2023 Location Competition: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This document is intended to provide information relevant to the NYC CoC's 2023 Local Competition. If you have questions not answered here, please register for scheduled office hours or email the CoC at nyc.coc@dss.nyc.gov.

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1. **Is there a matching requirement?**

    Yes, all new projects receiving CoC funding must match 25% of the awarded grant amount, minus funds for leasing. Cash or in-kind resources can be used to satisfy this requirement. For more information regarding match, see this resource: CoC Match Requirements

2. **Are awarded projects allowed to utilize an indirect cost rate?**

    Yes, CoC grantees are allowed to charge indirect costs. Applicants with a federally approved indirect cost rate may request that rate. A 10% de minimis indirect cost rate may be used by any non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate. For more information, see this Indirect Cost Toolkit.

3. **What identifying information do I need to provide for my organization?**

    In order to receive CoC funding, an organization must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), which functions as a means of entity identification for federal awards. For more information, visit the DUNS to UEI Transition Page. If your organization does not have a UEI, you are still eligible to apply through the NYC CoC Local Competition. However, you should immediately take steps to obtain a UEI, as it will be required prior to final submission to HUD.

    Applicants should also be prepared to provide their Employer Identification Number (EIN) as part of the submission to HUD. To learn more, visit this EIN information page.

4. **Can CoC funds be paired with other sources of local or state funding?**

    Yes. However, existing projects funded solely through other sources are not eligible to apply for CoC funds. For example, an existing project funded through 15/15 would not be eligible to apply for CoC funding to expand on existing services or add units. For more information, please reach out to the NYC CoC team.

Applicants should also be aware of potentially conflicting regulations or grant restrictions that will present challenges in administering such a project (ex. HUD requirement that PSH projects accept only clients who are meet HUD's definition of chronic homelessness). Applicants should also consider the likely timeline for receiving funds through the CoC NOFO and whether it would align with pre-existing start-up expectations; funding awarded through the 2023 NOFO will likely not become available to recipients until mid-late CY2024.

5. **How do I know what costs are eligible under the project type I'm applying for**?

Eligible costs vary by project type. For more information, see this [CoC Eligible Activities Overview](#).

6. **Can I apply for administrative funding to support my new project?**

Yes, applicants may request administrative funds for general management, oversight and coordination of the grant, as well as to pay for relevant trainings. Administrative costs may not exceed 10% of the grant amount. For more information: [CoC Project Administration](#)

7. **If a project intends to leverage other sources of funding, does this imply that the program would be working exclusively with clients who have secured other vouchers or forms of housing assistance? For example, would a new RRH project leveraging other resources apply only for supportive services funding and not seek any CoC funds for rental assistance?**

Not necessarily. Leveraging other rental sources can mean that you would provide supportive services up to 24 months to clients who have other payment methods lined up. At the same time, you can seek CoC funds to serve other clients who do not have vouchers and would benefit from both supportive services *and* rental assistance. There are existing programs within the NYC CoC portfolio that utilize that model, while others provide supportive services exclusively to clients that already have vouchers.

8. **For rental assistance projects, do client rent contributions count towards the match requirement?**

No, tenant rent contribution cannot be used as match for projects using rental assistance funds. Because these funds go directly to the landlord/owner, they are not considered program income. See this HUD Exchange resource for more information: [CoC Match - Ineligible Sources - HUD Exchange](#).

9. **If we are awarded a new RRH project, should we anticipate all referrals for our project coming through CAPS?**

   Yes. CAPS referral processes for RRH projects are currently under development and should be fully operational by the fall of 2024, when projects awarded through the 2023 NOFO should receive funding. Assuming those processes are fully operational, projects will be expected to comply with HUD coordinated entry requirements and accept all referrals through CAPS.

10. **What are the participant eligibility requirements?**

    Participant eligibility will ultimately be determined through the Notice of Funding Opportunity, which has not yet been released. However, based on past experience, we anticipate the following:

    - PSH projects will be required to serve clients who meet the [HUD definition of chronic homelessness](#)
    - RRH projects will be eligible to serve clients who meet [HUD homeless definitions 1, 2 or 4](#). However, the NYC CoC places priority on enrollment for clients who are literally homeless (category 1) and/or fleeing DV (category 4). Projects should not plan to serve significant numbers of clients facing imminent risk of homelessness (category 2).