at least 3 members of a Work Group Comprised of Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness (PWLEH) or an authorized rep of such a work group

Vote – Project Models for Supplemental NOFO

- RFP (Unsheltered and Rural)
 - Services Only - Including but not limited to Street Outreach
 - Permanent Supportive Housing - new units and service enhancements in existing units
 - Rapid Rehousing – new units

Enable project applicants to apply for HMIS Budget Line Item

- CoC wide HMIS – Only HMIS lead can apply (not thru the RFP process)



Next Steps

- CT BOS to release RFP
- Scoring Committee to review applications
- Steering Committee to rank applications
- TBD - Process to develop the plan for serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness with severe service needs



Housing Quality Standards (HQS) - Existing Flexibility



HUD has determined flexibility is allowable without a waiver:

- Inspections may be conducted by a proxy (i.e., landlord, property representative, tenant, or any adult associated with the eventual tenancy of the unit) using video streaming technology.
- Requires a written agreement with the proxy.
- Must also have written policies and procedures.
- Recipient/subrecipient remain responsible for judgments related to unit conditions.
- HUD is developing guidance.

Other Business?



Upcoming Meetings



SC Meeting Schedule

- August 19, 2022; 11-12:30
- Sept 16, 2022; 11-1:00 - Semi-Annual mtg
- October 21, 2022; 11-12:30
- November 18, 2022; 11-12:30
- December 16, 2022; 11-12:30

Zoom Info for all SC meetings:

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

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HUD COVID-19 Waivers



Suitable Dwelling Size – Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) & Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

- May have more than two persons for each bedroom or living/sleeping room
- For leases signed prior to 3/31/23, applies to end of lease term

Fair Market Rent (FMR)– Leasing

- May pay for rent above FMR as long as meets rent reasonableness standard



HUD COVID-19 Waivers(2)

One-Year Lease Requirement – PSH/RRH

- May execute a lease with a term of less than one year, as long as the initial term is at least one month.

Limit to 24 Months of Rental Assistance (RA) - RRH

- Extend RA for those who cannot afford their rent without additional RA.
- For participants who have reached their 24-months of rental assistance between 6/15/23 and 3/31/23, can extend RA until 3/31/23.

HUD COVID-19 Waivers(3)

Disability Documentation - PSH

- Obtain documentation from an intake worker recording that they have observed a suspected qualifying disability.

AND

- Obtain written certification from the person seeking assistance that they have a qualifying disability.
- Continue to obtain third-party disability verification whenever feasible.



HUD COVID-19 Waivers - ESG

Notice also includes the following ESG waivers:

- Subleases
- Durational Limits on Housing Stability Case Management
- 24-month Limit on Rental Assistance
- Restriction on Rental Assistance to Units with Rent at or Below FMR

