SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA CONTINUUM OF CARE Working together to end homelessness

Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (SW MN CoC) 2024 Local CoC Program Competition

Call for Projects* / Anuncio de fondos disponibles**

*If you need assistance with this announcement or with applying due to disability, contact Lillian Lamoreux, SW MN CoC Coordinator at <u>swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org</u> or (507) 836-1625. All questions about this announcement can also be directed to Lillian Lamoreux.

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The Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (MN-511) is seeking project applicants for FY 2024 funding via the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program competition. HUD released its <u>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)</u> for FY2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Program Competition (FR-6800-N-25) on July 31, 2024.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

This Call for Projects advises all potential applicants of the general requirements that must be met in any project application for consideration of submission to HUD through the <u>Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (CoC)</u> Local Competition.

New projects applications are welcome from any eligible and qualified applicant, including organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. All Draft Application submissions for both new and renewal projects are due by Friday, September 6, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. for the CoC Local Competition project reviews. They are to be emailed to CoC Coordinator Lillian Lamoreux <u>swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org</u> in PDF form. <u>E-snaps</u> is the required online application system for the HUD CoC Program national competition.

For renewal projects: PDF file first draft applications are due by Friday, September 6, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. to <u>swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org</u>.

For more detail, please review the <u>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)</u> for FY2024 Continuum of Care Program Competition (FR-6300-N-25) and the <u>CoC Program Rule found in 24 CFR 578</u>.

A. Funding Available

The SW MN CoC is eligible to apply for around \$1,417,000 for existing renewal projects and new projects created through reallocation. This amount is called the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). The CoC is also eligible to apply for approximately \$69,000 for CoC planning. Bonus funds for new projects to serve any eligible population are available in the approximate amount of \$170,000. Bonus funding specifically to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless under <u>HUD Homeless Definition Category 4</u> are available in the approximate amount of \$151,000.

All renewal funding is for grant terms of two years, with the exception of new projects and those that include acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction.

B. New this year

Changes from previous NOFO are listed on pages 4-6 of the NOFO.

C. Eligible Applicants Project Component Types for the Local Competition

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)). Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. Grants must only provide service in the "Southwest" region of Minnesota shown on the map <u>HERE</u>.

New and Renewal projects can receive more information from the 2024 Local Competition Guide found on the CoC website.

All other information regarding applicant eligibility, criteria, rating can be found in Section V of the <u>NOFO on pages</u> <u>34 - 35</u>.

D. Scoring

Local Applications will be scored and ranked using the SW MN CoC's Scoring Tool found on the CoC's website.

E. Matching Funds

<u>24 CFR 578.73</u> provides the information regarding grant budget match requirements. Project applicants that intend to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for match.

F. Project Applications

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Required HUD national competition application (e-snaps) requirements for <u>all projects</u>:

- Complete, correct, and consistent Project Application, with complete and current Applicant Profile
- HUD required forms and attachments (in e-Snaps applicant profile and application)
- Project data as needed to complete the regional CoC Collaborative Application

G. Timeline

FY2024 SW MN HUD CoC NOFO Timeline to Completion

Date & Time	Event	Action	Notes
Friday, June 14, 2024	Intent to Apply due	Send to Lillian Lamoreux at swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org	Renewal projects
Friday, August 9, 2024	Call for New and Expansion projects sent out	Contact Lillian Lamoreux (swmn.coordiantor@swmhp.org)	New, expansion projects
Friday, September 6, 2024	Original Date - Project application first drafts due: New, Renewal, Bonus, Planning	Email PDF to Lillian Lamoreux at <u>swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org</u>	New, expansion, Renewal, Planning projects
By Wednesday Sept 11, 2024	Initial feedback on project applications sent to app writers.	Email will go out from Project Performance and Review Committee Members	New, expansion, renewal projects
Thursday, September 12, 2024	SW MN CoC Meeting and progress review	Montevideo	
Monday September 16, 2024	Project Ranking Meeting	Online meeting	Project Performance and Review Committee Members
Monday, September 23, 2024	New Extended Date - Project application first drafts due: New, Renewal, Bonus, Planning	Email PDF to Lillian Lamoreux at <u>swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org</u>	New, expansion, Renewal, Planning projects
By Thursday Sept 26, 2024	Feedback on project applications sent to app writers.	Email will go out from Project Performance and Review Committee Members	New, expansion, renewal projects
Monday September 30, 2024	Project Ranking Meeting	Online meeting	Project Performance and Review Committee Members
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Initial Ranking is posted on CoC website. Applicants notified if their projects will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced.	Online posting	New, expansion, and renewal projects
By Monday, October 7, 2024	Appeals due	Email to Lillian Lamoreux at swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org	Projects ranked in Tier 2
By Thursday, October 10, 2024	Voting to approve Project Ranking & Collaborative Application is completed.	Email voting	CoC Governing Board
Friday, October 11, 2024	Final Project Ranking and CoC Collaborative Application posted on CoC website.	https://www.swmhp.org/communities- resources/continuum-of-care/	
By Tuesday, October 15, 2024	All project applications submitted in e-snaps.	Done in e-snaps by applicants.	New, expansion, renewal, planning projects
Friday, October 25, 2024 by 7:00 p.m.	CoC Project Applications, Project Ranking, Project Planning Application and CoC Collaborative Application Submitted!	e-snaps	
Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.	ABSOLUTE Deadline to HUD		

H. HUD Resources and Technical Assistance

- <u>e-snaps Navigation and Application Resources</u>
- <u>CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION Resource Page</u>
- <u>Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care page</u> with information on local features of the FY2024 Collaborative and Project Applications to Housing and Urban Development.