

# CoC Supplemental NOFO

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Planning Committee Meeting: August 5, 2022

Via Zoom 9:30am-11:30am

ONE COLLIER: A Community Alliance to Prevent & End  
Homelessness in Collier County

# Planning Committee Members

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- FL Dept of Health
- David Lawrence Center (ACT/Veterans)
- Naples Pride
- Youth Haven
- Wounded Warriors (PSH/PH-Veterans)
- Collier County Housing Authority (PSH/PH)
- Collier County Sheriff's Dept (Diversity)
- Naples Senior Center
- Guadalupe Social Services
- NAACP of Collier County
- CASL Housing (PSH)
- ROOF Housing (PSH)
- Collier Resource Center (CE)
- SVDP CARES (SSVF)
- JFCS of the Suncoast (SSVF)
- Central Florida Behavioral Healthcare Network
- Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County (CoC/HMIS Lead)

# Purpose of Grant

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The purpose of this **Special** NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO) is to target efforts to **reduce unsheltered homelessness**, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and homelessness in rural areas. Through this Special NOFO, HUD will award funding to communities to implement coordinated approaches -- grounded in **Housing First and public health** principles -- to reduce the prevalence of unsheltered homelessness, and improve services engagement, health outcomes, and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families. HUD expects applicant communities to **partner with health and housing agencies to leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources**.

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The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)), and local governments to **quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and youth** while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

# Grant Scoring

## PHA/Housing Commitment - 10 Points

Development of new units and creation of housing opportunities.  
PSH - 50% of the units  
RRH - 50% of the participants

PHA to work with the CoC to develop a prioritization plan for Stability Vouchers, if allocated

Homeless Preference for HCV program

## Healthcare Commitment -10 Points

Provide access to treatment or recovery services for those that qualify.

Provide 50% of what is being requested for the projects.

# Grant Scoring

Description	Points
Landlord Recruitment	8
CoCs Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness.	9
Updating the CoCs Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance.	8
Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness.	12
Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making.	5
Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development.	8

# CoC Approach

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- •Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- •Partnering with Housing and Healthcare Agencies
- •Racial Equity
- •Including Persons with Lived Experience
- •Serving Individuals/Families with Severe Service Needs
- •Housing First

# Lived Experience

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Continuum of Care, service providers, researchers and policy-makers all need to work alongside people with lived experience to create new structures in which we come together. We will accomplish this by:

1. Bringing the perspective of lived experience to the forefront
2. Include people with lived experience at all levels of the organization and planning
3. Value their time and provide appropriate supports
4. Challenge stigma, confront oppression and promote dignity

# Lived Experience

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5. Recognize expertise and engage in the decision-making
6. Work together towards equitable representation
7. Build authentic relationships between people with and without lived experience

These principles were developed and written in an article titled:

Nothing about us without us: Seven principles for leadership & inclusion of people with lived experience of homelessness by the *Lived Experience Advisory Council*

# Timeline

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- Project Applications Due to the CoC: Sept 20, 2022
- Ranking & Review Committee: Sept 21-28, 2022
- Completion of CoC Written Plan: Sept 29, 2022
- CoC Application Due in E-SNAPS: October 20, 2022

# Supplemental NOFO Amount

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- Collier Continuum of Care – Unsheltered Portion Only
  - \$2,359,919
    - Permanent Supportive Housing
    - Rapid Rehousing
    - Transitional – Rapid Rehousing
    - Supportive Services – Coordinated Entry
    - Supportive Services – Outreach
    - HMIS
    - CoC Planning

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The CoC's Plan for serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with **Severe Service Needs** described in Section VII.B.4 of this NOFO. The maximum length of the CoC's Plan For Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs is 15 pages. HUD will not count attachments required in Section VII.B.4 towards the 15-page limit. Collaborative Applicants must use the following format for their Plans For Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs:

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**Severity of Service Needs.** This Notice refers to persons who have been identified as having the most severe service needs. (a) For the purposes of this Notice, this means an individual for whom at least one of the following is true:

- i. History of high utilization of crisis services, which include but are not limited to, emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; and/or
- ii. Significant health or behavioral health challenges, substance use disorders, or functional impairments which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing.
- iii. For youth and victims of domestic violence, high risk of continued trauma or high risk of harm or exposure to very dangerous living situations.
- iv. When applicable CoCs and recipients of CoC Program-funded PSH may use an alternate criteria used by Medicaid departments to identify high-need, high-cost beneficiaries.

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Letters of Commitment, Contracts, or Other Formal Written Agreements Demonstrating the Development of **New Units and New Housing Opportunities** for People Experiencing Homelessness. These written commitments must demonstrate the **number of new units being developed or set aside for individuals experiencing homelessness and the date by which they will be available.**

Written Commitments from **Hospitals**, Healthcare Clinics, Insurance Agencies, **Medicaid State Agencies**, **Public Health Departments**, **Mental Health Clinics**, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), or **Drug Treatment Facilities**. These written commitments must demonstrate the types of services being made available on a voluntary basis, the value of the commitment, and the dates the healthcare resources will be provided.

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Letter Signed by Working Group Comprised of Persons with **Lived Experience of Homelessness**. The letter must be signed by either

- (1) at least three members involved in the working group comprised of individuals with lived experience or
- (2) an authorized representative of the workgroup (e.g., a working chair) along with evidence that the person is authorized to represent the group. The letter must demonstrate support of the priorities in the CoCs Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in the CoC's geographic area outlined in the Special NOFO CoC Application and the Project Applications.

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Letter of Commitment from **PHA(s)** serving the CoC's geographic area. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, approved December 20, 2020) makes available \$43,439,000 of new incremental voucher assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 for use by individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of homelessness; those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria (Stability Vouchers). HUD expects to announce this funding opportunity in FY 2022. HUD is asking CoCs to demonstrate written commitments with PHAs to: (1) pair vouchers with CoC-funded supportive services; and (2) to work with the CoC and other stakeholders to develop a prioritization plan for a potential allocation of **Stability Vouchers or a preference for general admission to Housing Choice Voucher Program through the coordinated entry process** for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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Leveraging **Healthcare** Resources. These points are available for CoCs that propose to develop permanent housing projects, including permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing projects, that utilize health care resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Provision of health care services, including mental health services, by a private or public organization (including FQHCs and state or local health departments) tailored to the program participants of the project.

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Next steps by this committee:

- We must write 15 pages on how we are going to serve the Severe Service Needs persons,
- Break-out written plan by categories; Health, Housing, Underserved Populations, Racial Equity, Workgroup Letter, and Executive Summary of CoC

Need your help!

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Guidelines for writing the plan:

- (1) use paper size 8-1/2 x 11 inches;
- (2) use single-spacing;
- (3) use at least a 1/2 inch for all margins. HUD will count pages with margins smaller than 1/2 inch as two pages;
- (4) use 12-point, Times New Roman font;
- (5) HUD will count any pages marked as sub-pages (e.g., with numbers and letters such as 25A, 25B, 25C) as separate pages;
- (6) limit of one page per one sheet of paper; i.e., pages may not be shrunk to get two or more pages on a page. Shrunk pages, or pages where a minimized/reduced font are used. HUD will be count shrunk pages as multiple pages; and
- (7) number all pages consecutively.

The CoC Plan is process of **ONE COLLIER:**  
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