



## **2024 NOFO Local Competition: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

This document is intended to provide information relevant to the NYC Continuum of Care's (CoC) 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Local Competition for new (and expansion) project applicants. If you have questions not answered here, please email the NYC CoC at [nyc.coc@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:nyc.coc@dss.nyc.gov).

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### **1. What are the participant/client eligibility requirements?**

Participant eligibility will ultimately be determined through the 2024 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which has not yet been released. However, based on past experience, we anticipate the following:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects will be required to serve clients who meet the [HUD definition of chronic homelessness](#)
- Rapid Re-Housing (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 Domestic Violence (DV) (category 4).

### **2. When will I find out if my application was successful?**

HUD typically announces funding decisions roughly 3-6 months after CoC's submit their NOFO applications. It is likely that HUD will announce the 2024 awards sometime in the first half of 2025.

### **3. How likely is it that my project will be funded?**

This is difficult to predict and tends to vary from year to year. Funding outcomes depend on many factors, including but not limited to:

- The quality of your individual project application
- The quality of the NYC CoC's Collaborative Application
- Funding availability at a national level (i.e. how much Congress allocates to the CoC program)
- Where your project is ranked relative to other projects in the NYC CoC's Collaborative Application

### **4. 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](#)

**5. 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](#).

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

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 must immediately take steps to obtain a UEI, as it will be required prior to final submission to HUD. Applicants without a UEI that cannot demonstrate steps taken towards obtaining one may be disqualified from the local competition.

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](#).

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

Yes, in some cases. Please reach out to the NYC CoC team to discuss your plans to ensure eligibility.

Applicants should also be aware of potentially conflicting regulations or grant restrictions that could present challenges in administering such a project (ex. HUD requirement that Permanent Supportive Housing (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 2024 CoC NOFO will likely not become available to recipients until the middle/end of the 2025 calendar year.

**8. 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](#) and the Budget Appendix in the application materials.

**9. 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](#)

**10. Can I apply for a new Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) project without rental assistance funds if I plan to serve participants who already have housing vouchers??**

The NYC CoC recommends all RRH applications request at least some rental assistance funds, even if they intend to serve participants with other forms of rental assistance. This increases the project's ability to adapt to shifting participant needs while maintaining the financial viability of the project. For more information, contact the NYC CoC team.

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

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

**12. If we are awarded a new Rapid Re-Housing (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. RRH projects will then be expected to comply with HUD coordinated entry requirements and accept all referrals through CAPS unless told otherwise by the NYC CoC.

**13. Is there a maximum allowable budget size for new projects? What does the CoC recommend?**

The NYC CoC does not impose strict budget limits on new project proposals. However, the NYC CoC generally recommends new Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) budgets ranging from \$750,000-\$1,250,00 and new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) budgets not to exceed \$1,500,000 (if including supportive services and rental assistance/leasing). These recommendations are based on two main factors:

- Projects exceeding these budget ranges can pose significant operational challenges for grant recipients, especially smaller organizations without CoC experience
- Projects with larger budgets have a lower likelihood of funding success in the NOFO and may also reduce the likelihood of funding for other projects put forward by the NYC CoC for funding consideration

**14. How should I plan for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) compliance if my organization has never participated in HMIS?**



To start, all applicants should review HMIS requirements on the HUD Exchange website, which are also linked in the New Project Application Instructions: [HMIS Requirements](#).

Applicants who are new to HMIS requirements are also encouraged to contact the NYC HMIS team ([dsshmis@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:dsshmis@dss.nyc.gov)) to learn more. Applicants who do not currently use HMIS software for data tracking and continuous quality improvement should plan to contract with an HMIS-compliant software vendor if awarded CoC funds. The cost of a vendor contract can be included in new project applications and an HMIS expense.